

BEK beacon

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\$15,000 Pass, Punt and Kick Contest Returns!

In 2004, Levi Jangula of Linton and Lance Weigel of Bismarck each walked away from an area tailgate party with \$15,000!

Get ready, because this fall, BEK Communications is teaming up again with area businesses and schools for local Tailgate Parties and the return of the **\$15,000 Pass, Punt and Kick contest!** One contestant will be drawn at each game for a chance to win \$15,000 during the half-time event.



Interested fans can stop by the BEK booth before the end of the first quarter to register for the contest and door prizes.

We've got the spirit and we invite you to join the following sponsors at a game near you. Support your team and your school for an evening of fun and excitement! (home team listed first):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tailgate Location</u>	<u>Contest Sponsors</u>
Sept 5	Strasburg-Zeeland vs Steele-Dawson	BEK, Emmons County Record, Northern Plains Co-op, Strasburg Insurance Agency and Strasburg State Bank
Sept 12	Wilton-Wing vs. Heart River	BEK, First State Bank of Wilton, The Leader-News, Wilton Farmers Elevator and Wilton Farmers Union Oil Co.
Sept 19	Napoleon vs. Steele-Dawson	BEK, Farmers Union Oil, KSJB Radio, Napoleon Homestead and Stock Growers Bank
Sept 26	South Border vs. Sargent Central	BEK, Jim Weber Ford, Saylor Implement, Security State Bank and The Wishek Star
Oct 3	Linton-HMB vs. Lisbon	BEK, BNC National Bank, Emmons County Record, Hedahls Auto Parts and Saylor Implement
Oct 16	Steele-Dawson vs. South Border	BEK, Coffee Cup Fuel Stop, KSJB Radio, Northland Financial and Steele Ozone Kidder County Press

Dates to Remember

- September 2
September Bills Mailed
- September 10
Disconnect Day
- September 19
Reminder Notices Mailed
- September 22
Autumn Begins

Monday, September 1, 2008
Labor Day Observed
BEK Office Closed

Don't Miss the Fun!

Join BEK at the Braddock Threshing Bee & Antique Show for games; Jumpouse, Monster Basketball, Golf Challenge and Pit Stop Challenge

Sunday, September 7th
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.





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BEK Boot Camp Attendees. Front row left to right: Ashley Portra, BEK TV Production Operator; Mikylee Hintz, Tappen; Kristi Goldade, Wishek; Natasha Hintz, Tappen; Ella Hein, Wing; Emily Eichele, Driscoll; Nathan Eberle, Hague and John Berndt, Wilton. Back row left to right: Jeremy Grossman, Hazelton; Tate Grossman, Hazelton; Peder DeKrey, Tappen; Jerrod Schumacher, Napoleon; Kylin Schnabel, Steele; David Schiermeister, Hazelton; Cody Archambeau, Wilton; Mason Helpfrey, Napoleon and J.R. Havens, BEK Broadcasting Director. Not pictured: Jordan Hassler, BEK Broadcasting Live Event Director.

Operation Boot Camp Mission Accomplished

BEK Broadcasting held a "boot camp" to give local teenagers exposure to TV production and technology, help them develop skills in communications and spark their interest in new technology.

Fifteen high schoolers attended a two and a half day Boot Camp August 4 - 6, 2008, at the BEK Communications headquarters in Steele, N.D. BEK Broadcasting, the production team behind the BEK Sports and BEK Life channel on BEKTV, hosted the event. The free "boot camp" training gave interested individuals an opportunity to explore and gain knowledge in an exciting field.

DAY ONE: The introduction to BEK Broadcasting's technology was presented by Jordan Hassler, BEK Broadcasting Live Event Director. Jordan also briefed the teens on BEK Communications' operations and the various opportunities in the communications field. "BEK Broadcasting has over 55 live events scheduled this season," says Jordan "and we require a crew of talented and confident individuals to deliver good local content." Jordan shares his observation of teenagers training in BEK Broadcasting by saying, "I am so impressed with how well the students do; they learn quickly and it's fun to see their skills and techniques develop."

Day one training included splitting up into smaller groups to work on story lines, editing and putting sound to productions using the training received earlier in the day.

