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Kennebec Telephone Company and its divisions will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 31st

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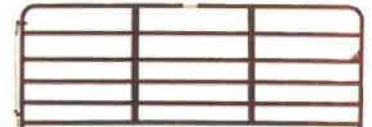
It's always been said that when we do business locally it benefits our local economy. And I think we can all agree that we are

pretty fortunate to have some amazing businesses to be able to do that! So, we here at Charley's Welding & Auto Repair want to help boost that economy! Besides providing our every-day services such as oil changes, tire repairs, brakes and rotors, new tires, hardware, and so much more, we are becoming a supplier of Tarter Farm & Ranch Equipment! Becoming a dealer provides the opportunity and convenience to shop local for farm supplies!

We will handle gates, panels, bale feeders, mineral feeders, feed bunks, water tanks all the way to fire pits! Obviously,

we wish we could carry EVERYTHING that they have to offer, but it's just not feasible. We will have a supply of merchandise to view and/or purchase on the lot north of Charley's around mid-May. We also welcome you to visit WWW.TarterUSA.com and view everything they have to offer. If you see something you like or would like more information, please feel free to stop in or give us a call!

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Congratulations & Best Wishes!

Jordan Miller Ten Years at Charley's



Congratulations to Jordan Miller, Charley's Shop Foreman, for ten years with our company! Jordan started his career with KTCI his Senior year at LHS. He reached this milestone in April and received his 10-year plaque and Loyalty check from Veronica Gerard.

From Mitchell Tech's Facebook page



Double Edge Scholarship

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Powercom Electric & Communication selected Brandon J as a Double Edge Scholarship recipient. The Double Edge is a full ride scholarship, combining employer and Build Dakota funds. Brandon will be entering Mitchell Tech's Electrical Construction and Maintenance program this fall. Congratulations to Brandon & Powercom Electric & Communication!

KTCI: Building the Future Workforce for our Area

KTCI has a long tradition of hiring young adults. Many have continued on at the company, with some working in different areas of the operation and acquiring a wide range of experience. We have also partnered with Build Dakota program over the years with the following employees:

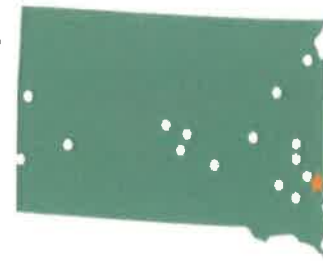
- Carter Collins – Electrician – Mitchell Tech
- Casey Kolb – Auto Tech – Lake Area Technical College
- Bodie Thomas – Auto Tech – Lake Area Technical College
- Jack Miller – Heavy Equipment Operator – Lake Area Technical College
- Devan Urban – WIFI & Broadband Technologies – Mitchell Tech

This spring we will be welcoming Brandon Jensen, as seen in the article above. He will be attending Mitchell Tech in the Electrician program, and working with Powercom part time. And later this spring we will also welcome Nathan Newman. He will be attending Lake Area Technical College enrolled in their Automotive Technician program, and joining our staff at Charley's Welding and Auto Repair.

In addition to the partnership with Build Dakota, KTCI has also financially assisted at least eight other employees in furthering their education in fields that are vital to our operations, further building the workforce in our area.

SDN Helps fund Avera eCARE School Nurses

**eCARE School Health Locations
in South Dakota**
**Blunt, Dewey, Edgemont, Freeman,
Hayti, Henry, Hermosa, Howes,
Kennebec, Onida, Presho, Sioux
Falls (7), Sisseton (3), Spearfish,
Toronto, Valley Springs, White,
Wolsey-Wessington**
**Total number of students
covered in SD- 638**



As a member of SDN, Kennebec Telephone Company, is helping to bring eCARE School nurse program to students in the Lyman School District.

eCARE Supports Ever-growing Need

Avera eCARE School Health Director Sheila Freed oversees the three full-time nurses supporting 26 schools – 12 with no on-site nurses and 14 schools where they supplement school nurses spread thin. The total student population in the program includes 6,368 students and by mid-February of this school year, staff had done 1,801 virtual health appointments.

The program also supports additional schools in Iowa and North Dakota. In all cases, Freed said the cooperation from school staff makes the program successful.

Freed said 60% of the eCARE visits involve Type 1 diabetic care; 40% are urgent care for accidents, seizures, or illness.

The demand for health care in schools is on the rise. It's puzzling even to Freed, who has worked in public health and education for most of her career.

"We see an ever-increasing number of chronic health issues in schools today that we didn't see 20 years ago," says Freed. "I wish I knew why, especially on diabetes, but we've seen three new diagnoses in our schools in just the last six weeks."

Additionally, Freed said medical experts have learned more about injuries.

"Think of concussions. We just used to say, 'You rung your bell,' and move on. Today, we know there are consequences for those playground or sports accidents," Freed said.

SDN Financial Support

Greater than 80% of the schools in the program fall within SDN Communications' Member Company service territories. When a federally funded grant expired, SDN and its owner companies stepped in to make up the financial difference and keep the three nursing positions funded.

The treatment for students with Type 1 diabetes is especially meaningful to CEO Mark Shlanta, whose oldest son was diagnosed when in college.

"It's an intense learning curve for any patient. It was for my son, who was an adult," Shlanta said. "As parents, Peggy and I worried about him, so it's hard for me to imagine the level of concern for parents of very young children."

Shlanta's son learned to manage his diet and insulin without the benefit of an eCARE nurse, but Shlanta likes what he hears about the relationship eCARE nurses form with their young patients.

And Freed says the virtual connection doesn't hamper developing close ties with the children.

"It's amazing to see how attached they get," Freed said. "Often, they get invited to birthday parties and other events."

Much of the nurses' work involves one-on-one education given in two- to five-minute increments daily, showing children how to care for or improve their health condition.

"Our job is to be working ourselves out of a job," Freed said.

This is just a portion of the SDN Blog, written by Vernon Brown, vice president of marketing & community relations for SDN Communications. The full article can be found on our KennebecTelephone Co., Inc. Facebook page.



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