



THE SEPTEMBER 2017 CONNECTION



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SOUTH SLOPE ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Over 140 community members gathered for the South Slope Cooperative Communications Annual Meeting on June 21, 2017 at the South Slope Community Center. As a cooperative, members of South Slope have the opportunity to run for the Board of Directors, serve on the Nominating Committee, and vote for Cooperative Board Members.

Nominating District	Geographic Service Areas
Norway - Ely	Norway, Watkins, Ely, Shueyville, Western
Amana - Newhall	Main, East, Middle, High, West, South Amana, Homestead, Newhall
North Liberty	North Liberty, North Coralville
Fairfax	Walford, Fairfax, Swisher
At Large	All exchange areas, including non-ILEC areas of Solon (Sutliff), Tiffin (Cosgrove), Oxford (Windham), Coralville, South Cedar Rapids

This year, Brian Butz was re-elected to the board to represent the Fairfax exchange and Brad Meskimen was re-elected to the board to represent the Norway/Ely exchange. After the Annual Meeting, the board met and re-elected Mike Schanz as board president, Dave Roberts as vice president, and Brian Butz as secretary/treasurer.

South Slope's annual financials, operating report, and the impact of industry changes were shared by Joe Gerot of BKD, a CPA firm from Des Moines, Iowa. John Pietila of Davis Brown Law Firm also addressed the members to discuss industry trends in the television market including the rising cost of retransmission agreements which are expected to rise again this year.

At the meeting, South Slope CEO, Chuck Deisbeck, highlighted the importance of the company's fiber optic network in relation to the growing demand for internet bandwidth. He urged residents and businesses in Amana, Ely, Fairfax, Newhall, North Liberty, Norway, Swisher, and Walford to contact South Slope for a free fiber optic conversion while crews are in the area through the end of the year.

Deisbeck highlighted new business and residential internet plans, including Gigabit service. He also introduced a new Managed Wi-Fi service that includes a high-tech router and 24/7 remote support for South Slope internet. Additionally, Deisbeck noted the company's commitment to the community through the South Slope Cares program which includes grants, scholarships, donations, and employee volunteering.

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COOKING CORNER

Bacon Ranch Potatoes Grill Foil Packet

Recipe courtesy of Gary Veenstra, Inventory & Distribution Coordinator



Ingredients

2 lb potatoes	2 tablespoon parsley, chopped
1/3 cup ranch	1/4 cup onions, thinly sliced
5 cooked slices of bacon, crumbled	1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup cheddar cheese	salt and pepper, as desired

Preheat grill to 350 degrees or medium heat. Slice the potatoes into 1/4 inch slices. Rinse in water and pat dry. Spray the foil packets with non-stick spray. In a bowl, combine the potatoes, onions, 3/4 of the ranch dressing, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Mix well and place in the center of the foil packet. Top potatoes with bacon and cheddar, and seal in the foil. Grill for 20-25 minutes, with lid closed (flip once at about 15 minutes). Remove the packet from the grill; let rest for 5 minutes. Upon serving, spoon remaining ranch dressing on top of the potatoes and garnish with parsley. NOTE: This recipe can also be prepared in the oven at 425 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

SOUTH SLOPE ASPIRE-ING PERSON

We are proud to announce South Slope's 2017 second quarter ASPIRE-ing Person award winner! This program is similar to an Employee of the Month, and places special emphasis on our Cooperative's ASPIRE values: Authentic, Service, Progressive, Integrity, Reliability, and Excellence. The purpose of the ASPIRE-ing Person award is to give team members the opportunity to recognize one another for representing South Slope in an exceptional manner. Nominees must perform outstanding internal and external service and exemplify the ASPIRE values.



Congratulations to Brad Meredith, our second quarter ASPIRE-ing Person! Brad is a data administrator and has been with South Slope for a year and a half. Brad always takes ownership of the projects, trouble reports, or service orders he is working on to ensure they are finished completely and on-time. He is an important member of the IT team's planning and deployment of new tools and hardware. He encourages others to be involved and shares his knowledge generously. He inspires those around him to be successful by supporting and helping them however he can. Brad helps make the work environment fun without letting it distract from the work load. He trusts his team members and treats everyone with respect. Nice work, Brad!

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