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PRESS RELEASE

Joe Nagy-District 1 Trustee at Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Retires

March 24, 2006 Missoula, Mont - After more than 30 years of service, Joe Nagy recently retired from the Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative board of trustees. As the District 1 trustee since 1973, Joe represented the exchanges of Seeley Lake and Condon. During his tenure Joe displayed an unwavering belief in the cooperative spirit as he helped guide Blackfoot through three decades of growth and success.

Joe served in the US Navy Sea Bees (Construction Battalion) during WWII. In 1957, while working as a line foreman for Missoula Electric Cooperative, Joe moved to Seeley Lake with his wife Evelyn, where he immediately became involved in the community. Joe's desire to help others was evident in his volunteerism as chief of the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department, the Booster Club, the Seeley Lake Lions Club and as a past commander of VFW Post 7992.

Joe served as president, vice president and secretary/treasurer of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative and also served on the boards of several Blackfoot subsidiaries including Clark Fork Telecommunications, Blackfoot Tel-Com and Telesphere. While on the Blackfoot board, Joe was an integral part of the team that secured economic development loans for rural community projects through RUS. He was instrumental in helping the SeLi Senci procure a zero-interest loan, the first ever facilitated through the cooperative, to build the senior center. Joe also helped build the Community Hall and the Seeley Lake Fire Hall.

Blackfoot is grateful for Joe's commitment and service. We sincerely wish Joe and Evelyn the best in the years to come.

About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Named after the Blackfoot River running through much of the territory it serves, the Blackfoot (Blackfoot) Telecommunications Group was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art telecommunications, Internet and data solutions to customers in Missoula and throughout Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 165 Montanans. Blackfoot can be reached at 406-541-5000 or through its web site at <http://www.blackfoot.com>.

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