

The Connection

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Manager's Moment

We continue to get a lot of questions about when Charley's Welding & Auto Repair will be done and open for business. Right now most of the major work is complete but there will be a lot of little things that need work but those things can be done once we are moved in.

The main thing we are waiting on, before moving, is the hoists. Once those are up and



running, we will be set for business. Right now we have no set target date, but the sooner the better for everyone. When we are up and going, we will have an open house for the public to come look things over and have a bite to eat.

-Matt Collins

New Employee- Stacie Gran



Stacie joined the Kennebec Telephone staff as a CSR/Marketing Assistant, on July 1, 2010. A Kennebec native, Stacie attended Lyman Schools, then went on to Major in Graphic Design at SDSU. Following college, she was employed by "Tri-State Livestock News" in Belle Fourche, SD. She and Charlie moved back to Kennebec in 2004.

Stacie is the talent behind her own business "GranDesign", famous for personalizing everything from bowling shirts to baby bibs! She has been employed most recently at the Lyman County Clerk of Courts office, and with Frontier Partners in Kennebec.

Stacie, Charlie & Caysen will be moving soon to a new home south of Kennebec. Welcome to Kennebec Telephone, Stacie.

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Service Options not the Same for Rural Areas

What would happen if the federal government decided that city roads, bridges, and infrastructure should be better constructed and more efficient than the roads in rural America? How about if policy makers determined that urban consumers should be able to get where they are going and get what they need faster than rural consumers? A new government plan intends to make that true of our nation's information superhighway- the Internet. And while it's not the highway we drive on, rural consumers should be very concerned.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has crafted a plan to make broadband Internet access universally available. Reliable, high-speed broadband has become as essential a service today as electricity and phone. Broadband can improve the lives of all consumers; access is especially important for those of us living in rural America. The Internet enables farmers to monitor weather patterns and ranchers to buy and sell livestock in markets far from home. It also gives small businesses the opportunity to reach customers nationwide, offers local students the chance to take classes online, and allows doctors to remotely diagnose patients and even offer remote emergency care.

The many benefits of broadband are clear, and we applaud the government's efforts to make affordable, reliable Internet connections a reality for all Americans. But the FCC's plan will make rural Americans second class citizens in the new broad band world, because it establishes a speed goal for rural areas that is twenty five times slower than for urban areas. Shouldn't rural communities have access to the same broadband services as our larger towns and cities?

Years ago, Congress established a universal service policy for telephone service. It required that those living in rural areas have access to communications services at prices that are affordable and reasonably comparable to those available in urban areas. Rather than support this same universal service philosophy for broadband, the FCC's plan offers faster, better service to some Americans while guaranteeing lesser service to others.

Don't let the FCC keep our rural communities on the slow side of the broadband digital divide. Contact your congressional representatives, and urge them to support regulatory action that ensures equal access to broadband for all Americans. To learn more, see our Facebook page or website to view a video, or contact Kennebec Telephone.

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CBS Cable Channel 9

If you grew up here in Lyman County, KPLO was no doubt a staple in your home as it was in ours. And by the looks of the “favorite channel” poll (included in this publication last fall), KELO continues to be the main channel in our area. And it’s apparently not just in our area that CBS is popular, some of the top rated programming is on this network. From the comedies like The Big Bang Theory to the drama found in the CSI’s to Reality shows including “Survivor” and “The Amazing Race”. All are found on CBS!

New to CBS this coming season, there are a few names that might be familiar to baby-boomers: re-worked versions of “Hawaii Five-O” and the “Defenders”. Then there’s William Shatner in a new comedy called “\$#! My Dad Says”, and Tom Selleck is a member of the cast in “Blue Bloods”, a police Drama.

The Soaps, Dr. Phil, Dr. Oz, Letterman, the reality shows, the news and the Sports will all still be there this fall too. So, if you haven’t checked in with an “old friend” lately, see what’s on CBS this fall.

Website Review



“Togetherville” is a social network for kids (under 10) to play and connect with the real-life friends and family they already know and trust. Best of all, it’s fun and it’s free.

Today’s kids are growing up in a world that requires a whole new set of skills to become responsible digital citizens. In Togetherville, your kids learn much more than computer skills: they explore how to be creative, express themselves and learn in a fun, interactive and ad-free way.

To keep your child safe in Togetherville, you have complete control over the kids - and grownups - who interact with them online.

Because Togetherville neighborhoods are built from your own Facebook network, there is no way anyone anonymous or unknown can ever interact with your child.

Kids have their own profile pages, complete with their photos. Activities include: playing games and brainteasers, watching videos, creating artwork, and receive gifts, updating their status with pre-screened text phrases, called “quips,” such as “Who is going to see “Toy Story 3?”, send “safe” messages to friends,

Togetherville is envisioned for all kids under 13, this initial version is targeted towards kids 6-10 (and all young readers).

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Last months winner: Doriene Anderson

How many minutes of free long distance wil. Datanet Customers with Kennebec Long Distance see on their bill in October?



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Our mission is to provide the highest quality telecommunications and information service to our customers at an affordable price. We will strive to offer prompt, friendly, and dependable service along with the latest technology to attain the highest possible customer satisfaction.

If you would like more information or have questions about anything in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at 605-869-2220.

FREE MINUTES!

Kennebec Telephone Company customers who subscribe to DataNet and Kennebec Long Distance will notice a change on their October 1st bill. These customers will receive 35 minutes of FREE LONG DISTANCE!!! The free long distance minutes will actually start on August 20th, which is the beginning of the toll cycle that appears on your October 1st bill.

Here's how it works: each month, starting on the 20th, your long distance toll cycle starts over; you have 35 minutes of free long distance available. If you use 35 minutes or less, you will not be charged for those calls. Here's an example: say you use 40 minutes of long distance; you will only be billed for 5 minutes of that time.

With this change, we will be eliminating the old \$5 KLD discount on the October bill, so we encourage everyone to use the free minutes to get the most of your long distance plan. Customers who are currently on the Unlimited, Buckets of Minutes or bundle plans, are not eligible for this discount.

Help Wanted

Kennebec Telephone has job openings. Check the Local Channel (15) and www.kennebectelephone.com for details.