

## DATES TO REMEMBER

BEK bill payments are due on the 20th of each month.

- ▶ February 2  
Groundhog Day
- ▶ February 12-13  
KFYR Agri International - Bismarck Civic Center
- ▶ February 13  
Ash Wednesday
- ▶ February 14  
Valentines Day
- ▶ February 18  
Presidents' Day
- ▶ February 22-24  
Bismarck Mandan Home Builders Show - Bismarck Civic Center

- ▶ March 10  
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ▶ March 12  
BEK Scholarship Applications Due
- ▶ March 17  
St. Patrick's Day
- ▶ March 20  
First Day of Spring
- ▶ March 29  
Good Friday - BEK Office Closed
- ▶ March 31  
Easter



## Christmas at BEK

*On Thursday, December 20th, just five days til Christmas, guests arrived at BEK's Christmas open house ready for food, fun and games.*

BEK and other Steele Area Betterment businesses hosted Christmas open houses from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. offering attendees a progressive holiday celebration of eats, treats, games and prizes.

BEK's guest list included its entire service area and we welcomed people from Wishek to Baldwin and our very own Santa also greeted a busload of patrons from Linton.

Each BEK guest had an opportunity to participate in the Steele Area Betterment's second annual Christmas poker run\* and drawing a deuce may not have been too exciting but if that deuce (or any card) carried a Christmas sticker, the card holder won a special prize. Many great prizes were given away. Additionally, our major door prize winners were:

- Android Tablets – Nancy Dewitz and Gladys Gerr of Steele
- Safe & Warm Gift Packages – Richard Erickson of Tappen and Delores Thompson of Steele
- Breakfast Gift Package – James Schmidt of Hazelton
- \$25 Cenex Gift Cards – Randy Ell and Richard Mardikian of Steele



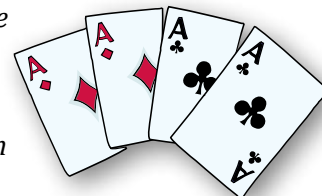
*Employee Carmen Biesterfeld helps guests with the poker run.*



*Guests enjoy sweet & salty treats at the open house.*

Thank you to all who attended – we look forward to seeing you at other BEK events held throughout the year!

*\*Fran Lloyd of Tuttle was the Steele business's progressive poker run winner of \$55 in Steele Bucks donated by the Steele Area Betterment Open House businesses.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Stop and see BEK Communications at the following upcoming events!*

- February 12-13: KFYR Agri International - Bismarck Civic Center
- February 22-24: Bismarck Mandan Home Builders Show - Bismarck Civic Center

# Scholarship Application Deadlines Approaching

High school seniors can help fund first year college costs by earning a BEK Scholarship.



Up to \$4500 will be awarded to area students in three categories:

- Academic – Up to three \$500 scholarships available
- Vocational/Technical – Up to three \$500 scholarships available
- Broadcasting – Up to three \$500 scholarships available

Download your application online from BEK's website at [www.bektel.com/scholarships](http://www.bektel.com/scholarships) or call the BEK office to request an application: 1-888-475-2361

BEK scholarship applications must be postmarked by **March 12, 2013**.

## Other Scholarship Opportunities:

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) college Scholarship Program currently provides 30 \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural communities - \$2,000 from FRS and \$500 from the local telecom company sponsor.

Additionally, the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships will provide four \$5,000 awards and preference will be given to students in rural communities with an interest in science, math, medicine or engineering.

For additional information about these two scholarship opportunities, visit the FRS website at <http://www.frs.org>. All scholarship recipients will be selected by independent reviewers who judge the applications on merit. The postmark deadline for the scholarship program is **March 1, 2013**.

## You Got BEK EMAIL?

Using your BEK email account will show you that quantity in terms of gigabytes can be a really big deal!

BEK is pleased to announce that our customer's email boxes have increased from 1 gigabyte (G) to 2 gigabytes (G). How big is a gigabyte? One gigabyte equals 1,024 megabytes which is equivalent to 1,048,576 kilobytes. Sounds like a lot, right?

