



Dickey Rural Networks

Network Connections

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Dickey Rural Networks suffers a great loss



Mark Scallon
1955-2005

Dickey Rural Networks General Manager Mark Scallon passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 15 after a courageous battle with cancer.

“The Board of Directors and I had a long-term working relationship with Mark and will miss him,” said Kent Klima, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative board president. “Mark was a great leader. He had the telecommunication knowledge and management skills to run a company of this magnitude. He was the type of manager who truly had an open door policy and was highly respected by his employees. He will be greatly missed at Dickey Rural Networks, within the telecommunications industry and by all who knew him within the communities DRN serves.”

Scallon joined Dickey Rural Networks in May 2003 as their General Manager. Prior to accepting the General Manager position, Mark owned Scallon Law Firm in Ellendale, ND. From 1993-2003, he served as DRN’s attorney.

The DRN Board of Directors is in the process of searching for someone to fill the General Manager position. ■

Catch the fever! Join the “Pak”.

It won’t be long now. Boys and girls of all ages will be catching the fever and joining leagues for the upcoming baseball season.

To help you get ready for your favorite spring sporting event, Dickey Rural Networks is stepping up to the plate by offering free activation and installation on its Paks. DRN has bundled together internet, local telephone service and where available television.

By subscribing to a Pak, you will be able to call your friends to schedule a golf outing or baseball game; check out your favorite sport websites or watch television. Even if you are not a sports enthusiast there are plenty of websites to visit for your favorite hobbies. And of course, DRN’s television lineup has programming for all ages.

The Paks also include caller ID name and number, voice mail and DRN’s Trouble Isolation Protection Plan. In addition to these great services, customers can select two or three custom calling features—custom ringing, 3-way calling, automatic call back, call forward, call waiting, speed call, wake-up call, safety line, home intercom and call transfer.

Customers who currently subscribe to a Pak can take advantage of this special offer by upgrading their service to include either high-speed internet or television service.

Sign up for your favorite Pak during the months of March and April and not only save up to \$500 per year in your telecommunication services but also receive free activation and installation an additional savings of \$105. All Paks require a one-year contract.

This special offer is available for a limited time, so step up to the plate and hit yourself a “Triple Play”—local service, internet and television. Catch the fever and sign up today. Call DRN toll free at 877-559-4692 or visit their website www.drntel.net. ■



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Stop the Meltdown! Get a PIC Freeze.



Dickey Rural Networks offers its customers protection from slamming and unauthorized changes in their long distance provider by offering a PIC (Preferred Interexchange Carrier) Freeze. By notifying DRN that you wish to "freeze" your long distance company

or companies, you can avoid being slammed or suffer from an unauthorized change.

If you request a PIC freeze on your long-distance service, your preferred carrier cannot be changed without your direct authorization, either written or verbal. If you would like to take advantage of this protection, contact a DRN customer service representative toll free at 877-559-4692 or go to <http://www.drtnet.net/freeze.pdf>. Your long distance account will remain "frozen" until you have notified DRN otherwise. ■

DRN seeks summer interns

Dickey Rural Networks (DRN) is seeking three bright, enthusiastic college students who are interested in the telecommunications industry for a three-month, paid internship beginning June 2005. DRN is offering internships in the following areas: AutoCAD; computer science; and marketing and public relations. Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a college junior or senior; or equivalent within a tech school;
- Studying AutoCAD or GIS; computer science; mass communications or marketing;

- Have an interest in the telecommunications industry;
- Possess strong written and verbal communication skills, and organizational skills;
- Hold a minimum grade-point average of 3.0;
- Originally from DRN's service territory.

To apply, send a resume (including the names and phone numbers of three references), a cover letter and if applying for the marketing internship two writing samples to: Dickey Rural Networks, PO Box 69, Ellendale, ND 58436. The application deadline is March 18, 2005. ■

Congratulations to these door prize winners

LaMoure Town & Country Days

Doris Just	LaMoure
Shirley Andrud	LaMoure
Lillian Mangin	LaMoure

Edgeley Winter Carnival

Jerry DeBolt	Edgeley
Gladys Schulz	Edgeley
Lizzie Schmidt	Edgeley

Thank you to everyone who visited DRN's booth during these community events. Door prize winners received a DRN kit, complete with an atlas, medical kit, flashlight, water bottle and pedometer.