DAY TWO: A mock broadcasting set up was demonstrated by J.R. Havens, BEK Broadcasting Director and Ashley Portra, TV Production Operator at the Steele-Dawson gymnasium to give the teens a feel of live production of an event. They were shown how to prepare for a live event with setting up cameras and equipment. Each student had the opportunity to touch each area of the broadcast including camera operation, directing, audio, commentary, graphics and instant replay. "These kids are really interested in broadcasting," says Ashley Portra. "Let's face it, they devoted two and a half days of their summer vacation to be here; they wanted to be here. I really enjoyed hanging out with them; they were focused on learning."

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Common Cents Grants Awarded

At the July Board Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative, the Board of Directors reviewed several Common Cents Grant applications from the communities it serves. The following eight grants were awarded to organizations within the BEK service area:



Fire Chief of the Hazelton Fire Protection District, Melvin Fortner, accepts a Common Cents Grant check from BEK Director Michael Wickenheiser.

- Hazelton Fire District - \$500 to use towards new pagers for the fire district.
- Wishek Hospital Auxiliary - \$500 to help renovate a shower room.
- Wishek Senior Citizens - \$500 towards the new roof on the Senior building.
- Kingdom Kids Computer Club - \$500 to use towards computer equipment.
- Lehr Fire Department - \$500 towards upgrading a truck to use for fighting grass fires.
- Lehr Lions Club - \$500 for Food Pantry operations.
- Hazelton City Park - \$250 to use towards playground equipment.
- Napoleon Park Board - \$250 towards equipment for the city pool.

BEK's mission and long term goals are not only to provide advanced, quality communications services, but to enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves so you, the member, can "live better in your hometown."

The Common Cents Community Grant program was designed to support BEK's ongoing commitment to area communities. Since the program began in July 2004, BEK has awarded nearly \$42,500 to communities applying for grants for Community Outreach or Economic Development.

Community Outreach includes support for those services, activities and events that contribute to the economic viability, health or safety, or general well-being of those residing in the community.

Economic Development includes support for communities in their efforts to create new jobs, retain businesses and to provide incentives for prospective or newly developing industries.



Jeanette Wald, President of the Wishek Hospital Auxiliary, accepts a Common Cents Grant check from BEK Director Bill Becker.



BEK Director Doug Kalianoff presents a grant check to the Kingdom Kids Computer Club instructors Pastor Perry Schnabel (back row), Dawn Hopkins and Tammy Birrenkott (front row left to right)

The needs of communities are numerous. Each new project or update often requires local volunteers and donations. BEK Communications welcomes tax-exempt, nonprofit community organizations or groups in BEK's serving area to apply for its Common Cents Grant program. Applications may be obtained by contacting BEK at 1-888-475-2361 and are due by January 15th and July 15th of each year for consideration.



Wishek Senior Center receives grant money to help with purchasing a new roof. Accepting the grant check from BEK Director Bill Becker is (left to right) Arla Babitzke, Vice President; Viola Bettenhausen, Secretary and LeRoy Wanner, President.

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DAY THREE: Guest speaker Mike Chaussee, Associate Professor of Communications from the University of Mary, joined the group to share the art of storytelling by showing the students several story examples. His presentation also covered news stories and the application of video and audio production.

READY FOR THE FUTURE: Freshman student Nathan Eberle of Hague enjoyed his training at the boot camp. Nathan was part of the BEK Broadcasting crew for the 2007/2008 sports season. He assisted in several events including volleyball, football and basketball. He brought experience to the boot camp and yet he says he learned a lot and the training was really good. He enjoyed the guest speaker and he said he really wanted to learn more about editing and he did. With the experience he is gaining at BEK, he will enter college or the work force with an impressive skills resume. Nathan is most interested in camera operations, instant replay and graphics. For students like Nathan who are interested in the communications and the broadcasting field, their work at BEK is a good stepping stone for their future plans.

All of the teens attending the boot camp have been given an opportunity to get involved with their communities through BEK Broadcasting which focuses on delivering local content such as sporting events and special interest topics of the region. After working with the boot camp attendees, Ashley Portra says "If these kids are interested in BEK Broadcasting, they are definitely ready to do a live event. From set up to take down, they've proven themselves."



Mike Chaussee, Associate Professor of Communications from the University of Mary, shares the art of storytelling to the boot camp participants.

Important Notice Digital Television Transition

On February 17, 2009, local off-air TV stations will cease broadcasting in analog and switch to digital signals.

'Analog' TV sets not connected to cable, satellite or other pay TV service (in other words, TVs that use an antenna or rabbit ears for over-the-air TV) will need a digital converter box after Feb. 17. Most newer, 'digital' TV's (LCD, plasma, or DLP) have the tuner needed to receive the digital signal, so a converter box will not be needed.

