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## Nemont BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### THE WILD, WILD WEST

Tucked off Highway 1804, about 21 miles southwest of Williston, ND, history buffs and casual weekend visitors alike can step back in time with a visit to Fort Buford. The fort is operated by the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND). Built in 1866 near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers, it was acquired by the state agency in 1924 in order to preserve a vital part of area history. It was named after the late Major General John Buford, hero of Gettysburg.

The army stationed at the fort protected frontier settlers, railroad survey crews and trade routes from outlaws and hostile Sioux for over 30 years. Its tale encompasses events at the heart of Wild West history, including the Sioux Wars of 1876-1879, the defeat of Custer at the Battle of Little Bighorn in modern-day southern Montana, the great Sioux chief Sitting Bull's return from Canada, and the construction of the Great Northern Railroad. In 1895, Fort Buford was in need of extensive repairs. With its useful life at an end, the site was abandoned.

Today, visitors can see three original buildings: the stone powder magazine, the officer of the guard building, and the officers' quarters, which houses an interpretive exhibit of the fort's story. Another point of interest is the cemetery, just southwest of the fort. All buried military personnel were moved to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in Montana, however, civilian graves were left undisturbed and likely still contain the remains of



A young visitor pauses outside the Fort Buford museum, above. Below, the cemetery is located southwest of the fort.

early settlers. Wooden grave markers were recreated and placed over the graves where soldiers were once buried.

Despite being located more than 20 miles from Williston, the historic site boasts modern communication facilities, including high-speed Internet. "Nemont provides us with the communication services we need for visitors and employees," commented SHSND Administrative Officer Ron Warner. "We are always looking for ways to save North Dakota taxpayers money. Nemont helped us choose the right services."

The Fort Buford area offers a scenic and historic destination for families to picnic and camp. Complementing the fort, the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is within easy walking distance. More than 200 items are housed in a

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## NEMONT AWARDS \$6,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Nemont believes supporting educational endeavors aids in strengthening our communities. We are pleased to announce our 2009 Scholarship winners! A total of 68 scholarship applications were received from students throughout Nemont's service areas. Each application was evaluated on school and community involvement, appearance of the application and grade point average. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to each of the following students:



Kendra Lindblom of Plentywood, Montana, graduated from Plentywood High School. Kendra will attend Montana State University-Billings where she will major in Finance and Accounting.



Christina Mogan, a graduate from Hinsdale, plans to attend Montana Tech of the University of Montana in Butte, Montana, to major in Nursing.



Kathryn Huether is a graduate of Absarokee High School. She plans to attend Montana State University-Bozeman and will major in Music and Political Science.



Katie Fjare of Absarokee, Montana, will attend the Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She will pursue a degree in Surgical Technology.



Mollie Fearing, a graduate of Williston High School, will attend North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. She will pursue a degree in Pharmacy.



Jordan Braun of Williston, North Dakota, graduated from Williston High School. Jordan will attend Williston State College where he will major in Athletic Training.

# Congratulations Graduates!

## NOMINATION COMMITTEES FOR DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

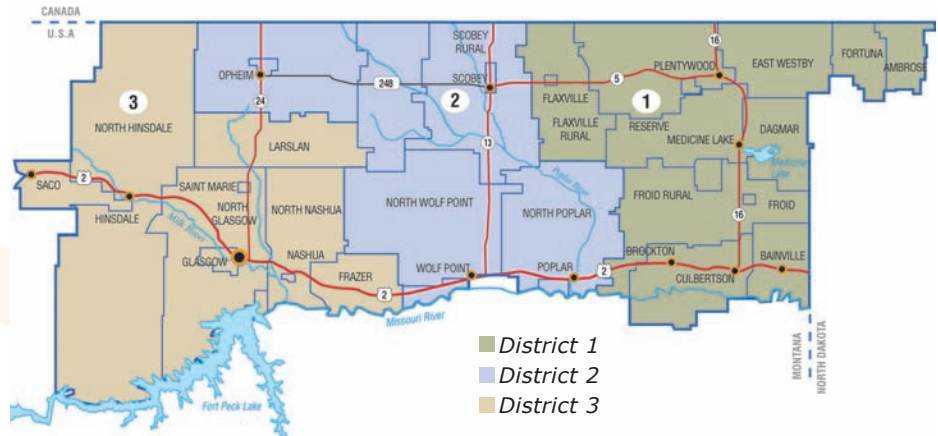
Nominating Committees have been named for Nemont Telephone Cooperative's Board of Directors election, to be held at Nemont's October 3, 2009 Annual Membership Meeting in Culbertson, Montana. Those serving on the Nominating Committee for each of the Districts and their phone numbers are:

- District 1:** Myrna Kampen, 286-5684  
Margaret Hoven, 765-1409
- District 2:** Mary Nesbit, 448-2446  
Audrey Kirn, 448-2564
- District 3:** Loran Albus, 648-5489  
Chris Christiansen, 364-2367  
Matthew Johnson, 648-5407

### Section 4.4 of Nemont Telephone Cooperative's Bylaws: Qualifications To Be Nominated, Elected, And Remain A Director:

Any member is eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative if said member:

- is a bona fide resident within the district of the Cooperative for which said member is nominated or elected, and purchases communications service from the Cooperative in that same district; or
- is an officer or participant of a member that is not a natural person, if
  - such office or participant of a member is a bona fide resident within the district for which such person is or may become a direct; and
  - such entity member actually purchases communications service from the Cooperative in that same district;
  - has not been an employee of the Cooperative or any of its subsidiaries within five years prior to the date of the election or appointment as director; and,
  - is not in any material way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services, communication supplies or maintaining communication facilities. The Board may, by policy or in particular circumstances, determine which interests in a competing enterprise are material.



## CATERING BIDS SOUGHT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Nemont Telephone Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Culbertson High School. Licensed catering bids are being sought for the event. Bids are requested for 500 adults' meals and 50 children's box meals. The catering bid should include a beef dinner for the adults, a box meal for children and the serving of a Nemont-supplied continental breakfast.

### Bid specifications include:

- Serving of the beef dinner will start at approximately noon, with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.
- The adults' dinner menu shall consist of roast beef; real mashed potatoes; gravy; a vegetable, coleslaw or other salad; buns and dessert.
- The children's menu shall consist of a box meal to include a meat main dish (ex. hotdog, hamburger, corndog or sandwich), cookie and cut vegetable or fruit side.
- Licensed caterer will be responsible for preparing meals and clean up of kitchen and serving area.
- Licensed caterer will provide chafing pans, sterno, serving containers and serving utensils for four serving lines.
- Licensed caterer will provide food carts to move food from preparation area to gymnasium area for serving.

### Nemont will provide:

- Beverages for the adults' and children's meals.
- Table coverings, plates, cups, napkins, meal utensils and box container for children's meal.
- Continental breakfast food, butter, sweeteners, cinnamon, salt and pepper.
- Set up of tables and chairs.
- Staff for four serving lines.

Culbertson High School may allow the preparation of meals in the school kitchen. For information on availability, equipment and usage, please call the Culbertson High School at 787-6241.

A 10% penalty, plus any expenses incurred, will be assessed against the caterer for failure to meet contractual specifications. Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at approximately 9:30 a.m. Written, sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009. A copy of the caterer's license is required with the written bid. Nemont reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. Bids should be delivered or mailed to Nemont Telephone Cooperative, P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600 and marked "Catering Bid" on the outside of the envelope. For further details, call 1-800-636-6680 or 783-2200.

## COMING TO A FAIR NEAR YOU

Nemont will be visiting local county fairs throughout the cooperative service area beginning with Sheridan County Fair in Plentywood on July 31. The Nemont crew will be introducing a new member of the Nemont family who is sure to be a hit with both kids and adults, with prizes for everyone. Be sure to stop and say hello. We will also be at:

- Daniels County Fair, Scobey.....August 3
- Northeast Montana Fair, Glasgow.....August 11
- Roosevelt County Fair, Culbertson.....August 14

## GRILLING WITH NEMONT

Nemont was on the road in May, firing up the grill in communities in our service area for Customer Appreciation Days. Events were kicked off in Poplar at the Fort Peck Community College on May 6. Although it was windy out, Nemont enjoyed a nice crowd, with 480 hamburgers served.

