

THE KINGDOM CONNECTION

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Get Involved — Play a Role in Governing Kingdom Telephone at the Annual Meeting



The 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Saturday, March 5, at South Callaway R-II High School in Mokane. The meeting marks the beginning of our sixth decade of hometown service. All stockholders are invited to attend.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please bring the registration card on the inside back cover of the Annual Report which you received in the mail to the meeting with you. The card will make registration a speedier process.

After registration, your name will be entered in the attendance prize drawings. This year we're giving away a Samsung 40" TV, an Amazon Echo, a Kindle Fire tablet, fifty hams and fifty turkeys. There will also be \$50 cash prize drawings for children 12 years old & under and \$50 for children 13-18 years old.

Lunch will be served by the Callaway County 4-H in the cafeteria. Sloppy joes are on the menu, along with chips, baked beans, a choice of pie, and a beverage. After the meal, you can get comfortable in the gym to enjoy the music of the Varlet Hearts. Gary and Suze Durk have been performing as the Varlet Hearts since 2007 and call Auxvasse home. They play acoustic rock, pop, folk and blues.

Be sure to stop at our broadband booth before you head to the gym. Jumpin' Jackie, the kangaroo, will be there to promote our Jump 1, Jump 2 special offer. We'll be glad to help you with all your Internet connection questions too.

The meeting will be called to order at 1:00 by Mike Love, President of the Board of Directors. After member approval of the 2015 meeting minutes, the Financial Report and the President's Report, General Manager Renee' Reeter will present her report and voting will take place.

Directors will be elected for the Hatton, Rhineland and At-Large Northern Exchanges. Please refer to Page 3 of this newsletter for a list of candidates and an explanation of nominating procedures.

During the General Manager's Report and a Q&A session, the election results will be tallied and reported. Old and new business is then called for and the meeting finishes up with drawings for attendance prizes.

Those of you who attend the meeting regularly know it is satisfying to participate in the governing of your cooperative and have a good time while you're doing it. We hope to see you there!

TWO LUCKY TEENS WILL EXPERIENCE HISTORY IN THE MAKING



Every year Kingdom Telephone joins other members of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association in sending young people to Washington, D.C. on the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. We will sponsor two students and a chaperone from our exchanges on this unique experience that includes sightseeing, educational sessions on the legislative process and the telecommunications industry, dinners, a dance, and other entertainment.

The tour will take place from June 4—8, and students must be 16 or 17 years old at the time. Our sponsorship includes airfare, accommodations, \$100 in spending money for souvenirs and snacks, and other tour-related expenses.

To be eligible for consideration, the student's parent or guardian must be a shareholder of KTC stock and have service with Kingdom Telephone Company. The student must complete an application and return it to our office with two letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 11. The final candidates will be interviewed by three members of the Board of Directors and two KTC managers.

Please note that the children and grandchildren of KTC and KTIS staff, board members, former employees, and former board members are not eligible to participate.

Application forms may be downloaded from our web site, picked up at our office or obtained from your high school counselor. More information about the tour can be found at kingdomtelco.com/youth-tour.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS: IT'S CONTEST TIME



Talented and creative local photographers have given us eye-catching phone book covers time and again over the years. With such a fine track record, we invite you to participate in the 2016 Directory Cover Photo Contest.

The contest will begin on March 15, and all entries must be received by April 15. The photographs will be posted on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/kingdomtelco, and fans are invited to vote by liking the photo they think would make the best directory cover.

A committee of Kingdom employees will select the winners from the ten photos that receive the most votes. Voting will be open through April 17.

The first place photo will be featured on the directory cover and the winner will be awarded a \$100 cash prize. Second and third places will win \$50 and \$25 respectively.

CONTEST RULES & IMPORTANT POINTS FOR ENTRANTS TO KNOW

- Any resident of Audrain, Callaway, or Montgomery counties may enter.
- One entry per contestant, please include your name and phone number.
- Photos should be in color and a high-resolution digital format.
- Entries should not include identifiable people.
- Entries may be e-mailed to jackiel@ktis.net.

