

New Listings

The following numbers have been assigned since the last newsletter was published. Please add them to your directory.

ALMENA

Glaser, Lynn 357-3242

BARRON

Benson, Brenda 637-8374

Milton, Dennis 537-1037

Wilson, Doreen 637-0094

CAMERON

Greener Grass Systems Inc 458-3888

Nelson, Matthew 458-0107

Weber, Sheila 458-0197

CHETEK

Clark, Katie 925-1063

Wolf, Roxanne 924-3360

DALLAS

Fouts, Michael 837-0011

Olson, Chad 837-0013

Schultz, Bonnie 837-1207

LADYSMITH

Robinson, Richard & Erik 532-5018

PRAIRIE FARM

Knutson, Lovina 455-1940

Pearson, Carl 455-1063

Rondeau, Chad 455-1053

RICE LAKE

body INK etc 736-2822

Divine, Lorin 736-0241

Gulla, Kathy 736-0299

Hoke, Wilbur 736-0234

Johnson, Dale & Amy 736-0333

Learn & Grow Preschool &
Child Care Center 736-0237

Martinez, Pedrito 736-0219

Scott, Rachel 736-0290

Vreeland, Anthony 236-7551

Williams, Jon 736-0240

RIDGELAND

Nelson, Annie 949-1035

SAND CREEK

Miller, Roman & Linda 658-0001

Vlcek, Nathan 658-1054

SPOONER

Andrea, William F. & Linda 635-8259

Laveau, Scott 635-7817

Expanded Store Hours

Please note the change in our store hours.

BARRON HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

CAMERON HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

CHETEK HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Sunday - Closed

DALLAS HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday - Sunday Closed

NEW LOCATION: RICE LAKE (Wal-Mart center)

Monday -Friday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

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First CTC Cellular Customer Connected!

On April 6th CTC connected the first cellular customer on its 3G cellular network. Dennis and Florence Weise were the first to receive the state-of-the-art wireless connectivity from CTC.

While CTC's cellular service provides the ability to place calls nationwide, it has been specifically designed to provide excellent coverage in northwest Wisconsin. With focus on the construction of 24 towers already, and plans for more, CTC's coverage in the area will reach areas many other service providers don't. The placement of the towers has been conducted to ensure excellent coverage where CTC subscribers live, work and play. With plans starting at just \$34.95, family plans and other flexibility, CTC's service is highly affordable.

Providing nationwide coverage, local customer care, five conveniently located offices and competitive billing plans are just a few of the advantages of CTC's Cellular service. Combine those attributes with the ability to bundle all your telecommunications services with one provider at discounted rates, and no other provider can match the CTC advantages. Keep a little more of that green in your wallet and save 25% on your cell service when you bundle your CTC landline telephone service, high speed Internet, video services and your cellular service. Call us or stop by one of our offices today for more information.



Digital Television Broadcasting Change

After June 12, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products.

CTC Cable TV subscribers need not do anything; your TV will work as it always has.

Information about the Digital TV transition is available from www.DTV.gov and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

MISSION STATEMENT Chibardun Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will provide quality "state-of-the-art" communications-related services and products at the lowest possible cost with the highest commitment to service in a manner that is mutually beneficial to Chibardun Telephone, our employees, members and communities.

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Annual Meeting Held

The 51st Annual Meeting of Chibardun Telephone Cooperative was held in Dallas on Wednesday, April 8th. Chibardun welcomed a large number of Cooperative members to both dinner and the business meeting. Dinner was served by WELCA Ladies of New Scandinavia Church. Music was provided by Lenore Berg.

Matthew Macdonald, CPA from Kiesling Associates, LLP, presented the financial report to the members. Chief Executive Officer Rick Vergin reviewed the Cooperative's activities in 2008, including the following:

- Current access line and cable TV subscriber counts
- The majority of Internet subscribers (81%) are now using high speed connectivity
- Wholly owned subsidiary, CTC Telcom, has been profitable for ten years
- \$173,350 in patronage capital returned during the year
- Construction of a state-of-the-art 3G mobile telephone network has been built, including 24 local towers
- \$19 million dollars have been invested in Chibardun network facilities to ensure subscribers receive the telecommunications services they will want and need for the future

Mr. Vergin also spoke to plans for 2009, which include:

- Working to acquire tower licenses for Dunn and other counties for cellular network expansion
- New branding activities related to the Mosaic Mobile name used for CTC's wireless services, including trademark activities and rebranding that will occur later in the year
- The continuation of the FiBR2U project in the Villages of Ridgeland & Sand Creek
- Fiber & new electronics in rural areas which will increase broadband speeds and the availability of video services in the Chibardun network.
- The provision of high definition TV service to 100% of video subscribers

Chibardun Telephone and CTC Telcom scholarship winners were announced and numerous door prizes were distributed during the meeting. Clarence and Bernice Sellent (shown below with Chibardun Board President Joe Leschisin) were the grand prize winners of a Samsung T636 cellular phone with a full year of free CTC cellular service.



Incumbents Re-Elected

The results of the election for the positions of Director of the Almena and Cameron exchanges as well as the position of the Director-at-Large were reported at the Annual Meeting. Attendees saw the re-election of all three incumbent Board members. As per Cooperative bylaws, balloting was closed at the beginning of the meeting. Once the ballots were totaled, the results were announced to the membership. Roland (Rolly) Olson was re-elected as the Director for the Cameron Exchange, Joe Leschisin was re-elected as the Director-at-Large, and Lowell Wohlk was re-elected as Director of the Almena Exchange. Other Board Members and Officers include Kelly Hoff (Prairie Farm Exchange), Kenneth Nelson (Sand Creek Exchange), Bob Lentz (Ridgeland Exchange), Rick Berg (Dallas Exchange), and Rick Vergin (Chief Executive Officer).

Ribbon Cutting in Rice Lake

CTC Telcom would like to thank the Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce Red Coat Ambassadors for stopping by for an official ribbon cutting ceremony at our new Rice Lake location on March 30th. CTC's new store location officially opened its doors on March 2nd serving customers with their telephone, video, high speed Internet and cellular needs. With this move also comes expanded store hours to accommodate customers' busy schedules.



Investing in a Cooperative's Future

The focus of this year's Annual Meeting was how the Cooperative is changing to meet the evolving needs of the membership. National statistics show a decline in land line telephone service, with 14% of the population transitioning to mobile telephone service only, and an additional 17% using mobile service for the vast majority of their calls. With this trend, as well as the national initiatives to extend and expand broadband offerings to all U.S. homes, it's clear to see what the communications focus will be in the future.

Understanding this has been key to Chibardun's strategic planning. Chibardun's continued success lies in providing high capacity fixed broadband (via fiber) and all types of mobile communication. Chibardun's plan to remain viable began several years ago. The Cooperative has been investing in the FiBR2U project which, by burying fiber optic cable, will ensure Chibardun subscribers have access to high speed broadband and IPTV services. These efforts, combined with

CTC's new cellular service network, position Chibardun to be the one-stop, affordable provider for not only current communications needs, but for the needs of the future as well.

The Bear Paw Company Chooses CTC's Network Technology Center to Handle Computer Needs

The Bear Paw Company has been serving northwestern Wisconsin as an outdoor outfitter since 1995. They carry a wide selection of premier outdoor gear, apparel and accessories, as well as a great assortment of home furnishings and gifts in their gift gallery.

The Bear Paw Company chose CTC's Network Technology Center (NTC) to provide all day-to-day support

of their company's computers and networks. By subscribing to CTC's Managed Services and I.T. Support services, The Bear Paw's computers and networks are supported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

Vice President Kurt Krueger and his staff at The Bear Paw can now focus on running their business and leave their I.T. concerns to CTC. When we asked Kurt why he chose CTC Telcom, he said "I like the wide variety of services available. I know I can call you and you'll send someone right away."

Services offered by CTC's NTC include: server and workstation-installation and support, data backup and recovery, computer sales and repair, security analysis, wireless networking and other networking services. Your office can benefit from the expertise of CTC's NTC as well. Call 1-888-579-7565 for more information.

2009 Scholarship Winners Announced

The Chibardun Telephone and CTC Telcom Scholarship Program awards ten scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are planning to further their education. The scholarship winners for 2009 were announced at the Annual Meeting held April 8th. Each of the ten individuals will receive a \$500 scholarship.

The following students are winners of Chibardun Telephone Cooperative's scholarship program:



Elizabeth Fijalkiewicz - parents Thomas & Leslie Fijalkiewicz



Heidi Joosten - parents Mike & Beth Joosten of Cameron



Kayla Johnson - parents Donald & Colleen Johnson of Wheeler



Bradley Koegel - parents Mark & Jennifer Koegel of Turtle Lake



Nicole Rukamp - parents Patrick & Susan Rukamp of Hillsdale



Abby Amundson - parents Paul & Rosella Amundson



Jay Blaskowski - parents John & Patricia Blaskowski

Shelby Springer - parents Dean & Lori Springer

Teralyn Sutliff - parents Michael & Terrel Sutliff

Derek West - parents Dennis & Susan West