

# The Phone Line

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## *Preparing for the TRIPLE-PLAY*

The combination of Telephone service, Internet,  
and Video all over your telephone line.

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## Preparing for the Triple-Play

### **Triple-Play Bundle**

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- Our Most Popular Calling Features
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Blue Valley Telecommunications has been working hard to be able to offer their customers what they call the "Triple-Play" - the convergence of Telephone Service, High-Speed Internet Access, and Video (BVtv) over the telephone line. BVTC has recently put into place the satellite dishes and head-end that are needed to provide the video content which includes local channels from both Topeka, Kans. and Lincoln, Neb.

The Triple-Play of services 7362874 will be available to customers by June 2005. BVTC will also offer discounted "Double-Play" bundles including Telephone service, Basic Video, Calling Features and Long Distance for those customers who do not want Internet services.

If you would like more information on BVtv pricing and 3826888 available bundles, visit [www.bluevalley.net](http://www.bluevalley.net) or call (877)876-1228. ☎

## UPDATE: The Transition of Onaga and Westmoreland

Onaga and Westmoreland have officially joined the Blue Valley family. Onaga's customers were cut over on February 24, and Westmoreland customers were cut over on March 13. BVTC's technicians have been hard at work trying to 2446479 make the transition for these two communities as smooth as possible.

"The last year has been a bit stressful trying to add these two communities to our system. I think the trickiest part about it was their existing plant is very outdated compared to what 3532386 we currently have in the ground in our other exchanges," said Bob Baker, BVTC's Plant Manager. "I would personally like to recognize all of Blue Valley's employees & everyone else who have been involved in this undertaking. It has taken a lot of hard work to make this possible. I would also like to thank the public for being understanding throughout this transition."

Now that the cutovers are complete, BVTC will be working on upgrading the Onaga and Westmoreland exchanges to fiber to the home - which will be another new experience for Blue Valley. After this upgrade 8573811 is complete, every household and business in these exchanges will also have access to High-Speed Internet and BVtv. ☎

## **A SPECIAL REMINDER**

**Don't forget to return your RSVP  
for the Annual Meeting Dinner  
by April 11, 2005!**

***49th Annual Meeting - April 26, 2005***  
Dinner served from 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

**Introducing our  
new BVtv logo:**



**BVtv will be  
available in your  
area soon!**

## New Employee



BVTC would like to welcome Ben Owens to the family. Ben is from the Wheaton exchange, and will be serving the communities of Onaga and Westmoreland as their Outside Plant Technician.

Ben graduated from Northwest KS Regional Vocational School in Goodland with a degree in Telecommunications. For the past ten years, he has been the outside plant technician 7993783 for the Westmoreland, Onaga and Olsburg exchanges while working for Sprint.

Ben and his wife, Diane, spend most of their time enjoying their two-year-old daughter, Morghan. The couple is expecting another child in August. Ben's hobbies include 3964487 hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. 📞

## ADVICE COLUMN

Have you ever noticed that 'all of a sudden' your cell phone does not seem to be holding a charge as long as it used to, or your signal is not as strong, or you are suddenly roaming in an area typically inside your network? If you have, you may need to update your phone's roaming service. Alltel, along with other cellular providers are constantly making updates to their towers, roaming partnerships, and technology in an effort to provide us better service. The problem with this is the towers are unable to communicate these changes to the phones.

Fortunately there is now a way for your phone to know that these changes have occurred! Simply dial **\*228 SEND** and follow the instructions, and you will actually update your phone's software so that it picks up on Alltel's most recent changes to their towers. This can help your phone's battery by giving it a stronger signal, thus improving your call quality, and will help to avoid some of those steep roaming charges!

It is recommended that **\*228 SEND** be called every 2-3 months to keep your phone as accurate as possible. And there is more good news - this call is always free! So go ahead and dial **\*228 SEND**. If your phone already has the most updated version, it will simply tell you that no additional changes will be 6924336 made at this time. 📞

## From our Kitchen to Yours. . .

## recipe compliments of Bob Baker

### "Well-done Turkey"

"Well, I'm not sure of what exactly I used. I 7443518 used one of those, um, cookers, and peanut oil. Uh... I cooked the turkey for 3 minutes, no first I injected the turkey with marinade. Yeah, then I cooked the turkey for 3 minutes per pound at approximately 350 degrees. My daughter asked me if we should check the turkey, and I said *'no let the men handle the situation - I know exactly what I am doing.'* I waited the required time and when I took off the lid and pulled the turkey out there were only bones left. The temperature of the oil had risen over 500 degrees and it literally cooked the meat right off of the turkey! Through my investigations I have come to the conclusion that my thermometer was bad. My family ended up emptying out our deep freeze that night and dined on steaks & pork chops."