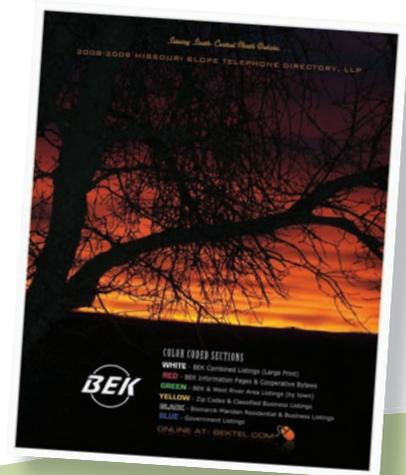
'Analog only' TVs connected to BEKTV service will continue to work after the transition and will not need a converter box. 'Analog only' TVs also should continue to work as before to receive low-power, Class A or translator TV stations and with gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

The federal government is offering discount coupons for viewers who need to purchase converter boxes for analog TV sets. **More information about the DTV transition is available at www.DTV.gov or by contacting BEK at 1-888-475-2361. For discount coupons, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009).**

BEK is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide this notice to our customers every month until March 2009.

NEW MEMBERS

- | Hazelton - Temvik
Bauer, Helana & Tim..... 782-4258
- | Lehr
Rognstad, Deewayne 378-2205
- | Linton
Becker, Michelle 254-4025
Feist, Johanna 254-4292
Northland Environmental
Solutions..... 254-4370
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- | McKenzie-Menoken
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- | Steele
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Welder, Daniel 475-2039
- | Sterling-Driscoll-Moffit
Roy, Nicole..... 387-4304
- | Strasburg - Hague
Materi, Joe..... 336-7171
- | Tuttle
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- | Wilton
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- | Wishek
Laymon, Howard 452-2263
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LIVE!

FALL 2008 BROADCAST SCHEDULE *

FOOTBALL

- Aug 30 Bismarck Community Bowl
- 11:30 a.m. South Border vs. Griggs Co. Central
- 2:00 p.m. Napoleon vs. Barnes Co. North
- 4:30 p.m. Steele-Dawson vs. Tri-County
- Sept 5 Steele-Dawson @ Strasburg-Zeeland
- Sept 12 Heart River @ Wilton-Wing
- Sept 19 Steele-Dawson @ Napoleon
- Sept 26 Sargent Central @ South Border
- Oct 3 Lisbon @ Linton-HMB
- Oct 16 Napoleon @ Strasburg-Zeeland
- Oct 17 LaMoure @ Linton-HMB

Regular season football games start at 7:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

- Sept 4 Steele-Dawson @ Strasburg-Zeeland
- Sept 11 Strasburg-Zeeland @ Linton-HMB
- Sept 16 Steele-Dawson @ Napoleon
- Sept 23 South Border @ Linton-HMB
- Oct 2 Tappen @ Linton-HMB
- Oct 7 Campbell Co. @ Strasburg-Zeeland
- Oct 9 Washburn @ Wilton-Wing
- Oct 27 New Salem @ Wilton-Wing

Regular season volleyball games start at 7:30 p.m.



FIGHTING SIOUX



SPORTS NETWORK

UND FOOTBALL

- Oct 18 Homecoming Game - 1:00 p.m.
- Western Washington @ UND



UND HOCKEY

- Oct 5 Manitoba @ UND (Exhibition) - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 31 Wisconsin @ UND - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 1 Wisconsin @ UND - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 14 Alaska Anchorage @ UND - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 15 Alaska Anchorage @ UND - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 28 Cornell @ UND - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 29 Cornell @ UND - 7:00 p.m.



*Schedules subject to change and blackouts.
Post season schedule to be announced.
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July Trivia Winners:

Eugene Brandner, Linton;
Kathleen Dralle, Moffit;
Walter Mehlhoff, Wishek;
Dwane Noon, Wilton; and
John J. Gross, Napoleon.



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Beacon Trivia Questions

- | There are _____ (number) area football games scheduled for LIVE broadcast on BEKTV, channel 8.
- | The Common Cents Grant Program has two application deadlines; they are January 15th and _____ of each year.
- | At the upcoming tailgate parties scheduled, a contest will be held at half-time for one contestant at each location to try to win _____ in a Pass, Punt and Kick contest.

Entries must be received by September 8, 2008.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

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