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Local Commitment. Global Solutions.

Directory additions

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Current Topics

Call Before You Dig
“It’s the Law”



Simply Dial 811

Simply Dial 811 from your telephone. Remember to call 48 hours before you dig.
South Dakota: 1-800-781-7474

Calendar

Aug. 11-14: Stevens County Fair
 Sept. 5: Labor Day
Offices Closed
 Sept. 8-11: Lac qui Parle County Fair

WELCOME TO THE COOPERATIVE!

On behalf of all of us at Federated Telephone, we would like to welcome the MORRIS EXCHANGE into the cooperative. Congratulations on becoming a member/owner of one of the most advanced communications companies around. Federated Telephone has the best fiber optic infrastructure along with the latest equipment, meaning you have access to services that many metropolitan areas can't even get. Federated Telephone Cooperative has been member owned since 1952. On January 1, 2011, Federated Telephone began the process of bringing all our Morris Customers into the cooperative. We are excited to have the opportunity to add you to our membership!

WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE?

Cooperatives are leaders in building stronger & healthier communities. From the outside, many co-ops look like any other business, since it provides products and services like conventional businesses do. It is what goes on behind the scene that makes it different.

A cooperative exists to service its members, but what makes co-ops unique is that the members are also the owners. As a member/owner, you have a say in the business decisions of the cooperative. In addition, a co-op returns surplus revenue to its members in proportion to how much they use the co-op.

HERE ARE SOME GREAT BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE BY BELONGING TO FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE & FEDERATED TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE:

- **Be heard.** Your voice counts - your coop truly cares about what you think.
- **Share in the financial success of the cooperative.** You share in any profits the cooperative earns, called Capital Credits.
- **Continue to receive great products and excellent customer service from a company you know and trust.**
- **Invest in a business that is locally owned and democratically controlled.** As a co-op member you are also an owner of the business.

Damaging Telecommunications Equipment is a FELONY

The theft or intentional damage of telecommunications equipment results in a felony, punishable by not more than 5 years in prison or a \$10,000 fine, or both.

Don't have this on your permanent record:

FELONY



AREA FAIRS

Chippewa County Fair
August 4-6

Stevens County Fair
August 10-14

Swift County Fair
August 17-21

Traverse County Fair
August 25-25

Lac Qui Parle County Fair
September 8-11



Another Addition to the Farmers Mutual & Federated Telephone Family....

Welcome Baby Keiran

Keiran ?
July 6, 2011
8 lbs 2 oz
20.5 in.



Keiran is the son of Jade & Jen Gehrke. Jade is the Network Specialist at Farmers Mutual & Federated Telephone.

Introducing New Information Technology Technician

John Weeding

John graduated high school in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He attended college at Minnesota State Wadena and completed his degree in Computer Network Technology. Other than being a computer enthusiast, he also enjoys car shows and spending time at the lake with family and friends. Welcome John!



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Farmers Mutual & Federated Telephone Sponsor Trip for Area Youth

Hello, my name is **Jarett Haugen** and at the beginning of this Summer I had the privilege of attending the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour 2011 in Washington D.C. Thanks to **Farmers Mutual Telephone Company**. The trip was absolutely amazing. I was able to see so much of our nation's capital, Washington Monument, The Vietnam Memorial, The Smithsonian, Union Station, and a lot more.

The first day I got to fly, for the first time, which went rather smoothly besides forgetting to take my belt off at customs and a little ear popping while in the air. I joined up with the tour at the airport and we set off for the Double Tree Hotel for a BBQ Dinner and Orientation.

The second day was very busy. We had a very nice breakfast with Windows of Washington. We then toured the Arlington national Cemetery which is the resting place for over 300,000 soldiers. There we saw JFK's memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After that we got to spend 4 hours touring the Smithsonian Museum which was very fun. We saw National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, and also the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. We then went and had dinner at Union Station. That night we had a Night Tour of Washington, DC.

The third day we had breakfast then went for an educational session about the world of telecommunications. After that we had a tour of the national Cathedral. While there I learned a bit of interesting trivia about the Church that grotesque there is shaped as Darth Vader. We then got to spend some time at the National Zoo, but not much time because we were running behind schedule and had to leave early. After that we got a tour of Mount Vernon and George Washington's home. Once we were done there we headed out to do some bowling at Bowl America. Later that night we had team name contest. My group won the contest with a very funny parody of the Dos Equis commercial.

The fourth day we had another delicious breakfast and then had another Educational Session with the FCC. We spent noon at Newseum where we saw a 4D Movie and the Berlin Wall. After that we toured the U.S. Capitol and visited our Representatives. Later that night we had a Farewell dinner and dance.

The Next morning we had breakfast and departed for the airport. This trip was an amazing experience and I will never forget it and I am very thankful for the opportunity. I would like to thank Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and Karin Jahnke for her wonderful job on taking care of all the trip reservations.



My name is **Kara Helgeson** and I am the delegate that was chosen to participate in the 2011 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. this spring. I would like to say thank you to **Federated Telephone Cooperative** for sponsoring me on this great trip! I got to see many famous places, meet a lot of great new people, and learn a lot about our capitol, our country's history, and the future of telecommunications. I truly had the experience of a lifetime!

My trip started with flying to Washington, DC. We got to our hotel that was right across the street from the Pentagon and started getting to know each other. I met 108 students from across rural America. Our first day at the nation's capitol city was spent touring the Arlington National Cemetery, the National Mall, and the Smithsonian Museums. Later that night, we ate at Union Station and then went on a night tour of Washington, DC where we got to see the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the World War II Memorial.

The following day, we had an educational session about the world of telecommunications. After that session, we toured the National Cathedral, then we ate lunch at the National Zoo, we then went to Mount Vernon and toured the home of George Washington. We ended the night by going bowling at Bowl America.

The last full day of our trip started with an educational session at the Federal Communication Commission. For lunch, we got to eat at the Newseum. We spent the rest of the day touring the Capitol building and taking "A Visit to the Hill" where we went to see our states Congressman or Senator. Later that night, we had a farewell banquet followed by a dance. The next morning we said our good-byes and flew home.

This was the most amazing experience I have ever had! I met so many great people from all over the country, saw so many great and historical things, and had such an awesome time! I would definitely encourage those who are eligible for this trip to apply in the future. So, thanks again to Federated Telephone Cooperative for this great opportunity and the experience of a lifetime!