Dates to Remember

Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12

Visit DRN's booth at the Ashley Home & Garden Days

Good Friday March 25

(DRN Office is Closed)

Easter Sunday March 27

Sunday, April 3

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Friday, April 22

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 27

Administrative Professionals Day





New directory listings (tear out this page and place in your directory)

Ashley 288

John Henke 288-2104
 Perfexion Salon 288-2124
 Susan Schultes 288-2022

Crete 753

David Witkowski 753-7063

Dickey 778

Jesse Leppert 778-7137

Edgeley 493

Leah Kramlich 493-2084
 Robert Lagodinski 493-2709

Ellendale 349

Jennel Beach 349-2014
 Kelly Brokaw 349-2102
 Peter Chambers 349-2029
 Shanna Crutcher 349-2246
 James Gotcher 349-2051
 Ashley McMurtry 349-2013
 Tiffany Neshem 349-2068
 Rose Paul 349-2049
 John Perdue 349-2385
 Kimberly Radermacher 349-2039
 Ron Rasmussen 349-2848
 Repairs by Ron 349-2018
 Michell Tank 349-2059
 Terrence Vrabel 349-2064

Forbes 357

B & B Inc. 357-0023
 Marcie Jo & Ryan Brokaw ... 357-8231

Forman 724

Bennett Arneson 724-3230
 Esther Carpenter 724-3847
 Marwood Klein 724-3267
 Joe Odden 724-3096
 City of Rutland 724-3019
 Amanda Slife 724-3201
 Evelyn Wally 724-4075

Fort Ransom 973

Guttormson Farm 973-4821
 Greg Schmaltz 973-0001

Fullerton 375

Joey Gemar 375-0667

Gwinner 678

Cassandra Barrs 678-2791
 Dakota Mutual Insurance Company
 678-2789
 Andy Klemetson 678-0017
 Chris Olson 678-6813
 Jeff Pearson 678-0039
 Rachel Rosendahl 678-0007
 Eric Vasko 678-2146

Kathryn 796

Kim Schwab 796-8067

Kulm 647

Travis Brovold 647-2064
 William L Holt 647-2032
 Troy Johnson 647-2180
 Holli Mcgarrah 647-2309

LaMoure 883

Fred F Bubach 883-5619
 Tyler Chappell 883-4384
 Nick Hardy 883-5918
 Michael J Johnson 883-5624
 Rath Geoffrey Optometrist ... 883-2020
 Joseph & Rhonda Trueax 883-4308

Lisbon 683

Barbara Anderson 683-0011
 Ted Burnfield 683-0020
 Leland Carlblom 683-3276
 Robin Cooper 683-0094
 Amanda Elke 683-3329
 Farm Credit Financial Partners Inc.
 683-3321
 Corey Gale 683-0100
 Grog Shop 683-5577
 Lori Gustafson 683-2003
 Duffy Hansen 683-3120
 Matt Heath 683-0076
 Nancy Hicks 683-0381
 Jared Johnson 683-0342
 Tracy & Lisa Jund 683-0347
 Dirk Kohoutek 683-2042
 KQLX AM/FM 683-0348
 Tony Lund 683-3259
 Denise Luttio 683-0012
 Chad & Bev Mcnea 683-0345
 Kari Mund 683-0398

Lisbon 683 (continued)

Mrs. Gladyce Nelson 683-0343
 Rana Roth 683-0064
 Hilmer & Dolores Ronning ... 683-0088
 State Farm Insurance 683-4651
 Timothy Urbach 683-0015
 Julie Utke 683-0344

Marion 669

Erika Beyer 669-2292

Milnor 427

Nathan Johnson 427-5349
 Matthew Metzen 427-1512
 Kenny Thomas 427-5299
 A Thorson 427-5502

