

Three River

In the neighborhood with..... Neil Classen

June 2011

As I write this newsletter the weather outside is overcast with light rain and very dreary. Although we all agree moisture is good... nice, warm sunny days are long overdue.

Final documents have been signed and approved for the Lynch/Verdel FTTH (Fiber-to-the-Home) project. Phase 1 of the three year FTTH project is complete. Phase 2, is the Springview exchange and Phase 3 will be the Johnstown/Naper exchanges.

Bauer Underground continues to bury fiber in the Springview exchange. Weather permitting and a little good luck, Phase 2 could be completed to meet the August timeframe.

Our plans are to start Phase 3 (Johnstown & Naper) this fall, with Bauer Underground again doing the construction work. Our big issue here is 90% of the fiber buried in the United States is manufactured in Japan. Due to the earthquakes/tsunami catastrophe early this year in Japan, it now takes 14 to 16 weeks for us to get the fiber to bury. Our projected start date for Phase 3 is for the September timeframe. Work will first begin in Johnstown and then move on to Naper.

In O'Neill we'll be finishing the new cable TV (CATV) addition on the west side of town past the golf course within a couple of weeks. We still need to place pedestals, splice cable, and perform clean up work. We hope to be able to offer Three River services in this area in June.

Three River also plans to upgrade the CATV plant in Long Pine this summer. While in the area, Three River will take a CATV feeder line down into the Hidden Paradise area. This will make Three River high speed Internet and CATV services available to these residences. Planned upgrades and improvements are also scheduled for Naper, Ainsworth and Valentine.

Again if anyone has questions, complaints, or compliments please feel free to contact me at the Lynch business office.

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Sincerely,
Neil Classen
General Manager

Congratulations Three River Scholarship Winners

Three River Telco Scholarship winners:

1. Terence Heiser - Lynch 2. Clint Wright—Lynch 3. Abby Gibson - Springview 4. Skyler Heyden - Newport

Three River Communications Scholarship Winners:

1. Ashley Murphy - Ainsworth 2. Ben Hunt - Ainsworth

Three River Digital Scholarship Winners:

1. Laura Miller - Valentine 3. Heidi Hostert - O'Neill

2. Skyler Jacobsen - Ainsworth

FRS Scholarship Winner:

Kendell McCarthy - Naper

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Your new STB or DVR Remote:

"The Device Buttons?"

Which device do you want to change? The Audio, DVD/VCR, TV, Cable buttons are your device buttons. Make sure the device you want to make a change lights up when entering a channel number.

"The Input Button?"

If you need to change how your TV is connected to your STB or DVR. New HD TV's are usually installed with HDMI cables, if you lose signal check that your input selected is HDMI.



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7 Suggestions for Saving

Whether it's around the water cooler or around the dinner table, seems like everyone's swapping stories about how they're saving money these days. To put you in a frugal frame of mind, we've compiled some popular tips to help you stretch your hard-earned dollars.

- 1. Stay home and save.** An easy way to trim expenses is by simply spending more time at home. Cook your own meals, enjoy the entertainment options offered by your TV and Internet services, and entertain family and friends.
- 2. Streamline bill paying.** Use eBilling and online bill pay to reduce what you spend each month on checks, stamps, and envelopes. This can have the added benefit of keeping you better organized and eliminating late fees.
- 3. Shop carefully.** You're likely to spend more if you make impulse purchases or fail to do your homework before making shopping decisions. Instead, always check for sales at both online and brick-and-mortar retailers, consider store label items over name brands at the grocery, use coupons whenever possible, and take advantage of end-of-season discounts.
- 4. Watch your workday habits.** How much are you spending on the way to work and during the workday? You may want to start bringing your coffee from home instead of stopping for a latté, as well as packing your lunch and snacks.
- 5. Bundle up.** In many cases, companies will give you a better deal if you buy multiple products from them. For example, you can save by choosing a bundle of services from **Three River**. Also check with your insurance company and bank to see what special opportunities may be available.
- 6. Share and share alike.** Think about sharing magazine subscriptions with a friend that has similar interests. For example, you could subscribe to two magazines and he or she could subscribe to two others — then just swap them at the end of the month. The same idea applies to sharing infrequently used tools with neighbors.
- 7. Pick up the phone.** You may be able to get a lower rate with your credit card companies or other service providers by simply asking for one. It's worth a try, and you won't know until your call. Perhaps the companies have changed their offerings since you first signed up.