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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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**BEK Communications Technology Scholarships**

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**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.

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**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.

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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 Herred 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...

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
Bridge’s Room LLC ..................................................250-9600
Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative .................255-0002
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 Barham & Clayton ..................................595-7709
Ryekman Sara & Chris ...........................................595-7702

HAZELTON-TEMVIK
Nagel Ryan & Chelsea ..............................................782-4558

KINTYRE
Becker Ryan ...............................................................332-6419

LINTON
Bechhold Lori ...........................................................254-5195
Brockman Andrew ...................................................254-5762
Lambert Tanner .......................................................254-5153

NAPOLEON
Laber Patty .................................................................754-2938

Mabel’s Bakery & Coffee Shop ..................754-4127
Sieg Michael ............................................................754-4177

PETTIBONE-LAKE WILLIAMS
Cantu Artur Jr ..............................................................273-4197

STEEL
Duckert 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
Bakhill Grill & Chill .............................................490-3735
Bay Shore Resort ..................................................845-1066
DeKrey Kenneth .....................................................845-2060
Freadhoff George H ..............................................845-4297

J&K Seamless Inc .....................................................845-2819
Labour Club The .....................................................845-1912
Martin Tillie ...............................................................845-2478
McKay William .........................................................490-3734
Midbush Judy ............................................................845-1004
Nodak Mutual Insurance ........................................845-2912
Pizza Ranch ...............................................................845-4455
Professional Eyecare & Contact Lens Center ....845-5000
Scherr Leney .............................................................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
Powers Durwin .........................................................734-2117
Steinert Joshua .........................................................734-2121

WILTON
Thinnes Kaitlyn .........................................................734-2295
Eisenman 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
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.