



The Baca Connection

Baca Valley Telephone Co., Inc ♦ Sierra Communications, Inc.

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Affordable Telephone Service...

The Federal Communications Commission has announced "Get Connected: Afford-A-Phone," a national public education campaign to educate consumers about Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) and Link-Up America (Link-Up) programs. The Lifeline and Link-Up programs provide discounts on initial telephone installation and basic monthly telephone service to qualifying low-income consumers.

"Lifeline and Link-Up are designed to ensure that everyone in this country has access to basic telephone service. Phone service is not only a convenience, but a necessity. It is our link to emergency services, the way we look for jobs and the way we stay in touch with our families..."

*K. Dane Snowden
Federal Trade
Commission*

Lifeline and Link-Up are available to qualifying consumers in every U. S. state, territory and

commonwealth. To be eligible for assistance you must participate in one of the following programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or the National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program. In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

If you are a Baca Valley telephone customer within our Des Moines (278) or Maxwell (375) exchanges you may qualify for assistance if you meet the criteria listed above. Please call our office for more information.

Remember to "Fall Back"...
Daylight Savings Time ends Oct 31st
Set your clocks back one hour.

Internet Access...more options, greater availability, reduced prices!

At Sierra Communications it is our goal to provide Internet access to all customers throughout our service area at the best possible price. Our recently completed cabling project in Des Moines and Maxwell makes high speed access available in areas where previously a dial-up connection was the only option.

As the cost of technology decreases we pass these savings on to you making Internet access more affordable than ever.

Type of Service	Location	Price
Dial Up Connection	Des Moines Maxwell Raton	\$12.95 20 hr plan \$19.95 Unlimited
DSL High Speed <i>(Price reduced ...a \$20.00 per month savings!)</i>	Des Moines and Maxwell	\$39.95 per month Installation charge waived with a one year contract.
Wireless High Speed <i>(Price reduced ...a \$10.00 per month savings!)</i>	Raton	\$49.95 per month Installation charge based on length of contract.
DSL Access through Qwest with Baca Valley as your Internet provider	Raton and other locations through-out New Mexico	\$19.95 plus Qwest access charges

Wild Blue

Satellite Delivered High Speed Access

By early spring 2005 we plan to offer satellite delivered Internet service providing access to customers in previously unserved areas. We will keep you informed about this exciting new service.

Your location will determine what option is best for you. Please give our office a call for more information.

DES MOINES

Blocker, Christi 278 - 2878
Doherty, Patrick 278 - 3644
Gardner, Donna 278 - 3886
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MAXWELL

BACA VALLEY TELEPHONE 375 - 2101
Bailey, V. 375 - 2244
Brill, Dave 375 - 2531
Henriquez, K. 375 - 2343
Linson, Mr. & Mrs. J.R. 375 - 2868
Maxwell Cub Learning Center 375 - 2370
Maxwell Wellness Center Fax 375 - 2379

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Directory information provided on our website
www.bacavalley.com is updated monthly.

Phishing scams...don't get hooked!

"Phishing" attacks use spoofed e-mails and fraudulent websites designed to fool recipients into divulging personal financial data such as credit card numbers, usernames and passwords, and social security numbers. They hijack the trusted brands of well-known banks, online retailers and credit card companies. Be suspicious of any email with urgent requests for personal and financial information. Instead, call the company on the telephone, or log onto the website directly by typing in the Web address in your browser. Visit www.antiphishing.org for more information on how to avoid phishing scams.

Notice to Baca Valley customers using AT&T as their long distance service provider...

Effective with your November 2004 bill you will no longer see any AT&T charges on your Baca Valley Telephone Company phone bill. AT&T will be billing you directly for your AT&T charges. You can call AT&T toll free at 1-800-327-0941, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. if you have any questions.

If you prefer to receive one bill for your telephone service please call our office to discuss other available options.

Let your voice be heard!
Vote on Tuesday, November 2nd



Baca Valley/Community Relay team (not all team members present). *Photo courtesy of Marty Mayfield.*

And the winner was...

What a great time we had at the Relay for Life event held in Raton on August 6th and 7th! The Baca Valley/Sierra Communications/Community team walked a total of 1,096 laps (274 miles) and, with your help, raised over \$1,300.00. Debbie McDonald won the "Most laps walked by an Individual" with 100 laps and BVT won the "Most laps walked by a Team".

We'd like to thank everyone who participated or donated to this worthwhile event. A special thanks to Slim Price, Tami Stogsdill, Rosa and Priscilla Machuca, Peggy Briesh, Stacy Graham, and Christina Boyce for donating items for the raffle and to Becky Russell for donating all the supplies for making the Friendship Memory bracelets.

Now...for the information you've all been waiting for...the **Donkey** was the **Winner** of the Kiss the Donkey contest! Thanks to your generous contributions he was declared the winner by a wide margin. Needless to say there were some relieved employees and one happy donkey.

...the Donkey!



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