Not really. Let's not forget about

all those email attachments that gobble up capacity like jpegs, pdfs, MP3's, etc. And what have you done with all those emails with important attachments? You have stored them in folders, right? Those all important attachments are taking up space and if you just can't bring yourself to part with them, we've just given you more space – 2 G. Your email box doubled – how fun is that!



## Don't Miss the BEKTV eXtras!

### North Dakota 2013 Legislative Session

*The 63rd Legislative Assembly of North Dakota will be in regular session from January 8 – May 1, 2013.*

Tune in to BEKTV to view sessions of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly:

**ND Legislative – Senate – Channel 23\***

**ND Legislative – House – Channel 24\***

During a legislative session, a legislator can be reached at the State Capitol by leaving a message with the legislation telephone message center at 1-888-635-3447 or 701-328-3373 for local callers. You may also email a legislator. Go to [www.legis.nd.gov/contact-us](http://www.legis.nd.gov/contact-us) to find out how.

\*ND Legislative Channels are temporary content on BEKTV– available through the conclusion of the 2013 Legislative Session.



### Livestock Auctions 3 Days a Week!\*

*BEKTV is happy to announce another livestock auction has been added to the regular weekly schedule of livestock sales that can be viewed LIVE on BEK eXtra, Channel 26.*

- Tuesdays – Jamestown Livestock Auction
- Thursdays – Napoleon Livestock Auction
- Fridays – Herreid Livestock Auction

For more information:

Jamestown Livestock Auction – 1-701-252-1111

Napoleon Livestock Auction – 1-800-932-8821

Herreid Livestock Auction - 1-605-437-2265

BEKTV would like to thank Jamestown Livestock, Napoleon Livestock and Herreid Livestock for providing the live TV feeds. If you have any feedback, or if you would also like to thank them, please contact them at the above information.

*\*schedules subject to change*

# BEK Tek Tips

*For your protection from Scams, Viruses and Phishing, follow these simple do's and don'ts. It will help ease your mind and keep your computer running smoother and make your email and Internet experiences safe and pleasant:*

## Do's:

- Delete chain emails and other spam from your inbox. It's best not to forward or reply to messages like these. Unsolicited, intrusive mail clogs up networks, may contain annoying or offensive content and may result in security and privacy risks.
- Exercise caution when downloading files from the Internet. Make sure websites are legitimate and reputable. Verify that an anti-virus program has checked the files on the download site. If you have doubts, don't download the file at all. When you download software from the Internet, be especially vigilant of free software, which often carries adware or other potentially unwanted content along with it. Always read the privacy policies and end-user license agreements (EULAs) for software you install, regardless of the source. Be especially wary of screensavers, games, browser add-ons, peer-to-peer (P2P) clients, and any downloads claiming to be "cracked" or free versions of expensive applications, such as Adobe®, PhotoShop® or Microsoft® Office. Live by the theory, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Avoid downloads from non-web sources altogether. The chances of downloading infected software from Usenet groups, Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channels, instant messaging clients, or P2P is very high. Links to websites seen in IRC and instant messaging also frequently point to infected downloads. Avoid obtaining software from these sources.
- Update your anti-virus software often. Hundreds of viruses are discovered each month. To make sure that you are protected against the newest breed of threats, update your anti-virus software frequently. Download the latest virus signature files and the most current version of the scanning engine.
- Backup your files frequently and store your backup files (on CD's or flash drives) in a secure location away from your computer. If a virus infects your files, at least you can replace them with your backup copy.
- VERY IMPORTANT – Update your operating system, web browser and email program on a regular basis.