Needless to say, Bob won't be cooking at any Blue Valley functions...

Bob Baker was employed at Blue Valley in 1974 as an outside plant technician. He now serves as Blue Valley's Plant Manager and is responsible for overseeing the outside plant technicians and central office activity.



**Bob Baker**

He graduated from Marysville High School in 1967. Bob was active in the Navy for four years and served time in the Vietnam War. After the war, he attended Cloud County Community College and graduated 3485312 with an Associates Degree.

Bob and his wife Barbara raised seven children, and are enjoying their eight grandchildren.

Bob's favorite pastimes include canoeing, spending time with his wife, and playing with his grandkids. 📞

## Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

The following capital credit checks have been unclaimed. If your name is listed, or you know someone on this list, please contact us at (877)876-1228.

Aday, Mary L.	Garver, Kimberly	Lindeen, Nancy	Rogge, Milton K.
Alexander, Laura	Gibson, Connie	Little, Tim	Rottinghaus, Mary Ann
Alfers, Robert D.	Giebler, Kuert	Lockhart, Eugene	Rutherford, John
Argo, Tom & Polly	Gomom, Kevin	Maas, Steve & Patty	Ryan, Larry & Dawn
Atland, Gene	Gormley, Venus	Magnett, Rodney	Sallee, John
Bardot, R.J. & N.M.	Grassie, Dean	Martin, Pamela	Samuelson, Ernest
Beerbower, Chester	Grover, Fred	Mcguire, R.A.	Schmit, Terry
Beltran, Jesus	Gugenhahn, William	McNeal, Horace L.	Schmitz, Michael
Bennett, David	Hall, Nina	Meeker, Donald	Schuster, Monica
Benoit, Tony & Tami	Harder, Lori (Evers)	Michalak, Scott	Schwarck Quarries
Bergman, Amber	Hardesty, Rick	Miller, Lorin	Scott, Dawn
Bernasek, Keith	Harper, C.L.	Moga, Fred	Shelburne, Carmen
Beth, Eric	Hart, David	Montgomery, Brenda	Siemens ICN/Kullen
Beulah, Apley	Haug, Jerry & Jane	Moore, Gerald	Slabbert, Johannes
Bittersweet Enterprises	Haug, Robert	Morse, Chris & Erin	Smith, Shelly
Blankenship, Patsy	Heiman, Greg	Mosher, Hannah	Stambaugh, Mark
Bob's Air Service	Herrell, Jennifer	Murray, Andy	Sutton, Tasha
Boleshowski, Daniel	Hillman, Kenneth	Nantkes, Jeff	Swanson, Clinton
Boston, Mike	Hoffman, Kenneth	Neel, James P. Jr.	Syachinov, Aundrey
Boyd, Keith	Hoffman, Randolph	Nimmich, Michael	Taylor, Harvey L.
Broughton, Edward	Holmes, David & Pam	Norman, Gail	Teeters, Dianna
Brown, David	Holthaus, Stephen	Ohlde, Steve	Teske, Ralph
Bruna, Shirley	Howe, Mrs. Nellie	ONeill, Randy	Thomas, Robert
Brungardt, Chris	Johnson, Gordon	Pacha, Jim	Thoms, Melvin
Burgreen, John Rev.	Johnson, Jim	Palmer Housing Authority	Tjarks, Heather
Burr, Della	Johnson, Mrs. Lee Roy	Parks, Lucille	Veber, Irina
Bye, Jessica	Junek, Doran & Audra	Parnell, Michael & Joanna	Vernon, Jason
Cargill Nutrena Feed Ctr.	Kane, Michael	Peugh, Michael	Versch, Charlene
Cohee, Sandra	Kelley, Darrel W.	Porter, Dave	Vlasek, George
Conway, Glen	Kettner, Carrie J.	Porting, Joe & Toni	Volle, Fern
Craddock, Chelle (Phelps)	King, Bill	Pouliot, Christina	Warford, Sandra
Cullison Thomas Cons.	Klahr, David & Julie	Randel, Sue	Watts, Dan & Alesia
Cummings, M.J.	Knowles, Michael	Raya, Jose	Wendland, Brian & Kat
Dawson, B & D	Koch, Jim	Redwine, Ed	White, Ryan
Dehning, Rev. K.C. & Terri	Koch, Tom	Renne, Roy	Wilgers, Joel
Delap, Elizabeth	Kolars, Timothy	Reyes, Arteaga	Wilkens, Lula
Duell, Sam	Kolle, Brian	Rice, John TZ LBR CO	Wilkerson, Todd
Dunbar, Janet	Kowalski, Michele	Richardson, Stella	Williams, J.
Dysinger, John	Kramer, Alisha	Ricks Full Service	Winqvist, Mrs. Ellen
Engelken, Gina	Kramer, Phyllis	Roath, Ellis & Nina	Wippel, Robert P. Sr.
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 Melinda Godfrey.....736-2842  
 Clint Mitchell.....736-2869  
 Scott O'Neil.....736-2280  
 Thomas & Laurie Seel.....736-2302  
 The Quilt Shop.....736-2905  
 Pearl Madrid.....736-2989  
 Jim Perry.....736-2932  
 Emily Woods.....736-2888  
 R&H Construction.....736-2202  
 Justin Schmitz.....736-2749

