

IT'S HIP TO BE GREEN

In this special issue of Nemont Today, you will read about ways Nemont and the public can partner together to be greener. From paying your bill online, to recycling your phone book, everyone can make a difference.

KEEPING SOLDIERS IN TOUCH

Beginning May 15, Nemont is asking anyone with an old cell phone to bring it in for recycling. Your donation will directly benefit an American soldier serving overseas.

Nemont customer or not, you can drop off your old handset at any of our offices. See the back page of the Nemont Today for office locations. Nemont will have the cell phone recycled for you, and donate all proceeds to an innovative program called Cell Phones for Soldiers. The non-profit charity has raised almost \$1 million and distributed over 400,000 pre-paid calling cards to American troops stationed overseas since its inception in April 2004.

Nemont will be asking the public to bring in their old cell phones from May 15 through July 15 for donation to the program. Although Nemont takes old cell phones for recycling year round, it is hoped that promoting the program to the public will result

in a windfall of handsets to benefit Cell Phones for Soldiers.

"Each recycled cell phone is worth about sixty minutes of talk time," clarified Nemont employee Tim Nixdorf. "This is a great example where rural communities have an opportunity to make a real impact."

In addition to talk time for military personnel, recycling your cell phone is a good move for the environment. Discarded cell phones are considered "e-waste," a waste category consisting of unwanted or broken electronics. As technology races forward, consumer appetite for the latest cell phone models has resulted in a mushrooming global problem.

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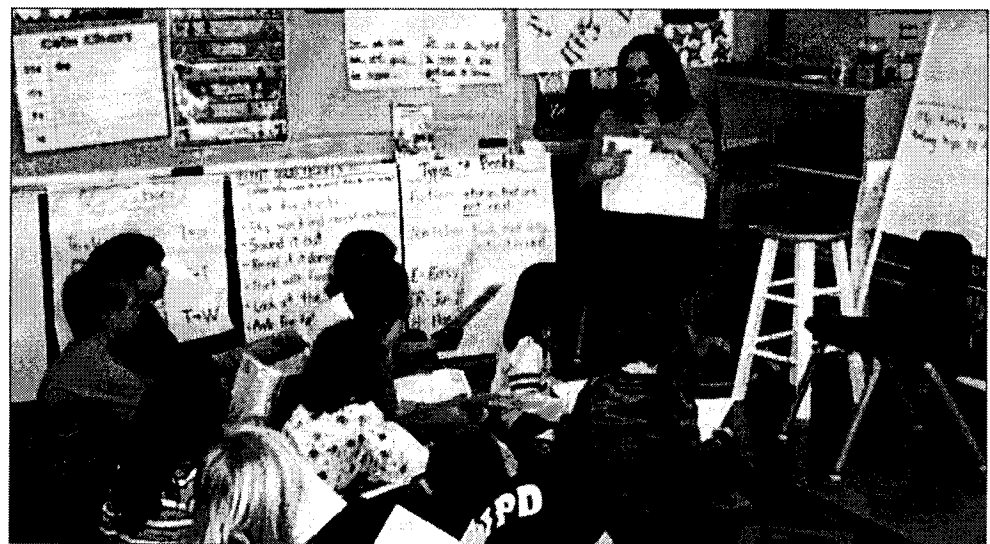
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NEMONT FOR THE KIDS Nemont is a strong advocate for youth education and development. We support school athletics and other programs, invite students into Nemont facilities, teach outreach classes and offer several scholarship opportunities throughout our service area.



Nemont employees (back row, from left) Jodi Buer-Benson, Kristin Toews and Bill Rusche taught 911 classes to first graders at Wolf Point Southside Elementary on March 27.

Nemont employee Sabrina Ramey presented a 911 class to first graders at Wilkinson Elementary in Williston February 29.



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According to a 2007 Survey by CTIA-The Wireless Association, there are an estimated 2.5+ million domestic wireless subscribers in the United States alone. "Americans will replace an estimated 130 million cell phones this year," commented Mike Newman, vice president of cell phone recycler ReCellular. Many of these outdated handsets are tucked away in home file cabinets or coat closets before eventually making their way into landfills or municipal incinerators.

Unfortunately, cell phones are not eco-friendly. If burned, their components cause toxic fumes. If buried, the components eventually leach into the soil and can

make their way into ground water. Arsenic, cadmium, beryllium, copper, nickel and zinc are all found in cell phones, particularly in the wiring board and liquid-crystal displays. The heavy metal lead, a suspected carcinogen with negative effects on the immune system, kidneys and central nervous system, is used in solder to attach cell phone components together.

"This is a win-win program," commented Nemont employee Sabrina Ramey. "You get rid of unused cell phones you have lying around in a responsible way, and you make a real difference to someone who might not get to talk to family otherwise."





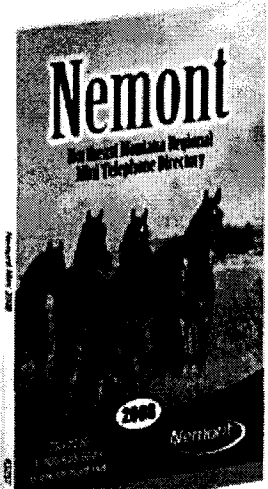
Students from Williston High School received a unique opportunity to tour the Central Office, cable vault and other departments not open to the public when Nemont hosted a Career Day in Williston for the high school Electronics class.



Students from Scobey High School, left, participated in Career Day at Nemont headquarters in Scobey, Montana on April 30. Students had an opportunity to tour the facilities, speak with employees about their careers, sharpen up their interviewing skills and enjoy a pizza lunch. Nemont hosted a Career Day for students from Medicine Lake, Poplar and Westby on April 10.

GET A FRESH BOOK

How long have you had the telephone book sitting under your phone? If the book is older than your (or the neighbor's) toddler, it's time for an upgrade. And now you can feel good about how you do it. Leave your old phone book at any Nemont office and we will recycle it for you. You can use the opportunity to pick up your new phone book, with all its updated white and yellow page listings.



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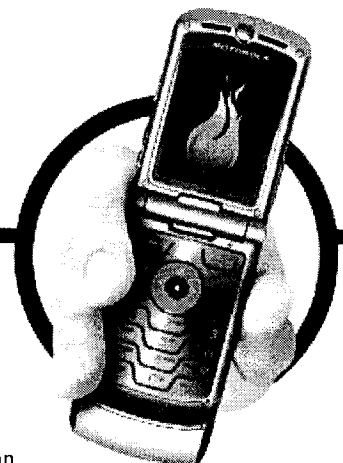
THE CRIME STOPPERS NUMBER HAS CHANGED!

If you have information about a crime, you can contact Crime Stoppers at their new, easy to remember hotline. 572-TIPS (572-8477) is a 24-hour crime reporting tip line offering anonymity and cash rewards of up to \$1000 for information about crimes. Crime Stoppers is a valuable tool for the public and law enforcement to curb and solve crime in our area. When you share important information with Crime Stoppers, you make your community a better, safer place to live.

CALLING ALL TEXTERS

If you have lightning fast texting skills, here is your chance to prove it! Nemont is looking forward to sponsoring a youth text messaging competition with the Upper Missouri Valley Fair on Saturday, June 28 at the Agri Sports Complex at 11:30 a.m. Youth ages 13-18 are encouraged to register early for a chance to compete for cash and other prizes. You can sign up in the Nemont office at 421 Main, at Williston High School, Williston Middle School, Trenton Public School, Million Dollar

Lanes and the Bike and Skate Shop, or visit our website at www.nemont.net. Registration is free and competing is free. You don't even need to own a cell phone! Names will be drawn and competitors notified June 20. If your name isn't drawn, don't give up! Wild card registration will be held prior to the competition from 10-11 a.m.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area events are listed free of charge. Submit your events by the 15th of June so that they may appear in the July/August issue. Send to: P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600, Attention: Community Calendar or e-mail to nemonttoday@nemont.net.

May 24

Williston Basin Speedway Racing, 7 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

May 25

Williston High School Graduation ceremony, 2 p.m., Phil Jackson Field House.

May 26

Memorial Day, Nemont offices closed.

May 26

Williston Boys Baseball Golf Tournament, Municipal Golf Course. 701-577-5141.

June 5

Car Seat Check Up, Select Ford Mercury, 4-6 p.m. 701-572-8191.

June 6-8

2nd Annual Parent & Child Camp, Trenton Lake Recreational Area, Trenton. 701-774-0461 or 701-572-8221.

June 7

Williston Basin Speedway Racing, 7 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

June 7

API Scramble Golf Tournament, The Links of North Dakota. www.thelinksofnorthdakota.com or 701-568-2600.

June 7

Miss North Dakota Youth Pageant. missndyouthpageant@hotmail.com or 701-572-3698.

June 9-10

Williston Community Blood Drive, New Armory. Monday 1-7 p.m. Tuesday 12-6 p.m. 701-572-3698.

June 11

Mercy Hackfest, Eagle Ridge Golf Course. www.GolfatEagleRidge.com or 701-774-7404.

June 12-14

Miss North Dakota Scholarship Pageant, Williston High School Auditorium. 701-577-7009.

June 19-22

Fort Union Trading Post 26th Annual Rendezvous. Free admission, open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 701-572-9083.

June 20-22

Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament, Aafedt Stadium & Grondahl Field. 701-577-5141.

June 21

17th Annual Fort Union Rendezvous 5K/11K Run. 701-774-4100.

June 26

Concert in the Park, 7:30 p.m. in Harmon Park.

June 27-29

Warren Lee Baseball Tournament. 701-577-5141.

June 28

Join Nemont at the Upper Missouri Valley Fair Text Messaging Mayhem competition, 11:30 a.m. Visit www.nemont.net to register.

June 28

Sons of Norway Centennial Birthday, Airport International Inn, 5:30 p.m., social 6:30 p.m.

July 3

Concert in the Park, 7:30 p.m., Harmon Park.

July 3

Williston Basin Speedway, 8 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

July 4

Independence Day. Nemont offices closed.

July 4

4th of July Flag Golf Tournament, The Links of North Dakota. www.thelinksofnorthdakota.com or 701-568-2600.

July 5

Blast Street Dance (21 or older) and sidewalk sales, Williston.

July 8-10

HONK! Youth Education On Stage production. 701-577-3179.

Zoe's TECH PULSE



MAXIMIZE YOUR BATTERY LIFE

In honor of this issue's "Hip to be Green" theme, I am going to depart from Internet-related topics and venture into the cellular arena. Rather than waxing on about how many hard drives, cameras, cell phones and monitors become e-waste, I'd like to talk about how to keep your high tech device out of the landfill longer. Specifically, how to get the most of your cell phone battery. Some of these tips will apply to other kinds of batteries as well.

Keep your battery around room temperature. The easiest way to shorten the life of your cell phone's battery is to expose it to high temperatures for extended periods of time. Do not leave your battery in a hot vehicle or in other places that are likely to trap and store heat (such as your pocket). Adversely, permanent damage can occur to a battery

if it is not warmed to room temperature prior to charging it. This may also cause a short circuit. A cold battery may not deliver any energy to its cell phone, despite showing a full charge. A good rule of thumb is to keep your cell phone and battery between 59 and 77 degrees Fahrenheit.

If using a car charger in warm weather, allow your vehicle to cool down before you plug in the handset. Always read the manual for technical specifications about charging your cell phone. Use a charger that is rated for your cell phone's battery. Cheap, aftermarket chargers may cause excessive battery heating. Pick up your phone while it is charging; if it feels hot, the charger may be malfunctioning.

Remove dirt from the battery contacts on both the battery and on the phone. Cleaning them with a cotton-tipped swab moistened with rubbing alcohol will maximize your battery's performance.

You can also maximize the amount of time between battery charges. The best way to conserve power is to turn it off. If you know

you are in an area with no reception or if you do not plan to answer your phone (because you will be sleeping, at a wedding, etc.), just power the phone off. In areas where you are roaming, your phone will be constantly searching for a signal; this also depletes your battery. Another obvious tip is to limit the amount of time you talk, especially if you know it will be awhile before you get the opportunity to charge your battery.

Turning off the back light, the feature that makes the screen easier to read in bright light or outdoors, will also conserve battery power. If this is not an option, many phones will let you set the amount of time to leave the back light on. Check to see if yours is one of them and shorten the time accordingly. Did you know the vibrate function on your phone uses a lot of battery power? It's true. If you can, switch off the vibrate function on your phone; use just a low volume ring tone instead. Other features suck the life out of your battery, as well. Bluetooth, GPS, Internet connections and the camera function all shorten the time you have before you need to charge your battery again. Flash photography is especially draining.

TECH TIPS Is Hitting the Airwaves!

Thanks to the popularity of this column, you will soon be able to hear Zoe's Tech Tips on the radio! Zoe will be giving a weekly tip on a variety of topics, such as cell service, popular software programs and other tech-related issues. Read future issues of Nemont Today for more details.

PREVENTIVE ECO-ACTION

GET FEWER BILLS

If you are ready to get less mail, Nemont can help. Sign up for Nemont's free E-bill service and you can opt not to receive a paper bill.

What is E-bill? It is a fast, easy-to-use and totally secure way to view your bill via Internet rather than on paper. Enjoy real-time viewing and instant access of your statements, payments and toll usage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also view long distance calls made since your last statement. Pay your bill online with your credit card or electronic check.

Many other companies also offer online billing and payment options. Consider online billing for all your monthly bills. You can get started with Nemont; visit our website at www.nemont.net to sign up and start getting less paper in the mail.

REDUCE YOUR JUNK MAIL

You are not powerless against junk mail. There is another way, aside from electronic billing programs, to reduce the amount of paper you get in the mail. Remove your name from the list of major national marketers by registering for the Mail Preference Service. Sign up online for free at www.dmaconsumers.org and click on the Preference Services link to find out how to remove your name, the names of deceased loved ones, and the names of individuals in your care.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nemont never sells your proprietary information. Keeping your data private has always been our policy; and now it's not just Nemont's policy, it's the law.