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE HELPS LOW-INCOME AND DISABLED STAY CONNECTED



What kind of assistance can I receive?

Eligible low-income or disabled consumers can receive up to \$15.75 in reductions on their phone bill in the form of a credit against their monthly recurring dial tone charges billed by Kingdom Telephone. This reduction may vary depending on each consumer's eligibility and applies only to a single telephone

line at the qualifying consumer's principal place of residence.

How Do I Qualify? To qualify for Low-Income Lifeline in Missouri, a consumer must participate in one of the following programs: MO Health Net; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance; Supplemental Security Income; Federal Public Housing Assistance; Low-Income Home Energy Assistance; National School Free Lunch Program; or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Consumers with household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also qualified.

To qualify for Disabled Lifeline in Missouri, a consumer must participate in one of the following programs: Federal Social Security Disability Benefits; Veterans Administration Disability Benefits; State Blind Pension; State Aid to Blind Persons; or State Supplemental Disability Assistance.

What services qualify for assistance? Residential local telephone service.

What else do I need to know? The FCC requires that all current Lifeline recipients recertify annually. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain program benefits can be punished with a fine or imprisonment or barred from the program.

PAY YOUR BILL ON THE GO WITH E-BILL MOBILE



- It's free and convenient, just have a credit card stored on file in the Kingdom billing system.
- If you choose paperless billing and use eBill, we'll give you a 75¢ bill credit every month!

Download eBill Mobile from the App Store or Google Play and follow this sign-in information.

URL: kingdomtelco.com

Username <eStatement Web Username>

Password <eStatement Web Password>

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The business office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observation of Memorial Day.

ASK TECH SUPPORT: HOW CAN I GET LONGER LIFE OUT OF MY LAPTOP BATTERY?



If you would like to extend the time your battery will run between charges, there are several steps you can take to reduce power consumption. Try one or all of these suggestions and see the difference!

- Start out by turning your screen brightness down. Screen brightness has a big effect on how much power your machine uses.
- Like screen brightness, a backlit keyboard drains the battery, so turning it off is a good idea if you don't find the light necessary.
- A lot of computer time is spent online these days, but if you don't plan to access the Internet, you can turn off the WiFi to save a bit of power. If you don't use Bluetooth, turning that off will also help.
- While you're turning things off, check to see what apps are running. If you're not using an app, quit it. Every app that is running needs a little processor and hard drive time to stay running, and it all adds up. Limit your multi-tasking while you're at it. Single task use conserves power.
- If your laptop has a power saving mode, use it.
- Shut down or hibernate the laptop rather than using standby, if you plan on not using it for a while. Standby continues to drain energy to keep your laptop ready to go when you open the cover.
- Avoid connecting devices to USB ports or the DVD drive. Charging a cell phone on your laptop, for instance, is a big energy drain.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHOOSES CANDIDATES FOR 2016 BOARD ELECTION

The Board Nominating Committee has chosen six shareholders who hope to be elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Hatton Exchange

Jim Hughes, Auxvasse
Bennie Young, Auxvasse

Rhineland Exchange

Doug Lensing, Rhineland
Jim Colleher, Rhineland

At-Large Northern Exchange

Randy Smith, Auxvasse
Steve Douglas, Auxvasse

Kingdom bylaws include two other methods of nomination. Nominations may be made by petition signed by fifteen or more shareholders. The deadline for petitions was January 25. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

THE FIBER TO THE HOME PROJECT MOVES INTO AUXVASSE



Thanks to the mild winter weather, we anticipate that the Fiber to the Home project will pass another milestone in the next few weeks with the completion of the Tebbetts exchange. Bad weather, could, of course, slow the progress of our crews down, but we have enjoyed a very pleasant winter so far.

Work has already begun in the Auxvasse area, heading west on County Road 262. That will be followed up with a southerly path down County Road 245.

Construction is ongoing, so be sure to watch for Kingdom Telephone Company employees and Sel-lenriek Construction crews in your exchange. Plant Manager Chris Meloy asks everyone to slow down in work zones and help us stay safe.