

THREE RIVER TELCO

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In the neighborhood with..... Neil Classen

June 2010

With the nice amount of rain we received thus far this year, hopefully everyone is in a good frame of mind. The crops, up to this point, and pastures look very good.

Construction has been ongoing in the Lynch and Verdel exchanges for over two months now. Construction in Lynch has essentially been completed. Fiber feed lines and fiber drops are completely buried in town. The one big obstacle in the rural area will be the river cabins along the Missouri River. Over 70 customers in the Lynch area (both town & rural) have been converted over to the new fiber service. For those converted customers, the feedback we get from them is: the phone service is as good as before, but the internet seems to be faster. Those people that "game" see vast improvement in download and upload speeds. The Board of Directors are also looking at the possibility of a video play (Cable TV) for all the customers of Three River Telco. All customers who will have fiber drops running to their homes would be potential TRT Cable TV customers, however, at this point in time there is no definite timeframe for the Cable TV service.

For the Lynch river areas and all of the Verdel exchange, please keep in mind there will be more than one crew coming to your cabins or homes. There will be a drop crew to bury your fiber drop and also a crew to install equipment on (ONT/outside network device) and in (battery pack) your house. So please try to be patient with all the activity going on in the areas.

We would like to get construction started in the Springview exchange sometime in August. Once all the rural areas in the Verdel exchange are buried, at least one of those crews could be moved to Springview. TRT hopes to have some customers in the Springview exchange on the new fiber system by the end of the year.

If anyone has a question or concern, please feel free to contact me at the Lynch business office at: 866-569-2666.

Thank-you!!

Neil Classen

General Manager

Annual Three River Telco
Customer Appreciation Golf Tournament

3 Person Scramble

Saturday June 12th, 2010

Springview Golf Course



**Join us for a day
of golfing, lunch,
steak dinner and
hole prizes!**

**Registration at 9:00
Shotgun start at 10:00
\$30 per team**

Attention Customers

Effective June 26th, 2010, Nebraska will be adding a 531 area code that will share the region of the existing 402 area code. The result of this addition will require all calls, even local calls, to dial the area code + 7-digit telephone number. Long distance calls will remain the same, dialing a 1 before the area code. Any residents bordering the states of South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas will also need to dial the full 10- digit number to complete calls.

As mentioned before, the effective date of this change will be June 26th, 2010, however, the mandatory dialing period begins on February 26th, 2011. Between these dates, a permissive dialing period will still allow you to complete a local call using only the 7 digits, but will also allow calls to be completed with the 10 digits.

Starting March 26th, 2011, new telephone lines may be assigned numbers with the 531 area code if 402 numbers are no longer available in your area.

Things to remember:

- Your telephone rates will not change.
- You should still just dial 3 digits to reach 911, 811, 411, etc.
- Equipment that may need to be reprogrammed includes: security systems, internet dial-up numbers, life safety systems, fax machines, speed dialers, call forward settings, voicemail services, etc.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC) at **1-800-526-0017** or view their website at www.psc.nebraska.gov.

FOR THE KIDS



Keep your kids busy online with learning activities, games, etc. all free at clubpenguin.com

If you have information on a community event in your area and would like to have it published on the Three River Telco website, you can do so by contacting Amy at 866-569-2666 or amy@threeriver.net.

The Annual Three River Telco Customer Appreciation Days...

will be held in early fall this year. We will announce the dates at a later time.

Scholarship Winners

The winners of the \$2000 Three River Telco Scholarships are: **Dakota Lindsey** of Lynch and **Austin Barstow** of Springview. Congratulations and best wishes in your future successes. Thank you to all who participated.

The winner of a \$1,000 Foundation for Rural and Economic Development (FRED) scholarship is:

Echo Bartos of Springview.



Give us your best shot!

We are accepting entries to the 2010 *Three River* Photo Contest. A \$50 credit on the December billing will be awarded to the winners in three separate divisions.

The photo subject must be relevant to **Outdoors in Nebraska** in the Three River Service areas.

Go to www.threeriver.net for more details and the complete rules.

The deadline is November 1st, 2010.



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