

Upcoming Events

Do you have an event you would like to include in the 3 Rivers Upcoming Events column?

The event must be a community sponsored event and be open to all community members. Space permitting we will run the name of your event, the date, time and location.

If you have questions or event information please contact: susan.wilson@3rivers.coop or callie.moss@3rivers.coop.

3 Rivers will be at:

Annual Meeting	March 16
Fairfield	
CM Russell Art Auction	March 18-21
Great Falls	
Home and Garden Show	April 3,4,5
Great Falls	
3 Rivers Business After Hours	April 9
Big Sky	

Come see us!

3 Rivers' Sales Reps Hit the Road

3 Rivers now has sales representatives "on the ground" in your area to help make sure your business telecommunication requirements are being met. 3 Rivers sales reps are available to help with key systems, DSL, special access circuits and other business needs. They can also assist with DirecTV and WildBlue Satellite Internet.

Our sales reps routinely make the rounds of the areas they cover, stopping by businesses to introduce themselves and visit with folks about the latest services available from 3 Rivers.

Gary Anderson covers Belt, Geysler, Neihart, Monarch, Highwood, Raynesford, Stockett, Centerville, Sand Coulee, Tracy, Eden, Lavenspur, Browning, Blackfoot, Heart Butte, Kiowa and Great Falls. Gary can be reached at 590-3373.



Gary



Mike

Mike Mills handles Fort Shaw, Simms, Sun River, Conrad, Valier, Shelby, Power, Choteau, Fairfield, Pendroy, Bynum, Dupuyer, Augusta, East Conrad, Ledger, Carter, Floweree, Brady and Collins. Mike can be reached at 590-6335.



Phil

Phil Zier covers Lima, Dell, Monida, Ennis, Cameron, McAllister, Jeffers, Kirby, Twin Bridges, Harrison, Norris, Pony, Melrose, Glen, Sheridan, Alder, Laurin, Virginia City, Nevada City, Big Sky, Gallatin Gateway and Great Falls. You can reach Phil at 590-3303. ■

Do you qualify for DSL Broadband Internet?

3 Rivers is constantly improving our network and facilities, enabling us to extend the reach of our High Speed DSL Broadband Internet service. We generally try to notify customers who are in areas that are newly qualified to receive DSL service via direct contact such as a letter, but as new locations are coming online practically every month, it's not always possible. If you haven't contacted us lately to see if you qualify for DSL Broadband Internet, give one of our customer service representatives a call. You might be pleasantly surprised! ■

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3 Rivers 56th Annual Meeting

3 Rivers Communications will be hosting our 56th Annual Meeting on Monday March 16, 2009. This yearly meeting is a wonderful way for us to visit with our friends and neighbors from Big Sky to Browning.

The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Community Hall, with the doors opening and member registration beginning at 10:30 am. A buffet lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 pm and will conclude with the election of two people to the Board of Trustees. To finish the day we will have several drawings for some great door prizes and you must be present to win.

Plan now to spend a little bit of time with us. We will have information about all the services we offer including high speed Internet and an update on our new fiber projects.

There are some things you probably want to know before the meeting:

Will capital credit checks be dispersed at the Annual Meeting this year?
Yes, the Board has approved a general retirement of capital credits.

I am unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Can someone else pick up my check?
We make every effort to protect your privacy. Capital credit checks will only be given to the actual member(s) named on the telephone account.

Can I designate someone else to vote on my behalf?

- Businesses and organizations that have service with 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will receive a "Voting Authorization" form in the mail.
- A vote can only be cast if the "Voting Authorization" form is signed and returned to our office no later than March 6, 2009.
- The representative that you designate on this form is the only person that can cast a vote on your behalf.

Will the 3 Rivers business office be open during the Annual Meeting?
To give our members the opportunity to get to know our friendly staff we will close our Big Sky office for the day. Our Fairfield office will be closed from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Our Shelby office will be closed from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and our Conrad and Great Falls offices will be open. ■



3 Rivers Employees, Kelly & Lyla, hand out checks and register voters during last year's Annual Meeting

3 RIVERS INFORMATION

Service Information

3 Rivers Communications Divisions

3 Rivers Telephone, Internet and Long Distance

Fairfield: 406.467.2535 or 800.796.4567

Big Sky: 406.995.2600

Browning: 406.338.2535 Conrad: 406.271.2535

Great Falls: 406.216.2535 Shelby: 406.424.8535

Payments: P.O. Box 489, Fairfield, MT 59436-0489

Correspondence: P.O. Box 429, Fairfield, MT 59436

3 Rivers DBS - Satellite TV/Internet Services

406.467.2535 or 800.796.4567

P.O. Box 159, Fairfield, MT 59436-0159

Website: www.3rivers.net

E-mail: 3rt@3rivers.net

On-line Billing: <https://ebill.3rivers.net>

Board of Trustees

• Steve Krogue, General Manager, 467.2535

• Harry R. Barnes, Browning, 338.3440

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• William Dringle, Ennis/Harrison, 682.7489

