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BEACON

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- ▶ September 22
Autumn Begins
- ▶ October 3
60th Anniversary of BEK Communications Cooperative
- ▶ October 8
Columbus Day
- ▶ October 16
National Bosses Day
- ▶ October 24
United Nations Day
- ▶ October 31
Halloween - Trick or Treat at BEK
- ▶ November 4
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ▶ November 6
Election Day
- ▶ November 11
Veteran's Day
- ▶ November 12
BEK Office Closed for Holiday
- ▶ November 22
Thanksgiving
BEK Office Closed for Holiday



Televised Computer Classes Fall Schedule

Get your home classroom ready because soon you will have the opportunity to simply tune in to BEKTV to learn more about your computer, computer applications and computer functions.

What you've come to expect from our BEK Bytes classes you will still get from our TV classes, except it will now be more convenient for you to "attend" the classes. Look at our fall schedule for our "all new" Tek Time TV classes:

Wednesday, October 24th @ 7:00 p.m. **Computer/Internet Need to Know**

This lesson will cover such topics as downloading, viruses and spyware, tips n' tricks, what are and what to do about programs running in the background, why your computer may run slow, shortcuts, etc.

Wednesday, October 31st @ 7:00 p.m. **Getting the Most Out of Your Email**

Want to get the most out of your email experience? At this class, we will show you how to send pictures and documents by using attachments, resize pictures for email attachments, why you sometimes can't open an attachment, send scanned documents through email instead of fax, examine your email settings, show you how to deal with junk email and teach you more about webmail and junk mail filters.

Wednesday, November 7th @ 7:00 p.m. **Basic Microsoft Word** *(will be taught using the 2010 version)*

If you are a newcomer to the software of Microsoft Word, this is the show to watch. We'll help you learn step-by-step the basic features of this amazing program such as how to draft letters, reports, schedules, agenda and more. Tune in to a class where you're taught from the beginning.

Wednesday, November 14th @ 7:00 p.m. **Basic Microsoft Excel** *(will be taught using the 2010 version)*

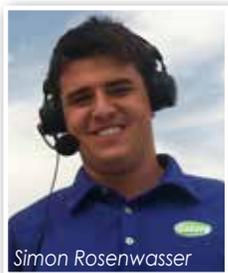
So, you want to learn how to set up some spreadsheets to help you track finances for your business and personal use? Start with our Basic Excel class. Our instructor will guide you through the easy to understand tasks of setting up spreadsheets and workbooks. This class will give you a comfort level for Excel so that you can move on to further training.

We are excited to offer you our popular classes on TV. Just tune into BEK Sports, Channel 28 to watch. If you looked forward to attending class with your friends, invite your study group over. Classes that run as "all new" will be repeated on the weekend and will also be replayed on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Check the schedule online at www.beksports.com. What happens if you are not able to "attend" a class? Set the class to record using your DVR feature on your BEKTV and it will be ready to view when you are!



Here to Serve You - Simon Rosenwasser

"It's cool to know that I got my start at Syracuse working at the same radio stations (WAER and WJPZ) as Mike Tirico and Bob Costas, two of the best this industry has ever seen." ... Simon Rosenwasser



In an imaginary BEK Sports gym, the lights dim and the crowd anxiously waits for the action to begin. The announcer's voice booms as he introduces the team rushing on to the field: "From BEK Sports, the senior player on the team, Jordan Hassler, leads his returning team to the 2012 Fall Sports season lineup of LIVE high school volleyball and football broadcasts. Now, let's give it up for the incoming freshman this season, **Simon Rosenwasser**, Broadcast Director and Play-by-Play Announcer for BEK Sports West." And the crowd cheers in anticipation to see what the rookie player can do.

Simon Rosenwasser is a recent graduate of Syracuse University, graduating Cum Laude with a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Sport Management and Psychology.

Quite honestly, he never expected to land his first full time job in North Dakota but he sincerely feels that this is a perfect fit for him and he is anxious to get a jump start on his career. Simon says (seriously), "There are not many jobs available that gives an opportunity for a broadcaster to gain the type of experience as you do here at BEK Sports."

Simon's start date was July 28, 2012 and he got his feet wet with a couple of Country Cook-offs this summer, a race in Wishek and the Little Shell Pow-Wow broadcast from New Town, N.D. He is based out of Minot and he is ready to "Get in the Game" for BEK Sports West covering much of the games in the northern part of the state.