- Be defensive against phishing scams. Phishing describes scams that attempt to acquire confidential information such as credit card numbers, personal identity data and passwords by sending out emails that look like they come from real companies or trusted individuals. Example: If you receive an email message announcing that your account will be closed, that you need to confirm an order, or that you need to verify your billing information, DO NOT reply to the email or click on any links. If you want to find out if the email is legitimate, you can CONTACT the company or individual directly by calling or writing to them.
- Check your accounts and credit reports regularly. Identity thieves can begin using your personal information to open accounts, purchase goods and make your life miserable within minutes of obtaining that data. Check your bank account and credit card statements frequently and report anything suspicious to your bank or credit card company immediately.

## DON'TS:

- Do not open email attachments from an unknown, suspicious or untrustworthy source. If you are not familiar with the sender, do not open, download or execute any files or email attachments.
- Do not open an email attachment unless you know what it is, even if it appears to come from someone you know. Some viruses replicate and spread via email. Stay on the safe side and confirm that the attachment was sent from a trusted source before you open it.
- Do not open any email attachments if the subject line is questionable. If you feel that the attachment may be important to you, always save the file to your hard drive before you open it.
- Do not open messages or click on links from unknown users in your instant messaging program. Instant messaging can be a vehicle for transmitting viruses and other malicious code and it's another means of initiating phishing scams.
- Do not respond to requests asking you to confirm account information or confidential information. Financial institutions and several providers will never request this type of information through email.

# Directory Listings Deadline: March 1, 2013

*Have you checked your directory listing lately? Pinnacle Publishing, publisher of the BEK / West River Missouri Slope Telephone Directory, will distribute the 2013/2014 telephone directory in June of 2013. NOW is the time to look at your current listing.*

March 1, 2013 is the deadline for making changes or additions to the 2013/2014 directory. Directory advertising requests should also be made as soon as possible prior to the March 1st deadline. Changes or additions to directory listings are only accepted from the person whose name appears on the account or an authorized account contact. (See Protecting Your Privacy on page 5)

Our goal is to improve each issue of the BEK / West River Missouri Slope Telephone Directory and to eliminate all errors. Occasionally, however, errors will be found. After you have had an opportunity to check your listing in the directory, we would appreciate you advising us of any corrections or additions that need to be made.

BEK Communications Cooperative and the publishers of the directory do not assume any liability because of errors and omissions that may occur in the telephone directory.

If you have any listings you would like to add to **this** directory, or need to make any corrections or changes to your present listing in the BEK / West River Missouri Slope Telephone Directory, please contact BEK Communications toll free at 1-888-475-2361.

Note: Your listing as it appears in other area telephone directories is handled by the company producing that particular directory.



# New Listings

## LINTON

Becker P.....	254-4280
Bichler Alex.....	254-5770
Black Robert & Linda.....	254-5785
Horner Kevin.....	254-5719
JD's Deli & More.....	254-4018
Linton Senior Center Club.....	254-5769
Nagel Dale.....	254-5711

## MCKENZIE-MENOKEN

Job Heather & Cody.....	673-3562
Knutson Clinton.....	673-3567

## NAPOLEON

Beyond the Fringe Hair Studio.....	754-4170
Corrall Melissa.....	754-4175
Fettig Tyler.....	754-4120
Grunfelder Bruce.....	754-6392
Moser Scott & Carey.....	754-4177

## RURAL BISMARCK

Arrowhead Plaza Drug - Pharmacy.....	223-8806
Arrowhead Plaza Drug - Hallmark-Gifts.....	223-8872
Baird LaRoy.....	223-6400
Dimond W W.....	595-7225
Goldade Michael & Diann.....	255-6493
Imperial Flooring.....	258-5335
Leisure World Travel.....	223-3517
Northern Plains Plumbing, Heating & Air.....	222-2155
Northland Concrete & Excavation.....	595-7305
Plaza Drug - Pharmacy.....	223-8806
Plaza Drug - Hallmark-Gifts.....	223-8872
Salwei Thomas & Agnes.....	258-7587
Southam Bernerd.....	663-2058
Studio North.....	595-7300
Superior Glass Inc.....	258-5600

