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Directory Cover Challenge Winners Announced

Thanks to all our customers who participated in our 2011 Blue Diamond Directory Cover Challenge. Our challenge was held jointly with Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Inc. customers. Combined between the two companies we had over 100 photograph entries.

Special thanks to Julie Rae Harrison from "The Look" Photography for helping the Directory Challenge Committee choose the winners. The 1st Place photograph will be featured on the cover of the 2011 Blue Diamond Regional Directory.



Congratulations to all of our 2011 Directory Cover Challenge Winners:

- 1st Place – Loris Seibel - \$100 Credit on account
- 2nd Place – Holly Moline - \$50.00 Credit on account
- 3rd Place – Brenda Carlson - \$25.00 Credit on account

Local Call Forwarding and 10-Digit Dialing

Just a quick note to our call forwarding customers. Since the implementation of the new area code, all local call forwarding numbers must be entered as 10 digits. If you are experiencing problems with your call forwarding, please double check your numbers to make sure your forwarded local number is entered as a full 10 digit number.



Caller ID & Spoofing

Caller ID service can be susceptible to fraud. Using a practice known as "Caller ID spoofing," disreputable parties can deliberately falsify the telephone number relayed as the Caller ID number to disguise the identity and the originator of the call. Congress is currently considering new laws that would make this practice a crime and permit law enforcement authorities to take action against spoofers.

If you have Caller ID and receive a call from a telemarketer without the required caller ID information, and if you suspect that the Caller ID information has been falsified, or you think the rules for privacy of your telephone number have been violated, you can file a complaint with the FCC. There is no charge for filing a complaint. Call the Bloomer Telephone company office for more information.

*Tips for our Customers: Look before you dial: To block your telephone number for any call, dial *67 before dialing the telephone number. To unblock your number for any call (if you have a blocked line), dial *82 before dialing the telephone number.*



Holiday Coupon Offer

Thank you from the Bloomer Telephone Company

From all of us at the Bloomer Telephone Company, we sincerely appreciate your business. To show our appreciation for our loyal customers, we're offering up to three (3) pay per view movie coupons in the month of December and January. Simply call our office and confirm your account with us over the phone. We'll send you 3 free PPV movies (up to \$3.99 each) that can be used during the months of December 2010 and January 2011. It's just that simple. All you have to do is subscribe to our Bloomer Telephone Company TV service and call our office to get your coupons. We thank you for your business in 2010 and look forward to a prosperous 2011.



Digital HD Channels

Just a reminder that all of you that chose a package with Bloomer Telephone Company digital TV are receiving free HD. Here's a quick reminder of our HD line up. Also we've added a couple of new channels this season: Lifetime HD, NFL HD, and Playboy Monthly (digital).

400	Universal - HD
429	ESPN - HD
430	ESPN II - HD
431	Fox Sports North WI - HD
432	Fox Sports North MN - HD
433	NFL Network - HD
434	Big Ten Network - HD
435	Major League Baseball - HD
436	Speed - HD
438	TBS - HD
439	TNT - HD
450	Lifetime - HD
451	Lifetime Movie Network - HD
454	HGTV - HD
456	Food Network - HD
458	A&E - HD
459	HD Theater
460	Discovery - HD
461	Science Channel - HD
462	The Learning Channel - HD
463	Animal Planet - HD
478	National Geographic - HD

St. Paul Lutheran School's "Flat Stanley" Project

The Bloomer Telephone Company participated with the 3rd graders at St. Paul Lutheran School on a special reading activity related to the book, Flat Stanley. The story is about a young boy who ends up getting flat and has many adventures in his flattened state. We spent the day with "Flat Jamie" from St. Paul Lutheran School, and had a terrific time touring the telephone company building, and then going out on the job with a service technician to install telephone, internet, and television services at a customer's home. We wrote a story about our adventures and took pictures of our adventures, so that "Flat Jamie" could share them with her classmates. We would like to thank the 3rd Grade Class at St. Paul Lutheran School for the opportunity to participate in this activity!



Holiday Ginger Crinkle Cookies

12 Tblsp. (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter	1 c sugar
1/4 c dark molasses	1 large egg, slightly beaten
2 c sifted all-purpose flour	3 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt	1 tsp. ground cloves
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon	1-1/2 tsp. ground ginger
Extra sugar for rolling	

Cream together butter and sugar until fluffy. Blend in molasses and egg. Sift together dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, ground cloves, cinnamon, ground ginger). Add dry ingredients to butter mixture. Beat well. Chill dough for at least one hour. Heat oven to 350°. Form dough into 1" balls. Roll in sugar. Bake 8-10 minutes. Let cool on baking sheets for 3 minutes. Remove and cool completely on wire racks. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.