He loves sports so working while watching sports interests him a lot. Developing a comfort level in delivering the game to a TV audience, is one of his personal goals. His desire is to excel on the air and have a relationship with all of the teams that he covers, including

the audience. He realizes there's much to familiarize with equipment set up, take down and working with student volunteers.

His past work experiences have primarily been with media organizations in college including radio stations in Syracuse and Philadelphia. Last summer he worked as a journalist in Florence, Italy.

Simon is currently a resident of Minot, N.D. Although he is originally from Chicago, IL, he spent most of his life in Philadelphia with his two younger brothers, Ben and Adam. He is the oldest of 23 cousins and he is very close to all of his family. His pastimes are primarily music and sports.

How's it going so far in Minot, Simon? "I have a great job, I joined a gym, and I even have a Jimmy Johns within delivery distance of my apartment. Once I find a good group of people to hang out with, what more could I ask for?" ... Simon Rosenwasser.

BEK Enjoys a Day at the Tri County Fair - Saturday, July 14th

BEK's 10th Annual Kuchen Contest was held in conjunction with the Tri County Fair in Wishek.

Kuchen is such a popular delicacy in the BEK service area and different people definitely have their favorites, so each year it's fun to see the results. From the 31 kuchen entries, the following people earned accolades and prize money:

\$100 - David Colton for winning the Other category for his Strawberry Rhubarb Kuchen

\$200 - Dianna Woehl for winning two categories: Apple and Peach Kuchen

\$300 - Sara Gross for winning three categories: Cheese, Prune and Rhubarb Kuchen

Additionally, a 22" LED TV was awarded to Dianna Woehl for winning the BEST overall division for her peach kuchen.

Congratulations to all the contest winners and a big thank you to all of the contestants for all of the delicious entries and making this another successful contest.

Meanwhile, in the crafter's building, the BEK booth attracted many people throughout the day as they were browsing through the craft vendors' booths. BEK Customer Service Manager, Tammy Birrenkott, was available throughout the day to answer customers' questions about phone, Internet and TV.

Congratulations to the following people who won a **\$25** gift certificate for registering at the booth: Joe Kelsch, Linton • George Ulmer, Wishek Karen Just, Wishek • Jack Horner, Wishek

BEK festivities for the day continued as the BEK Sports Network "set" came aLIVE with the Wishek Country Cook-off that began at 5:00 p.m. (See page 5 for details.)



Overall winner Dianna Woehl

Post Your Community Events for FREE

BEK's website and the BEK Bulletin Board Channel are two great places where you can post your community events for FREE.

Don't miss these two advertising opportunities to post upcoming events for your community.

- 1. The BEK Website Community Calendar.** Go to www.bektel.com, click on Community Calendar and then Post Event. All events are subject to approval by BEK.
- 2. The BEK Bulletin Board Channel.** Is a good resource to use for posting your community calendar information to reach our TV audience. It is viewed on BEKTV, channel 22. The community posts inform TV viewers of what is happening in your community! To post an event, contact the person in your community who is designated to post events. Their contact information is listed below and can also be found on the BEK website at www.bektel.com/BEKBulletinBoard



BEK Bulletin Board Posting Contacts:

Baldwin: Jennifer Herdebu • jherdebu@bektel.com • 426-9324

Linton: Shawna Paul • cityoflinton@bektel.com • 254-4460

Napoleon: Dawn Moch • dawn.moch@myfccu.com • 754-2475

Steele: Carrie Monroe • steelecc@bektel.com • 475-2133

Strasburg: Judy Pfeifer • strabek@bektel.com • 336-7712

Wilton: Paul Schauer • sunnerev@bektel.com • 734-6605

Wing: Cheryl Leyendecker • cheryl@bektel.com • 943-2341

Wishek: Sue Wolff • flow@bektel.com • 452-2388

Other Events & Job Openings: Paul Frank • paulf@bektel.coop • 475-1258

Common Cents Invested in Community Projects

It takes a group effort to improve our communities. Volunteers donate their time and skills to repair, improve and bring new services to their communities through various organizations. Others work with fundraising and it's through their efforts that financial support for these worthwhile projects is achieved.

The Board of Directors of BEK Communications Cooperative is happy to announce the latest contributions made by the cooperative through its Common Cents Grant program:



BEK Director Sanford Williams (left) presents check to Ms. Zabel.