REGISTER FOR DO NOT CALL

Although it may not affect how much paper you receive or throw away, telemarketing uses energy; it's also annoying. It is easy to reduce the number of telemarketing calls you get. If you only take advantage of a single idea from this Nemont Today issue, this should be the one. Visit the Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call website at www.donotcall.gov and add your telephone number(s) to their ever-expanding list. You can also register by calling toll free 1-888-382-1222.



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WIN A \$25 CREDIT !

Fill out this official entry form and drop it by one of our offices or mail it by June 15, 2008, to PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600. Attn: Drawing. Faxed, duplicated, e-mailed or photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners will be contacted by phone and listed in the July/August issue.

\$25 CREDIT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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March / April \$25.00 Winners

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Fort Peck

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Don Novak
Williston

Bonnie Fox
Ballantine

Kathleen Smith
Absarokee

NEW EMPLOYEES

Join us in welcoming the new Nemont team members!



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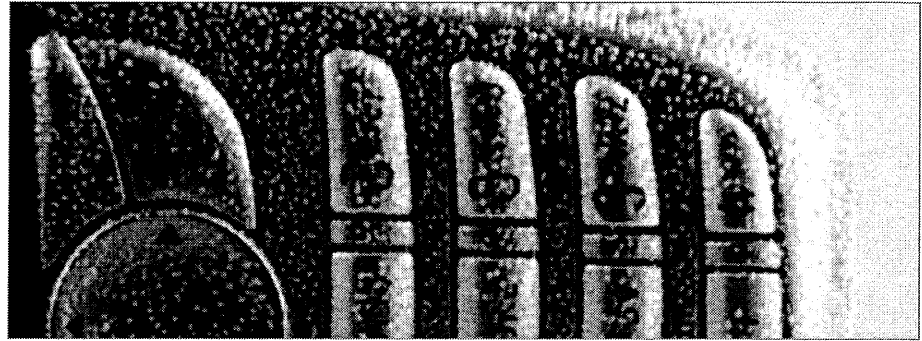
IF I HAD KNOWN WHAT IT WAS WORTH

Jackie Christianson went into the pet store to pick up a bag of dog food. When she came out, she saw her cell phone ... under six inches of water.

"It had been raining for days," she recalled. "There were huge puddles everywhere, especially by the curb. It was practically a moat." Jackie's phone had dropped out of her pocket as she stepped out of her vehicle. She had not heard it splash or felt it fall. Even if it were ruined, Jackie wasn't concerned; she would just go back and get another one. The phone was free when she signed up for her service.

Imagine her surprise when she inquired about a new phone and found out the model she used retailed for over \$100. Lucky for Jackie, her contract had expired recently and she was eligible for a new phone with a deep discount for signing a new two-year contract.

Her husband, Dave, has a similar story. He works at a body shop. One day, he caught his cell phone belt clip on a piece of equipment. His new Motorola RAZR came off his belt and slid across the floor. If the fall hadn't damaged his phone, it did not get any favors when a co-worker drove over it on his way into the first service bay.



"I didn't want to cancel my service, but I needed a phone. I ended up paying for a new one because my company's early termination fee was more than a new cell phone."

Is this couple just accident prone? It's difficult to know. Customer service representatives seem to hear new stories every day. Toddlers break flip phones and drop phones into toilets. Teenagers lose phones in snow banks. Dogs chew on them. Sometimes they are simply misplaced.

"My co-worker and I were on our way to lunch, and I was hooking my phone up to the car charger," commented one customer. "She hit a pothole, and the pins were damaged. My phone wouldn't charge properly after that."

Cell phones are fragile and costly investments. Keeping them in good working order requires care, luck and sometimes a little

something extra. Accidents are a part of life, but Jackie refuses to be blindsided again. When she selected her new phone, she also signed up for Handset Protection. As the name implies, this program from Nemont protects your investment, even when circumstances conspire against you.

"For a few cents a day, I think it's worth it," she commented.

Handset Protection is a great service for any Nemont cellular customer. Your phone does not even have to be new to qualify. The program covers everything from water damage to theft, but does not cover damage caused as a result of installing aftermarket accessories or other intentional damage. For a full list of exclusions and to find out if your phone will qualify, contact a Nemont customer service representative at 1-800-636-6680.



911 101: JUST FOR KIDS

Nemont offers 911 training to elementary schools within our service area. The program is designed for children in kindergarten and first grade.

The short, interactive program instructs students on what to do and who to call in an emergency. Nemont employees also help children discern the difference between a 911 emergency and a problem that their parents or teacher could help them with. Nemont employees enjoy the chance to chat with teachers and students.

"We hope all schools take advantage of this opportunity," commented Nemont employee Bill Rusche. "It's fun for the kids, and we always get a new perspective from them, too."

If you are interested in having a Nemont 911 presentation in your class this fall, or have questions about the program, contact Nemont at 1-800-636-6680. There is no charge for the program.

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YOU'RE IN GREAT HANDS

At Nemont, employees are our most valuable asset. We believe training and practical experience for our employees translates into better service for our customers.

Nemont employees are offered continuous training and company updates in the form of monthly safety meetings, all-staff quarterly employee meetings, in-company newsletters, hands-on practical training, various annual and semi-annual conferences, live web-based training sessions, product launch training, leadership training and motivational training. In addition, the Nemont workforce is encouraged to take advantage of free classes offered through Telephone AT&S (Telephone Apprenticeship, Training and Safety), a non-profit organization that offers technical education, safety training and apprenticeship programs to 13 North Dakota and Montana communications companies.

Employees can opt to take classes on a wide range of topics, from software programs like Microsoft Excel to technical classes, like Fiber Optic Fundamentals. Courses aimed at developing soft skills, such as Better Business Writing, Calming Upset Customers,



Nemont employees Brian Riely, Jon Rice, Mike Reese, Kari Ereth and Jerry Failing participated in Tower Climbing Training in October.

and Effective Communications are also offered. Defensive Driving and First Aid/CPR are among a variety of instructor-led classes offered periodically.

"I've worked for large companies and small companies," commented Nemont employee Sabrina Ramey. "Some were corporations and some were family-owned, but none of them offered as many training opportunities as Nemont. The AT&S classes I have taken were very helpful."

Nemont also encourages workers to find training outside these resources. Those who pursue higher education with job-related course studies are eligible for partial reimbursement.

"We have an education reimbursement program in place for employees to help



Nemont employee Krystal Aragon graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Business Management in May, 2006.

defray some of the tuition costs when they successfully complete coursework pertaining to their careers at Nemont," commented Human Resources Manager Kaylin Gunderson.

Krystal Aragon is one employee who has taken advantage of this company policy.

"I made the decision to go back to school and was financing the entire bill," she commented. "I really appreciated the financial support from Nemont. The majority of companies I have worked for did not offer a compensation program or encourage their employees to better themselves by going back to school."

If you would like to become part of the Nemont workforce or find out what employment opportunities are available, visit our website at www.nemont.net.

NEMONT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Over the past several years, Nemont has contributed to the continuing education of many outstanding students in our local communities. Nemont supports those special students who exemplify their potential to become the leaders of tomorrow.

In 2007, Nemont awarded a total of \$3,500 in scholarships to students who recognize the importance of volunteerism, community involvement and future goals, as well as academic achievement.

A \$500 scholarship has been awarded to the following students:



Louis Brookie, son of Hugh and Janeen Brookie from Saco, Montana, is a graduate of Saco High School. Louis will attend Montana State University in Bozeman. His goal is to become a successful engineer.



Craig West, a graduate of Plentywood High School, plans to attend Montana State University in Bozeman to earn a degree in chemical engineering. Craig is the son of Douglas and Jaclyn West from Outlook, Montana.



Lindlee Bartel is the daughter of Rodney and Carma Bartel from Wolf Point, Montana. She is a graduate of Wolf Point High School and plans to attend Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She plans to become a certified public accountant.



Rachel Fearing, daughter of Mitch and Sandra Fearing from Williston, North Dakota, graduated from Williston High School. Rachel plans to attend the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, where she will pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.



Codi Kawasaki-Jensen is a student at Williston State College in the Practical Nursing Program. This fall she will begin the Registered Nursing Program at Williston State College. Codi is a wife and mother of two boys.



Patrick Mueller is the son of Kim Mueller from Huntley, Montana. Patrick graduated from Huntley Project Schools and plans to attend Montana State University-Billings this fall. Patrick's goal is to become a pharmacist.



Erica Anderson, a graduate of Absarokee High School, will attend the Academy of Nail, Skin and Hair, Inc. in Billings, Montana, to become a cosmetologist. Erica is the daughter of David and Susan Anderson from Absarokee, Montana.

MISS NORTH DAKOTA

Nemont was pleased to be a returning sponsor of the Miss North Dakota pageant in Williston. Ashley Young, of Grand Forks, ND, was crowned Miss North Dakota 2008 on June 16.

The Miss North Dakota pageant is an annual event in Williston, and creates a noticeable economic impact in the retail community as visitors from all over the state settle in for the competition festivities. In addition to retail shops, gas stations, hotels and restaurants, other service and hospitality businesses appreciate the extra revenue this event brings to town each year.

The Miss America Organization is the world's largest scholarship assistance provider for young women. In 2006, the Miss America Organization, together with its state and local organizations, made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance.



Nemont employees have their photo taken with Miss North Dakota 2007, Annette Olson.

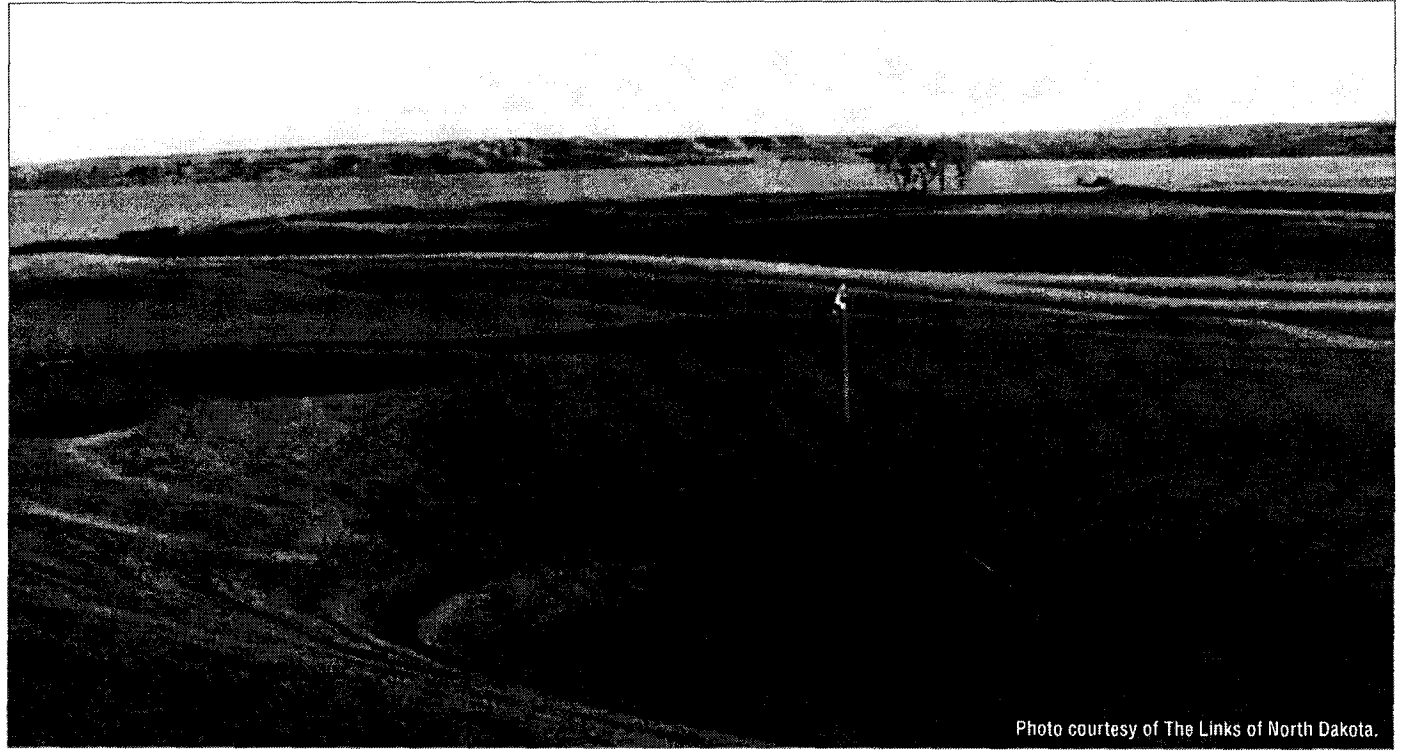


Photo courtesy of The Links of North Dakota.

MON-DAK AG OPEN SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

The 10th Annual Mon-Dak Ag Open is scheduled for August 7-9, 2007. The event focuses on attracting value-added agriculture processors and related industry to the area. In addition to "show and tell" style tours of the Mon-Dak area, participants can take advantage of workshops on Biofuels, Irrigation, Ag Processing and Energy. They

will also get a chance to pursue some walleye fishing or have the opportunity to play a nationally ranked golf course on the last day of the event.

The Links of North Dakota, located approximately 25 miles east of Williston, will host the Ag Invitational Golf Tourney. The

course was voted a "Must Play Golf Course" in North Dakota by Zagat Survey's America's Top Golf Courses in 2003-2005, and was ranked number 53 in *Golf Digest's* Top 100 Public Courses in 2005.

Nemont anticipates returning to the Ag Open as a sponsor on the golf course. If you plan to join the fun, we'll see you there!



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July 1-31

The art work of Bonnie Lee Jones will be shown at the James Memorial Center for Visual Arts, Williston. 701-774-3601.

July 17-19

Youth Education on Stage, "Schoolhouse Rock." WHS Auditorium, Williston. 701-577-3179.

July 18

Ag Committee at 7:30 a.m. at the El Rancho, Williston.

July 19

Join the celebration of 100 years for the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce and 50 years for KUMV at Harmon Park, Williston. Picnic from 5 to 8 p.m.

