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**BALLARD
TV**



*Ballard County
Doo-Wop Days at
Ballard Telephone
with What's it
Worth!*



*Thank you,
Thank you
very much!*





News
From
the
Manager

News from Ballard Cellular V-Cast is coming!

What is V-Cast?

V-Cast is a new and unique service that will allow TV viewers to leave the house and still watch many of their favorite TV programs while on-the-go on their Verizon Wireless phone!! With this package, you will have unlimited airtime for V-Cast music to download on your phone, unlimited Mobile Web 2.0 and Get it now.

Western Kentucky is growing by leaps and bounds in the technology department. Soon our customers will have the ability to add this feature to our Verizon Cellular service. We will keep you posted on the progress and the availability as soon as we get the exact dates.

Get ready for summer travel! Don't forget VZ Navigator for those folks that don't have a GPS system. VZ Navigator allows you to download a navigator system to get you exactly where you need to go! Just call Ballard Cellular for more details!

Come by our office any time this summer and check out our great phones and new rate plans include unlimited picture and text messaging!

We are located in the Ballard Telephone office! Call and ask for Leigh or Jenny.

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NOTICE

The Ballard Telephone Cooperative will again start preparing for it's Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at the Ballard Memorial Cafeteria, Bomber Landing. The reason for the Annual Meeting is to elect or reelect Board of Trustees to serve a three year term to assist the Manager in making decisions and to take care of the Cooperative's business. There will be three exchanges up for election this year. The Barlow exchange, the Heath exchange and the Kevil exchange. Anyone interested in running for Board Trustee from these areas would need to reside in one of these areas. Anyone seeking election of a *Board of Trustee would need a petition of at least (50) fifty or more members. This petition must be delivered to the telephone office at least **35 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

*(refer to BTC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4)

** (cut off date is September 21, 2007)

Ballard Telephone is proud of our cooperative heritage by providing telephone service to our dedicated members going on 52 years. Technology is making a lasting impact on our community. This is the Cooperative's mission of service and we are proud to make these enhancements while still returning capital credits to our members. Approximately one year has passed since we started offering video (TV) over our existing copper cable network. Today we have TV working in approximately 1425 homes and businesses. We also have DS2 Internet working in 1502 homes along with 802 Dial up Internet customers. Technology is moving faster every day. We have installed three new switches and have them active and working. This has extended our broadband technology on further to accommodate other members. Plus we have four new switches projected to be turned up in the future. The switches will be going in the Gage area, one in the Kevil area and two in the Wickliffe area. Come by and visit our office so that one of our staff can explain our TV services and charges.



Mike Evans and Matt Hardeman installing Ballard TV's new switch to extend service to our customers in Bandana.

Lifeline and Link up

Ballard Telephone is helping customers find solutions through the Federal and State funded programs by providing special discounts to qualifying customers. To qualify for the programs you must receive benefits from at least one of the following agencies:

- Medicaid • Food Stamps • Supplemental Security Income • Federal Public Housing • Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program • Temporary Assistance to needy family program • National School Lunch Program

Your Cooperative is a big Tax Collector and Taxpayer

Ballard Telephone Cooperative is a big tax payer and also a tax collector. The Cooperative has submitted \$793,994.48 to local, state and federal government agencies for the year 2006.

A total of \$189,212.41 was paid in property and franchise taxes for the year 2006.

Payment included the following cities and counties:

City of Kevil.....	\$203.74
City of Wickliffe.....	\$176.62
City of Barlow	\$127.36
City of LaCenter	\$5,309.75
Ballard County	\$11,104.83
McCracken County.....	\$232.40
State of Kentucky.....	\$67,887.14

Other tax payments made in 2006:

IRS Income Tax 2006	\$499,181.00
Federal Excise Tax.....	\$57,594.10
State Sales Tax	\$184,068.91
Local Utility Tax Ballard County	\$39,508.26
Local Utility Tax McCracken.....	\$13,642.21
Ballard County Payroll Tax	\$14,045.54
Miscellaneous Tax.....	\$4,170.57
Telecommunications Tax.....	\$72,210.00

'Relay for Life' and Ballard Telephone

"CALLING FOR A CURE"

Please be sure to come out on June 8, 2007 for the Ballard County Relay for Life Event. Come visit our site for a game of volleyball and shrimp kabob.



The Ballard Leadership Class visited Ballard Telephone's newest service department, Ballard TV. Ted Solomon, Television Service Technician, explained how the TV headend works. Ted and Stephen Jones gave the class a tour of the Administration building and the Headend building.



Meet One of Your Cooperative Employee's

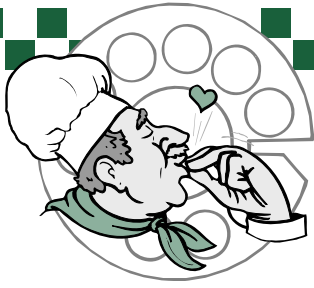
Gina Garnett came to Ballard Telephone in September 2005 and was employed by Ballard as a part-time Verizon representative. She is now full time in our Plant department. Gina is married to Charles Garnett and resides at 1219 Davis Road, Kevil. They are the parents of Wes and Whitney. Gina was born and raised in Paducah and then moved to Ballard in February of 1996. Gina graduated from Paducah Tilghman High School and PCC.

Gina is active in her church, First Baptist Church, LaCenter. She enjoys watching Wes play baseball, and Whitney's cheerleading and dance performances. But nothing beats relaxing on Sunday afternoons and vacationing with her family in South Carolina.

Gina stated, "Since I have been employed at the phone office, there has been lots of changes that have taken place. It is a great place to work and the employees are very helpful and supportive."

We appreciate the great work Gina has done in our cellular department and now in the plant service department.





Dial A Cook

Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad

Gina Garnett, shares a favorite recipe with us this quarter.

Thank you so much for this delicious summer recipe.

1/3 cup sugar
1 - 8 ounce carton sour cream
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 head cauliflower, chopped
1 head broccoli, chopped
2 slices red onion
3/4 cup pecans, chopped

Combine sugar, sour cream, and mayonnaise.
Pour over vegetables and pecans. Gently stir.

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