Nemont was also in Glasgow on May 12 (300 served), Crow Agency on May 14 (720 served), Wolf Point on May 21 (500 served) and Plentywood on May 27 (250 served). The Nemont crew thanks all our customers for attending, and for the wonderful thank you notes we received in the mail after each event!



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area events are listed free of charge. Submit your events by August 15 so they may appear in the September/October issue. Send to: P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600, Attention: Community Calendar or e-mail to [nemonttoday@nemont.coop](mailto:nemonttoday@nemont.coop).

July 16-19  
Wahcinca Dakota Oyate  
Celebration, Poplar. 406-768-5186.

July 25-26  
Sunnyside Golf Club Couples Golf  
Tournament. 406-228-9519.

July 30-August 1  
Sheridan County Fair, Plentywood.  
406-765-3407.

July 30-August 2  
Wadopana Celebration, Wolf Point.  
406-650-8724.

July 30  
Colgate Country Showdown,  
Plentywood. 406-765-3407.

July 30  
Demolition Derby/Mud Run,  
Plentywood. 406-765-3407.

July 31  
Chris Cagle Concert, Plentywood.  
406-765-3407.

August 1  
Bump N Run, Plentywood.  
406-765-3407.

August 1  
PRCA Rodeo, Plentywood.  
406-765-3407.

August 3-5  
Daniels County Fair, Scobey.  
406-487-2468.

August 7-8  
Northeast Montana Relay for Life,  
Glasgow High School Track.  
406-228-2757 or  
[www.northeastmtrfl.org](http://www.northeastmtrfl.org).

August 9-12  
Northeast Montana Fair, Glasgow.  
406-228-6266.

August 12-16  
Roosevelt County Fair, Culbertson.  
406-787-5881.

August 13-15  
Wagon Wheel Bike Rally and Car  
Show, Nashua. 406-746-3239.

August 15  
Sunnyside Golf Club Red Ball  
Tournament. 406-228-9519.

August 28-29  
Living Proof Live Beth Moore  
Simulcast, Big Sky Church, Froid.  
406-963-2533.

August 30  
Sunnyside Golf Club FMDH  
Foundation Tournament.  
406-228-9519.

August 30-September 1  
Annual Crazy Days, Glasgow.  
406-228-2222.

September 3-6  
Poplar Indian Days. 406-768-7623.

September 4-6  
Annual Saco Fun Day Celebration.  
406-527-3434.

September 5-7  
Last Day Wagon Train, Culbertson.  
406-790-0044.

# SEE YOU AT CROW FAIR

Visitors descend annually on Crow Agency from all over the United States, Canada, and from around the world to attend one of the largest gatherings of the year for the Apsáalooke Nation. Crow Fair is an annual celebration; this year's event is scheduled for August 13-17, 2009. With thousands of attendees setting up as many as 1500 teepees, Crow Fair is considered the largest modern day American Indian encampment in the United States, and has been coined the "Teepee Capital of the World."

Nemont is pleased to be a sponsor of Crow Fair. Among the many heritage activities scheduled for this year's celebration are the evening pow-wow grand entries, showcasing different dance styles; daily parades in the mornings displaying each family's best traditional beadwork, buckskin and leather; and an INFR sanctioned all-Indian rodeo and relay horse races. The traditional Dance-Through-Camp, a prayer based on the spiritual beliefs of the Apsáalooke people for good things in the future, wraps up the event.

All visitors are invited to take part in Crow Fair. Visit Crow Agency in August and take in a cultural experience of a lifetime!



## Zoe's TECH PULSE



### THE SCOOP ON SPOOFING

**Q.** What is a spoof card? How do spoof cards work?

**A.** Spoof cards allow the user (the caller) to change how their information shows on your caller ID display. So when Joe Smith calls your home using a spoof card, your caller ID display will instead read Mary Dean, or whatever name (and number) Joe chooses to replace his correct information with. Sound dishonest? A number of websites offer spoof card services; interested parties can even opt to be spoof card wholesale agents. Many spoof card services also allow the user to disguise their voice and offer recording services.