Menoken Elementary School is a small rural school located 11 miles east of Bismarck. One of its teachers, Ms. Zabel, wants her students to comfortably transition from rural school to the city once they've completed 8th grade at Menoken. By offering them some of the same technical tools for learning, such as the popular iPad, she feels they will be as prepared to enter high school as their city counterparts. She applied for a Common Cents grant from BEK Communications to help purchase a couple of iPads for her class. BEK awarded \$300 to the Menoken School for their fundraising efforts to purchase two iPads that will allow the students to be interactive and engaged while still learning the essential curriculum.



BEK Director Leo Meier (left) presents check to Robin Gabriel.

Strasburg Fire Department has been granted \$500 from BEK Communications to use towards the purchase of portable mounted scene lights. When the fire department is called out to an emergency, lighting is a very important tool that is not always accessible. Portable mounted scene lights will make the area easier to work and also aid in the safety of the volunteers.



BEK Director Gerald Burlack (left) presents check to Jo Vilhauer (center) and Dan Braun (right).

Wishek Ambulance Service is upgrading from an old metal stretcher to a new high tech plastic stretcher for transporting patients and BEK has awarded them \$300 towards the purchase. For anyone who has ever taken a ride on a stretcher, there is a real appreciation for comfort and security. The new stretcher has

a concave patient surface that will provide excellent lateral support and will minimize the movement of the patient during lifting and transport.

Other organizations receiving support through the Common Cents grant program in July were:

Napoleon Ambulance:

\$500 to use towards the purchase of a digital portable radio

ND SD/Angel Air Care:

\$500 to help purchase a monitor defibrillator

Napoleon Care Center:

\$500 towards fundraising for a mini-van with ramp

Napoleon Golden Age:

\$200 to use towards siding on the Golden Age hall

Hazelton Development Corporation:

\$300 to use towards the purchase of new freezers

Wishek Public Library:

\$300 to use towards the purchase of a color printer

Golden Wing Club:

\$200 to assist with repairs, including electrical, stairs, paint, etc.

Strasburg Senior Center:

\$200 to use towards siding on the senior center

BEK Communications Cooperative believes that supporting community projects and organizations in the towns throughout its service area is just common sense. The Board of Directors developed a community grant program in 2004 as a means to provide support through a structured program designed to meet the current and future needs of our communities through Community Outreach and Economic Development.

Common Cents grants are awarded twice a year in January and July. The next Common Cents Grant application deadline is January 15, 2013. To see if you qualify and to get an application, please call our office at 1-888-475-2361 or visit our website at www.bektel.com/grants to download an application.

Vacation Plans

Heading south for the winter or planning an extended trip? Wondering what to do with your phone, high speed Internet and TV services? We have a couple of solutions.

1. The BEK Vacation Rate Plan is for customers who wish to temporarily discontinue their telephone, high speed Internet and TV services, but retain their directory listing and email account.
2. The BEK Seasonal Plan is for those customers who wish to be automatically put on vacation on November 1st and taken off vacation on May 1st of each year.

Please call BEK at 1-888-475-2361 for more information.



New Listings

HAZELTON-TEMVIK

Paulson Mike & Marilyn 782-1611
 Scherbenske Matt & Sheri 782-4530

LINTON

Coffman James Ray Jr 254-5749
 Flegel Bernice 254-5718
 Hair by Stacy 254-5739
 Lawler Russ 254-5742
 Masset Mathew 254-5703
 Sunrise Trailer Court 254-5742

MCKENZIE-MENOKEN

Lehner Todd & Kaylen 673-3582
 Northern Plains Family Medicine 673-3575
 Sackman Robert S 673-3568

NAPOLEON

Bedette Deborah & Kenneth 754-2103
 Caldwell Elyda 754-2054
 Fettig Jamie 754-4155
 Herrick Joseph & Christina 754-2106
 Laine Jesse 754-2123
 Regner Leona 754-4197
 Shappell Matt 754-4172