July 22

Williston Basin Speedway Racing NOSA Sprints. Start time is 7 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

July 25

Water Safety Day. All parents & children are invited to attend to learn about water safety and receive a FREE life jacket! Raymond Family Community Center in Williston from 2-4:30 p.m. 701-774-9315 or 701-572-8191.

July 25-30

Babe Ruth Regional Tournament for 13-15 year olds. Ardean Aafedt Stadium, Williston. 701-577-5141.

August 3-4

WHS class of 1952 Reunion, El Rancho Motor Hotel, Williston. 701-770-1245 or e-mail cfmoe@nemont.net.

August 3-4

Upper Missouri Relay For Life, Williston. 701-577-9618 or e-mail anjawells@hotmail.com.

August 4-5

The Indian Arts Showcase, Ft. Union Trading Post. 701-572-9083.

August 5

Williston Basin Speedway Racing NRLA Late Models. Start time is 7 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

August 7-9

Youth Education on Stage, "High School Musical." WHS Auditorium, Williston. 701-577-3179.

August 7-9

The Mon-Dak Ag Open, Williston. 800-735-6959, 701-577-8110 or visit the website at www.ag-open.com.

August 11

Williston Basin Speedway Racing Kids Night Race. Starts at 7:30 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

August 11

Conglomeration Day sponsored by the American Legion at Legion Park, Williston. Horse racing, car and motorcycle show, bingo, horse shoe competition. Steak Barbeque at 5 p.m. and a band at 8 p.m. 701-572-5015.

August 11

Williston Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. 701-774-0144 or e-mail ghill@hess.com.

August 13-14

Blood Drive, New Armory, Williston. Monday 1-7 p.m., Tuesday 12-6 p.m. 701-572-3495 or 701-774-0087.

August 15

Ag Committee, 7:30 a.m. at the El Rancho, Williston.

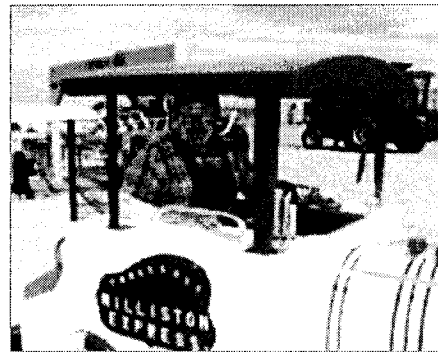
August 18

Camp Liberty at Liberty Evangelical, Williston. 701-572-8767 or e-mail libertykris@nemont.net.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

Nemont employees fired up the grill at the Nemont Customer Appreciation event on June 7, at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds in Williston. The event took place on the second day of the KEYZ Country Ag Show.

Kids enjoyed free rides on the Williston Express, balloon animals and a Nemont hackie sack. Everyone was treated to a fresh-off-the-grill hamburger.



Plant Engineer Tom Luck took kids on a tour of the KEYZ Country Ag Show on the Williston Express.

NEMONT GRILLS



Nemont employees enjoyed participating in the 2007 Mercy Hackfest. Charlene Severson, Jodi Buer-Benson, Tom Luck (not pictured) and Sabrina Ramey (not pictured) grilled fresh brauts and hamburgers and enjoyed chatting with tournament participants at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course.

The annual fundraiser had a record 144 golfers and perfect weather. Money raised will be used toward the purchase of a nurse call system for the extended care unit.

ZOE'S TECH PULSE

PREYING ON PHISH

The terms "phish" and "phishing" were coined in the 1990s. They refer to the practice of luring unsuspecting "fish" onto a con artist's hook. It is speculated the "ph" that replaces the "f" is borrowed from the word "phony." (Webster's New Millennium Dictionary of English)

Q: What is phishing?

A: Phishing can be summed up as an e-mail you receive that falsely claims to be an established organization looking for personal information. The most common type of phishing scams send spoofed e-mails which try to lead a consumer to a fake website which is designed to trick them into divulging personal information. This information commonly consists of account names, passwords, maiden names, credit card numbers, social security numbers, telephone numbers, and addresses. These fake websites look nearly identical to the real sites, with an occasional spelling error. The creators of these phishing sites will also use hijacked logos and pictures from the originating site in attempt to make their site look more authentic. The most common phishing scams target consumers who most often use sites such as eBay, PayPal, banks, credit card companies and online retail stores.

Q: How do I recognize a phishing scam?

A: As mentioned earlier, most phishing scams come through as a form of e-mail. Always be wary of any e-mail that does not come

from someone that you know, and be very cautious with e-mail coming from organizations with which you are enrolled, such as a bank or credit card company.

Typical phishing e-mails will look like they are coming from an organization such as eBay or PayPal. The body of the message will continue by telling you that your account with them has come under review and is in danger of being suspended or even cancelled unless you verify some information by clicking on a provided link and entering the needed information. Again, this information can be anything ranging from bank and credit card account numbers to social security numbers and maiden names.

If you click on a link in one of these phishing e-mails, it most likely will re-direct you to a site like www.myebsite.ca/account/login.jsp instead of www.ebay.com/account/login.jsp. Be sure to verify you are at the correct site. Another way of recognizing phishing e-mails is to read them thoroughly and watch for spelling typos such as, "Account Veerification Request" or "Requesting Account Update".

Keep in mind that most large organizations such as banks or credit card companies will NEVER send you an e-mail asking to verify personal information.

If you are not sure about a specific e-mail, you should contact that organization right away and ask for clarification. Not only will this help you validate the source, it will also make them aware of a potential phishing outbreak using their name. If you call the organization, do not use any form of contact information that was on the phishing e-mail, as it is most likely not legitimate information. Instead, use the phone number appearing on your bill statement or the company's secure website.

WTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Congratulations to Laura Gunderson, daughter of Nemont's Human Resources Manager Kaylin Gunderson, on being chosen to receive the Bob Adkisson Scholarship Award! Laura's scholarship was one of eleven, totaling \$8,900, awarded to graduating seniors of the class of 2007 with outstanding academic achievement, integrity and commitment.



The Bob Adkisson Scholarship Award was established by GVNW, Consulting, Inc., a firm specializing in assisting rural telecommunications providers. The Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) Foundation and family and friends of Bob Adkisson, former president of GVNW, also helped. Mr. Adkisson passed away in 2003, but his belief that today's youth hold the keys to success for our communities is kept alive through these memorial awards.

Recipients of this scholarship must be immediate family members of an owner, director, manager or employee of a WTA Member Company; in the 2007 graduating class of an accredited public, parochial, home school or private school; and must be entering an accredited junior college, technical school, four year college or university.

Laura is registered to attend MSU-Billings in the fall. She has declared a major in Business Administration with a double option of Marketing and Management, and a minor in International Affairs.

NEMONT IN WASHINGTON DC

Nemont board members Linda Nelson (circled, front row) and Colette Custer (middle row) represented Nemont in Washington D.C. at the annual National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) Legislative & Lobbying Conference this spring.

Linda and Colette took part in congressional meetings with Montana Senators Max

Baucus and Jon Tester and Montana Representative Denny Rehberg; they later joined Senator Tester for supper. In addition, Linda Nelson and Ron Ostberg of Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems (MITS) staff met with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to present Nemont's views on industry issues.



Nemont 90 minute prepaid calling cards must be used by December 1, 2007, regardless of the expiration date printed on the card. These cards will no longer be supported by the issuing vendor after December 1, 2007. Nemont apologizes for the inconvenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Nemont at 1-800-636-6680.

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NEMONT PARTICIPATES IN AID PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS

2007 marks the ten year anniversary of a program that has helped students, educators, parents and their communities in all 50 states benefit from the information age. Coined "E-Rate," it was introduced as an amendment to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and signed into law by President Clinton on February 8, 1996. The following year, the Federal Communications Commission established up to \$2.25 billion in available discounts to qualifying schools and libraries each year. Nemont participates in this program by providing bids for requested services. The federal funding subsidizes the cost of these services once a bid is accepted.

E-Rate provides discounts of 20% to 90% to public libraries and both public and private schools in four categories: Internet Access, Telecommunications Services, Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections. How much of a discount? For schools, that number is directly associated with how many students qualify for the National School Lunch Program, a federally assisted meal program providing low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. "Families do not have to use the National School Lunch Program," clarified Nemont Plant Records Clerk Garnet Fladager. "They only have to qualify for it."

While filling out the form only takes a moment, it could mean a helping hand for your local school. A recent report by two education coalitions titled "E-Rate: 10 Years of Connecting Kids and Community" reports almost \$19 billion in discounted services have been dispensed since the program's inception. Over \$66 million has been received by schools and libraries in Montana and North Dakota, with nearly \$5 million going to schools within the Nemont serving area alone.

Discounted services have helped teachers connect to students in new ways. Gracia Lapke teaches Spanish in Scobey, MT, but last year she also taught Spanish to students in Dodson, Froid, North Star School, Opheim, Sunburst, Troy and Westby, all without leaving her classroom. Using Interactive Television (ITV), she appears on a live connection over



a large television screen in their classrooms. She can see and hear her "remote" students, as well.

"We offer junior high and high school Spanish," Gracia clarified. "Last year we had 60-70 students. It allows smaller schools to keep their accreditation, by offering a foreign language, and I keep my full-time status. Everyone benefits."

E-Rate has kept teachers, students and parents connected at St Joseph's School in Williston, ND, as well. There is a computer in every classroom of the K-6th grade private school as well as a fully equipped computer lab. "Students use our Internet connection for research, teachers use it to enhance their curriculums and there are many learning and educational programs and games for students, teachers and parents," commented Caroline Renner, St. Joseph's E-Rate coordinator.

"We also have biannual student assessment testing on math and reading online, and our teachers have in-service training several times a year via the Internet."

E-Rate has been a significant helping hand for schools and libraries across the nation, and continues to aid these institutions with communications and Internet access. Although the E-Rate was originally designed as a

five-year program, it will soon be moving into its 11th year.

"We certainly hope the program continues," commented Superintendent of Absarokee Schools David Huether, of Absarokee, MT. "It significantly reduces our expenditures for telephone and Internet. Those funds are consequently freed up to use for other projects. Nemont has been very easy to work with in navigating the E-Rate process."

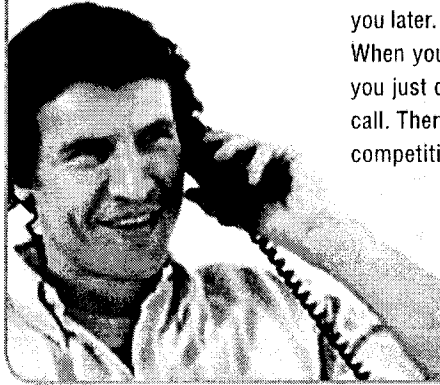
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NEMONT LONG DISTANCE

Nemont's new lower long distance rate is simple to remember, just 10¢ per minute, with no monthly minimums or hidden charges that surprise you later. You will only be billed one rate, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When you choose Nemont Long Distance for your long distance calls, you just dial "1" plus the area code and telephone number you wish to call. There are no extra numbers to dial. Nemont Long Distance offers competitive international rates, too!



ZOE'S TECH PULSE



With the kids in school and autumn around the corner, we spend more time inside. Ironically, in a digital age with a computer in many homes (sometimes more than one!) and multiple televisions, this can also mean less time interacting as a family. Why not put that computer to good use and research ways you can make your "together" time more meaningful?

Check out this list of family-friendly websites to come up with a host of parent resources, Internet safety, family and "bad weather" activities, and other fun ideas.

www.FamilyCorner.com is a great destination for parents with a thirst for information. Weekly highlights such as "Bullying-Both Sides of the Fence" and "Managing Morning Madness" are supplemented by standard features such as the Ages and Stages section, Holidays section and a Recommended Reading section. Check out the free printable coloring pages and Family

FunBook, full of activities contributed by readers.

www.KidsTurnCentral.com has tons of articles on hot topics written just for kids. From composting to babysitting to cooking to understanding their finances, this site presents helpful advice and reader experiences in a friendly, unpretentious style. It also gives kids a chance to participate in interactive features such as a poetry corner and a "Write the Caption" page.

Another excellent free website, geared especially for parents and children learning to read, is www.Starfall.com. With the idea that kids develop reading skills through a series of "little steps," this site starts with the ABCs and moves on to beginning reader stories featuring characters such as Gus the Duck and Peg the Hen. Endorsed by Cybersitter and iWatchDog as a family friendly website, Starfall.com is a great mix of animation, colorful art and vocal instruction.

Do you have a teenager? www.Chatdanger.com is the perfect place for parents and teens (and younger kids, too!) to learn about staying safe in a digital landscape. Self-described as a site "all about the potential dangers on

interactive services online like chat, IM, online games, e-mail and on mobiles[cell phones]," it offers true stories, advice to children and parents on such topics as e-bullying, and interactive quizzes like "Friend or Foe" to help tech users develop safe and responsible habits. Kids will visit chat rooms and participate in text conversations. Working through this site with you, their parent, is a good first step towards arming them with tools to stay safe.

Geared more for parents, www.GetNetWise.com is another educational site with net safety in mind. Check out instructions for turning on search engine filters, read tips about keeping your personal information private and learn how to identify online trouble and how to report it.

To finish up our Tech Tips this week on a high note, another great site to check out is www.iKnowthat.com, a website specifically geared for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Chock full of games, quizzes, puzzles and short videos, it also offers an interactive "paint and share" module and a fun "On this Day" history clip. Share the site with your children and learn more about math, science and art together.

PHISHING OUTBREAK

Nemont received a phishing e-mail that was recently circulated to our Nemont Internet subscribers. The e-mail has the subject line "Dear Nemont Valued Customer," and appears to come from Nemont.

The body of the e-mail requests personal information including names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, maiden names and passwords. This communication is NOT from Nemont Telephone Cooperative or any of its subsidiaries. Nemont has blocked the address this phishing e-mail was sent from, however, the author could easily open a new account and continue to "phish."

