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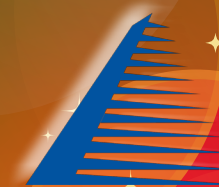
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# Direct Lines

Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative Member Newsletter

Winter 2014



## Celebrating our Annual **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10<sup>AM</sup> - 2<sup>PM</sup>**  
**Calendars! Door Prizes! Refreshments! Specials!**



Comments from Kelly

by Kelly Allison, CVTC General Manager

Greetings! It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to the members of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative. You may have read in the local newspaper recently that the Cooperative Board of Directors appointed me General Manager. I am extremely glad and thankful to be here, as well as honored to accept the responsibilities of this position.

I grew up on a ranch in rural Hamilton County, graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station, and have over 30 years experience in the telecommunications industry. I came to Colorado Valley in June of 2014 as Chief Operations Manager. My wife, Katrina, and I have two adult children.

Along with my appointment, the Board of Directors chose Mike Maxwell and Pat Zbrank-Zigal as Assistant General Managers. These individuals are both natives of La Grange and long-time employees of the Cooperative. Mike and Pat have worked here for over 39 and 16 years, respectively.

Another addition to our management team is the Chief Financial Strategist, Kathy Norwood, CPA. Kathy joined us after spending 20 years auditing our Cooperative with Curtis Blakely & Company, PC. She will also oversee the marketing & public relations department. This new management team, along with our existing staff, is dedicated to providing our members with exceptional customer service experiences as well as the outstanding quality of service that you deserve.

I extend you an invitation to attend our Holiday Open House on Friday, December 12, to allow me to meet as many of you as possible. This will also give you an opportunity to find out about the many services we offer. We are committed to provide you with a reliable connection to your friends, family, and the world through our telephone and Internet communications services.

We understand that it is your loyalty to the Cooperative that has enabled us to expand—providing new and improved services to the communities in our territory. I look forward to continuing with the progress and expansion of the services we offer.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday,

Kelly Allison



New Phone Books Arrive

The 2014 Colorado Valley Telephone Directory was distributed to all area businesses and residences in November.

Phone books are also available at the following locations, where customers can obtain additional directories if needed: Columbus Chamber, \*Fayetteville Bank in Fayetteville, \*Flatonia Chamber, Hallettsville Chamber, \*La Grange Chamber, La Grange Visitor Center, City of Round Top, \*Round Top Chamber, \*Schulenburg Chamber, and \*Weimar Chamber. We also have a large supply of directories at our office in La Grange.

The businesses marked with an \* asterisk will also have a recycling bin for old directories to be placed into. We will provide and maintain the recycling bins at these locations through January 30, 2015; thereafter, the only recycling bin will be located in our lobby.

Local folks who need additional directories are encouraged to pick them up at one of these locations in order to save on the high cost of postage. We will continue to mail directories to anyone out of the area or to home-bound customers.



20th Annual Golf Tournament Raises \$20,800 for VFDs

Thirteen volunteer fire departments were honored at Colorado Valley Communications (CVC) on October 1st, when employees presented them with \$20,800.

The donation was comprised of the profits from the 20th Annual Hotter Than Heck Employee Sponsored Charity Golf Tournament and the CVC Employee Charity Fund. Employees raised \$18,651 through sponsorships of the tournament. An additional \$2,149 was provided from the employee charity fund, which is collected through voluntary payroll contributions. The combination of these two resources allowed each of the 13 fire departments to receive a check in the amount of \$1,600.

This was the 15th year that the fire departments were chosen as the recipients of the profits from the golf tournament.

On hand for the presentation were representatives from the various fire departments, many employees of CVC, and Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative's Board of Directors.



Front row, from left: Eddy Schneider – Winchester VFD; Glenn Jahn – Oakland VFD; Roy Christen & Paul Billeck – Weimar VFD; Dennis Lebeda – Schulenburg VFD; Anthony Ludwig – Hallettsville VFD; Randy Noviskie – Fayetteville VFD; Leonard Gabler & Prince Murphy II - CVTC Board of Directors.

Back row, from left: Gene Kruppa & Danny Jurk – CVTC Board of Directors; Terry Courier – Muldoon VFD; Kevin Woelfel – Ledbetter VFD; John Burleson – Flatonia VFD; Frank Menefee – La Grange VFD; Norman Schultz – CVTC Board of Directors; Frankie Srubar – Round Top/Warrenton VFD; Larry Bartosh – Ellinger VFD; and Ronald Drozd – Hallettsville VFD. Also receiving a donation, but unable to attend the presentation, was South Lee County VFD.

CVC Employees Donate \$9,000 to Charities

Three local non-profit organizations were recipients of donations made by the employees of Colorado Valley Communications, through our Employee Charity Fund. The fund is made up of voluntary payroll contributions which are used solely to support local charities. The organizations receiving \$3,000 each were: Hospice Brazos Valley, The Family Crisis Center, and the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter.



Various employees gathered to honor the recipients of the donations. Pictured in the front center of each photograph above are representatives of each organization. Hospice Brazos Valley was the donation recipient on September 26th, represented by Phyllis Fritsch, Volunteer Coordinator; The Family Crisis Center was represented on October 3rd, by Sherry Murphy, Executive Director; and Niki Powell, Executive Director of the GEJ Animal Shelter accepted their donation on October 8th.



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**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

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Food items will be donated to the Fayette County AMEN Food Pantry.**

