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**Monday - Friday**

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## The Proposed National Broadband Plan

Leaders from Diversicom met with Representative Paul Anderson, Senator Joe Gimse and Representative Larry Hosch last month to discuss their concerns with the national broadband plan being proposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). According to Diversicom CEO Dave Del Zoppo, the National Broadband Plan will threaten Diversicom's ability to provide both broadband as well as affordable basic telephone service to the communities it serves.

Del Zoppo said, "This plan puts the U.S. on course toward creating an urban/rural digital divide." The NBP calls for "100 squared", 100 Meg to at least 100 million Americans by the year 2020 and sets a dangerously low threshold of just 4 Meg for rural/high cost areas. "If large metro areas end up with broadband speeds 25 times faster than what we have in rural America it will put us at a real economic disadvantage," he warned.



*Pictured are Carol Bertram, Dave Del Zoppo, Rep. Paul Anderson, Jefferson Bischof and Randy Young.*

Randy Young, past President of Minnesota Telecom Alliance, says it will be difficult for rural towns to attract businesses if they cannot assure high-quality, sustainable broadband access. In 2010, Minnesota established broadband goals of 20 Meg download and 10 Meg upload to all Minnesotans by 2015. Young praised the legislature for recognizing the need for service for the entire state, not just the urban portions. "The FCC plan will make rural Minnesotans, and all rural Americans, second class citizens in the broadband world," he said.

Local and statewide telecom leaders in Minnesota are bringing their messages to the communities they serve this summer in the hopes of protecting rural America. "We are encouraging our Legislators to communicate these concerns to Minnesota's Congressional delegation and encourage our representatives in Washington to let the FCC know the dyer impact their national broadband plan will have to rural Minnesota," said Del Zoppo.



## Are You Ready For Some Football?

Get your NFL fix with the NFL Network, including Thursday night games! For Gopher fans, be sure you have the Big Ten Network. Call today to get these channels included in your television line up!

## FREE INTERNET CLASSES

**Eden Valley High School**  
Computer Lab Room 127  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
• September 6, 2010  
• September 7, 2010

**Melrose Area High School**  
Computer Lab Room 105  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
• September 20, 2010  
• September 21, 2010

Call us to register at least one week prior to class.



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## Be smart on Facebook!



1. Watch what personal information you post in your profile. It may seem like nothing, but your birth date and address can be valuable information for identity thieves. If you've already added this information, you can remove it by clicking the Info Tab and then Edit.
2. Facebook applications can be fun but remember to watch what you're installing because these apps have access to your profile information. You should also watch out for fake applications that try to install viruses on your computer. Popular examples are the "dislike button app" and a program to see who looks at your profile.
3. Privacy Settings. You can adjust your privacy settings in Facebook to make sure only people you approve can see your profile. It's a good idea to restrict personal information and photos so that only friends can see them. Go to [facebook.com/privacy](http://facebook.com/privacy) to change these settings.
4. Vacations. Don't post a message saying you're leaving for a long trip. This could be an open invite to intruders. Wait until you get home to say how much fun you had!
5. Kids and Facebook. Facebook requires users to be at least 13 years old, but that doesn't stop younger children from making profiles. It is up to parents to take responsibility to enforce this requirement and keep children safe. Please contact us if you are interested in parental controls to help manage what sites your children frequent.
6. Password. Just like anything you do on the internet, it's important to have a strong password. Use numbers and symbols to deter someone from easily breaking into your account. Change "security" to "\$eCur3!tY".
7. Advertisements on the Facebook page. Facebook is free, for a reason. There are advertisements on the site directed at you based on your profile information. So if you "like" a certain movie, you may get ads for a similar one. If you're in high school, you may get ads from colleges looking to recruit!
8. Viruses. Like any website, watch what you're clicking! While Facebook itself should be safe, links can lead to other websites that may have a virus. A popular virus spreads by putting links on people's walls, claiming to be a funny video or update but really leads straight to more infections.

## Crazy Days!

Employees had fun serving up cotton candy in Melrose & Sauk Centre during local Crazy Days Celebrations.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by!



Pictured are George Ehrlichman and Joy Silbernack

## We Gladly Accept:

