

WELCOME

to our New Subscribers - July 2010

BOCK EXCHANGE

Hoffman, Amanda & James 556-3522
 Stevens, Ashley 556-3537

FORESTON EXCHANGE

Colburn, B 294-4136
 Washek, Wes & Carol 294-5211

GILMAN EXCHANGE

Gapinski, Kevin & Kendra 387-2478
 Winkelman, Mike & Katie 387-2494

RAMEY EXCHANGE

Crystal Creek Design 355-2829
 Brenny, Matthew R 355-2858
 Drulenski, B 355-2703
 Mickelson, Kenneth & Merri 355-2915
 Steward, D D 355-2966

RICE EXCHANGE

Allord, Leroy & Mary 393-3115
 A J Heckman Photography 393-3060
 Natysin, Nancy 393-2597
 Old No. 10 Repair 393-2764
 Skroch, William 393-2574

**Register to win a
 Picnic Backpack**



Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Return this registration slip to: Benton Telephone Co. by 08/16/10.

July Winner: 40 First Class US Postage Stamps
 Tim Ranweiler from the Ramey Exchange



It's Great Belonging To A Cooperative

BENTON REWARDS

Turn into Cash Back Bonuses

At the end of July, Benton Cooperative Telephone Company mailed out the Benton Rewards Statements and Cash Back Bonus Checks. Belonging to a Cooperative does have its benefits.

Why do you receive Benton Rewards that turn into a Cash Back Bonus?

Plain and simple, it's because you are a member of a cooperative. Since we are owned by you - our members, surplus money above and beyond operating expenses is returned to you. To be fair, the money is distributed to members based on usage of various products. Each year we provide a rewards statement so you can see what was allocated to your account and your current account balance - Benton Rewards. Over time these rewards are paid back as Cash Back Bonuses (Capital Credits).



**Have you heard about Benton's
 High Speed Internet?**

There is nothing like the experience of true High Speed Internet from Benton Telephone Company. Having your Internet with us earns you more in Benton Rewards.

New Customer Special:

3 months of High Speed Internet for only \$19.95 per month plus FREE installation.

Existing Customer Special:

Increase your speed to 1.5 Mbps and we won't increase your cost for the next 3 months. (Value \$5 per month)

Call For Details: (320)393-2115

offer expires 8/31/10

Congratulations to Allison Popp!

2010 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



This year's winning photo was taken by Allison Popp, daughter of Larry and Renee Popp of Rice. She received a check in the amount of \$100. There were a number of outstanding photographs submitted and we would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest.

New Phone Book To Be Delivered Soon!

The new directories will be delivered to your mailbox in August. If you would like additional directories, please stop by the business office in Rice or call us at (320) 393-2115.



DIRECTORY RECYCLING

Benefits Local Churches

Benton Telephone Company's Directory Recycling Program pays local churches 25¢ for each outdated Benton Telephone Directory they collect. Remember to bring your old **Benton Telephone Directory** to church with you.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

- FOLEY:** Bethany Lutheran Church
- FORESTON:** St Louis Catholic Church
- GILMAN:** Sts Peter & Paul Church
- MILACA:** Milaca Local Link
- RICE:** Immaculate Conception Church
Benton Cooperative Telephone Co.
Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church
- SAUK RAPIDS:** Graham United Methodist Church
St Johns Lutheran Church



BOARD REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 12, 2010. Board action taken and items discussed included:

- Informed that we have received final notification from the IRS that the 2007 and 2008 audit has been closed and there will be no changes to the tax returns.
- Approved to have a fence installed around our tower in Gilman.
- Reviewed the preliminary costs of providing fiber to the home to our entire Benton Telephone service area.
- Changed the date of the August meeting to August 19, 2010.
- Informed that the employees from Benton Telephone rose over \$2,500 for the Benton County Relay for Life, which they participated in.
- Received an update on our Max Wireless operations.



Call 811 Before You Dig!

Benton Telephone Company reminds you to pick up your phone before you pick up your shovel. **Just dial 811 at least 48 hours in advance** to have all utility lines properly identified and clearly marked. It not only saves you time and protects you from potentially costly damage; it's required by Minnesota law.

Many utility services such as phone, cable television, sewer, gas, water, and electricity come to your home via underground lines. By dialing 811, you can proceed with your project knowing that you won't disrupt any utilities or compromise safety. Plus, this line identification is absolutely free.

As one of your local service providers, Benton Telephone Company thanks you in advance for your cooperation. It's important that we all know exactly what's underground before we start digging. That way, we can make our properties more beautiful without making a mess out of utility lines.

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