

DATES TO REMEMBER

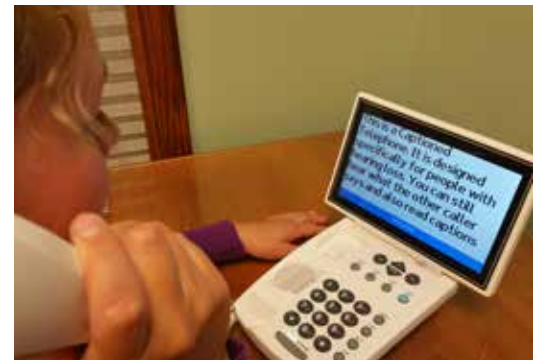
BEK bill payments are due on the 20th of each month.

- ▶ **May 29**
Memorial Day
(BEK Office Closed)
- ▶ **June 8**
BEK Communications
Cooperative Annual
Meeting
- ▶ **June 14**
Flag Day
- ▶ **June 18**
Father's Day
- ▶ **June 21**
Summer Begins
- ▶ **July 4**
Independence Day
(BEK Office Closed)
- ▶ **July 15**
Common Cents Grant
Applications Due

THERE IS A SOLUTION

Are you or a family member having trouble hearing, dialing, or answering the phone?

Telephones are an integral part of how we communicate with one another. We rely on phone communication to keep in touch with friends and family, to schedule important appointments, to take care of bills, and many more daily tasks. As a result of a disability, or when the aging process starts to take hold, using a telephone can become difficult or impossible.



However, there is a solution. **BEK Communications has partnered with ND Assistive** to offer the organization's Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Services program (TEDS). TEDS provides free specialized telecommunications equipment to assist individuals with hearing or vision impairments who might otherwise be unable to obtain such equipment.

ND Assistive offers telephones with a wide variety of modifications to address severe hearing loss, speech impairment, or additional physical disabilities. For example, some phones amplify sound, contain ring signalers like a lamp flasher or bed shaker, or have extra-large dial buttons. Still others have caption screens so users with hearing impairments can read words as they are spoken by the person on the other end of the line. ND Assistive even has phones with personalized buttons that display the faces of contacts, so a user can simply press the button with the face of the person they want to call.

In fact, there are countless options and Assistive Technology Consultants can walk you through all of them. In addition, once you decide what telephone works best for your needs, they will also train you on how to use your new phone and equipment. Visit ndassistive.org or call 800.895.4728 to learn more about the program requirements and the options available to you and your loved ones.

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48 hours before you dig



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2017 BEK High School Senior Scholarship Winners

BEK Communications received a total of 26 scholarship applications from high school seniors throughout BEK's service area. Congratulations to these nine \$500 scholarship winners!

Scholarship Recipients



Caitlyn M. Ell

Wilton High School

Caitlyn is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. She plans to attend Bismarck State College to earn a degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. Caitlyn is the daughter of Kristine and Robert Ell, Jr. of Wilton, N.D.



Carly Fornshell

Century High School

Carly is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. She plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead, MN to earn a degree in Exercise Science. Carly is the daughter of Julie and Paul Fornshell of Bismarck, N.D.



Erik Johnson

Valley City High School

Erik is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. He will attend North Dakota State University in Fargo to earn a degree in Agricultural Education. Erik is the Son of Scott and Amy Johnson of Valley City, N.D.



Taylor Johnson

Valley City High School

Taylor is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. She plans to earn a degree in Biology/Pre-Med at the University of North Dakota. Taylor is the daughter of Jan Gabriel-Johnson and John Johnson of Valley City, N.D.



Cole Ketterling

Wishek High School

Cole is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. He plans to earn a degree in Accounting and Agricultural Economics at North Dakota State University in Fargo. Cole is the son of Kermit and Dynette Ketterling of Wishek, N.D.



McKenzie Ulmer

Wishek High School

McKenzie is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. She will attend the University of Mary in Bismarck to earn a degree in Clinical Counseling. McKenzie is the daughter of Jackie and Keith Ulmer of Wishek, N.D.

Scholarship Recipients, Continued



Brooklyn Vollmer

Wing High School

Brooklyn is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. She plans to earn a degree in Pharmacy at North Dakota State University in Fargo. Brooklyn is the daughter of Sara and Troy Vollmer of Wing, N.D.



Devin Weigel

Napoleon High School

Devin is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. He plans to earn a degree in Farm and Ranch Management at Bismarck State College. Devin is the son of Robert and Jodi Lee Weigel of Kintyre, N.D.



Morgan Ziesch

Kidder County - Steele High School

Morgan is the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship. She will attend North Dakota State University in Fargo. Morgan is the daughter of Robin and Michelle Ziesch of Pettibone, N.D.

