



The Connection

Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

Manager's Moment with Chris Zirpel

Well, it took its sweet ol' time showing up, but I think spring is FINALLY here! Our outside staff are doing what they can until it dries up a little, and things around the office don't seem to slow down much these days. If you are as busy as we are, anything that can be simplified helps a lot. One of the services we offer to help simplify things is putting all your charges on one bill. We can add your non-phone service invoices to your phone bill, whether it is from Kennebec Telephone Internet, TCS, Charley's, KTC Construction, or PowerCom Electric. The one exception is Chamberlain NAPA, which is on a completely different billing system and therefore, cannot be added to your phone bill.

For this to happen, the only thing you need to do is sign an authorization form giving us permission to add those charges to your phone bill. You can either stop by the office to sign it or give us a call, and we can mail the form to you. Once we have the signed form, we will add the non-phone service invoices billed through approximately the 24th of the month to your phone bill dated the 1st of the following month. This allows you to only make one payment per month for everything. If you choose to do this, you will still receive a copy of each individual invoice for your records. If you have any questions, please stop by the office or give us a call at 869-2220. We appreciate and thank you for your business.

Chris Zirpel
Office Manager

MAY Dates to
REMEMBER

Cinco de Mayo- May 5
LHS Graduation May 11
Mother's Day- May 12
Lyman MS Graduation May 17
Syttende Mai- May 17
Memorial Day- May 27



SDTA To Award \$3,500 In Scholarships

Pierre, SD – The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) will be awarding scholarships of \$2,000 and \$1,500 for the 2019 fall semester. The deadline to apply for the SDTA Memorial Scholarships is May 31, 2019.

Applicants must have completed at least 24 credit hours of post-secondary instruction (includes high school 'dual credit' hours) towards a multi-year program degree at any accredited technical schools or other accredited post-secondary higher education institution in South Dakota. Applicants must be majoring in a program with technical skills or a field of study that is useful for work in the telecommunications or broadband industry. The applicant must be a member/customer or have a parent or legal guardian that is a member/customer of an SDTA member company.

The scholarship application can be completed online at <https://sdta.memberclicks.net/sdta-scholarships>, submitted by email to katie@sdtaonline.com or mailed to: SDTA, PO Box 57, Pierre, SD 57501. Applications are available

online, from any South Dakota post-secondary institution student financial aid office, the SDTA office, or any SDTA member company.

Selection of awards will be announced by July 15th. Scholarships totaling over \$70,000 have been awarded to students in South Dakota since the SDTA Memorial Scholarship fund was established.

About the South Dakota Telecommunications Association

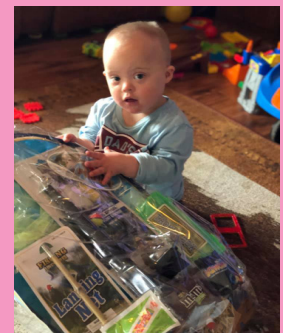
SDTA's membership is comprised of South Dakota's cooperative, small commercial, municipal, and tribal telecommunications companies. In an industry where technology and service demands are constantly changing, SDTA supports and advocates for the development and adoption of public policies that allow our rural telecommunications company members to deploy and use the newest and best technologies and to provide South Dakotans affordable access to state-of-the-art communications services, including high-quality and high-speed broadband services.



Eden's basket included a jump rope, sidewalk chalk, and other Sumertime fun items!

Easter Basket Winners!

Thanks to all who participated!



Howard is ready to go fishing with his Easter Basket!



Bowar speaks at Leadership South Dakota Luncheon.

2018 South Dakota Hall of Fame inductee, Rod Bowar, spoke at the Leadership South Dakota luncheon Friday, March 29th at the Hall of Fame in Chamberlain S.D.

According to Rod, thankfully, it was less of a speech and more of a conversation, with Greta Chapman asking the questions and

Rod answering. The conversation included the Kennebec Telephone Company origin story, as well as how the di-

visions of the company came to be.

The Mission Statement of Leadership South Dakota says "The future success of South Dakota depends on our development of home-grown leaders; passionate and diverse citizens from every corner of the state. Leadership South Dakota's mission is to attract engaged citizens from across the state, then provide them with the background, unique experiences and insights necessary to assume leadership positions at the community, state and national levels."

For more information on this organization visit: <http://leadershipsd.lsdev1.l-s.com/>.



Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Lyman High School

**Maria Authier
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Carter Collins
Haleigh Estes
Jacob Hoffer
Demi Langdeau
Noah McNaughton**



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We will strive to offer prompt, friendly, and dependable service along with the latest technology to attain the highest possible customer satisfaction.

If you would like more information or have questions about anything in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at 605-869-2220.

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