



LIFELINE

providing discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain phone and broadband service

If you do not participate in any of the programs listed, you may qualify if your income is at or below 135% of the 2017 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines: (The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME
1	\$16,281
2	\$21,924
3	\$26,567
4	\$33,210
5	\$38,583
6	\$44,496
7	\$50,139
8	\$55,782
For each add'l person add	\$5,643

For more information or an application form, please contact Solix at 888-627-4255.

They will do the verification process with you over the phone and can provide you with an application.

You may be eligible for assistance in paying your telephone bill if you receive benefits from certain low-income assistance programs. For more information or an application form, please contact Solix at 888-627-4255. They will do the verification process with you over the phone and can provide you with an application.

Minnesota's Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) offers a monthly credit of \$3.50 on your landline telephone service plan. You may receive the TAP credit on one landline per household.

The federal Lifeline Program offers a monthly discount of \$9.25 on some landline telephone service plans. Lifeline also offers discounts on some wireless telephone service plans and some broadband internet service plans. You may receive the Lifeline discount on one telephone service per household.

The federal Lifeline Program incorporates the broadband discount (not applicable to TAP).

If you live on Tribal lands, you may qualify for additional discounts. Tribal Lands Link Up offers a one-time credit of up to \$100 on installation or activation charges. Tribal Lands Lifeline offers a monthly credit of up to \$34.25 on your landline or wireless telephone service plan.

The telephone or broadband service must be in your name. You must show proof that you or a member of your household participates in at least one of the following programs or is income eligible:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Food Support/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid/Medical Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance and living on Tribal lands
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and living on Tribal lands
- Tribally Administered Head Start (for those meeting income-qualifying standards) and living on Tribal lands
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF) and living on Tribal lands

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BEMIDJI
1831 Anne St. NW
Bemidji, MN 56601
Phone (218) 444.1234
Toll Free (888) 586.3100
Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Paul Bunyan Net
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
NOTE: No walk-in customers after 6:00 pm, phone support only

Apple Certified Repair
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

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Grand Rapids, MN 55744
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Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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2018 COOPERATIVE CELEBRATION

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1831 Anne St. - Bemidji



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BEMIDJI FIRE DEPT. & LUEKEN'S
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MEET & GREET WITH:



MARCH

Paul Bunyan Communications Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting on March 16, 2018. Also present were CEO and General Manager Gary Johnson, CFO Dave Schultz and Administrative Assistant Kalsie Vanasse.

- Financial reports, delinquent accounts, member lists, and other service reports were reviewed and approved.
- The CEO updated the Board on our voice, video, and data services. He provided customer counts and highlights related to our various lines of business and services including the new Gigazone promotion.
- The CEO reviewed the Technology Park master plan draft and discussed a potential land sale and building project.
- Network Operations Manager Rob St. Clair proposed the purchase of a 6-acre lot in Grand Rapids. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the purchase agreement as presented.
- The CEO gave his monthly report. He reviewed meetings he attended and upcoming meetings. He shared the positive feedback received from our 1st Annual Employee in-service day.

APRIL

Paul Bunyan Communications Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting on April 9, 2018. Also present were CEO and General Manager Gary Johnson, CFO Dave Schultz and Administrative Assistant Kalsie Vanasse.

- Financial reports, delinquent accounts, member lists, and other service reports were reviewed and approved.
- The CEO updated the Board on our voice, video, and data services. He provided customer counts and highlights related to our various lines of business and services including the new customer promotion.
- The CEO gave a recap of the recently completed District 4 and District 6 caucus meetings.
- The CEO advised that the Technology Park master plan and property sale are in progress.
- Attendees for the NTCA North Central Regional Conference August 5-7 were determined.
- Network Operations Manager Rob St. Clair presented the proposed 2018 cable construction contract. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the proposed 2018 cable construction contract as presented.
- Rob Koch, Principal at Olsen Thielen, reviewed the 2017 audit report. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2017 audit report as presented.
- CFO Dave Schultz and Rob Koch discussed the recent USF Reform Order.
- The CEO gave his monthly report. He reviewed meetings he attended and upcoming meetings.

WILL KESSLER SELECTED AS THE PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS YOUTH TOUR ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



Paul Bunyan Communications has selected Will Kessler as the winner of the cooperative's 2018 Youth Tour Essay Contest. Will is currently a sophomore from Deer River who is home schooled and is the son of Stephanie and Leland Kessler. He will attend the 2018 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 2-6, with all expenses paid by Paul Bunyan Communications.

The trip features a comprehensive overview of the telecommunications industry, including careers in telecom, the critical role telecommunications plays in rural America, and how legislative and regulatory decisions affect the industry. The tour allows youth to meet with members of Congress who represent rural constituents. They also participate in educational sessions about the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Students visit some of the nation's most historic sites, including Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Museums, and a beautiful night tour of our Washington D.C.

The FRS Youth Tour is a unique opportunity for a local student from our area to visit Washington D.C. to gain a better perspective on how regulatory decisions impact our cooperative and rural areas. Will will also get the chance to see a lot of historic sites in our nation's capital.

PB TV NEW CHANNELS



CH 978 | FUSION 1078

Owned by Lamke Broadcasting, J105 "The Thunder" is a 100,000 watt classic rock station serving Grand Rapids and the Iron Range. J105 is centered on the greatest rock songs of the 70s and 80s with a dash of tracks from the early 90s.