Keep in mind, most established organizations will never send you an e-mail asking you to verify or divulge personal information. If you are ever in doubt about the authenticity of an e-mail, it is important to contact the company in question immediately, using a telephone number you already know is correct (not a telephone number provided on the suspicious e-mail). Not only will this help you validate the source of the e-mail, it will also alert the company of a potential phishing scam using their name.

WILLISTON CELEBRATES NEW STATE FRUIT

Although the chokecherry became the official North Dakota state fruit on March 29, with Governor John Hoeven's signature, the project began in February 2006, when Mrs. Selby's six grade class at Rickard Elementary individually petitioned the Governor as part of a persuasive letter writing assignment.

Governor Hoeven advised the kids an act of the North Dakota Legislature would be required to name a state fruit. After working with local representatives, the kids testified in both the House and Senate once a bill proposing the chokecherry was drafted.

Their success was celebrated on August 18, when Williston hosted the Chokecherry Festival. Now eighth graders, the "Chokecherry Kids" were joined by Governor Hoeven and Miss North Dakota, Ashley Young, as well as hundreds of local residents. Nemont was pleased to be a sponsor of the event. The day's festivities included a 5k run, a parade and an awards ceremony in Harmon Park. Congratulations to the Chokecherry Kids!



photo courtesy of Tami Enget

The Chokecherry Kids are photographed here with (adults, from left to right) their sixth grade teacher Mrs. Selby, local supporter and owner of Jack & Jewel's Bar-B-Que, Rex McCaughtry, and Tom Kvanme, who gave them the idea of throwing a celebration in honor of a new state fruit being named.



Williston Fireman Dave Benth comes home over catcher for the Williston Policemen, Mike Wilson. Photo courtesy of Earle Dadd/Williston Daily Herald.

POLICEMEN VS. FIREMEN

The 39th Annual Policemen vs. Firemen Baseball Game and Police Association fundraiser took place on August 16 in Williston. Nemont was one of many supporters of this local showdown. Williston volunteer fireman and Nemont Communications Technician Scott Copenhaver brought home the trophy with the rest of his team, after shutting out the policemen 10-0. Money raised from the game is given to local charities; the game is also the major fundraiser for the All City Halloween Party.

FOLK ART FEST

Nemont would like to invite you to check out the Second Annual Folk Art Fest, in Williston, ND. This fun, cultural event is intended to promote the arts in the Williston area, and it is also a fundraiser for the James Memorial Center for the Arts. It will take place on the Center's lawn at 621 First Avenue West and the surrounding streets on September 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guests can browse a number of folk art vendor booths showing jewelry, handmade soap, faux stained glass and many other wares. Fine art will also be represented. "We are anticipating some potters," commented organizer Lynn Altizer, "and there are also some oil painters who will be coming." Devils Lake artist Monte Yellow Bird will be showing prints of his work at the event as well.

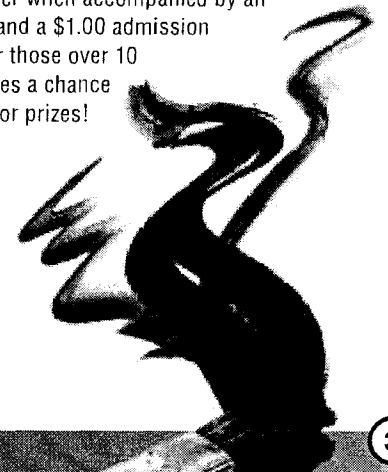
Another highlight will be the auction of 26 concrete coyotes, decorated by artists from Montana and North Dakota. Each coyote weighs a substantial 33 pounds and is approximately 22 inches high. The auction will start at 3 p.m.

The Folk Art Fest is a family-friendly event, with several kids' activities. The first 75 children will get to hand paint a t-shirt commemorating the day. They will also get to

check out face painting and chalk drawing booths, among other activities. Food vendors will be at the festival for those who want to have lunch or just a snack.

Entertainment is planned throughout the day, including the Dublin Boys, performing Irish ballads, the Northern Sioux Dance Troupe from Poplar, MT, and a group from the Williston Middle School led by Chad Askim, performing African drum music.

The Folk Art Fest promises to be a great day for the entire family, and Nemont is looking forward to lending a hand during set up and tear down for this fun event. Entrance to the event is free for kids 10 years and younger when accompanied by an adult and a \$1.00 admission fee for those over 10 includes a chance for door prizes!



YOUTH EDUCATION ON STAGE

Nemont was excited to be a sponsor this year for Youth Education on Stage (Y.E.S.), a program that has been involving youth from Williston and surrounding areas in summer stage productions for the past 23 years. The Y.E.S. philosophy is to take an educational approach to theater, with hands-on training in all aspects of theater, from stagecraft to acting.

Three productions, each shown three times, are presented every summer. Although the productions are shown in Williston, the talent may come from anywhere. Children and young adults from first grade through high school are welcome to participate, and often come from other North Dakota communities as well as Williston. The occasional guest alumni may also make an appearance. Although auditions are held every May, no child is rejected. "They always find a place for everyone willing to make a commitment," commented parent volunteer Vivian Kalmick.



Participants in Youth Education on Stage rehearse at the high school in Williston.

The participants only get two and a half weeks to prepare for each play.

Literally thousands of children and teens have enjoyed and benefited from the Y.E.S. program. Some have gone on to study theater and/or have become involved in the entertainment industry. They are given the chance to gain hands-on experience with

drama, dance, music, costumes, props and sets. In addition, children involved with the program have the chance to forge new friendships, gain self-confidence and discover hidden talents.

To find out how you can get involved with Youth Education on Stage, contact Vivian at 774-0137 or B. Michael Quale at 577-3179.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area events are listed free of charge. Submit your events by the 15th of October so that they may appear in the November/December issue. Send to: P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600, Attention: Community Calendar or e-mail to nemonttoday@nemont.net. For a complete list of events, go to www.nemont.net.

September 15

Opportunity Foundation Golf Tournament, Williston.

September 15-16

Williston Basin Speedway Racing Annual Fall Roundup. Saturday start time is 7 p.m. Sunday start time is 5 p.m. www.basinspeedway.com.

September 17-22

11th Annual Kling Brothers Breeding Classic Bucking Horse and Bull Sale, Williston. For more information call Dale Kling at 701-260-0642 or Amber Ladue-Kling at 701-260-9881.

September 17-22

Chamber Western Days, Williston. The best dressed area business window will receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks for a window decorating contest.

September 21

Homecoming Parade, Williston.

September 21-22

1957 Williston High School Class Reunion (Homecoming weekend), Williston. For more information contact Marge Vohs Sullivan at PO Box 506, Libby, MT 59923 or call at 406-293-5039. E-mail address is jmsullivan@kvis.net.

September 21-22

1962 Williston High School Class Reunion, Williston. For more information contact Carol Jean Miller Sandvik at 217 11th St E, Williston, ND or call at 701-572-2888. E-mail address is sandvikbr@dia.net.

September 29

Folk Art Festival, James Memorial Center for the Arts, Williston. 701-774-3601.

October 4

Car Seat Check-up, Stockman Motor Ford, Williston, 4-7 p.m. 701-572-8191 or 701-774-6400.

October 8-9

Blood Drive, New Armory, Williston. Monday 1-7 p.m., Tuesday 12-6 p.m. 701-572-3495 or during the drive 701-774-0087.

October 12-14

Second Annual Moon of the Changing Colors Pow-wow, Raymond Family Community Center, Williston. Ethnic foods, arts, and crafts stands.

October 19-20

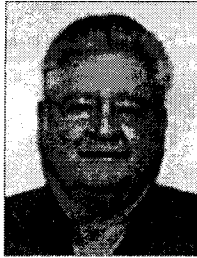
Craft Country Craft Show, Airport International Inn, Williston. 701-774-9091.

November 9-10

Tri-County Arts and Crafts Show, Airport International Inn, Williston. 9th from 10-8 p.m. & 10th from 10-5 p.m. 701-572-3899 or 701-572-9308 or e-mail littlelinda_2000@yahoo.com.

NEMONT BOARD MEMBER RETIRES

When Bob Heikens became a board member of Valley Rural Telephone Cooperative in 1968, the United States was embroiled in the civil rights movement and Vietnam. The soap opera "One Life to Live" premiered on ABC. Olympics XIX were held in Mexico City, Mexico, and France became a nuclear power. The Beatles put out The White Album. On October 6, 2007, Bob will retire. It has been a long road.



Heikens was appointed to fill the position vacated by Willard Hines when Hines resigned from Valley Rural Telephone's board of directors. In 1992, the directors of Nemont Telephone Cooperative and Valley Rural Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. decided it would be in the best interest of the subscribers if the two rural cooperatives merged into one. The merger became effective January 1, 1993. The newly merged cooperative retained the name of Nemont with the headquarters office located in Scobey, MT.

Bob was born in Glasgow, Montana, and married his wife, Helen, in 1954. Together, they raised four children. Upon his retirement from farming and ranching in 2000, the Heikens family moved to Nashua.

Of all the changes that have evolved Nemont Telephone Cooperative into the organization it is today, Bob is most proud of being involved in the Valley Rural-Nemont merger in 1993. More recent changes he reflects back on are the changes from an eight-party line, to plain old telephone service (POTS), to current projects like Nemont's cellular network build-out and Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) upgrades.

"In the 39 years I have served, it has evolved from a paper world to an electronic one," he commented. "Everything is done on a computer and over the Internet."

After his retirement, Bob plans to take a few short trips this fall to visit family and friends. He also looks forward to catching up on some woodworking projects in his shop, playing cribbage with friends and keeping up his traditional coffee at Bergie's.

He urges Nemont members, regardless of age, to take an interest in the cooperative organization. "Stay involved in your cooperative," Bob advises. "Take advantage of all the technologies it makes available."

NEMONT AT THE FAIR

Nemont employees enjoyed interacting with customers at summer fairs in and around our service areas, including Williston, Scobey, Culbertson, Plentywood, Glasgow, Crow Agency and Billings.



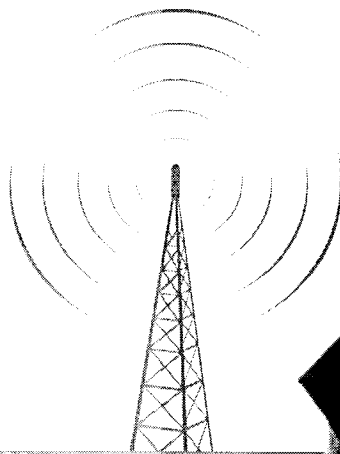
Along with employees from many area cooperatives, seven Nemont employees took part in Cooperative Discovery Day at Montana Fair in Billings, Montana, on August 15.



Hance Three Irons participates in the parade during Crow Fair.



A young fair goer gets ready to take his ride in an electric cooperative bucket truck in Culbertson. Nemont took digital photos of each ride and printed commemorative photos for kids to take home.



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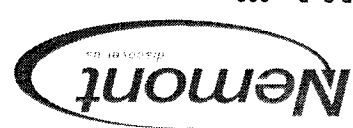
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

HIGH-SPEED AND JOE: A MYSTIC BLEND

What do deep couches, a mellow atmosphere and the scent of luxurious custom coffee beverages bring to mind? For patrons of The Mystic Blend Coffee and Tea Company, a coffee shop in Williston, ND, the answer is right downtown. Located at 307 Main, the shop was established April 1 of 2005 by Stanley and Pysethanie Dean. Their inspiration came from various coffee houses they visited while traveling.

"We thought it would be a nice addition to downtown," Pysethanie commented.

Residents and travelers seem to agree. Business for The Mystic Blend is great year-round, but as shopping and foot traffic increase during the holiday season, the establishment experiences an additional boost. In particular, the impressive assortment of tea offered at The Mystic Blend has become increasingly sought after by all age groups.

Another popular feature available inside the "sit down" coffee house is their complimentary high-speed wireless Internet, powered by Nemont. Although many faded dot-com companies envisioned wireless networks as payphones for Internet, hot spots such as The Mystic Blend offer free Internet access to attract study groups and traveling business people, among others.

"It's amazing how many people traveling through rely on an Internet connection," noted Pysethanie. "It's nice to be able to offer it to them."

The Deans take care to make their customers' visits something special. Only high-quality syrups are used in their beverage creations, and new seasonal flavors and treats are featured on a regular basis. Returning patrons can take advantage of The Mystic Blend's loyalty program, with double punches offered from 7:30-9:00 a.m. daily. When appropriate, they also enjoy honoring special



Decadent goodies line the counter at The Mystic Blend.



The coffee shop's customers enjoy Nemont's wireless high-speed Internet connection.

birthdays and other occasions. If you haven't had the chance to stop in at the downtown hot spot, put it on your "to do" list. Their hours are 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

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WHAT'S ON TV? IT'S UP TO YOU!

Telephone bill, cable bill, cell phone bill, Internet bill ... What if you could do away with one of those bills? I am not talking about bundling your services and keeping all the charges. I am talking about doing away with one of those bills!

Although many people do not explore the option, it is not only possible to watch television on your computer, it's easy! Many local television stations have their shows online, as well as the big networks like ABC and CBS and premium networks such as HBO. Video may be streamed (watched directly from the website it is hosted on), or it may be downloaded onto your computer and watched. Either way, a high-speed Internet connection is required. Slow Internet connections, such as dial-up, simply can't handle it.

If you already have the high-speed connection, step two is verifying you have the software to watch your show. Most computers are sold with media player software, which generally allows you to listen to music and watch video content. Some examples might include RealPlayer, Apple QuickTime or Media Player. If you do not have the right media software installed, the website you are attempting to access content from will often prompt you to download it.

What kind of television can you watch over the Internet? It falls into several categories:

- Free content.
- Subscription-fee content.
- Pay-to-view content.

