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Fergus Falls Chamber Donation

BUILDING RENOVATION UNDERWAY

At their March meeting, the Park Region Telephone board of directors voted to donate \$10,000 to the Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce building renovation project.

Park Region has a strong tradition of supporting the communities it serves "Beyond the Connection" of its network. Your Board of Directors recognizes the importance of giving back and has allocated thousands of dollars in support towards economic development projects in the region.

For more than 100 years Park Region and its employees have provided high-quality service at affordable rates and have generously given of their time and resources by participating in community projects,

school activities, youth sports and local governments for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all. The Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce works on behalf of its 350+ members to enhance economic prosperity through workforce development and community promotion activities. The renovated Chamber office will represent a successful and positive image of our business community and a warm and welcoming "front door."

Photo Above:

Park Region Companies Business Operations Manager David Pawlowski presents a check for \$10,000 to Jackie Formo, Chamber Membership Director and Lisa Workman, President of the Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at the site of the renovation, 202 South Court Street, Fergus Falls.

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Scholarship Winners



We are pleased to announce that Jacey Schlosser, a 2018 Ashby High School senior, is the recipient of a \$2,500 college scholarship from Park Region Telephone and Foundation for Rural Service! Out of nearly 1,500 applications received this year, 33 \$2,500 scholarships were awarded. The goal of the scholarship program is to help further higher education

opportunities among rural high school students. Our company strongly supports the youth of the communities we serve and we are thrilled to sponsor this worthy program.

Jacey is the daughter of Trever and Christa Schlosser of Dalton. She plans on attending Concordia College in Moorhead where she will major in Elementary Education and participate on the Track and Field team. Congratulations, Jacey!

Ryan Wilson of Fergus Falls High School received the Park Region Telephone/Otter Tail Telecom Scholarship at the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars luncheon. The scholarship is geared towards students with an interest in telecommunications and technology.



Dan Revering, Sales Consultant, presents scholarship to Ryan Willson.

Congratulations Ryan! We wish you the best as you pursue your Electrical Line Worker degree.

Legislative Visits



Minnesota Telecom Alliance members were on Capitol Hill April 17th to meet with Minnesota delegates to discuss telecom legislation. Representing our company were General Manager/CEO Dave Bickett and Directors Carol Green-Kiemle (Vining) and Peter Hoff (Ashby).

The following week, Mr. Bickett and Directors Candy Catoe (Ashby) and Eugene Ouren (Erhard) headed to St. Paul for MTA Day on the Hill where they met with Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Sen. Torrey Westrom, Rep. Jeff Backer, Rep. Mary Franson, and Rep. Bud Nornes. They updated these legislators about the great work our company is doing delivering broadband in rural Minnesota and asked for continued funding of the Broadband Grant Program.



Customer Connection

NEW WASH N' GO IS HIGH-TECH!

Wash N' Go is locally owned and operated by Lonnie and Danielle Ballweg. They offer the area's only unlimited monthly carwash membership program! Their monthly memberships start at \$19.98. You can sign up for this great deal on their website www.ferguswashngo.com or their facebook page and click on the unlimited link.

Wash N' Go also offers more convenience to fleet and business owners. Their FleetPass allows fleet owners piece of mind when they see their vehicles are staying clean throughout the month. Then at the end of the month they will receive a detailed statement outlining the activity on their account.



Their RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Technology is awesome! When you arrive, their system scans a small sticker they put on your windshield. It then tells their system which wash you have chosen and automatically activates your wash. You don't even have to roll your window down!

Welcome to Fergus Falls, we are happy to have you as part of our community!

Movies in the Park

We would like to invite you to join us for a movie under the stars. This summer we will be sponsoring thirteen different movies on nineteen separate evenings in five local communities!

On average, 200 people gather on Thursday evenings in Roosevelt Park in Fergus Falls to watch a movie. We use a state-of-the-art projector on our inflatable 9'x16' screen. Fresh popped popcorn is available, adding big flavor to the evening. For those of you who like to multitask, free wireless internet is available at Roosevelt Park during the movie.

Live music sponsored by A Center for the Arts starts at 6:30pm. A food vendor is also available for your convenience. Movie starts at 9pm.

