

Talk of the Town



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SCTelcom Walks the Walk, by Paul Harbaugh

Until we started regularly publishing this newsletter SCTelcom did not take advantage of the forums available (newspapers and radio) to communicate the benefits the community derives from our presence, nor did we attempt to do so. It is very unusual to see large telecom firms give as faithfully and generously as we do to the smaller communities they serve. This is due to our unique situation; in that we are small (thus more responsive to meeting needs) and we are your neighbors, friends and relatives (therefore what is important to the community is important to us). In short we may not have regularly “talked the talk” but we sure do “walk the walk”. We under-

stand, however, that it is very important to let folks know (“talk”) about the benefit they derive from their association with us.

We use a threefold approach to improving quality of life in our serving territory; the first is providing superior voice and high-speed communications to our members, the second is contributing after-hours sweat equity to community activities and events, the third is donating cash to local causes, charities, and organizations.

The Directors feel very strongly about accomplishing our goal to provide quality high-speed services to all of our membership. To this end we have undertaken a five year plan to deploy fiber



based services to all of our customers. This plan includes the deployment of broadband wireless (Thunderbird Wireless) and remote high-speed cabinets as a stop-gap measure to make as much broadband available to our members as possible in the interim until the major fiber construction projects are finished. Right

now, due to the bad weather, our construction has been temporarily halted, but we intend to pick up where we left off in Turon at the end of February (weather permitting). The benefits derived from this project are unmatched voice communication quality, high-speed bandwidth, and network reliability.

Our company has always been a believer in giving time and money to projects that are important to our constituency. These activities include food drives, fund raisers, parades, county fair participation and others. Some of the benefactors of our labor have been Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Relay For Life, and Toys for Tots.

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Miss Rodeo America 2008 to Make Guest Appearance at SCTelcom Annual Meeting on April 18th

SCTelcom is pleased to announce that Kansas Cowgirl Amy Wilson, who is Miss Rodeo America 2008, will make a guest appearance at SCTelcom’s annual meeting. She captured the coveted

crown at the conclusion of a weeklong competition featuring 27 contestants from across the country at the 53rd Annual Miss Rodeo America Pageant, held at The Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas.

Amy is only the second Kansan to be Miss Rodeo America.

During 2008 Amy will represent the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association as its official spokeswoman. She

is expected to travel 100,000 miles and appear at over 100 rodeos during the next year.

The 21-year-old Colby, Kan. resident graduated from Colby Community College

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We probably couldn't count the hours our employees have contributed to these projects. SCTelcom associates also provided assistance with the Greensburg cleanup after the tornado and with the Turon clean up after the wind storm in 2006.

A lot of our cash contributions are required by law in the form of taxes, but a

generous amount is provided to community causes and organizations through each Director's discretionary budget and through SCTelcom's donations budget. In my territory, some of the recipients of these donations have been the South Barber High School (Scoreboard), Kiowa Middle School (playground equipment), the Barber County Historical Society, and the Barber County Fair.

I think that it will be hard for a person to find a company that contributes more to the welfare and the quality of life of hometown customers as much as a local, small, hometown company. And we count ourselves among that number.

We thank you, our members, for your participation in our organization and we couldn't feel more responsibility than we do today for the positive economic impact we can share with you in this part of the country.

SCTelcom: 2008 Property Taxes

Alfalfa	\$29,422.84
Barber	\$509,239.36
Harper	\$5,446.61
Kingman	\$15,277.48
Pratt	\$134,845.12
Reno	\$74,782.80
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Total	\$769,014.21

SCTelcom Annual Meeting—April 18

Medicine Lodge High School Gym

Hot Meal Starts at 5:30pm

(provided by Sterling Caterers)

Guest Speaker: Amy Wilson

(Miss Rodeo America 2008)

Entertainment

Door Prizes

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with an Associates of Science degree in Agri-Business and Associate of Arts in Communications. Amy will continue her education and pursue a career in ag-related television broadcasting with the goal to become a broadcaster for televised Professional Rodeo.

Upon completion of her reign, Amy will have the opportunity to further her education using \$14,000 of scholarships she was awarded from the Miss Rodeo America Scholarship Foundation.