Type "Internet TV" into your search engine and find a variety of websites listing available channels. Check out www.wwiTV.com for a huge list of accessible (and international) Internet television channels that are categorized by interest and origin, and free. Double clicking

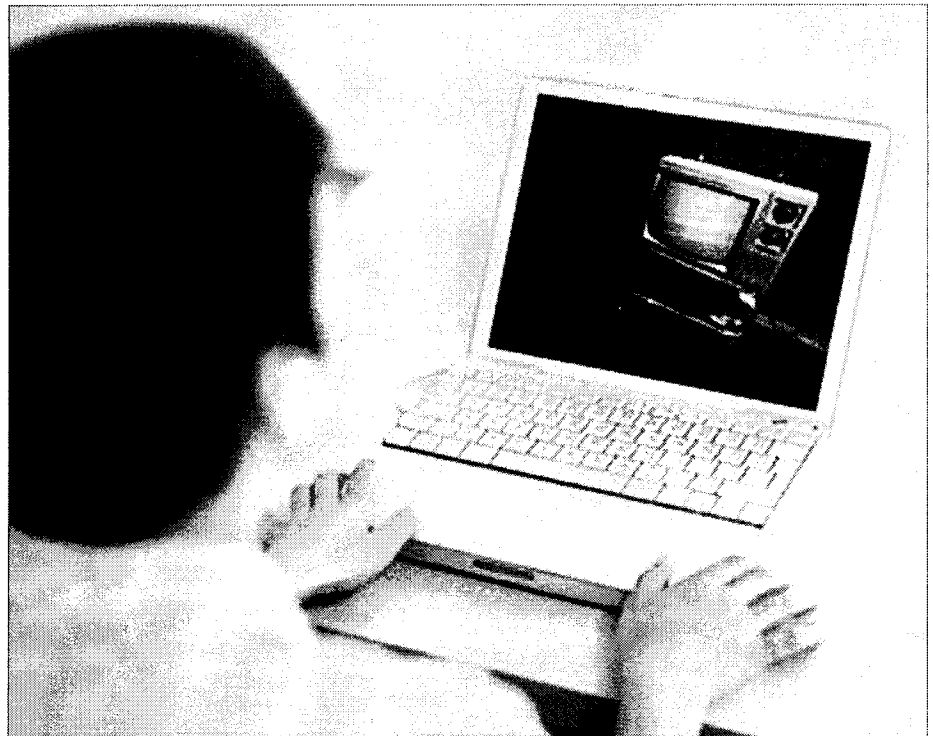
on the link of your choice will open your media player and before you know it, you will be watching Internet television.

A popular site for amateur videos, from political interviews to footage from the office Halloween party, is www.YouTube.com. Sorted into "most viewed," "most discussed" and "most recent" among other categories, the massive number of videos is easy to sort; they have front row appeal the slick network giants can't match.

If movies are more your bag, check out sites such as www.cinemanow.com. In addition to

a whole slew of programming you never even channel surf.

What if you want to give the television the boot altogether and simply watch regular broadcast programming (in addition to Internet-only programming) right on your computer screen? All you need is some extra hardware so that your computer will recognize and stream broadcast television. Option A would be an internal card to install directly into your hard drive. Option B is an external USB TV receiver device. Some of these TV tuner devices even come with a remote control, so you can flip through



buying or renting thousands of movie titles, you can also buy episodes of your favorite television shows, such as *24*, *Friends*, and more. You can shop www.iTunes.com for a similar experience, or check out their Season Pass and Multi-Pass options to get entire seasons at a discount. While these sites are not free, it could be argued you save time by only watching the shows you want, when you want. You could also save money, since you only pay for one particular episode, instead of

channels just as you would with your standard television remote. Many include software allowing you to pause "live" TV, and record and play back your favorite programs.

All these options beg one question. What if you are attached to your TV? Check out the next issue of *Nemont Today* for ways to keep your family appreciating that big screen in the living room instead of crowded around the computer in the corner of your dining room.

● PREPAID CARDS ●

Nemont 90 minute prepaid calling cards must be used by December 1, 2007, regardless of the expiration date printed on the card. These cards will no longer be supported by the issuing vendor after December 1, 2007. Nemont apologizes for the inconvenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Nemont at 1-800-636-6680.



TRAIL OF TREATS

Little trick-or-treaters stopped by the Nemont office in Williston during Trail of Treats on October 31. Organized by the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce and the Shop Williston 1st committee, this annual event encourages kids and their chaperones to visit participating local businesses along the trail from 2:30-5 p.m. Costumed employees handed out candy to approximately 400 children this year.

(Pictured to the right:)
Nemont employees, from left, Sabrina Ramey, Joan Benson, Betty Schroeder, Connie Teske and Lana Lynde have a photo taken with Communications Technician Scott Copenhaver's little devil, Vernon.



LOCAL GOODWILL

The commitment to investing in our community and helping others is the heart and soul of the Basin United Way. As a silver level sponsor, Nemont is an active participant in the United Way program. This year, 31 agencies that address the most pressing human services and health issues in the greater Williston area will benefit from United Way fundraisers. The goal for 2007 is \$105,000.

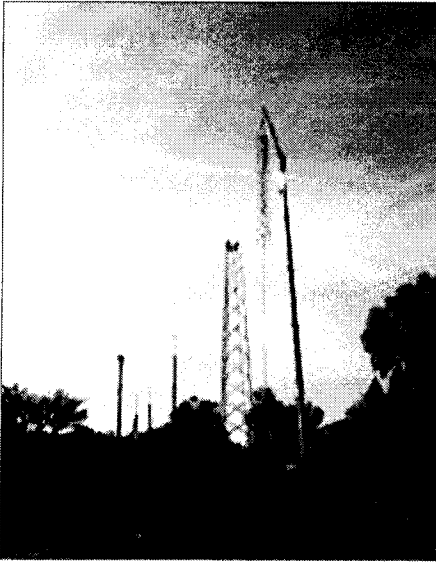
In addition to a monetary gift by Nemont and Nemont employees, Business Analyst Leslee Bublitz is currently serving her second year as a Basin United Way board member.

Marketing Specialist Sabrina Ramey volunteers as a Team Captain, calling on area businesses and distributing donation packets during the fundraising season.

Gifts to the Basin United Way stay local and are tax deductible. Those who wish to donate to the United Way have the option to make a one-time gift, a monthly gift or even opt for a payroll deduction in many cases. For more information about the Basin United Way and how you can make a difference, please contact Executive Secretary Medrein Sandvold at 774-4106 or e-mail basinunitedway@hotmail.com.



Nemont employees Sabrina Ramey and Leslee Bublitz are both involved with United Way.



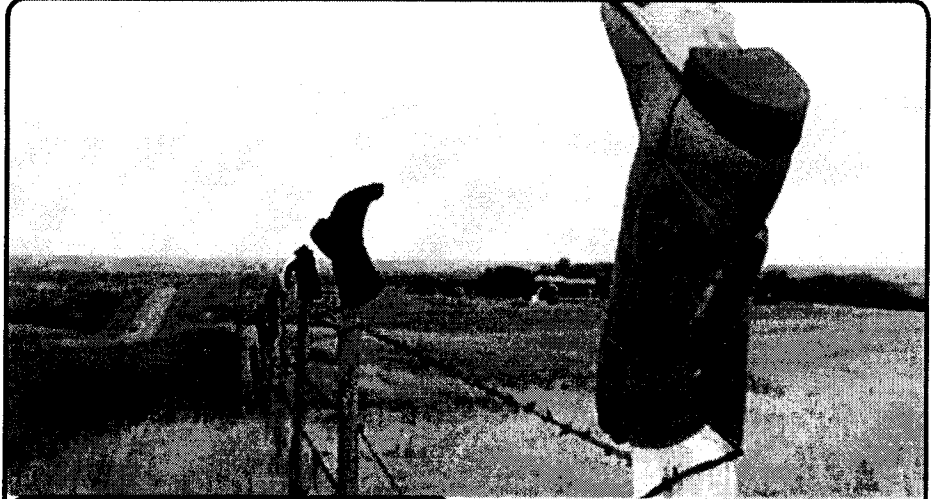
A cell tower in Nemont's south central Montana service area was assembled in late summer.

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Nemont is continuing to expand its cellular network in northwestern North Dakota. A new cell site is currently under construction in the Trenton area. This new site is in addition to the three existing Nemont cell sites in the Williston area.

Nemont's cell sites utilize digital CDMA equipment, similar to many other carriers. Customers who choose Nemont's cell service have the ability to save money by bundling cellular with landline phone service and high-speed Internet.

In addition to the cell sites in northwestern North Dakota, Nemont has cellular networks in northeastern Montana and south central Montana. During 2007, Nemont added five cell sites in northeastern Montana and three in south central Montana.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area events are listed free of charge. Submit your events by the 15th of December so that they may appear in the January/February issue. Send to: P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600, Attention: Community Calendar or e-mail to nemonttoday@nemont.net. For a complete list of events, go to www.nemont.net.

November 17

Norsemalers Show and Sale, Old Army 320 1st Ave East, 10-3 p.m., Williston. Rosemaling, hardanger, crocheting for sale plus the Dakota Dimensions will be serving romeogrot and other Scandinavian goodies. 701-572-2865.

November 23

Light up Harmon Park, 6 p.m., Williston. 701-577-6000.

November 23

"Warm Up After Light Up," Williston. For more information call 701-774-3601.

December 1

Mercy's Charity Gala & Auction, Williston. Contact Kathy Harger at 701-774-7404 or e-mail kathyharger@catholichealth.net.

December 2

"Christmas Round the World," WHS at 2 p.m. For more information call Elizabeth's Dance Expression/Elizabeth Falcon at 701-774-3262 or e-mail ede@nemont.net.

December 3-7

Nemont Food Drive and Open House, Williston.

December 6-10

"It's A Wonderful Life," Entertainment, Inc. presentation. For more information or tickets call 701-577-3179.

December 7

Chamber Christmas Luncheon. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., New Armory Gym, Williston. RSVP by calling 701-577-6000.

December 10-11

Blood Drive, New Armory, Williston. Monday 1-7 p.m., Tuesday 12-6 p.m. 701-572-3495 or during the drive call 701-774-0087.

December 16

Homes entered in the Spirit of Christmas house decorating contest with the theme of "The Magic of Christmas" will be judged this evening. To register call the Chamber office at 701-577-6000 with name and address.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM AVAILABLE FROM MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC., DBA NEMONT.

Missouri Valley Communications, dba Nemont, is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by meeting the guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission and the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Nemont offers quality, reliable telephone service and realizes that basic service is a fundamental aspect of everyday life.

Basic service from Nemont includes:

- Single party service.
- Touch tone.

- Voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Access to emergency services including basic 911 or Enhanced 911.
- Access to operator services, inter-exchange, and directory assistance.

Nemont is proud to offer basic service to all customers in its serving territory. The rate for Nemont residential service is \$18.12 a month. The flat rate for business service is \$26.20 a month.

Low-income individuals may be eligible for Lifeline North Dakota and Link-Up telephone

assistance programs which provide discounts from these basic rates. The discount applies only to the main home telephone line billed in the name of the qualified customer. Also available to Lifeline North Dakota customers is toll blocking which lets customers block outgoing long distance calls free of charge.

If you have questions, or would like to become a customer of Nemont, please contact us at 1-800-636-6680, or visit our business office at 421 Main, Williston, ND. We may also be reached by e-mail at nemont@nemont.net.



Photos With Santa, 2006, Nemont Headquarters in Scobey, MT.

JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Nemont employees would like to invite you to come in out of the cold this winter and join us for several events during the holiday season.

Our retail offices in Glasgow, Wolf Point and Williston will be throwing open the doors for a week-long food drive December 3-7. Residents are encouraged to clean out their pantries and take advantage of grocery store sales for the worthy cause of helping local food banks stock their shelves for winter. Those who bring in food items may enter to win (once per item!) a FLY Fusion Pentop Computer and other great prizes. Enjoy coffee and baked treats all week during office hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

In addition to the annual food drive, several Nemont offices will be hosting open house events in December. The Wolf Point office will be participating in Wolf Point's Town-Wide Open House event on December 14. A holiday open house will also be held at our Crow Agency office on December 14, during office hours. If you are in the Scobey area, don't miss Photos with Santa, on December 19, at Nemont Corporate Headquarters from 2-4:30 p.m. Bring your kids for a visit with Santa and take home a free commemorative photo. Complimentary refreshments will be served at all locations.

Nemont's Season of Giving is open to the public! So mark your calendars, gather your family and friends and get into the spirit. We hope to see you soon!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE FOR AUCTION

Nemont will be visiting communities throughout our service area again this year for holiday parades. A gingerbread house will be featured on the 2007 float, and will come with a little extra magic built right in. After the holiday season, the gingerbread house will be removed from the float and donated to the Family Recovery Home in Williston. Suitable for use as a children's playhouse, the structure will be used as a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization.

Family Recovery Home assists families in recovering from addiction, and has been in operation since 1997. Their approach to recovery is based on the idea that drug and alcohol abuse are often passed through generations, and the philosophy that the only effective way to break the addiction chain is to treat the entire family.

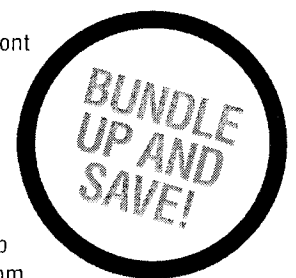
Nemont Communications Technician and Family Recovery Home volunteer Brian Rieli hopes the gingerbread house will be a unique fundraiser for Family Recovery Home. "We are always working on new projects," he commented. "We plan to put the playhouse up for bidding at a suitable public auction. The funds generated from its sale will be used to help renovate housing for the Recovery Home."

BUSINESS BUNDLES COMING SOON!

Thousands of Nemont residential customers have been discovering the savings associated with bundling their high-speed Internet, long distance, landline telephone and their cell phone, all on one bill. Have you signed up yet?

If you are a Nemont business customer, you can soon look forward to the same benefits! Business bundles are on their way, and promise to help you trim your bottom line. "Customers who sign up for the Nemont SkyRider plans will see the biggest savings," commented Nemont Business Analyst Leslee Bublitz.

If you are interested in a Nemont business bundle, stay tuned. They will be rolling out soon!



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WIN A \$25 CREDIT !

Fill out this official entry form and drop it by one of our offices or mail it by December 15, 2007, to PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600. Attn: Drawing. Faxed, duplicated, e-mailed or photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners will be contacted by phone and listed in the January/February issue.