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Valier, 466.2443

• Keith Good, Carter/Highwood/Great Falls, 734.5371

• Kerry Schaefer, Brady/Conrad/Power

East Conrad/Valier/Shelby, 463.2370

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Helena, 467.2350

• Mary Hill, Raynesford/Geysler/Neihart/Belt/
Stockett, 738.4220

• Loren Tucker, Melrose/Sheridan/Twin Bridges

Lima/Virginia City, 843.5566

3 Rivers Makes it Easy!

3 Rivers now has offices in Big Sky, Browning, Shelby, Conrad, Fairfield and Great Falls. All are staffed by friendly customer service representatives who can answer your questions, help you determine the best solution for your telecommunication needs, sign you up for 3 Rivers services and take payments. In addition to these offices, several community banks take 3 Rivers payments for telephone, Internet and satellite services. A total of 13 locations across our service area take payments for your convenience. All locations accept cash, personal or business checks (no two-party checks) and money orders and 3 Rivers offices also accept Visa/MasterCard/American Express. ■

TOWN	BUSINESS	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Belt	Belt Valley Bank	111 Castner St	
Big Sky	3 Rivers Communications	12 Skywood Rd.	995-2600
Browning	Radio Shack	1201 E Central Ave	338-2535
Browning	Native American Bank*	125 N Public Square	
Choteau	Citizen State Bank	201 N Main	
Conrad	3 Rivers Communications	600 S Main St	271-2535
Ennis	First Madison Valley Bank	132 E Main St	
Fairfield	3 Rivers Communications	202 5th St S	467-2535
Great Falls	3 Rivers Communications	1301 11 Ave S #4	216-2535
Shelby	3 Rivers Communications	424 Main St Suite 1	424-8535
Sheridan	Ruby Valley National Bank	103 N Main	
Twin Bridges	Ruby Valley National Bank	107 S Main	
Vaughn	First National Bank	390 Post Ave	

*Native American Bank charges \$15 to process a 3 Rivers Satellite payment.

High Speed Broadband Internet— What's in it for me?

It's a common experience—you watch a commercial on TV showing a new technology service and think how great it would be, so you sign up immediately to take advantage of it only to find out that your Internet connection isn't capable of delivering it in the way it works in the ads. 3 Rivers' High Speed Broadband Internet can help solve this problem!



Downloading movies directly from the Internet to watch on your television sounds like a great way to save time and money on trips to the video store, but you can't do it without a good broadband connection.

Watching streaming videos on websites like YouTube is a painful process without a good broadband connection.

Downloading photos of your grandkids e-mailed to you from your daughter in Seattle can take what seems like forever without a good broadband connection.

Using an online service such as iTunes to download music files is not nearly as convenient without a good broadband connection.

Is there a surcharge on your bank statement for receiving a mailed paper bill instead of having it emailed to you? If not now, you may be seeing one soon, and it will be a slow process to view your online statement without a good broadband connection. (Not to mention the paper saved by not having statements printed and mailed to you.)

3 Rivers High Speed Broadband Internet is available for \$49.95 per month and includes FREE Internet security software for one computer (a \$3.95 per month value). Check out 3rivers.net for more details or call a customer service representative at 467-2535 (800-796-4567 from outside a 3 Rivers EAS area). ■

Internet speeds are not guaranteed and vary by location. Actual speeds depend on a variety of factors, including line conditions and distance from a 3 Rivers central office.

New FREE Anti-Virus and Spam Protection from 3 Rivers!

Here's another great reason to sign up for 3 Rivers Communications' High Speed Broadband Internet service! Beginning March 25, 3 Rivers will be providing FREE Barracuda e-mail spam and virus protection to ALL of our Internet customers. This service will be built-in to our e-mail server, and requires no action on your part. Barracuda automatically notifies you via email when it has quarantined spam or potentially dangerous e-mail, which you can access with a user name and password.

3 Rivers customers who currently subscribe to our Postini service will be automatically changed over to Barracuda and you will no longer be charged a monthly fee. Postini customers will receive separate information with additional details regarding the switch.

If you have questions, please call a 3 Rivers customer service representative at 467-2535 or 1-800-796-4567. Additional information on Barracuda is posted on our website, www.3rivers.net. ■

Free Barracuda anti-virus and spam protection is not available from 3 Rivers for WildBlue Satellite Internet customers.

Unlimited Long Distance Rate Increase

Beginning April 1, 2009, 3 Rivers is increasing the monthly charge for Unlimited Long Distance service by \$3 due to the rising costs of providing this service to our customers. Customers who have Unlimited Long Distance without a package will see their rate increase from \$26.95 to \$29.95 per month. Customers who have Unlimited Long Distance included as part of a package will see the overall package price increase by \$3 per month. If you have any questions, please call one of our customer service representatives at 467-2535 or 800-796-4567. ■

Do you have feedback on the newsletter?
Email us at newsletter.feedback@3rivers.coop



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