## STEELE

Colby Cheryl D.....	475-2697
Kapp Sarah & Michael.....	475-4429
Knutson Carrie.....	475-2374
Minnick Kenny & Jennifer.....	475-4023
Oster Joe & Amanda.....	475-2914
Peterson Darin.....	475-2184
Sweeney Gayle.....	475-2079

## STERLING-DRISCOLL-MOFFIT

Binder John & Diane.....	387-4211
Moffit United Methodist Church.....	387-4464

## STRASBURG-HAGUE

Heidrich Alice.....	336-7991
Mastel Mary Jo.....	336-7977

## TAPPEN-DAWSON

### CRYSTAL SPRINGS-LAKE ISABEL

Hasse Joel & Ruth.....	327-2252
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## TUTTLE

Terry Laurel.....	867-2803
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## WILTON

Folk Kelli.....	734-2291
Gesellchen Kalon & Danna.....	734-2259
Phelps Richard & Lora.....	734-2267
Swensrud Michelle.....	734-2211

## WISHEK

Goldade Paul.....	452-4605
Job Raymond.....	452-0320
Wiest Herbert O & Arlia J.....	452-4613
Wishek Collision, Glass & Restoration.....	452-4603

# LIVE!

from the FARGODOME February 14 - 16, 2013



## 2013 NORTH DAKOTA WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

### DON'T MISS THE ACTION!

BEK Sports will be broadcasting the 2013 North Dakota State Class "A" and Class "B" Wrestling Tournament to thousands of N.D. households.

**Thursday, February 14th – 7:00 p.m.** – Tune in to see an end-of-day wrap-up of day one, including interviews with select coaches.

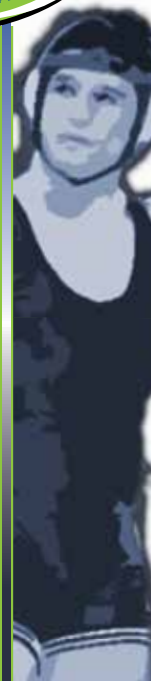
**Friday, February 15th – 7:00 p.m.** – Start time for the LIVE coverage of the Class "A" and Class "B" dual finals. Watch the top two teams in each class square off for the dual championships.

**Saturday, February 16th – 2:45 p.m.** - Day three of Class "A" and Class "B" wrestling will be LIVE coverage of the individual finals. The top two wrestlers from 14 weight classes will square off for the individual championships.

Class "A" coverage on BEK Sports Central, Ch. 29

Class "B" coverage on BEK Sports Network & West, Ch. 28 & 30

\*Visit [www.beksports.com](http://www.beksports.com) for announcements or changes.





# Protection Plus Plan

## Protection Plus Coverage

*BEK Communications' "Protection Plus Plan" includes maintenance coverage for your BEK Phone, Internet & TV communications wiring. It is offered for a low monthly charge.*

What is the Protection Plus Plan and Why Should You Subscribe?

Service calls can be costly. Under the Protection Plus Plan, BEK Communications will accept responsibility for the maintenance of the customer owned communications wiring from the BEK demarc, throughout the inside of the premises and up to the Customer Owned Equipment (COE). COE is equipment such as phones, fax machines, caller ID boxes, modems, etc.

A customer subscribing to the Protection Plus Plan will not pay for the premise visit, if the trouble is found to be in the customer owned equipment. A customer may join the plan at any time, with a minimum of a two year term. Other services such as additional jacks, pet damages and advanced routing configuration, for example are billable items that our service technicians can do for you.

The Protection Plus Plan can be terminated by BEK at any time with a one month notice.

For more information, a detail of covered services or to sign up for the Protection Plus Plan, call BEK at 1-888-475-2361.

*Note: Any customer who does not subscribe to the Protection Plus Plan will be subject to premise visit, trouble isolating, repair, material and labor charges (minimum charges apply.) Complex configuration problems of COE taking longer than 30 minutes to resolve will be charged out at \$60 per hour.*

## Winter in ND - Be Informed, Be Prepared

*If you are a North Dakotan, you know the drill – check the weather before travelling!*

Several resources are available to BEK customers for keeping abreast of changing weather conditions, warnings and road closings:

**BEKTEL** – Phone Info: Call 511 for weather and road condition updates. You can easily access information for North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota.

