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OCTOBER CO-OP MONTH SPECIAL

Install one or more of Nelson Telephone's Calling features during the month of October and we will waive the installation fee, (\$12.50)

"Smart" Telemarketer Call Screening
Caller ID • Caller ID with Name
Voice Mail • Teen Line • Call Forwarding
Three Way Calling • Call Waiting
Call Waiting/Caller ID

(See your local directory for a complete list of features available)

In celebration of October

Co-op Month Members of Nelson Telephone Cooperative can stop in to spin a prize wheel - everyone will win a prize! Stop in on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 between 9 AM - 3 PM to spin the wheel. You could win one month free local service, a pre-paid calling card or one of the other many prizes!
(One spin per cooperative membership)

CALL EARLY!
CALL TODAY!
672-4204

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Include Your Payment Stub

Please remember to include your payment stub from your telephone billing, whether paying by mail or in person. This will help our staff process your payments more efficiently, since all of your vital information is included there.

Thank you!





From the Manager's Corner

by Christy Berger

During the month of October, Nelson Telephone Cooperative along with cooperatives across the nation will be celebrating "Coop Month". This year's theme is "Cooperatives: Model Businesses".

Wisconsin Cooperatives have a special commitment to helping their members and their communities adapt to the times because cooperatives, unlike many businesses, are locally owned and operated. And that's why cooperatives throughout the nation will be taking time during the month of October to promote a better public understanding of this unique form of business.

Nelson Telephone Cooperative has been serving the Durand, Nelson, Arkansaw and Gilmanton communities for more than 50 years. The Cooperative has over 3600 members and some of the services we provide include local telephone service, long distance, internet, calling cards, voice mail, and cellular service.

A single mid-western family may belong to a dairy marketing cooperative, a farm supply co-op, an electric cooperative, a telephone cooperative and co-ops for food, health, housing and day care. The family may buy Ocean Spray cranberry juice, Sun Maid raisins and Land O'Lakes butter; purchase tools at ACE Hardware; have its accounts at a credit union; be insured through a mutual insurance company and hear the news through Associated Press all cooperatively owned businesses.

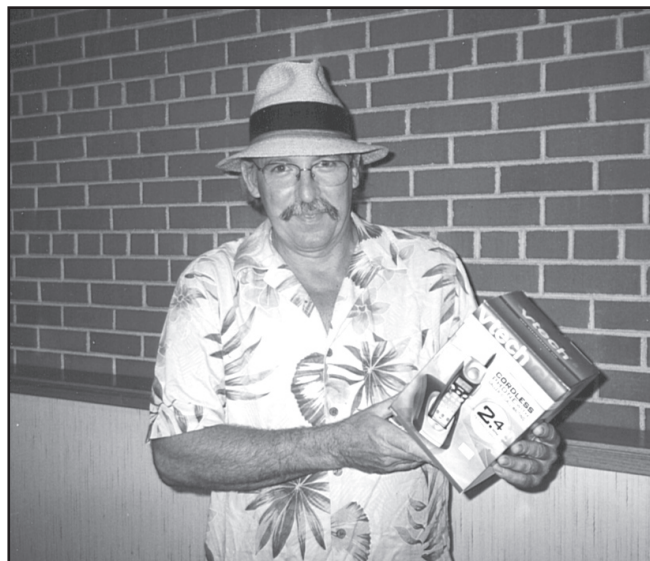
As Nelson Telephone Cooperative celebrates "October Coop Month" I want to thank you, the owners, for your continued support. Nelson Telephone is *"Your Hometown Connection," Bringing a Tradition of Service and Innovation into the Future.*



CHECK YOUR LISTING DIRECTORY DEADLINE APPROACHES

Please check your listing in the current telephone directory. If you notice something you want changed, please contact our customer service department before October 12, 2005.

The 2006 West Central Wisconsin Region Telephone Directories will be delivered in early December.



2006 Directory Cover Photo Winner

Congratulations to Dr. Phil Hanson who submitted the winning photo that will be featured on the 2006 Directory cover. The new directories will be delivered in early December.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted a picture, we had numerous entries and it was a difficult decision.

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Plowing Season

Winter will soon be on its way in Wisconsin, making our "Plowing" season short.

If you are planning on installing a new line or adding an additional line, please remember to notify us before October 15th. This will allow us to put you on the schedule for underground telephone service if necessary.

Beware of International Calls via Internet

Some web sites may trigger International and 900 long distance charges. Someone using your computer visits web sites where advertisements appear, or receives an e-mail message inviting them to access a "free web site." The site may initiate a software download which then allows access to web sites. Example of this type of download may include music, video, and other formats of entertainment.

Once the software is downloaded, a window may appear with a disclaimer stating it will terminate the modem connection to the local internet provider and establish an international long distance call to another country. If the user ignores the disclaimer and just clicks the box "yes," or "I agree," the international charges begin and the user accepts responsibility for all long distance charges.

International blocking and 900 call blocking do not protect the user if the web site uses "dial around" codes (codes that access a specific long distance company). To be safe, always read any disclaimer or agreement before installing software downloaded from the Internet.

DIRECTORS RETIRE



Bernard W. Traun



James W. Brunner

Recently, two long time Nelson Telephone Cooperative Directors retired from the Board.

Bernard W. Traun Sr. retired after serving on the Board for 41 years. James W. Brunner served Nelson Telephone for 29 years. General Manager, Christy Berger, said the industry experience Bernard and James brought to our organization will be greatly missed.

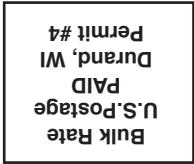


DSL High Speed Internet

It is time to make the switch!

- Research, school projects, homework all with no waiting!
- No additional phone line needed, never miss a call.
- Faster downloads!
- Unlimited internet access with DSL.
- Nelson Telephone provides on-site installation and on-going service for our DSL customers.
- No installation charge when you sign a two (2) year contract.

Go Wireless - If you have DSL you can add multiple wireless computers to your network - call for details.
(Service charges may apply)



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SAVE TIME AND MONEY

Payment of your telephone bill through automatic bank collect is simple and easy to use. You will still receive your monthly statement on the first of each month but there will be no further need to mail or write us a check. A message will print on your billing statement that it is being deducted automatically.

Nelson Telephone Cooperative will automatically debit your bank account for the amount of your bill on the tenth (10th) of each month.

To sign up for this convenient method of bill paying, simply sign this completed form and return to Nelson Telephone Cooperative with a voided check or a copy of a check from your checking account.

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(CLIP AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION TO NELSON TELEPHONE)

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY NELSON TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE # _____

BANK: _____

CHECKING ACCOUNT NO: _____

I authorize you to pay and to charge my checking account the amount of my telephone bill and to make that deduction payable to the order of Nelson Telephone Cooperative. In making this authorization, I agree to all of the terms of the paragraph below.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I hereby authorize Nelson Telephone Cooperative of Durand, WI to pay my monthly telephone bill by charging each payment to my account. I agree that each payment shall be the same as if it were an instrument personally signed by me in writing. In addition, I have the right to stop payment of a charge by timely notification to Nelson Telephone Cooperative prior to charging my account. I understand, however, that both the bank and Nelson Telephone Cooperative reserve the right to terminate this payment plan, (or my participation therein).

Also, I agree that I remain obligated to pay for phone services in the event that a charge to my account is dishonored, for whatever reason, and Nelson Telephone Cooperative retains its normal collection rights.