We will be showing movies in Fergus Falls, Browns Valley, Battle Lake, Ashby, and Rothsay.

We hope to see you and your family this summer at Movies in the Park, get out and enjoy the show!

--- CUT AND SAVE! ---



FERGUS FALLS ROOSEVELT PARK Thursday nights at 9pm
(following A Center for the Arts Concerts in the Park)
FREE WIFI Available

DATE	MOVIE	RATING
Friday June 8th	Smurfs: The Lost Village	PG
Thursday June 14th	Grease	PG
Thursday June 21st	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2	PG-13
Thursday June 28th	Back to the Future	PG
Thursday July 5th	The Librarian: Quest for the Spear	NR
Thursday July 12th	Despicable Me 3	PG
Thursday July 19th	Brave	PG
Thursday July 26th	Star Wars: The Last Jedi	PG-13
Thursday August 2nd	Beauty & the Beast (2017)	PG
Thursday August 9th	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids	PG
Thursday August 16th	Ocean's Eleven (1960)	NR
Thursday August 23rd	Justice League	PG-13
Thursday August 30th	Now You See Me 2	PG-13

MORE OUTDOOR MOVIE OPPORTUNITIES
Friday nights at 9pm

DATE	CITY	MOVIE	RATING
Friday June 22nd	Browns Valley	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2	PG-13
Friday June 29th	Battle Lake	Back to the Future	PG
Friday July 13th	Battle Lake	Despicable Me 3	PG
Friday July 20th	Ashby	Brave	PG
Friday August 3rd	Battle Lake	Beauty & the Beast (2017)	PG
Friday August 10th	Rothsay	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids	PG

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FRS Youth Tour Winner

We are pleased to announce this year's FRS Youth Tour essay winner, Kindra Peterson. Kindra is



a sophomore at Underwood High School and the daughter of Lance and Michele Peterson.

Each year, our company sponsors one student for this trip. During the youth tour, approximately 100 students from across the nation visit many historical sites and the Smithsonian Museums. They also receive an introduction to the governmental process and the telecommunications industry through educational sessions at the NRECA and FCC.

Kindra is excited for this opportunity to represent our company in Washington, D.C. June 3rd-June 7th. Congratulations Kindra!

Digging?

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Annual Meeting Wrap Up

Over 400 people gathered at the Park Region Telephone Company Annual Meeting and Customer Appreciation Event held on April 12th at the Underwood School. The Underwood Lions served their famous pork chops, followed by coffee and cookies in the gym, served by the board of directors. Kids enjoyed popcorn and a movie while the adults attended the annual meeting.

General Manager and CEO Dave Bickett gave a recap of the company's activities

in 2017 and previewed the plans for the coming year.

Incumbents Peter Hoff (Ashby), Keith Sellner (Dalton), and Bonnie Denzel (Underwood) were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Grand Prize Winners:
Tablet: Lone Hanson
Service Credit: Mona Hauge
Television: Darlene Toso





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New Listings

ASHBY

Dahle, J.....747-2265
Knutson, Donna.....747-2278
Lindquist, Samantha.....747-2326

BROWNS VALLEY

Haanen, Dylan.....695-2314
Kelly, Jazelle.....695-2304
McCloud, MarDana.....695-2335

ERHARD

Hoff, Glenda.....842-5219

FERGUS FALLS

Demmer, Joel & Andrea.....998-1032
Etten, Lavonne.....736-8807
Friebohle, Scott.....998-0133
Hydukovich, M.....998-0121
Knodle, Zelda.....736-8860
Kuhn, Amber.....998-0122
Larsen, Kenny & Toni.....998-0202
Little Chief Outpost.....998-5050
Paul Haarstad Excavating.....998-3478
Rust, B.....998-5421
Sandahl, Marian.....736-8822
Schemmel, M.....998-0144
Signmax.....998-6299
Tauer, Hilary & Rosemary.....998-2985
Wahl, Donald.....998-1033
West Otter Tail SWCD.....998-5300

UNDERWOOD

Anderson, M.....826-6563
Barbknecht, Bill & Carol.....826-6747
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