

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative 56th Annual Meeting *Wednesday, October 5th, 2011 - Herreid, South Dakota*

As of presstime, we are completing the final preparations for Valley's 56th Annual Member Meeting on Wednesday, October 5th, in Herreid.

\$\$\$! We are planning to mail Capital Credit checks prior to the Annual Meeting. Checks may not be picked up at our business office. ALL checks will be mailed. *Remember - Membership = Ownership and Ownership = Profits for YOU!*

EAT! Beginning at 5 pm, members may enjoy a meal featuring BBQ Beef, Noodle Salad, Beans, Chips, Cookies & Bars at the Herreid Community Center. The meal is being catered by "Slicks Bar & Grill" of Pollock as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and the Campbell County Relay for Life.

REGISTER! Registration will take place at the Herreid High School Gymnasium beginning at 5 pm until the start of the business meeting at 7 pm. Registration will be done electronically and you will only need to provide your telephone number to complete this simple process. Registered members will receive a free gift. All attendees may register for the door prizes, including the grand prize of \$250 COLD HARD CASH!

SHOW & TELL! Valley's staff will be on hand from 5 pm - 7 pm at our Display & Information Booth to answer any questions that you may have regarding your services. We would love to give you a demonstration of our HD and DVR video services - you won't believe your eyes! We will also have telephones & replacement remote controls from our retail store available for purchase. You may sign up for new services or simply meet the friendly people that you talk to when you call our office. We are looking forward to meeting you!

BE ENTERTAINED! The "Prairie Harmony Singers" of the Hosmer area will be providing this year's pre-meeting entertainment. Consisting of cousins Gerry

Guthmiller, Wes Schaible, and Joyce Heyne, this versatile trio enjoys singing a wide variety of gospel and country songs. Remember - seating on the floor is limited, so plan to arrive early for the best choice of seats.

LEARN! Valley's 56th Annual Business Meeting will begin at 7 pm in the Herreid High School Gymnasium. The Herreid American Legion Jacob A. Heinrich, Post #170, under the direction of Commander Steve Volk, Jr. will present the colors and lead our members in The Pledge of Allegiance. President Dean Wessel will call the meeting to order, and the invocation will be given by Pastor Floyd Haan of the Pollock Memorial Presbyterian Church. Herreid Mayor David Vander Vliet will welcome the membership.

Valley's members will then learn about the state of the Cooperative from Accountant Derrick Larson of Eide Bailly, and Attorney Darla Rogers of Riter, Rogers, Wattier, & Northrup. Members will also hear comments from General Manager/CEO John Tormoehlen, Board President Dean Wessel, and Marketing Coordinator Kaye VanderVorst.

VOTE! Attorney Darla Rogers will conduct the election of directors for District 2 (Pollock), District 7 (Leola), and District 8 (Eureka) Exchanges. In District 2, current director Donald Wittmeier has announced his retirement and is not seeking re-election. A single petition for the Pollock seat has been filed by Mike Wittmeier. The District 7 board seat currently held by Richard G. Kolb, and the District 8 board seat currently held by David Roggenkamp, are uncontested. According to the Cooperative's by-laws, nominations from the floor are not permitted. Petitions were due in the headquarters office by September 5, 2011.

WIN! Drawings for door prizes will take place throughout the business meeting. Following the adjournment of the business meeting, one lucky attendee will go home with the grand prize of \$250 COLD HARD CASH!

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Valley News is produced monthly for the members
of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative.