Providers of spoof card services are careful to disclose that the capabilities of their products are legal in the United States but the way they are used may be illegal. Some states have passed laws making it illegal "to mislead, defraud or deceive the recipient of a telephone call." In other states, it is illegal to record a telephone call without informing the other party.

With a surge in Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) use worldwide, false caller ID information can

be transmitted to any phone in the world. Since the Internet is international, VoIP calls can be generated in a different country from the receiver. This means it can be very difficult to have a legal framework when victims are targeted by international fraud using spoofing. There are several ways to spot a spoofer and protect yourself.

- Keep in mind that your bank already knows your personal information and would not be asking for it. Be wary of callers who ask for "confirmation" of personal information, such as social security numbers and credit card security codes.
- Ask the caller if you may phone them back with the information they requested, then call the institution directly to confirm. Do not use the number the caller gave you. Look it up in the phone book or off your billing statement.
- If you gave sensitive information to someone over the phone, contact the real company directly right away to alert them that you may have been scammed.
- Run your credit report periodically and review your bank and credit card statements monthly to be aware of any suspicious activity.

*Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, is a general term describing delivery of voice communications over IP networks such as the Internet.*

## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Shyla Hinton**  
Summer Temporary  
Office Clerk, Scobey



**Ashley Lawrence**  
Maintenance/Custodial,  
Williston



**Jerry Tilley**  
Operations Manager,  
Scobey



**Brady Schmitt**  
Summer Temporary  
Construction Technician, Williston



**Jennifer Norvell**  
Customer Service Specialist,  
Scobey



**Jed Laber**  
Construction Technician,  
Scobey



**Trevor Manternach**  
Computer Technician,  
Scobey



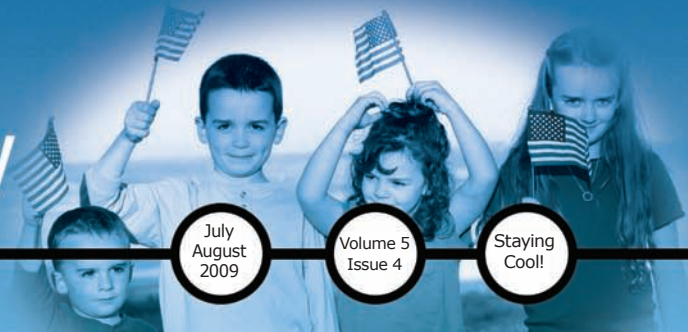
**Matt Selvig**  
Summer Temporary  
Engineering Assistant, Scobey



**Aleisa Anderson**  
Summer Temporary  
Office Clerk, Scobey



**Jacklynn Vink**  
Vehicle Washer,  
Scobey



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## WIN A \$25 CREDIT!

Fill out this official entry form and drop it by one of our offices or mail it by August 15, 2009, to PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600. Attn: Drawing. Faxed, duplicated, e-mailed or photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners will be contacted by phone and listed in the September/October issue.

### \$25 CREDIT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### May/ June \$25.00 Winners

Chris Boysun  
Culbertson

Irene Degele  
Glasgow

Paula Smith  
Absarokee

Robert  
Brathole  
Nye

Selmer  
Storseth  
Williston

Gerald Bauer  
Williston

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permanent museum exhibit; children and adults will enjoy examining the frontier army wagon, among other items, and appreciate the same panoramic view the Lewis and Clark Expedition beheld in 1805 and 1806.

Schedule time this summer to explore the natural beauty and unique story of Fort Buford, and you will discover history has a way of speaking for itself.



Visit our website at [www.nemont.net](http://www.nemont.net) for current specials and local information.

Worden, MT  
2457 Main St  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Mon-Fri

Wolf Point, MT  
220 Benton St, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Mon-Fri

Williston, ND  
421 Main, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST Mon-Fri

Scobey, MT  
61 Hwy 13 S, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Glasgow, MT  
702 2 Av S, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Crow Agency, MT  
Monument Center, Suite 1  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

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