REGAN

Jl Fabrication & Welding 286-6234

RURAL BISMARCK

Absolute Gun Dogs 355-1160
 Allied Valve Inc 214-5502
 Balvitsch Brandon 595-7200
 Bopp Timothy J 224-1974
 Bosch Josh & Steph 557-7853
 Cahoon Mark 258-6809
 Castillo Pamela 557-7852
 Diversified Wealth Management 223-9084
 Engelhardt Kyle & Jacinta 258-4525
 Evans Robert & Sheryl 223-9478
 Gibbons Robert & DeEtta 258-2092
 Jundt Wayne & Valerie 224-1238
 Mees Sanferd & Corrine 255-2718
 Mees Todd & Dana 221-0973
 Northland Travel 222-8656
 Skeels Electric Co 223-5440
 Spears Karl & Lura 557-7851
 Voegele Barb & Terry 250-7062
 Well Harvey 255-1811

STEELE

Howell Jason 475-4413
 Nerby Marvin 475-4428
 Robinson Harold L 475-4421
 Turner John 475-4406

STERLING-DRISCOLL-MOFFIT

Giuliani William & Elizabeth 387-4218

STRASBURG-HAGUE

Gienger Eileen 336-7970
 Wenninger Steve 336-7946

TAPPEN-DAWSON

CRYSTAL SPRINGS-LAKE ISABEL

Samuelson Mike & Melissa 327-2236

TUTTLE

Piatt Daniel 867-2832

WILTON

Schauer Fred & Debra 734-6275

WING-ARENA

Gandy Sean 943-2866
 Harsche James & Theresa 943-2500
 Morehart Adriana 943-2850
 Pola Michael 943-2830
 Sipe D & L 943-2884
 Smith Terra 943-2828

WISHEK

Dempsey Lillian 452-4494
 Klettke Marie 452-4628
 Overseth Cindy & Tim 452-0130
 Raile Jerome 452-2182
 Schlenker Sandy 452-4606

From the Pulpit to Your Living Room

Church steeples dot the skylines across North Dakota communities beckoning parishioners and visitors to enter their doors. Wouldn't it be wonderful to take a peek and experience the music, worship and fellowship of a church you've only seen from the distance but never visited?



Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wilton has opened its doors to let you do just that. Sunne has teamed up with BEK Communications of Steele, N.D. to deliver their Sunday worship service to the BEKTV masses. The church service broadcast is made possible with a mounted video camera above the entrance to the sanctuary. How many newcomers or shut-ins can this broadcast reach? Potentially thousands of people can tune in to channel 26, the BEK eXtra channel, at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings to hear Pastor Paul Schauer's message live, and to (virtually) partake in the worship service.

About a year ago, BEK similarly began broadcasting the Napoleon Livestock Auction on Thursdays on the BEK eXtra channel. Then, this year, Herreid Livestock Auction was added to the BEK eXtra channel for their Friday sale. Since May, the Sunne services were being broadcast in the "testing stages."

"The Sunne Lutheran Church service is the first church service being broadcast in BEK territory," says Tom Steinolfson, BEK Communications Network Manager. "Pastor Paul has worked closely with BEK to bring his church service to the community." The church program is simplistic. It is not a flashy production so it only requires one camera; there is no crew and best of all, no interruptions.

Is there a need? Sunne Lutheran and BEK feel that there is. Pastor Schauer says, "This is outreach for us. It's a great way for people to see what we're about and what our

worship style is, in a non-threatening way." BEK Marketing Supervisor, Jen Raab adds, "There's always a certain number of people who can't make it to church, whether it's because of health issues or poor weather conditions. Now BEKTV subscribers can just turn on the TV and watch a local church service, rather than a random service from across the country."

"A church service is a little complicated as far as audio is concerned," Raab said. "We have to make sure the pastor and the congregation can be heard."

The testing stages are now over and all the kinks have been worked out with the audio and camera angle. Pastor Schauer reports that the broadcast has been "smooth sailing."

All BEKTV subscribers, nearly 3,000 households, receive the BEK eXtra channel and can watch the Sunne Lutheran Church service. BEK's coverage territory reaches approximately 5,500 miles from rural Bismarck to just east of Pettibone and from just north of Wilton to the South Dakota border. Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church is located six miles east of Wilton on Highway 36. It was founded over 100 years ago by Swedish immigrants.

If you like your Sundays Sunne side up; tune in at 10. It's a new and exciting venture for the church community. Raab says there is a possibility of BEKTV broadcasting other local church services in the future. Stay tuned.

Country Cook-off Competitions from Wishek & Wilton

BEK Sports Network began the grilling competition season with a cook-off at the Tri County Fair in Wishek on Saturday, July 14th.