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September/ October \$25.00 Winners

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Join us in welcoming the new Nemont team members!



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Vehicle Washer
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

OUT OF THE ASHES

If a newspaper can be compared to a phoenix, then the *Daniels County Leader* in Scobey would be the mythical bird several times over. Over the course of the 85 years it has been owned by the Bowler family, the paper survived three fires. The first occurred July 13, 1926, when the neat white building housing the paper was burglarized and fire-bombed as a political statement. The second fire was courtesy of a brief, but violent, electrical storm on July 8, 1947.

In the early sub-zero-degree hours of Thursday, November 30, 2006, a third fire started in the newspaper's basement. By the time it was subdued, all four presses suffered extensive damage and most office equipment was destroyed. The *Leader* rose from the ashes that same week to publish the details of the fire, living up to its catch phrase "In the mail, without fail, every Thursday morning."

In the days and weeks to follow, an extended network of community neighbors stepped forward to help keep that slogan valid. Volunteers ran a subscription drive



Burl Bowler and Phil Wahl repair the press at the Daniels County Leader.

shortly after the fire, and new customers contacted the paper to place advertising. Although all of the layout, design and darkroom work was being done in temporary quarters, the first post-fire issue was printed at the *Herald-News* of Wolf Point. The Wolf Point crew continued to print the *Leader* for the next six months. The Print Shop, in Glasgow, stepped in to help with much of the *Leader's* commercial printing.

In the meantime, Daniels County's newspaper moved next door into a former tavern. Nemont worked with the *Leader* staff to reinstate telephone and high-speed Internet service as quickly as possible. "I think Nemont did some things that were out of the ordinary to get us connected again," commented editor/owner/publisher Burl Bowler. "Nemont is a very good neighbor."

High-school sports, anniversaries, grain prices, weddings, obituaries and local news have filled the little paper's trademark yellow pages through 85 years and three generations of Burl Bowler's family. "I think it was back in the 1980s when we made the switch," commented Burl of his father's idea to print on yellow paper. "It's become part of the *Leader*. We will always print on yellow newsprint."

NEMONT OPENS DOORS FOR FREEDOM CALLS

Military personnel are separated from their families for long periods of time and miss out on important milestones such as births and graduations. A nonprofit organization called Freedom Calls Foundation, powered by volunteers, corporate contributors and donations, works diligently to keep servicemen and women closer to home.

To date, a satellite network connecting five military camps in Iraq with the United States has been built. Freedom Calls centers offer 24 hour e-mail and videoconferencing to over 40,000 soldiers in five camps in Iraq. Through these tools, military personnel are able to keep in touch with their families at no charge.

VisionNet, an innovative technology company owned in part by Nemont, is a Montana-based company providing free real-time videoconferencing services as part of the Freedom Calls program. Since partnering with the nonprofit organization in 2004, VisionNet has helped thousands of soldiers connect to loved ones with exceptional clarity and only a small auditory lag, unlike the choppy auditory lags common in overseas television coverage.

As part of this ongoing effort, Nemont has opened its Montana offices in Glasgow, Scobey, and Worden, and the office in Williston, North Dakota, for families of military personnel stationed in Iraq who wish to take advantage of Freedom Calls Foundation videoconferencing.

Freedom Calls Foundation gathers information about the soldier and the caller before a conference can be scheduled. This information will be used to determine whether a call is possible, based on the soldier's location, availability and other factors. Five locations currently have videoconferencing available. They include Camp Taji, Camp Fallujah, Camp Taqaddum, Al Asad Airbase and Camp Victory.

Inquiries should be directed to Nemont Executive Secretary Pat Kanning at 1-800-636-6680.

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ZOE'S TECH PULSE



WHAT'S ON TV? IT'S UP TO YOU! PART II

In our last Tech Tips, I shared sources for all kinds of Internet TV content, including episodes from favorite sitcoms, movies, amateur videos clips and more. In this issue, I will give you some advice on how to move the content-rich Internet environment right into your living room - and onto your big screen (or any size screen) TV!

With the wealth of information and entertainment available on the Internet, you'll question why you haven't explored this option before. The first thing you will need is a video card that has an S-Video output or "TV Out" port. If your system did not come with one, don't despair. Many manufacturers offer them, and a trip to your local office supply or technology store will probably put you in business. If in doubt, call first so that you don't waste a trip.

With your computer shut down and your TV powered off, connect a video cable from the "TV Out" or video output port on your computer to the video input port on your TV.

Turn your TV on. You may need to fiddle with the TV settings to get it to display from the port connected to your computer. Dig out your TV manual if need be.

Turn your computer on. Adjust the video and resolution settings in the Control Panel under Monitors. On some operating systems, this may be under Display and Display Settings.

Here are some additional trouble-shooting tips:

If your computer monitor is dark:

Your computer may not have enough video memory to display an image on the television and the computer monitor at the same time.

If the television screen is black:

Use the Monitors or Display option in your control panel to select a lower resolution setting on your PC.

If only your desktop background shows up on the TV:

Make sure you have your television set as the primary display, rather than the computer monitor.

If the image flickers:

Some combinations of colors or patterns cause the image on the television screen to flicker. If you have a Reduce Flicker option in the Display or Monitors settings in your computer's Control Panel, turn it on.

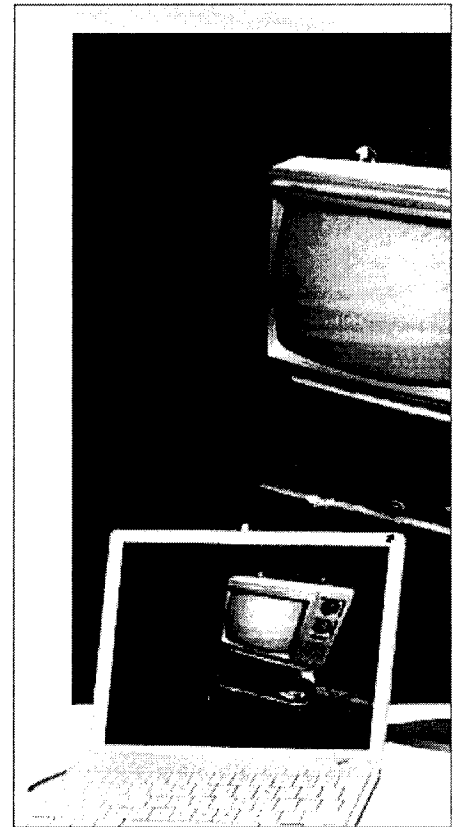
If the colors don't look right:

Try adjusting the television's color settings. The television may not be able to display some colors that you can see on your monitor.

If you can't figure out how to change the television's resolution:

You can't switch a television to a higher resolution setting. Set your monitor to the lowest possible resolution so that the monitor and television can both display the same image. Try not to run S-Video cable more than about ten feet. If you run it too far, the picture quality degrades. If need be, you can purchase a signal booster to try to improve the picture.

By making the television screen display Internet content, I essentially made it the



computer monitor. Since the average home television screen is larger than the average laptop or desktop screen you can sit much further away. Surfing the web, chatting with friends or watching Internet TV from the couch and sparing myself the eyestrain from sitting two feet from my computer screen makes this entire experiment worthwhile, in my opinion.

As a side note, there is also technology out there to hook your computer up to your TV wirelessly, but I haven't tried it out yet.



SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Nemont is pleased to once again offer a total of seven scholarships to students attending a vo-tech, trade school, accredited college or university. \$3500 in scholarship money will be awarded in the spring. Current Nemont subscribers and their dependents may apply for a one-time scholarship if they meet scholarship criteria. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is April 1, 2008, and applications are available now! Visit the Nemont website at www.nemont.net to download an application and guidelines, or contact us for more information at 1-800-636-6680. Nemont board members, employees and their immediate families are not eligible.



Volunteers staff the phones at KUMV during the live Rotary Club auction fundraiser on December 2. Nemont was pleased to donate the telephone service, equipment and installation for the annual event. The Rotary Club uses funds from the auction for local community enrichment projects.

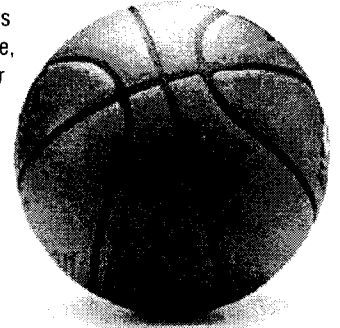


The Nemont Christmas float was a smash in all the communities we visited for holiday parades. The float earned third place in Williston and took the People's Choice award in Glasgow, MT.

The gingerbread house, suitable as a children's playhouse, has been donated to Family Recovery Home for use as a fundraiser. Money generated from its sale will be used to renovate housing for the Recovery Home or other projects.

NEMONT NIGHT IN TRENTON

Calling all high school basketball fans! Nemont is excited to be part of the Trenton/Ray boys basketball match-up scheduled for Tuesday, February 12. Join us in Trenton for prizes and other crowd-pleasers during halftime, and show your support for the Trenton Tigers.



NW CORNER OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHEDULED FOR CELLULAR BUILD-OUT IN 2008, 2009

Nemont, Northwest Communications Cooperative (NCC) and Souris River Telephone (SRT) will be joining forces in 2008 to bring better cell phone coverage to North Dakota.

With an ambitious two-year build-out plan, the three companies aim to fill in gaps where larger companies do not have service. For the first time, NCC will also be able to offer their cooperative members cell phone service along with telephone, data, and video services.

At this time, Nemont and NCC plan to activate 11 cell sites in 2008 at, or near, the following locations: Crosby, Alamo, Ray, Blacktail, Tioga, 13 mile corner (US Highway 2), Grenora, McGregor, Wildrose, Noonan, and Zahl. SRT and NCC will combine efforts to construct an additional seven sites, including two in the Bowbells area, two in the Columbus area, and towers near Flaxton, Lignite and Powers Lake.

"There are still some 'i's to be dotted and 't's to be crossed," commented Nemont General Manager Shawn Hanson, "but the goal is to offer customers an extended home calling area from Havre in the west to Minot in the east, with greatly enhanced coverage compared to what is available now."

Since many MonDak residents travel throughout the area for work and recreation, better coverage in northwest North Dakota stands to benefit customers from Nemont, NCC and SRT, alike.

GETTING SPOOFED

The term "spoofing" refers to the practice of masquerading as another person by falsifying data. There are many different types, including e-mail spoofing, cell phone spoofing, URL spoofing, and more. This article will focus on a common variation known as caller ID spoofing, which first cropped up in 2004.

Many people enjoy using caller ID, the custom calling feature that allows a person to find out who is calling before picking up the telephone receiver.

Caller ID spoofing, however, can make a call appear to come from any phone number the caller wishes. People naturally assume calls come from the name and/or number displayed on the caller ID. As a result, caller ID spoofing lulls users into a false sense of security about whom they are giving information to.

As recently as this summer, legislation was introduced in both the House and Senate outlawing caller ID spoofing. The bills are labeled HR251 and S.704, respectively. Neither piece of legislation has met final approval yet.

Regardless of whether or not it becomes illegal to mislead a person about one's identity via caller ID, you should always be careful about releasing your personal information. Do not give data such as birthdates, social security numbers or family names and histories to people you do not know. Be wary when you are contacted by a business you trust if their representative asks you for information they should already have. Tell them you will call them back, and contact the business through their published telephone number.



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January 21

Williston Area Chamber Banquet. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner and awards to follow at 6:30 p.m. Speaker Phil Callaway is an award-winning author and speaker, known worldwide for his humorous yet perceptive look at life. Tickets are \$35. RSVP to the Chamber at 701-577-6000.

February 3-4

Lion's Diabetic Breakfast at the First Lutheran Church, Williston. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact Larry Gaudreau at 701-770-1245. www.willistonchamber.net.

February 4-6

National Hard Spring Wheat Show. NDSU Extension Service. 701-577-4595.

February 7

Car Seat Check-up, Stockman Motor Ford, 4-6 p.m. Please bring car seat, vehicle manuals and child who will be using car seat to ensure the correct seat is being used. Contact Fran at 701-572-8191 or Lorrie at 701-774-6400 for more information.

February 7-11

Entertainment, Inc. presents "Noises Off." Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2:30 p.m. For more information or tickets call 701-577-3179.

February 9

API Chili Cook-Off, Airport International Inn. Contact Gary Routh at 701-572-5930 for more information. www.willistonchamber.net.

February 9

Williston Community Concert, Williston High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Presenting: "London Concertante," Chamber Orchestra.

February 12

Nemont Night at the basketball game, Trenton High School.

February 15

James Memorial Preservation Society "Soup's On" fundraiser. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. A variety of homemade soups, breads, beverages, and desserts will be served at the James. 701-774-3601.

February 22-24

Gun Show. Contact Robert Stroh at 701-572-3271 for more information.

March 14-15

Craft Country Craft Show, Airport International Inn, Williston. Contact Mona Kraft at 701-774-9091 for more information.

THE ANALOG CELLULAR SUNSET

As of midnight on February 18, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will no longer require cellular telephone companies to provide analog service. While most wireless telephone users will not be affected by this transition (often called the "analog cellular sunset"), some users may be affected. In addition, the transition could affect some alarm systems and some users of OnStar in-vehicle communications service.

Nemont will continue to maintain its existing analog service in Northeastern Montana. Many other wireless companies, including those with which Nemont has roaming agreements, will discontinue all analog service on this date. This means that Nemont customers who use phones with analog capabilities may notice changes in service quality when roaming outside of Nemont's home areas.

On-Star customers and customers of carriers that are discontinuing analog service should have received notification from their carrier.

For more information about this issue or any other telecommunications-related issues, visit the FCC's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau website at www.fcc.gov/cgb, or contact the FCC's Consumer Center by e-mail, fccinfo@fcc.gov, or call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322).



Although Nemont continues to expand its digital network and maintain analog service where it currently exists, many other carriers will discontinue their analog networks after February 18.