Your Valley Telco Board of Directors

Eureka	David Roggenkamp, Secretary
Glenham	Michael Schlomer
Herreid	Helen Thullner
Hosmer	Charles Wolf
Ipswich	J. David Williams, Vice President
Leola	Richard Kolb
Long Lake	Charles Maule
Mound City	Dean Wessel, President
Pollock	Donald Wittmeier, Treasurer

Welcome New Members

Hosmer, 605-283

McElhone, Dale: 283-2577

Eureka, 605-284

Baker, William R: 284-2290
Mehlhoff, Jordan & Heather: 284-2744

Ipswich, 605-426

Eagle Lodge & Bunkhouse: 426-6708
Geditz, Dustin & Samantha: 426-6154
Ipswich Senior Citizens Club: 426-6018
Schumacher, MB: 426-6407

Leola, 605-439

Leola Hotel: 439-3434
Mack Robotics Inc: 439-3434
Shafer, Kenneth: 439-3624
Waltman, Matthew: 439-3714

Glenahm, 605-762

Fiddler, James: 762-3482
Glenham, City Of: 762-3400

Pollock, 605-889

Bottiglieri, Louis: 889-2446
Grumpy's Bar & Grill: 889-9399



Year 3 - FTTF Update

As of presstime, the Year 3 FTTF project is nearing completion. The underground work in the Leola area has been completed and work in the Ipswich area will be done soon. We expect that our contractor, Clear Light Technologies of Clearwater, MN will begin wiring homes in the Leola area in mid-October and in the Ipswich area in mid-November.

Crop damage forms will be processed in December and January, so any landowner with crop damage in the rural Leola Phase 2 (east) or Ipswich areas from the 2011 construction project should contact Valley's business office at 437-2615 for a crop damage claim form and turn them in as soon as possible. The crop damage form may also be downloaded from our website at: www.valleytel.net

Please note: Valley's contractors may visit your premises or require access to your home. They are authorized by Valley to obtain information and enter your premise on our behalf. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our business office at 437-2615. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 4 Update

We are currently in the planning stages for the Year 4 Fiber project in the Long Lake, Pollock, and Glenham areas. If you currently own property in this area and do not have telephone service now, but are interested in receiving service as part of the fiber project, please notify our office so that we can include you in these mailings.

Valley Video....Change is in the Air!

Beginning the week of September 26th, Valley Video will undergo some changes!

As channel contracts expire and new contracts are established with channel vendors, we are subject to new channel requirements. Most of these requirements involve adding additional channels from the same vendor in order to carry their more popular channels. As a result, some of the "groups" or "genres" of channels that we currently offer need additional space. Therefore, many Valley Video channels will be relocated.

Current Valley Video subscribers have been mailed a notification letter and new channel guide. Additional guides may be downloaded from our website at www.valleytel.net.

Employee Anniversaries



Nathan Arbach
Herreid Office

Local Area Manager

7 Years of Service

General Manager/CEO Tormoehlen Announces His Retirement

Valley's General Manager/CEO, John Tormoehlen, has announced his retirement.

Tormoehlen joined Valley's staff on September 1, 2005. John, and his wife Cynthia, moved to Herreid from Forsyth, Montana where John served for eight years as the Marketing Manager for Range Telephone. Prior to his time in the telephone industry, John spent two years in sales and 25 years in education as both a teacher, and administrator.

Of his time at Valley, John says, *"Time has gone by very quickly. I feel we have accomplished many positive things both in-house and with the outside plant. Valley Video has been upgraded by our plant manager and his staff, and we now have a top of the line Video product. DSL speeds have been increased. Our Accounting Manager has done a great job in building a new budget system and our Billing Coordinator has used our new billing system to the fullest. Valley's Marketing Coordinator is increasing our product usage numbers and the Office Manager has worked with our CSR's and they continue to share and promote our products with the membership."*

Over his tenure at Valley, John is most proud of the implementation of the FTTF (Fiber-To-The Farm) project. *"This fiber expansion will provide top of the line broadband services for our rural people,"* added Tormoehlen.