BEK Communications Technology Scholarships



University of Mary – 2017 Winner

Tanya Rae Taplin the recipient of a \$1,250 scholarship from BEK Communications. Tanya is a 1997 Strasburg High School graduate and is currently a student at the University of Mary pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology Management.



Valley City State University – 2017 Winners

Amanda Mae Starr is the recipient of a \$1,250 scholarship from BEK Communications. Amanda is a 2014 Valley City High School graduate and is currently a student at Valley City State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Art and Technology Education.

Guy William Gazeley is the recipient of a \$1,250 scholarship from BEK Communications. Guy is a 2017 Valley City High School graduate and is currently a student at the Valley City State University. Guy is pursuing a Software Engineering degree.



BEKTV CH.
2/1002 (East)
4/1004 (East) **BEK PRIME**

BEKTV CH.
28/1028 (West)
29/1029 (East) **BEK 247**

Visit bektel.com/bbn for summer schedule.

Welcome to the BEK Communications Cooperative News Page. The information and notices provided here are directed to members of the cooperative – patrons receiving services in the telephone exchanges of Hazelton, Kintyre, Linton, Lehr, McKenzie, Napoleon, Pettibone, Regan, Robinson, Steele, Sterling, Strasburg, Tappen, Tuttle, Wilton, Wing, Wishek and Zeeland.

BEK Communications Cooperative, 65th Annual Meeting

Lighting the Way



Join us for the 65th Annual Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative on Thursday, June 8th at the Steele High School.

The annual report of BEK Communications Cooperative was mailed May 23rd to all members. The official notice of the 65th Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 8th appears on the first page of the report booklet. BEK's annual report contains the 2016 year in review of financial reports, officers' reports and much more. It also includes the nominees for directorship.

As a cooperative member, you are encouraged to come and share our year in review. Your participation in the business meeting of your cooperative is greatly appreciated. For your convenience, free child care will be available during the meeting.

Please join us for the 65th Annual Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative.

- Registration and Beef Supper from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Enter at the High School entrance door of the school
- BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
 - Meeting is conducted in the school gymnasium

Lifeline Program, Home Telephone or Broadband Assistance

If you can't afford telephone or broadband service... the Lifeline Program can help!

Lifeline helps eligible people by paying PART of their telephone or broadband costs. This program is available to all BEK exchanges (except for the rural Bismarck, rural Morton County and Valley City exchanges).

Benefits of the Lifeline Program

- Save money on your monthly bill for primary local telephone or broadband service.
- Applicable only to your primary service in the home where you live.

Who is Eligible?

Anyone who qualifies under one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for the Lifeline Program: **SNAP, Medicaid, Veterans Pension, Survivors Pension, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance or whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines** (documentation is required.)

How to Obtain Assistance

- If you qualify for the Lifeline Program through your

county social services office, you will automatically receive a qualifying certificate within a month by mail. Provide the qualifying certificate to your local telephone company.

- You must also complete an "Application for Lifeline Service" provided by your local telephone company. It must be completed by anyone requesting assistance.
- Lifeline assistance is available on one communications service only.

What to Do if Your Benefits Stop

If you no longer qualify for any economic program, you no longer qualify for Lifeline and must contact our office to discontinue the discount.

More Information

- For more information on Lifeline, call BEK at 1-888-475-2361.
- For questions on eligibility, please call your county Social Services office.



Watch Livestock Auctions on BEKTV Ch. 20

Jamestown (Tuesdays), Napoleon (Thursdays) and Herreid Livestock (Fridays)

BEKTV Channel Changes

NBCUniversal has notified BEK that it will cease transmission of the Esquire Network on July 1, 2017.

BEKTV Everywhere

BEKTV has teamed up with multiple providers to offer your favorite shows, movies, sports, comedy and more on all of your favorite devices! AND, it's all FREE with your BEKTV* service!

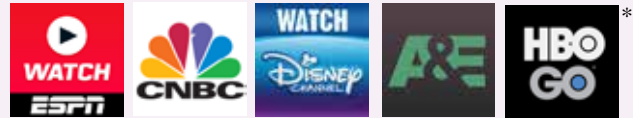
To sign up for BEKTV Everywhere:

Go to www.bektel.com/television/bektv-everywhere

Download Apps:

- Desktop
 - IOS Devices (iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad)
 - Android Devices (Samsung Galaxy, Amazon, Kindle, etc.)
- * BEKTV Everywhere comes FREE with BEKTV Expanded and Variety packages.

Here's a glimpse at just a few of the channels available on BEKTV Everywhere...



**Some channels may require a subscription*

Quick Payment Option

You can make a credit card payment using BEK's Pay-by-Phone System.

Call 1-844-252-5273 toll-free and have your credit card and BEK account number ready. Please pay your bill by the 20th day of each month to avoid fees and nonpayment status.