OUT OF THE ASHES

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Other changes have been embraced, as well. Although the paper has specialized in commercial printing since 1922, the adoption of offset printing in 1963 allowed the *Leader* to do its own photography, picture processing and plate-making. Most of its commercial printing, including customized letterhead, envelopes and office forms, are designed and produced in-house. Its vinyl sign and graphics business has also debuted in recent years. Decals, storefront and vehicle graphics are all well within the realm of what the *Leader* offers. Some of its work may be viewed in the classic blue pinstriping and graphics on all of the white Nemont service trucks.

Burl continues to diversify, as needs in the community pop up. He now stocks wood pellets for pellet stoves in the *Leader* office. "People were having a tough time finding them and we have a lot of new warehouse space," he commented.



The newspaper crew had a photo taken in the *Leader* building prior to the 2006 fire.

Those who wish to submit their newsworthy information to the *Daniels County Leader* have a few more options these days than early readers did. Now, instead of just delivering it through the new front door at 214 Main Street in Scobey, items can be e-mailed to 2leader@nemont.net, faxed to (406)487-5304 or phoned to (406)487-5303.

NEW SECURITY MEASURES AT NEMONT

Local, long distance and cellular telephone companies collect customer information, called Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI), in order to provide and bill for services as requested by their customers. Some examples include the numbers called and when calls are placed.

Communications companies are required by Congress and the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) to protect this type of information from disclosure. To circumvent these rules, unscrupulous individuals may pose as a customer or law enforcement official to obtain calling records and other sensitive personal information. Congress recently passed a law making it a crime punishable by fine or imprisonment of up to 10 years to obtain calling records from a telephone company by making false or fraudulent statements, providing fraudulent documents and accessing records without proper authorization through the Internet or fraudulent computer-related activities.

In addition, the law prohibits the unauthorized transfer or sale of confidential records. It is also against the law to purchase or receive this type of information with knowledge that it was obtained fraudulently and/or without authorization.

How Does This Affect Me?

Nemont has introduced additional measures to help protect your account and other sensitive personal information. Customers are encouraged to take an active part in keeping their private data secure, and to partner with Nemont in this effort.

Passwords or a valid photo ID may be requested for certain inquiries before information will be released. You can help by contacting Nemont and setting up a password for your account.

What Can I Do?

Stay vigilant about protecting your personal information. It is important to note that customer information rules apply to all telephone companies: local, long distance, and cellular. If you have service from more than one provider for these choices, be certain your customer information preferences are known to each company.

Here are some more tips to remember:

- If you suspect your customer information has been disclosed without your permission, contact your telephone company immediately and file a complaint with the FCC at www.fcc.gov/cgb/complaints.html
- Ask your telephone company to provide information about what it does to protect the confidentiality of your customer information.
- Read your telephone bill and any other notices you receive from your telephone company carefully.

When you contact Nemont to set up a password for obtaining your customer information, keep in mind you cannot use your social security number, date of birth, mother's maiden name or home address. Only the account owner may make changes to their account, including the addition of a password.

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WIN A \$25 CREDIT !

Fill out this official entry form and drop it by one of our offices or mail it by February 15, 2008, to PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600. Attn: Drawing. Faxed, duplicated, e-mailed or photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners will be contacted by phone and listed in the March/April issue.

\$25 CREDIT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

November/ December \$25.00 Winners

Ruth J Miller
Williston

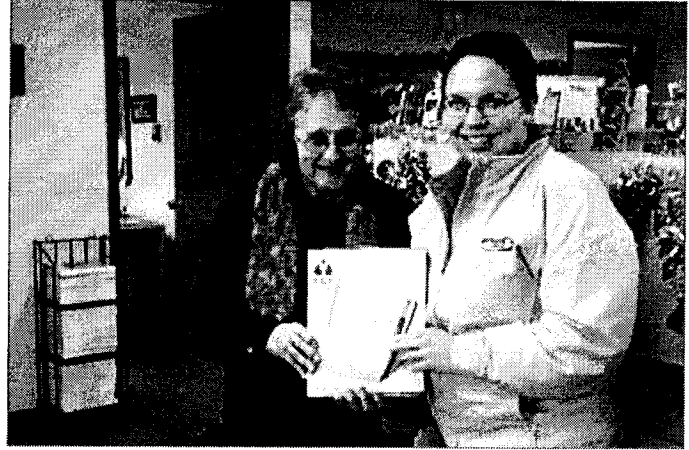
John Monson
Williston

Penny Morgan
Fort Peck

Roger Britton
Froid

Chris Clark
Absarokee

Robert Mendenhall
Absarokee



Drawing winner, Georgianne Tofte (left), received a FLY Pentop Computer after donating non-perishable food to the annual Nemont Food Drive. The food drives were held in Glasgow, Wolf Point and Williston. Thanks to everyone who helped Nemont replenish local food banks!

Visit our website at www.nemont.net for current specials and local information.

220 Benton St. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Wolf Point, MT

421 Main, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST Mon-Fri

Williston, ND

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

FISHING THE BIGHORN

Some mental snapshots live forever in a person's memory. For Michael Mastrangelo and Ellyn Nadeau, that snapshot gets refreshed every time they look out their window. From the bluff heading toward Fort Smith and overlooking the Aquarium Riffle, the owners of Fort Smith Fly Shop and Cabins enjoy a phenomenal view of the Bighorn River. They moved to the area from Boston, Massachusetts.

"We wanted to live in a beautiful location on the best trout stream in the world," commented Ellyn.

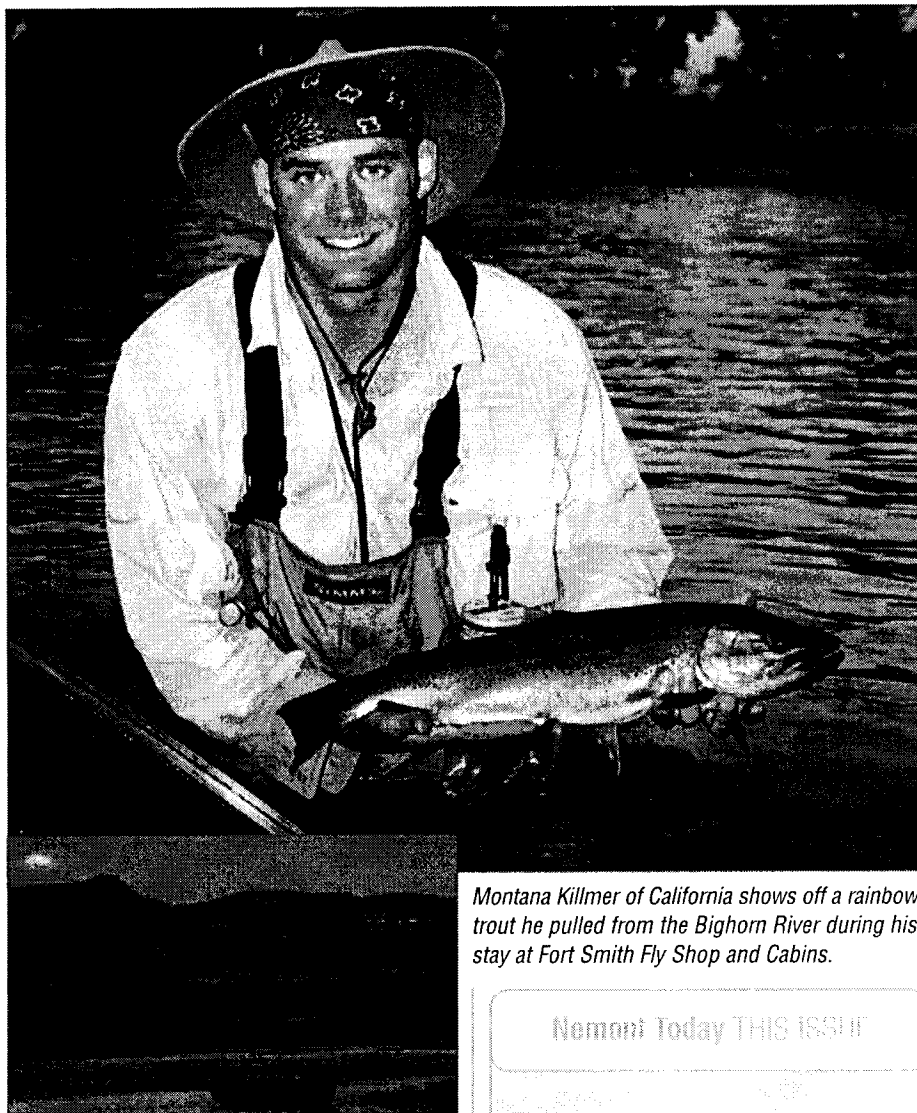
Michael and Ellyn started their business in 1998, and specialize in guided fishing and float trips on the Bighorn. But that isn't all they offer.

For city slickers hoping to unwind and for their Montana neighbors alike, the couple believes very personalized service and exceptional values translate to the fly fishing experience of a lifetime. From March through November, they sell the opportunity to catch big, wild rainbow and brown trout, with all the best insider tips and tricks.

Their website, www.flyfishingthebighorn.com, showcases stunning photographs full of blue skies, clear water and just-out-of-the-water fish.

"We used to be disconnected frequently from the Internet, especially while uploading photographs to our website," noted Ellyn. "We are pleased to say that having a high-speed DSL connection has saved us so much time. Now we are able to update our webpage regularly and provide the latest information to our clients."

Nemont was able to bring high-speed Internet to the remote, isolated area in March 2002 through a facilities upgrade. Michael and Ellyn's patrons, however, find the isolation part of the attraction. Along with everything you need to know to book a fly fishing trip, their website boasts seemingly endless testimonials from folks who cannot



Montana Killmer of California shows off a rainbow trout he pulled from the Bighorn River during his stay at Fort Smith Fly Shop and Cabins.

Fort Smith Fly Shop and Cabins commands a spectacular view of the Bighorn River.

say enough about the wonderful personal attention, great food, amazing scenery and very comfortable beds.

Regardless of your skill level, Fort Smith Fly Shop and Cabins has an adventure for you. Spend the day taking in the scenery while floating down Bighorn River in a McKenzie style drift boat. Or, if you would like a more intense experience, check out the Bighorn River Fly Fishing School, an all-inclusive package exclusively from Fort Smith Fly Shop and Cabins. It is an experience you will not soon forget.

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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

As spring approaches, "honey-do" projects start to cause telephone service disruptions across Nemont's 13,675 square miles of service area. "My husband was moving a lilac bush last spring," commented one anonymous customer. "He cut our phone line with a backhoe."

Sometimes the home repairman (or professional contractor) who digs in the wrong place will just put one home out of service, and sometimes it may be the whole block. The perception that larger excavating equipment is responsible for utility line cuts is misplaced. Shovels, posthole diggers and picks are just as likely culprits as bulldozers or trenchers.

If you have yard renovation plans such as putting up a new fence, moving trees or bushes, installing a sprinkler system or any other project involving excavating or burning, take advantage of the free service, "Call Before You Dig." The person doing the work is responsible for making the call at least two business days, Monday-Friday, before commencing work. A professional locator will be dispatched to locate buried cable and other utility facilities running through your property.

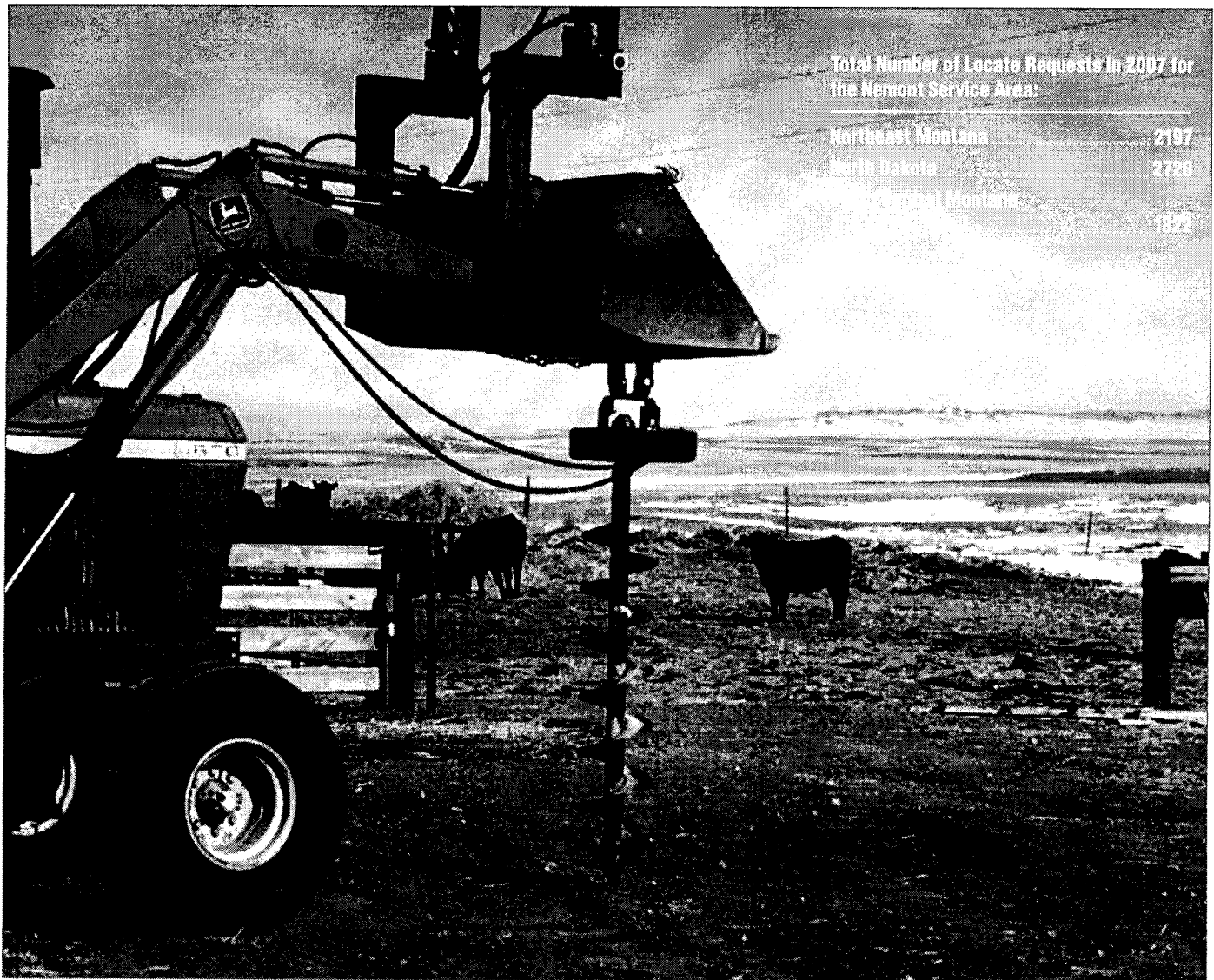
Failure to request a locate, or use of an expired locate, can result in disrupted service not only for you, but also for your neighbors. Repairs are costly for the responsible party, and damaged telephone plant may degrade service quality. The service is free, so don't forget! Call before you dig!