On the future of Valley, Tormoehlen says, *"The National Broadband Plan has the attention of all small Telco's. How this plan plays out over the next several months will determine the future of Valley, as well as other small rural cooperatives. I believe we have worked hard to put Valley in a favorable position and if more opportunities arise, Valley's experienced staff will be working hard to do whatever needs to be done to protect Valley's future."*



John and Cynthia Tormoehlen

While serving as the GM/CEO, John has also served the members of the Cooperative in other capacities - holding a position on the Eureka Municipal Golf Course Board and the Peace Lutheran Church Board. In addition, John has also served on the Express (Valley's Long Distance Company) Board, the LECA (Local Exchange Carrier Association) Board, and the FRRPA (Fiber Ring Revenue Pooling Association) Board, as well as the TECO (Telecommunications Education Committee Organization) board on a national level. John was most recently awarded the 2010 TECO Director of the Year Award by the NTCA (National Telecommunications Cooperative Association).

In looking forward to retirement, John and Cynthia plan to relocate to Tampa, Florida to enjoy the warm temperatures and *"maybe a golf game or two"*, added Tormoehlen.

John and Cynthia have two children and five grandchildren. Troy and Hope (Boshee) Tormoehlen and daughter Tucker (12 months) live in Bismarck, ND and grand-daughter Janae of Bozeman MT; and Chris and Johnna Thorson and children Piper (age 8) and Bridger (age 5) live in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Brian Meyer Scholarship available for 2012 spring semester

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) is now accepting applications for the Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded for the spring 2012 semester.

The \$2,000 scholarship is available to applicants who have completed at least two semesters of course work at an accredited post-secondary school in South Dakota and reside in an SDTA member company service area. The scholarship can be used at any post-secondary educational institution in South Dakota including public and private universities as well as technical schools.

Applicants must complete an application, write a short outline of

their career plans following completion of their post-secondary education, and submit a brief essay on the future of small town South Dakota and what can be done to enhance the quality of life in rural areas through the use of technology.

For more information on the Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship, contact any post-secondary institution financial aid office, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association at 605-224-7629 or ginngrannes@sdtaonline.com.

The application is also available online at www.sdtaonline.com and at www.valleytel.net.

"Just For Fun"

Worth Noting!

October 5, Valley Telecommunications 56th Annual Meeting: Join us for Food, Fun, & Fellowship!

October 9-15, National Fire Prevention Week: Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. *Remember to check the batteries in your fire alarms!*

October 10, Valley Telco Delinquent Disconnect - Your September 2011 payment must be posted to your account by 5pm today. If it is not, all of your services will be disconnected by 8am the next day of business.

October 10, Columbus Day: Annual observance of Christopher Columbus' arrival at the Bahamas, October 12, 1492, after a dangerous voyage across "shoreless seas."

October 20, Valley Telco Payment Due: If we haven't received payment for your October telephone bill by 5pm today, your account will be charged a \$10.00 late notice.

October 31, Halloween:

An ancient celebration combining a pagan festival and Christian customs. *Trick or Treat!*



Mmmm Good!

OLD FAMILY FAVORITES

From: George Mohr
Hosmer Exchange

Recipe for Cinnamon Sugar Puff Cupcakes

- 1 & 1/2 - cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 - tsp baking powder
- 1 - tsp baking soda
- 1/2 - tsp salt
- 1/4 - cup sugar
- 1/4 - tsp nutmeg
- 6 - T unsalted butter
- 1/2 - cup milk
- 1 - large egg (slightly beaten)

Mix flour, baking powder, soda, salt and nutmeg. Set aside. Beat butter and sugar. Add egg and then flour mixture until batter is smooth. Fill greased muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake until tops are firm and toothpick inserted in the center is clean - about 18 minutes. Cool cupcakes for 5 minutes.

Coating: 6 - T unsalted butter (melted), 1/2 - cup sugar, 1 & 1/4 - tsp cinnamon
Invert cupcakes and roll in melted butter, then in the cinnamon sugar to coat it completely. Serve warm. Cupcakes can be covered and stored at room temperature for up to 2 days. (Coating may be doubled if you wish.) Enjoy!