### Beattie 353

Danny Childers.....353-2331  
 Ashley Krogman.....353-2313  
 Barry Studer.....353-2209  
 Robert Goodwin Jr.....353-2248  
 Matt Bergmann.....353-2466  
 Donald E. Gaston.....353-2565

### Centralia 857

Don Clubb.....857-3279  
 Russell Deters.....857-3288  
 Phil & Mary Gore.....857-3338  
 Linda Hall.....857-3708

David Louder Jr.....857-3296  
 Jason Stallbaumer.....857-3285  
 Theleshia Wilkins.....857-3348

### Home 799

Ruth Barnes.....799-3155  
 Wayne & Sarah Koch.....799-3727  
 Brenda McConnell.....799-3255  
 RW & Linda Mitchell.....799-3230  
 Brad Koch.....799-3363  
 Performance Cryogenics.....799-3368

### Linn 348

Floyd & Rachel Clark.....348-5665  
 Christian Heim.....348-5399  
 Kevin Holsch.....348-5385  
 April Jesse.....348-5386  
 E.L. Mundwiler.....348-5347  
 Cindi Ohlde.....348-5371  
 Amy Springwater.....348-5366  
 Mike & Sheri McGatlin.....348-5346  
 Yana Bobryeva.....348-5525  
 Julie Kramer.....348-5498  
 Ruth Smith.....348-5455  
 Red River Rehab.....348-5334

### Oketo 744

Gifts Galore & More.....744-3591  
 John Snellings.....744-3493

### Palmer 692

Ryan Hiesterman.....692-4338  
 Clinton Walter.....692-4232

### Summerfield 244

Charles Baisch.....244-6259  
 Cody Lotter.....244-6231  
 Ted Tryon.....244-6251  
 Gene Weilage.....244-6434

### Vermillion 382

Chan Stowell.....382-6247  
 Violet Dotson.....382-6320  
 James Williams.....382-6267  
 Otto Hallier.....382-6888  
 Yvette Brewer.....382-6255  
 Roberta Schreiner.....382-6226

### Wheaton 396

Darin Nelson.....396-4392

## FIND YOUR PHONE # AND GET \$20

### TOWARD YOUR PHONE BILL!

There are 10 hidden phone numbers in this newsletter. If you find your number, call us at (877)876-1228 to get \$20 credit towards your next Blue Valley bill!

#### October 2004 Winners:

Ryan Deters - Axtell  
 Cameo Beauty Salon - Beattie  
 Dennis Ronnebaum - Centralia  
 Joe Vogelsburg - Home  
 Ryan Wurtz - Linn  
 Arnold Loymeyer - Palmer  
 Don Finney - Summerfield  
 Edward Luppen - Oketo  
 Mabel White - Vermillion  
 Frank Finan - Wheaton

## A new look for 2005

**The Phone Line has been  
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