

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

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Annual Meeting and Customer Appreciation Event

@home

with Park Region

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL**

5:00-6:30 PM Registration

- Entrance - Main doors (SW Entrance)
- Registration - Gym
- Lion's Pork Chop Dinner - Commons Area
- Coffee & Cookies with the Board of Directors - Gym
- Entertainment & Product Demonstrations

6:00 - 7:30 PM Kids' Area

- Movie, Popcorn & Prizes for Kids Ages 4-12

6:30 PM Annual Meeting

- Announcement of Director Elections
- Financial, General Manager, and Youth Tour Reports

Please Join Us

WI-FI A “SMART” INVESTMENT

Our customers are using Wi-Fi service from Park Region and Otter Tail Telcom in some rather unique ways. Originally, we expected the service to be used for Internet access and as a convenient way to distribute video service throughout the entire home. However, lately some have leveraged the service to add even more convenience to their lives. The opportunity to manage your smart vacuum cleaner or using cameras to keep an eye on your dock and watercraft while away from home are two examples of such conveniences.

Even businesses are thinking in unique ways. Recently a local farmer added remote Nest cameras operating over a local Wi-Fi network to monitor his livestock in the barn located some distance from his home, freeing up time to spend on other important matters. A small investment in the right

tools can add significant value and save money while adding convenience to home living and business operations.



If you would like to learn how Wi-Fi coupled with Nest products can simplify your life, stop in for a demonstration or contact customer service at (218) 826-6161 or (218) 998-2000 to have your questions answered. Visit our website or Facebook page for information on our Lunch & Learn events where you'll get a more in-depth introduction to these products and services.

David Pawlowski,
Business Operations Manager



Our Employees have the BLUES FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT BOTH FURRY FRIENDS & FAITH



This winter a good share of our employees participated in the Monday Blues, an internal fundraiser giving employees the opportunity to wear blue jeans on Mondays if they agreed to make a charitable donation. Over the course of the winter, \$600 was raised. Employees then voted on their charity of choice to receive the funds.

We are happy to report there was a tie and the funds were split between the Otter Tail County Humane Society and the family Faith Westby of Pelican Rapids.

Nest Cam Outdoor Security, rain or shine. On your phone 24/7.

24/7 Live Video.

130° view shows you everything in 1080p HD, day and night.

Alerts on your phone.

When Nest Cam detects activity, it can send a phone alert with a photo of the event.

Clear as day. Even at night.

Night vision evenly illuminates the whole scene.

Talk and Listen.

Let someone know you're paying attention or tell the mailman to leave the package at the door.



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



130 Years Combined Service

4 EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED BY NTCA

We would like to congratulate the following employees recently recognized by the National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) for their years of service to our company. Together they have a combined total of 130 years of service!

Dale Thompson: 45 Years - Engineer
Sue Stroud: 35 Years - Provisioning Supervisor
Curt Buck: 25 Years - Outside Plant Technician
Scott Toso: 25 Years - Sales Consultant

We'd also like to recognize the following employees and directors for service milestones they reached in 2018:

5 years: Jesse Dahl, CO Technician & Candy Catoe, Director
10 years: Darwin Irish, Outside Plant Technician
20 years: Joyce Schueller, Provisioning Specialist & Eugene Ouren, Director
40 years: Paul Beckman, Director

Thank you for all you do for our customers and our company - Congratulations!

Craig Olson Sports LIVE!

Join us on Mondays at Socials Bar & Grill for Craig Olson Sports Live! Interviews with area coaches and players as well as highlights from the past week's sports.



YOUR LOCAL 1

Catch the action Live on
PRTV Channel 1/601.



Monday Night Specials

14" Single Topping Pizza \$10

Offer valid 6-10pm Monday Evenings

Offer valid for limited time and may be discontinued or changed at the discretion of Socials Bar & Grill.



Scott Toso & Curt Buck



Sue Stroud & Dale Thompson



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NEW LISTINGS

BROWNS VALLEY

Krienke, Kenneth Jr694-2832
Serocki, Zach695-2329

MAINE

Fagerstrom, Dennis495-2241
Restad, Amanda & Michael495-3124

BATTLE LAKE

BrickYard Supplies.....864-2800

UNDERWOOD

Beckman, Steven C.826-6534
Brandon Auto & Truck Sales.....826-6802
Salon 210.....826-6210

FERGUS FALLS

Dean, Kim736-8809
Fenske, Roger.....998-0041
Henrickson, Gary998-0659
Kurtz, Marie736-8831
Long, Albert998-1225
Northwestern Bank998-2265
Price, Lila998-3040
Rostad, Linda736-8852
Scott, Merle736-8871
Suchy, Marlene736-8818
Sumstad, Edythe736-8840
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