Oakes 742

M J Anders 742-2975
 Cindy Bagley 742-3673
 Jesse Bigelow 742-2373
 Dan Bye 742-3681
 Leslie Conner 742-3649
 Henry Delaney 742-3585
 Jesse Delaney 742-2354
 Cory & Danielle Dinger 742-3067
 Dustin Ehrlin 742-2684
 Raylene Else 742-2210
 Kathy Erickson 742-3687
 Ronnie Feil 742-2284
 Ron (bim) Garland 742-3658
 Leatha Hanson 742-2692
 Stacey Hofland 742-3659
 Florence Holcomb 742-2402
 Jeremy & Sara Irwin 742-3683
 Larson's Super Market 742-2136
 L Lesmeister 742-3674
 Eric Lunde 742-3643
 Conrad Malatterre 742-3652
 Brandon Mclellan 742-3646
 Jim & Kathe Miranowski 742-2191
 James Poukka 742-3197
 Louis Rehovsky 742-2296
 Janet Retzlaff 742-3676
 Zulema Titus 742-2399
 Evelena Wally 742-2096
 Lee Zimbelman 742-2884

Verona 432

Royce Dahl 432-0035



DRN welcomes new employees to the team

With the growth DRN has been experiencing comes the need for various new positions. DRN welcome these employees to its' team.

Brad Hofman accepted the plant technician position at the Forman location. He began employment on Tuesday, Feb. 22 and joins DRN from Red River Telephone. Brad and his wife, Stephanie, live in Wyndmere with their three boys; Braxton, Dawson and Josiah.

Also new, to the telecommunications outside plant crew, are Rick Woodring and Brandon Balvitsch. They started employment as full-time temporary employees on Monday, Feb. 7. Rick and Brandon are installing fiber to the premise in the cities of Oakes and Ellendale.

Before starting at Dickey Rural Networks, Woodring worked at Tech Communications in Sioux Falls and is from Tea, SD. Rick is a graduate from Mitchell Technical Institute and resides in Ellendale.

Brandon Balvitsch graduated from Northwest Technical College in Wadena and was previously employed by Dish Networks as an installer in Fargo. Brandon is from Carrington and currently lives in Ellendale.

Hank Baker comes to DRN with 12 years of contracting experience and has accepted the engineer position. He has an associate's degree in Applied Science and Architecture from Caldwell Community College in North Carolina. Before joining DRN, he was employed by Fargo Assembly in Ellendale. Hank and his wife, Char, reside in Ellendale.

Recently promoted to Plant Records Clerk was Tim Steinwand. Prior to moving into his new role, Steinwand worked as a customer service representative for the company. Tim and his wife, Lori, also reside in Ellendale.

Filling the customer service position vacated by Steinwand was Brenda Sand. Sand was previously employed by Dickey County as a deputy recorder. Brenda and her husband, Boyd, live on a farm near Ellendale and have two children, Thor and Sally.

DRN's new part-time customer service representative is Tracy Lee. She also works part-time at the Evergreen Assisted Living Center in Ellendale. Tracy's family (husband, Kevin, and son, Jordan) moved to Ellendale in 1998 from Colorado Springs, CO. ■

Community Channel kicks off with great advertising rates

Do you need to find out what is being served for school lunch in Milnor? Or if there is an Oakes Chamber Meeting scheduled for today? If so, check out Dickey Rural Networks newest television channel—Channel 61, the Community Channel.



The Community Channel hosts an array of information regarding the cities of Forman, Gwinner, Lisbon, Oakes, Milnor, Litchville and Marion, where DRN provides television service. According to Janell Hauck, business/marketing manager, "Community 61 has school lunches, school activities, sporting events, chamber meetings, a community calendar and much more."

Businesses throughout the entire DRN service territory can advertise on the Community Channel. "During our introductory special, businesses can purchase advertising space for \$50/month.

Personal greeting can also be aired on the community channel. These types of greetings could include birthday, anniversary or congratulations.

Businesses interested in advertising on the community channel should contact Mary Sundby, DRN business account representative at 344-6024. Other individuals or groups interested in placing an event or activity on the calendar can go online to www.drtnet.net to submit their event. ■

Combination technician continues telephone education



Congratulations to Tyler Lura, Ellendale, for completing classes from Telephone Apprenticeship Training and Safety (AT & S) in Fault Locating and Fundamentals of Fiber. Lura has worked for DRN the past two years as a combination technician, working in both construction and outside plant. Telephone Apprenticeship Traing and Safety (AT & S) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing apprenticeship training, continuing education, and safety resources to independent telecommunications companies. ■