

# The Connection

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## Manager's Moment- Rod Bowar

As I write this we are in the middle of the hottest temps all year here in Central South Dakota. Things are also hot in Washington, DC; but it's not just the temperature- it's the tempers. Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. has closely monitored activities in DC as they are discussing the FCC's Nation Broadband Plan. On July 13th, Jason Thiry along with other SD Telecommunication company representatives met with South Dakota Senators Thune

and Noem, and a representative from Rep. Tim Johnson's office to discuss the impacts of the plan. We want to thank all of them for taking the time to meet with us. The impact to Kennebec Telephone and the rest of the SD rural telecommunication companies customers would be devastating. It could mean significant rate hikes on phone service along with stifling the growth of internet access to rural America. We are hoping that the plan will be modi-

fied so that rural America will continue to have reasonable cost phone service along with continued growth in the internet. Jason came back believing our Congressional delegation will do what they can for us. As our customer, if you have an opportunity, please tell your congressional delegation or the FCC, that you want to continue to keep fair rates and internet growth in our rural area. It will be helpful.

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## New Employee- Josh Zirpel

Welcome to Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc, and welcome back to Lyman County, Josh Zirpel! Josh is our new Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Man.

Josh grew up in Presho and graduated from Lyman High School in 2001. He and his family were living in Rapid City where he was a Project Manager for the refuse collection on Ellsworth Air Force Base. His previous work history has been in the construction and waste collection business. He and his wife Mellissa have a set of twins, a boy and girl. In his spare time he likes to hunt, fish, and spend time with family and friends.



### Directory Additions

#### Kennebec

Urban, Chad & Bethany.....869-2645  
Zirpel, Josh & Mellissa.....869-2290

#### Presho

Andersen, Steve & Carol.....895-2500  
Authier, Katherine.....895-2166  
Brown, Barry.....895-2186  
Iwan, Harold.....895-2193

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Employee Spotlight:



## Matt Collins Named 2011 Kennebec Hometown Hero



Betty Jean Mertens, representing the Kennebec Modern Woodmen of America Chapter, presented Matt Collins with the “HomeTown Hero” award at the Ag Day barbecue. Matt was recognized for this volunteer work as president of the Town & County Club and his work with the Little League baseball program.

Manager of Kennebec Telephone construction, Matt has been with Kennebec Telephone Company for 23 years.



Photo courtesy of the Lyman County Herald.

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My next subject is Cable TV. Someone asked me the other day what we were up to with CATV. Well as most of you have read, we recently attended both the Kennebec and Presho city council meetings presenting some upcoming changes for CATV in the cities of Kennebec and Presho. The changes are being driven by the programmers as they continue to raise their rates to us. Therefore we have decided to create a smaller basic package that will be called “Economy Basic.” This package will consist of approximately 20 channels and will contain the essentials such as the major networks, news, weather, and good all-around basic programming. This will be priced at \$16.50 per month. The next step up will be called Basic; this will include approximately 57 channels. In addition to the Economy Basic channels, it will have the rest of the current basic channels plus some new ones. It will be priced

at \$39.95 per month. Finally, we will have Enhanced Basic including everything in Basic-plus more of the unique basic channels for a total of approximately 93 channels. This will be priced at \$54.95 a month. Both the Basic and Enhanced Basic will have digital channels included. We will continue to offer all the movie channels we currently do, but in a new improved format. We will also have some channels in HD and DVR's will be available. We hope to have all these changes in place by November 1, 2011... just before winter sets in.

Lastly, I would like to take this time to say thank you to our customers; we truly appreciate all of you. It is our pleasure to serve you. I would also like to say thank you to all of the staff of Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. and its business divisions. I appreciate all you do for the company!

*Rod Bowar, President/Manager*



# KTC Cable Channel 4

Ah, summer, time for the channels to roll out their new fall programming. This month, let's take a look at what Fox has in the works for the fall. The home of "House," "American Idol," "The Simpsons", and, "Glee," has more drama, talent, AND Animation this year.

"The Finder" is a spin- off of "Bones," "Alcatraz" was created by JJ Abrams, who brought us "Lost," so it promises to be a puzzler. With supernatural twists and turns. "Terra Nova" is a Steven Spielberg production. A portal is found to the past- 85Million years in the past. With earth nearing its end, colonists are sent through the portal to begin a "new

earth" in the age of the dinosaurs.

Are you looking for animation? Check out "Napoleon Dynamite," yep- it's based on the popular movie, or perhaps "Allen Gregory," created by actor Jonah Hill.

And Talent, well, Simon Cowell is back on Fox with "The X Factor," a competition to find the next big musical superstar. Like" American Idol," this format is wildly popular around the world, and now Simon has brought it to the USA.

So these are just a few of the new shows premiering on Fox this fall. You can find more programs and information at fox.com

## Forwarding Calls from Your Cell phone to a Landline Phone

For some of you this may be old news, and for others a really neat new thing! Did you know you can forward your cell phone calls to your home phone, or really to any land line phone? It's really very easy, and the only thing it costs you is your airtime... which, face- it most of us never come close to using all of our cell phone minutes. One application would be for those of us who don't get great cell reception in our homes, another might be when you're waiting for an important call, but are in a situation where the cell phone is a no-no. In any case, it's good to know. Give us a call if you'd like to know more.

- Verizon**
- To Activate:
1. Press \*72.
  2. Enter the phone number where you want calls to be forwarded. (e.g. \*72-908-123-4567).
  3. Press SEND and wait for confirmation. You should hear a confirmation tone or a message.
  4. Press END.
- To Deactivate:
1. Press \*73.
  2. Press SEND and wait for confirmation. You should hear a confirmation tone or a message.
  3. Press END.

- AT&T-GSM**
- Step 1  
Find and select the "Settings" option in the phone menu.
  - Step 2  
Select "Call Settings" and then "Forwarding."
  - Step 3  
Select a forwarding option from the list, such as "Forward All Voice Calls" or "Forward When Available."
  - Step 4  
Follow the prompts and enter the phone number to which you want to forward calls when asked.
  - Step 5  
Press "OK."



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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.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. My computer died! It won't even turn on. Is everything I had saved on it, now lost?**

A. Most of the time, we can remove the hard drive and get your files safely copied and moved to a new computer. However, sometimes this is not possible and this is why back up's are important. With a back up, you are assured not to lose Data. Backups can be burned to discs, or saved to an external hard drive or automatically done to Online Back up, a service we offer at a monthly charge.

**Q. When is all of Charley's Napa inventory going to arrive?**

A. We apologize that it is taking longer than expected for the products to arrive. The inventory is arriving daily, the shelves are up and being filled. Stop in and check it out if you have time.

**Q. I currently have DataNet 3000 in my home. Does Kennebec Telephone offer anything faster?**

A. Yes, we now offer DataNet 6000 as part of our Residential bundles and to businesses. This provides 6meg download and 1 meg upload.