CH 22 BELTRAMI, CASS, & HUBBARD COUNTIES

Quest is available to all west side PBTv digital customers on channel 22. This is a new exploration network capturing the wonder, imagination and excitement of the natural and man-made world and features shows about natural history, engineering and science, as well as military history and man's greatest achievements. Quest features daring factual entertainment and reality shows such as Modern Marvels, Storm Chasers, Swamp Loggers, Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads, Auction Kings and more.



Paul Bunyan Communications PICK-IT MARCH MANIA WINNERS

Paul Bunyan Communications is excited to announce the winners of the 3rd Annual Pick-it March Mania Challenge. 567 participants entered the free online contest to pick the winners of the college basketball tournament games for a chance to win a credit on a Paul Bunyan Communications account.

The top finishers all won a credit on their PBC account.



Marty Flink
Grand Rapids

**1st PLACE
\$500 CREDIT**



Candi Gendreau
Park Rapids

**2nd PLACE
\$250 CREDIT**



Leonard Nistler
Kelliher

**3rd PLACE
\$100 CREDIT**

4th - \$50 Credit - Edward Ahrens, Grand Rapids

5th - \$25 Credit - Mary Cloud, Cass Lake

6th - \$25 Credit - Eric Handyside

7th - \$25 Credit - Terry Condon, Bemidji

8th - \$25 Credit - 6-Way Tie:

Don Vingen - Bemidji, Jeff Loewe - Bemidji, Angela Schmidt - Solway, Kevin Krenik - Nevis, Joel Hoover - Bemidji, Chad Newman - Bemidji

DISTRICTS 4 AND 6 CAUCUS RESULTS

The purpose of the caucus meetings is to nominate a director candidate or candidates to represent the district on the Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors. In addition to being an opportunity to nominate persons to represent the district, the caucus meetings were an opportunity for members to ask questions concerning the Cooperative. The meetings are attended by several managers/supervisors, including CEO/General Manager Gary Johnson.

The caucus for District 6 was held on Monday, April 2 at the Red Lake Nation College.



The current director is Glenda Martin. She was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made. Based on the caucus results, Glenda Martin will serve another term as District 6 Board of Director.

The caucus for District 4 was held on Tuesday, April 3 at the Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids.



The current director seat from District 4 is vacant. Mark Matteson was nominated and seconded. A second candidate was also nominated and seconded but was later deemed to be ineligible to run. No other nominations were made. As a result of the District 4 Caucus, Mark Matteson will serve the term as District 4 Board of Director.

ADDRESS INFO NEEDED

We are looking for an address and/or phone number to contact these members for unclaimed property. Please call Karen at 444-1277 if you have any information.

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AGGARWAL RAMONA
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CLARK RUTH M
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DALVE CHERYL
DANIELS DEREK
DAWSON LORI J
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ERICKSON AMBER L
ERICKSON MICHAEL
FOX WILLIAM
FULKS RORY
GARLAND JUSTIN
GEHRKE MICHAEL A

GILECK TIRA N
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GRN OF BEMIDJI
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GUSTAFSON DORIS E
GYLFASON JON G
HAAG HEATHER M
HAFAR RONALD
HARDY PATRICIA
HEGG STEVEN
HESCH HOLLY A
HESS TODD M
HILL MICHAEL
HOVELSRUD VIGNIR INGI
HULBERT COLTON W
IMADACHI NAOKO
JALLEN HAZEL
JOHANSEN JAMES R
JOHNSON WILLIAM H
JONES FRANK L JR
KAISER WILLIAM
KESSLER LYNNETTE K
KING M EVELYN
KINGBIRD CARL LEE
KIRK JOHN
KISTLER BRANDY L
KLABUNDE MARGARET
KLEMISCH LUCILLE
KNAPP CLYDE
KONSOR ROBERT & JULIA
KUYKENDALL SCOTT II

LAFREZ RICK
LOUD LAVONNE
LUNDY WILLIAM L
LYONS ROBERT
MARLOW KEITH
MCCLELLAN BRADLEY
MCLWAIN TIMOTHY J
MERSCHMAN JAIME L
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MIRAMONTES JESSICA NICOLE
MN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
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MYERS DAVID
NELSON ANDREW K
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NORMAN JONES W
ONEILL KERRY
OSBORN SPENCER THEODORE
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PEDERSON PEDIE LAVERN
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POWERS LAURETTA
PRINCE JESSE A
PULKRABEK JINGER
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RASMUSSON MARK
REICH ROBIN
REJEK LODGE
RENOLLET MARIA
RICHARDSON JASON

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SHEA ALEXANDER J
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SOMERS CLIFFORD J
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SPEARS JEROME D
STORLIE PAULA
STORY KIMBERLY M
SZWAJKOWSKI PATRICIA A
THEEL JEFFREY E
THEROUX JESSICA J
THOMAS KENNETH R
THOMPSON TERRY L
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BORDER TO BORDER BROADBAND GRANT HEARING

On April 12th, our CEO/General Manager Gary Johnson testified in front of the Minnesota House of Representatives Jobs and Energy Growth Committee Hearing in support of the Border to Border Broadband Grant Program.

The program has enabled our cooperative to expand to many areas in the past three years of central Itasca County and rural Park Rapids that were without access to broadband Internet service.

We are hopeful the legislature will continue to fund this critically important program so that efforts to bring Broadband to those without it can continue!

A special thanks to Representative Sandy Layman who has authored and is championing passage of the bill to continue funding for this essential program.



Gary Johnson seated next to Rep. Layman from Grand Rapids