North Dakota locate service: 811 or 1-800-795-0555 • North Dakota locate service (fax): 1-877-651-7030
 Montana locate service: 1-800-424-5555 • Wyoming locate service: 1-800-348-1030

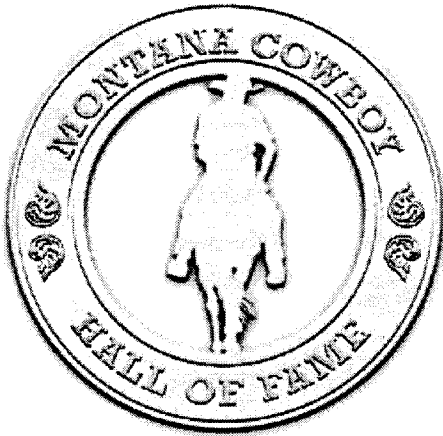
Total Number of Locate Requests In 2007 for the Nemont Service Area:

Northeast Montana	2197
North Dakota	2726
West-Central Montana	1822



COWBOY HALL OF FAME

Rodeos, cowboys, buffalo, wild horses, log cabins ... These words conjure up images unique to the Wild West, images scheduled to be immortalized in The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center near Wolf Point, Montana. This project, which will include an interactive history museum, gift shop, and an authentic settlers' log cabin, is



getting closer to becoming a reality thanks in part to a \$500,000 appropriation from the 2007 Montana legislature. Although focus on grassroots fundraising remains strong, the monies received to date make site preparation and architectural planning possible.

"The Hall of Fame is long overdue for Montana! Our strong western heritage all across the state will finally be preserved and on display in one location," commented Nemont employee and MCHF board member Jodi Benson. "It's exciting to see this project coming to life."

The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame held a preliminary round of inductions in January to select the first fifty foundational members. Nominees to the Hall of Fame can be a

variety of historical figures including people, ranches, stage coach lines, animals, hotels or anything else that contributed to the Old West heritage of Montana from 1860-1920.

Wolf Point, Montana was earmarked as the future home of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2003. The museum will be built on 29 acres of land donated by the Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. If you can't wait until the museum opens to find Western memorabilia, or if you would like to find out how you can help the project come to fruition, visit the Tack Room at 218 Third Avenue South in Wolf Point. You can also visit MCHF's website at <http://www.montanacowboyfame.com> or call 406-653-3800.



TASTE OF TELECOM

Do you think a career in the telecommunications industry might be for you? Check out the Electronics Telecommunications Academy at Bismarck State College June 1-6.

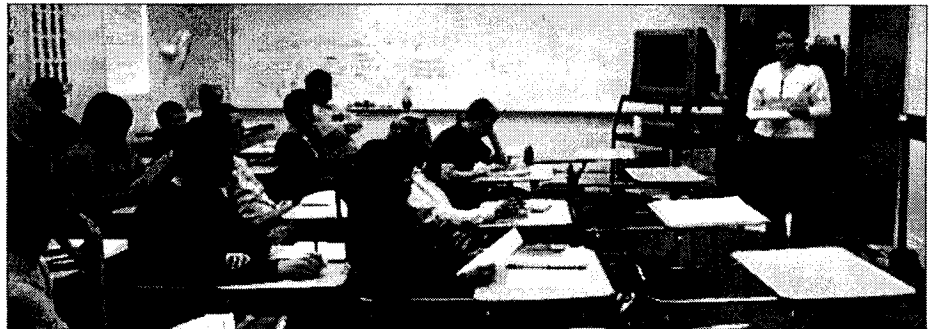
Nemont is offering sponsorship opportunities to two interested students, which will include room and board at Bismarck State College, round trip reimbursement for mileage and a \$125 stipend, awarded upon completion of the program. In addition, six \$1000 Electronics/Telecommunications scholarships will be awarded to Academy students who wish to pursue a career in Electronics/Telecommunications, through Bismarck State College.

This program gives high school sophomores and juniors a chance to preview a variety of high-technology occupations in the telecommunications field and get hands-on experience in classroom and worksite settings. Several agencies have partnered to bring this program to students, including Telephone Apprenticeship Training and Safety (Telephone AT&S), Bismarck State College, Bismarck Public Schools and Nemont.

For more information and to download an application, go to <http://www.telephone-ats.com/academy>. Applications are due by April 11, 2008, to Academy Coordinator Tammy Heick in Bismarck, North Dakota.



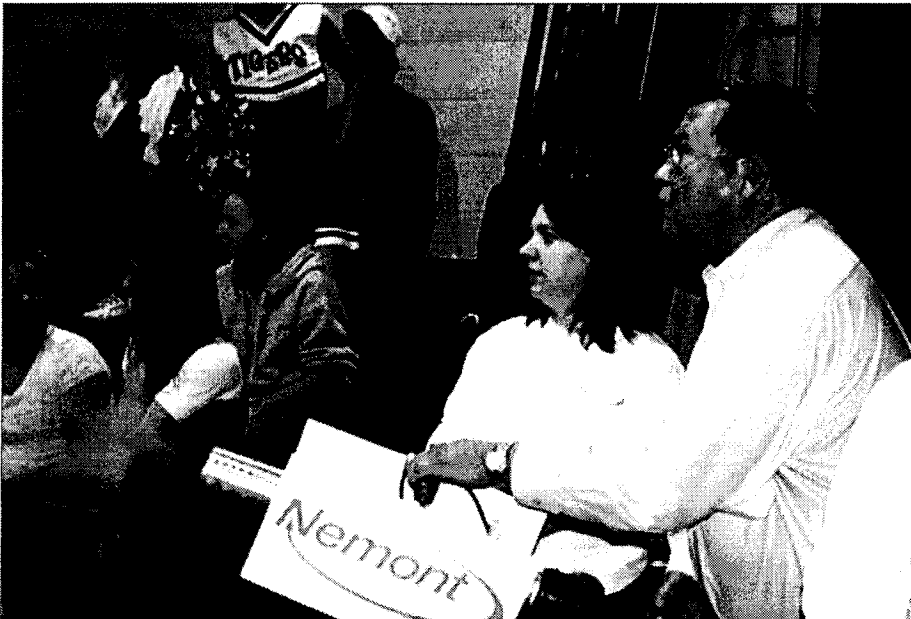
Nemont employee Bill Rusche is pictured here presenting a Telephone Etiquette class at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Poplar, Montana, in February. About 15 people attended two sessions. Telephone Etiquette classes can be customized to your group's size and age and are free! Contact Nemont if you are interested in setting up a class.



Nemont chatted with high school seniors last month to encourage students to apply for Nemont's higher education scholarships. Kristin Toews was photographed, above, at Scobey High School. Six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded across Nemont's serving area. Scholarships are due April 1. Visit www.nemont.net to download an application.



NEMONT NIGHT Kids lined up during halftime at the varsity boys basketball game to catch Nemont goodies from the air cannon at Nemont Night in Trenton, North Dakota. Sabrina Ramey and Larry Wetsit (pictured below, right) shot over 200 mini basketballs into the crowd on February 12.

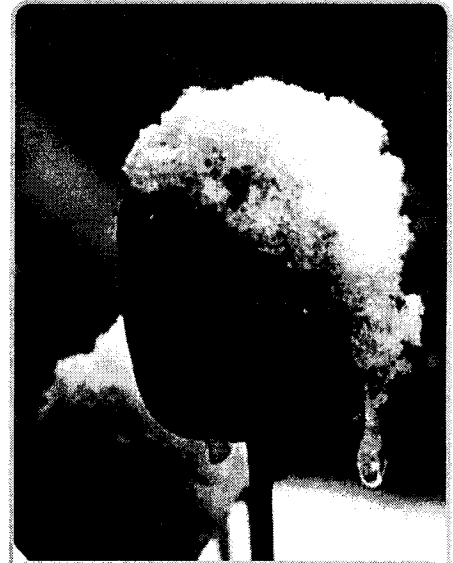


TRENTON CELL SITE IS ACTIVE!

The Nemont cell site at Trenton, North Dakota is active. Residents and those driving through town probably saw the tower and equipment shelter going up on the hill overlooking Trenton in January. Equipment provisioning and testing followed, with the tower's official launch on February 9.

It is important to note that residents who receive cellular service from a company

other than Nemont may not, however, experience better coverage. Customers of other carriers will likely continue to use sites owned by their carrier, even if the signal is weak. Agreements between companies, rather than signal strength, dictate the sites that a customer's cell phone will utilize. To find out more about Nemont's cellular plans, visit our office at 421 Main in Williston, or contact us at 1-800-636-6680.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area events are listed free of charge. Submit your events by the 15th of April so that they may appear in the May/June issue. Send to: P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600. Attention: Community Calendar or e-mail to nemonttoday@nemont.net.

March 14-16

Williston Sport and Recreation Show, Raymond Family Community Center. 701-774-9041.

March 27-31

Entertainment, Inc. presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2:30 p.m. 701-577-3179.

April 3

Car Seat Check-Up, Select Ford Mercury, Williston. 4-6 p.m. 701-774-6400.

April 5-6

2008 ND Bowhunters Association State Archery Tournament, Upper Missouri Fairgrounds, Williston. 701-572-2200 or 701-774-1040.

April 19

"Kids Day Out," Williston State College at "The Well" from 11-2 p.m. 701-774-1234.

April 22

Marketplace for Kids, Williston State College. Primarily for grades 4-6. 701-774-6408.

May 9-11

Entertainment, Inc. presentation of "Musical Inc!" 701-577-3179.

May 10

Williston Band Day Festival. Starts at 10 a.m.

Zoe's TECH PULSE

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Dear Zoe:

I was working on my laptop the other day and my wireless mouse died. I hate using the touchpad on the keyboard. I couldn't find any batteries in the house and it was freezing out. Isn't there a better way?











-Out Of Fuel on the Internet

Dear OOF:

I don't know about a better way, but there is a different way. Once you get used to it, it's faster, too. Instead of pointing and clicking with your mouse, you can accomplish all the same things with keyboard shortcuts. What is a keyboard shortcut? It is a command function built into your computer that saves time for common tasks you usually do with your mouse. Some shortcuts are built right into your keyboard. Take a look. The "PgDn" (Page Down) key and the "Home" key are good examples. There are also shortcuts

specifically for Windows, Mozilla Firefox and other programs.

My favorites are for the common web browser Internet Explorer. Try some of these out and give your mouse a break.

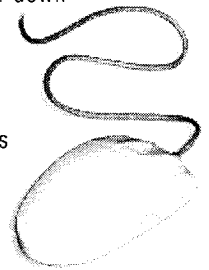
- Stop page from loading
 Esc
- Refresh a page
 F5
- Switch between tabs
 CTRL+Tab or
 CTRL+Shift+Tab
- Set focus on address box
 ALT+D
- Go back a page
 ALT+Left Arrow
- Go forward a page
 ALT+Right Arrow
- Set focus in search box
 CTRL+E
- Change search provider while search box active
 CTRL+Down arrow
- Add site to favorites
 CTRL+D

Here are some additional shortcuts that require your mouse. They are so cool, I had to include them, too.

- Zoom in
CTRL and plus(+) key or CTRL+Mouse wheel up
- Zoom out
CTRL and minus(-) key or CTRL+Mouse wheel down
- Change text size
CTRL+Mouse wheel up or down
- Open link in new window
Shift+Click

There are literally hundreds of other shortcut keys that you could probably find out about by using your search engine.

Do you have a question for Zoe? Send it to nemonttoday@nemont.net with "Question for Zoe" in the subject line. It may be published in a future version of Nemont Today! We regret we cannot answer all inquiries.



KEEPING SECRETS

Over the past several months, you may have noticed that new security measures have been enacted at Nemont. Whenever an individual contacts Nemont to request information about an account, we take extra steps to make sure that person is the account owner. This private information may include details about what services you subscribe to, how much you owe on an account, and other personal details. Although it may seem inconvenient at times, this advanced privacy practice is for our customers' protection.

You may be asked for a password or a valid photo ID when you make inquiries about your account. Certain records may not be given out over the telephone, but can be picked up in person or mailed to your address of record.

Why did Nemont increase the level of security surrounding customer accounts? On December 8, 2007, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules to help protect private information. Congress also recently passed a law making it a crime to obtain calling records from a telephone company by making false or fraudulent statements, providing fraudulent documents and/or accessing records without proper authorization through Internet or fraudulent computer-related activities. These activities are punishable by fine or imprisonment of up to ten years.

Nemont is serious about keeping your information safe. Our services are not changing, and our commitment to your privacy has never been stronger. You can help in the following ways:

- Fill out and return correspondence from Nemont regarding establishment of a password. If you need a new form, one can be mailed to you.
- Make sure the person signing the password form is the owner of the account. If the form is received without a valid account owner signature, it is invalid.
- If you are a Power of Attorney (POA) for someone with a Nemont account, send in a copy of your POA paperwork. We cannot make changes on the account without these documents.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we do everything possible to keep your personal information confidential.

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Don Novak
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Join us in welcoming the new Nemont team members!



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