

A newsletter for customers of Park Region Telephone, Otter Tail Telcom, Valley Telephone Company and Rothsay Telephone Company.

# THE PROGRESS

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## Beyond the Connection

Please Join Us  
**ANNUAL MEETING &**  
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

**THURSDAY**  
APRIL 12, 2018  
**UNDERWOOD**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

**5:00-6:30 PM | Registration**

Pork Chop Dinner, Product Demos,  
Cookies with the Board, Entertainment

**6:30-7:30 PM | Kids' Area**

**6:30 PM | Annual Meeting**

# HASSLE-FREE WI-FI IN YOUR HOME

What makes Park Region's Wi-Fi experience different from purchasing your own Wi-Fi router from a big-box store? It makes sense because it's easy AND affordable at the same time.

We invite you to enjoy hassle-free whole-home Wi-Fi service for about \$.26/day.

Park Region takes an "Installation by Design" approach to EVERY installation ensuring you a custom, worry-free experience. Because router location is very important, our properly equipped and trained technicians conduct wireless surveys in your home picking the ideal equipment locations.

In the event of trouble, help desk technicians have end-to-end visibility allowing them to solve any issue quickly. This isn't possible with devices purchased at big box stores—you're on your own. Unlike large retailers, Park Region will also replace any routers that fail at no cost to you.

**Our Goal:** To ensure you enjoy the best possible Wi-Fi Internet experience. I invite you to contact us today!

**David Pawlowski,**  
Business Operations  
Manager



## ATTENTION Creators of the Next Great App!

### FRS SEEKING STUDENTS TO TAKE THE APP CHALLENGE



Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join the FRS Rural Youth App Challenge! You could win \$1,000 in gift cards and Code Academy scholarships. Put a team together and develop a concept for a mobile app that addresses a problem

or improves a process in your community or in rural America at large. The challenge will be concept-based only.

The App Challenge will judge students based on how well-researched and well-presented the app is. While the idea can be similar to an existing app, it must be an original idea.

Either a single student or teams with as many as five students may enter. A parent of at least one student teammate must be served by one of our companies.

Deadline for submissions is April 20th, 2018.

For all the App Challenge details go to [www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs](http://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs)

## Our Employees have the BLUES

### FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT FURRY FRIENDS



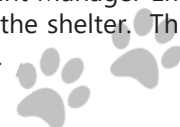
This winter our company took a "Casual Monday" idea and applied a charitable angle. De-

cember through March, employees were given the opportunity to wear blue jeans to work on Mondays. In order to do so, participants agreed to make a charitable donation.

Over the course of four months, more than half of our employees participated and \$665 was raised! Employees then voted on what organization should receive the funds collected and the Otter Tail County Humane Society was declared the winner.



On behalf of Park Region Telephone, Business Operations Manager David Pawlowski presented Otter Tail County Humane Society Assistant Manager Emily Suchy with \$665 to help cover needs at the shelter. This fundraiser was a win for all paws involved.





# NOTICE: LIFELINE LINK-UP DISCOUNTS

## FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

You may qualify for discounted telephone OR internet service if your income level falls below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or if you are currently receiving benefits under one or more of the following programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
- Income below the Federal Poverty Guideline
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- HEAD Start

For more information about the FCC Lifeline Link-Up Program, call one of the following numbers:

**Otter Tail Telcom Customers**  
1-866-290-1730

**Park Region Telephone Customers** 1-866-290-1721

**Valley Telephone Customers**  
1-866-290-1729

**Rothsay Telephone Customers**  
1-866-367-8198



## NEW on Speedway Digital TV...

### CHANNEL LINEUP CHANGES:

- Channel 111 Justice and Channel 115 Heroes & Icons were added to Basic Track
- Channel 43/643 Spike TV changed its name to Paramount on Super Track



*Thank  
You*  
for  
choosing us!

## Otter Tail County on Ice Our Technology Experts Create Fun!

On February 3 & 4th, Otter Tail County kicked off their 150th year by celebrating on Otter Tail Lake with activities and events for the whole family.

### World's Largest Super Bowl Party on Ice

Football fans braved the subzero temperatures and joined us for the world's largest Super Bowl party on ice! Our Video Production Coordinator Bobby

Sue Fenske was on site to set up the big screen inside the party tent in time for die-hard tailgaters to enjoy the pre-game show. It is estimated 1,400 people were in attendance over the weekend.

Several more events are planned in 2018 to celebrate the county's 150th year. Visit [ottertailakes-country.com](http://ottertailakes-country.com) for more information!





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## NEW LISTINGS

### ASHBY

Gilson, John M.....747-2322  
Kremer, Allan .....747-2302

### BROWNS VALLEY

Renville, Valerie .....694-2804

### DALTON

Dirkman, Dave .....589-7064

### ERHARD

Roth, Trevor & Sarah.....842-5217

### FERGUS FALLS

Anderson, B. ....998-0118  
Anderson, D. ....998-0140  
Goodman, L. ....998-0132  
Hanson, Rose Marie .....736-8864  
Hovland, Douglas.....998-0117  
Johannes, Merl .....736-8837  
North Union Repair .....998-6566  
Olson, Herbert.....998-1260  
Peterson, A.....998-0119  
Quernemoen, Joyce .....736-8861  
Randall, Roy.....998-2295  
Toro Trucking .....998-0586

### MAINE

Johnson, Cory .....495-2115  
Leroy, Chad & Miranda.....495-2865

### UNDERWOOD

Kadoun, Trevor & Robyn .....826-6733  
Weisz, Rhonda.....826-6491

### VINING

Hinz, John & Mitzi .....769-4459

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#### Rothsay Telephone Company

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service or simply dial 611 to  
reach your local office!

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