COMFORT FOOD SERVED HERE

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



Valley Telecommunications Cooperative is proud to support our local area high school athletes with sports sponsorships. Tune in and enjoy!

Date	Station	Time	Teams
10/07/2011	100.7	7:00pm	Miller at Herreid/Selby Area (Selby)
10/07/2011	105.5	7:00pm	Langford Area at Leola/Frederick (Frederick)
10/14/2011	100.7	7:00pm	Miller at Eureka/Bowdle (Eureka)
10/20/2011	100.7	3:00pm	Eureka/Bowdle at Herreid/Selby Area (Herreid)
10/20/2011	105.5	7:00pm	Langford Area at Ipswich/Edmunds Central
10/20/2011	97.7	7:00pm	Langford Area at Ipswich/Edmunds Central

**"SHOW CLASS, HAVE PRIDE, AND DISPLAY CHARACTER.
IF YOU DO, WINNING TAKES CARE OF ITSELF."**

- PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT

Roger's Hide & Seek



Hello! "Roger the Ringer" here. September's lucky winner was The Herreid Sporting Center of the Herreid Exchange. The Sporting Center is the winner of a \$10 Gift Certificate from Valley Telco. It's really simple to play - just return the coupon from page 4 by *October 15th* and you might be the next lucky winner.

So, on your mark, get set, GO!

"Roger The Ringer" Hide & Seek

Roger is Hiding on Page _____

My Phone Number Is _____



Join us in celebrating Cooperative Month!
 Tuesday, October 18, 2011
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 At the Edmunds County 4-H Building
 515 7th St (Hwy 12) - Ipswich
 Your local Cooperative Partners will be
 serving a **FREE** lunch..
 Roast Beef Sandwiches, Salads, Chips, & Cupcakes
 Everyone is Welcome!



Local Service. Nationwide Reach.



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**October is Breast
 Cancer Awareness
 Month!**



Remember to wear your
 "Think Pink" or
 "Open Season on Breast Cancer"
 shirts every Friday in October!

Calling Feature of The Month

Call Transfer

Valley's Call Transfer Service lets you direct any incoming call to any other phone - inside or outside - of your home or business...even to a wireless handset! With just three easy steps, the right person will receive the call every-time! First...answer your ringing telephone....Second...Press the switchhook and dial the number you wish to transfer the call to....Third...When the phone rings, hang up or stay on the line to announce the call. That's it!

Sign up for Call Transfer during the month of October and receive **3 MONTHS FREE & FREE INSTALLATION!**

Special ends October 31, 2011.

Valley's Retail Store

**All Sales Are Final!*

October Phone Specials

Panasonic Corded Speakerphone

Model: KX-TS108



- *16 Digit LCD Clock
- *Dial lock for outgoing calls
- *Speakerphone
- *Volume Controls for Speakerphone & Handset
- *Ringer Volume Control
- *Mute/Flash Buttons
- *Redial/Pause Buttons
- *Hold Button
- * Wall Mountable

\$41.20

V-Tech Cordless Phone

Model: CS6419



- *6.0 DECT Technology (Clearer with less interference)
- *Caller-ID/Call Waiting - store 50 numbers
- *Ringer Volume Control
- *Voicemail indicator
- *Speakerphone
- *Intercom System
- *Redial/Pause Button
- *Flash Button
- *Wall Mountable

\$20.80

Time is running out...

Get A Computer for \$100!



Sign Up for Valley's NEW Netbook DSL Bundle...

For just \$50/month, you'll receive Valley's Speedy DSL Service, the SecureIT Live Internet Security Package, and a Wireless Router to Lease for one LOW monthly price!

**& Get an HP Netbook Computer for \$100!
PLUS FREE INSTALLATION!**

Call 437-2615 Today!



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*Offer ends October 31, 2011.
For new DSL customers only.
24 month service agreement is required.
Early termination fee of \$150 applies.
Manufacturer's warranty applies for one year.

Valley is not responsible for warranty coverage. Additional restrictions apply.

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