New Listings

BISMARCK-MANDAN-BALDWIN AREA

Ameriprise Financial Services Inc.....	258-9735
Bridget's Room LLC.....	250-9600
Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative	255-0002
Dakota Staffing Solutions	751-7823
Dewing Gaylen & Wanda.....	223-4777
FALF Gaming.....	663-9344
Five Nations Arts.....	663-4663
Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation	663-4758
Hawktree Golf Club-Golf Shop.....	355-0995
KD Limited.....	258-5845
Missouri Valley Veterinary Clinic	663-9841
Nagel Robert.....	595-7707
Norman Barbara & Clayton	595-7709
Ryckman Sara & Chris.....	595-7702

HAZELTON-TEMVIK

Nagel Ryan & Chelsea.....	782-4558
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KINTYRE

Becker Ryan.....	332-6419
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LINTON

Bechtold Lori.....	254-5195
Brockman Andrew.....	254-5762
Lambert Tanner.....	254-5153

NAPOLEON

Laber Patty.....	754-2938
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Mabel's Bakery & Coffee Shop.....	754-4127
Sieg Michael.....	754-4177

PETTIBONE-LAKE WILLIAMS

Cantu Arturo Jr.....	273-4197
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STEELE

Dockter Nathan.....	475-4462
Lopez Raquel.....	475-4910
Wright Damian.....	475-4932

TAPPEN-DAWSON

Lee Jody.....	327-2234
Schnabel Jennifer & Dylan.....	327-2338
Sutherland Aidan.....	327-2367

TUTTLE

Livingston Bruce & Diane.....	867-2918
Marchetta Michael.....	867-2820
Stark Robin & Lori.....	867-2795

VALLEY CITY

Air Anderson Inc.....	845-4448
Anderson Marlys.....	490-1043
Anderson Marlys.....	490-3322
Baldhill Grill & Chill.....	490-3735
Bay Shore Resort.....	845-1066
DeKrey Kenneth.....	845-2060
Freadhoff George H.....	845-4297

J&K Seamless Inc.....	845-2819
Labor Club The.....	845-1912
Martin Tillie.....	845-2478
McKay William.....	490-3734
Midthun Judy.....	845-1004
Nodak Mutual Insurance	845-2912
Pizza Ranch.....	845-4455
Professional Eyecare & Contact Lens Center	845-5000
Scherr Lonney.....	845-2200
Triebold Ray.....	845-4184
Valley City City of Firehall	845-3351
Valley City Public Works Main Office.....	845-0380
Wendt Elwood.....	845-1064

WILTON

Lange Janette A.....	734-2162
Power Durwin.....	734-2117
Steinert Joshua.....	734-2121

WILTON

Thinnes Kaitlyn.....	734-2295
Eiseman Rodney.....	452-4514
Lehr Jerry & Vernell.....	452-2941
Odom Rose.....	452-2503
Sundberg Elizabeth.....	452-4697

OTHERS AREAS

Power Plate Meals.....	203-8308
Quality Title.....	368-3210



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Beacon Trivia Winners 2017 Spring Issue

Beth Binkowski, Linton N.D. • Milo Dyk, Strasburg, N.D.
Vicki Jackson, Valley City, N.D. • Jerome Rutschke, Linton, N.D.
Myron Weigel, Zeeland, N.D.

BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors

The Board of Directors are the elected officials who meet monthly to guide the progress of the Cooperative and its subsidiaries. They provide strategic vision, keep abreast of changes in the industry and continue to influence national policy ensuring that rural North Dakota will always have access to emergent telecom services at affordable rates. The BEK Board is comprised of nine directors serving four districts as listed below:

- Brett Stroh, President..... Tappen327-8201
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- Kevin Bernhardt, Vice President..... Linton782-4213
District III
- Billie Becker, Secretary/Treasurer..... Wishek452-2928
District IV
- Gerald Burlack..... Wishek452-4337
District IV
- Doug Kalianoff..... Steele475-2839
District II
- Vickie Martin..... Linton254-4577
District III
- Leo Meier..... Hague336-7258
District III
- Shane Morris..... Regan.....286-6311
District I
- Sanford Williams..... Wing.....943-2474
District I
- Derrick Bulawa, CEO/General Manager.....701-475-1234
Manager Feedback.....managerfeedback@bektel.com

BEACON Trivia Questions

1. When are Common Cents Grant Applications Due _____ ?
2. BEK awarded a total of \$ _____ in scholarships for 2017.
3. True or False: All BEK customers are invited to the BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

Entries must be received by June 12, 2017.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Clip and send to the BEK office at P.O. Box 230, Steele, ND 58482. You can also email answers to bekcomm@bektel.com. BEK will draw for five \$5.00 credits to be applied to the winners' bill.