**BEKNET** – Internet Info: Go to BEK's website at [www.bektel.com](http://www.bektel.com) to get current road conditions, forecasts, warnings, etc. right from the "Resources" link.

**BEKTV** – TV Info: Watch and listen for travel alerts, school closings and current conditions on BEKTV:

- BEK Local Weather – Channel 27
- KX Weather – Channel 13
- The Weather Channel:
  - Select, Expanded and Variety packages - Channel 191
  - Classic Cable – Channel 11

## POWER OUTAGE TIPS

1. Conserve energy. Your electrical connections are a precious commodity during adverse weather conditions.
2. Use your phone sparingly. Limit your usage to extend the battery backup life. (Batteries can be recharged if the outlet that the power supply for the fiber equipment in the home is plugged into is charged by a generator.)
3. Remember, cordless phones will NOT work during a power outage as they require power from an outlet.
4. Know how a power outage will affect your services and report outages as soon as possible.



## SAY "DO-NOT-CALL" TO UNWANTED TELEMARKETERS

*The National Do-Not-Call Registry gives you a choice about whether or not to receive telemarketing calls at home.*

The registry applies to all telemarketers, with the exception of businesses with whom you have an existing relationship and certain non-profit and political organizations. Commercial telemarketers are not allowed to call you if your number is listed on the registry.

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the National Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the Internet. To register by telephone, call 1-888-382-1222. For TTY, call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the telephone number you wish to register. You also may register, or obtain additional information, via the Internet at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

Inclusion of your telephone number on the National Do-Not-Call Registry will be effective 31 days following your registration. You may remove your number from the list at any time.

The Federal Communications Commission requires that this notice be provided to our customers on a yearly basis.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Derrick Bulawa, Chief Executive Officer of BEK Communications Cooperative. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization or write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S. W., Washington, D. C. 20250-0703, or call (800) 787-8821 (voice) and select Option 2, or (202) 692-0107 (TDD). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender".

## PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

*As mandated by the FCC, BEK protects its customers' personal information or Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI). As a BEK customer, it is important that you set up authorized account contacts and a password for your account if you have not done so already.*

Without this information on file, BEK is not able to discuss specific information with you regarding your account. This may cause some frustration. BEK would like to avoid any inconvenience to you, so we ask that you take control over how your account will be handled when you contact BEK with questions or changes to your account.

Here is how BEK handles calls and personal contacts:

- When you, or an authorized contact, stops by our office or calls us to receive or discuss information on your account, we ask for a photo ID or a password that has been previously supplied by you or other authorized contacts listed on your account.
- If you are the only person listed on your account, you are the only one who can call to discuss or change your information with BEK. For example, your spouse will not be able to receive information unless they are listed on the account.
- Each time a change is made to your records or certain information is accessed (i.e., address changes, password changes, security questions utilized, etc.), you will receive a letter in the mail to notify you of such changes or access to your account.

If you have any questions about CPNI, authorized account contacts or account passwords, please call our office at 1-888-475-2361 and we will be happy to assist you.



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### November/December Trivia Winners:

Leona Gaukler, Linton, N.D.

Heidi Kalberer, Hazelton, N.D.

Freda Ketterling, Wishek, N.D.

Ralph Nieuwsma, Strasburg, N.D.

Harry Pfeifer, Hague, N.D.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and send to the BEK office with your phone payment. You can also email to [bekcomm@bektel.com](mailto:bekcomm@bektel.com). We will be drawing for five \$5.00 credits to be applied to the winners' phone bill.

**BEK** saves you  
time & money  
with

**3** EASY  
ways to pay

e-bill **1**  
Save postage & paper

pay-by-bank **2**  
Pay directly out of your account

pay-by-credit card **3**  
Pay automatically with your credit card

For more information or to sign  
up, call **1-888-475-2361!**