The Wishek Country Cook-off aired LIVE at 5:00 p.m. as four grilling contestants had begun their sizzling competition for a chance to win a 22" LED TV, a \$75 Visa gift card, a trophy and ultimate bragging rights for being chosen winner!



Wishek Judges L to R: Betty Halvorson, Bruce Dalke and Felicia Huber.

Area judges Betty Halvorson, Bruce Dalke and Felicia Huber pleased their palates with so much mouthwatering food. Their first tasting duty as judges was to determine the best Overall Kuchen from the finalists chosen earlier in the day. Next up was the grilling competition.

The grilling contestants were Donald Hochhalter, Mike VanGorkom, Dondi Frazier and Eric Froehling all of Wishek. These men, along with their assistants, went all out to create grilled meals made to make even our viewing audience drool. The amazing smells tempted our "studio audience" to move in a little closer as the food was plated for the judges.

For people who love food, this was grilled food heaven. The entrees were walleye, steak with shrimp, stuffed pork loin and thin sliced beef piled high for a scrumptious summer sandwich. Each contestant complimented their entrees with amazing side dishes and desserts. It was a tough decision for the judges, but a winner was declared...

Congratulations to the Wishek Country Cook-off winner, Dondi Frazier!

And our studio audience winner of the 22" LED TV was Don Kauk of Ashley.



Wishek winner Dondi Frazier and assistant Carly Jonas.

It's the same style competition, different day, we travelled to Wilton on Thursday, August 16th, to see how the northern grillers compete.



Wilton Judges L to R: Susan Lafhus, Pam Wolf and Sharon Renfrow

And compete, they did. Judges Susan Lafhus of Wilton, Pam Wolf of Wing and Sharon Renfrow of Bismarck had their work cut out for them. Obviously it was more pleasure than work as displayed in their puffed cheeks of food, big dreamy eyes that reflected complimentary oohs and aahs and lip smacking. Not to mention their reluctance to let go of one plate of food to move on to the next.

The contestants competing in the Wilton Cook-off were Linda Schafer, Cordell Bender, Stacey Leidy and Jamie Schurhamer all of Wilton. Linda, who decided to enter the contest the morning of the event, wowed the judges with her garden to grill meal of fresh vegetables, barbecued ribs with

a special marinade created by her and her husband Ben, plus the addition of grilled knoephla for a unique presentation. Cordell Bender, assisted by brother Cole, speared up top sirloin and vegetables to make a delectable kabob and offered peach cobbler for dessert. Grilled pizza anyone? Stacy Leidy and assistant Steven Desciak had the attention of all the pizza lovers in attendance. The three entrée pizzas included toppings of meat, perfectly melted cheese, vegetables and shrimp. For dessert? Pizza! Yummy Smores pizza and a strawberry cheesecake pizza. Grilled pork chop with a rhubarb and peach chutney was plated for the judges by contestant Jamie Schurhamer. He and assistant Cordell Boechler included corn on the cob (which had been prepared with bacon wrapped around the cob) and a grilled banana filled with scrumptious chocolate and marshmallow for a delightful dessert.

Whew...tough competition for the judges but they admitted it was a glorious job and chose a winner.

Congratulations to the Wilton Country Cook-off winner, Linda Schafer!

And our studio audience winner of the 22" LED TV was Jonell Samson of Wilton.

Prior to the competition, BEK Communications teamed up with the Wilton Fire Department for a free-will donation meal of grilled hotdogs, brats, chips and a beverage served to the public who came out for the meal and watched the Cook-off. More than \$500 was raised for the Wilton Fire Department.



Wilton winner Linda Schafer and assistant Ben Schafer.

Trick or Treat

Join us at BEK Communications on **Wednesday, October 31st** to trick-or-treat.

Kids are invited between **8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**





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July/August Trivia Winners:

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Dale Neumiller, Wilton, N.D.

Verine Reimann, Wilton, N.D.

Lynette Simons, Baldwin, N.D.

Rose Volk, Linton, N.D.

BEACON Trivia Questions

1. NFL RedZone is a great alternative to NFL
_____.

2. You can post community events for \$ _____
on BEK's website Community Calendar and the
BEK Bulletin Board on BEKTV channel 22.

3. The BEK office will be closed _____ days
in November for holiday observances.

Entries must be received by November 7, 2012.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

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