

In Touch

HOLIDAY 2012

Time to Celebrate the Sounds of the Season

From Christmas carolers singing on the doorstep to friends and family talking on the phone, the holidays offer many ways to spread joyful messages. The staff and management of Woodstock Telephone Company would like to join the chorus and wish you the very best this holiday season.

We'd also like to thank you for choosing Woodstock Telephone Company as your communications provider. By supporting a local company, you help our



local community—a goal we believe should strike a chord with all of us.

As you look ahead to 2013, remember to turn to us for communications services that work in harmony to keep you connected with the world.

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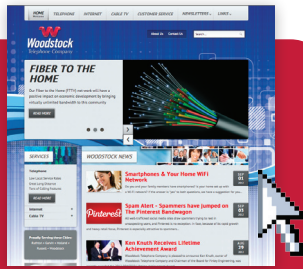
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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE



At Woodstock Telephone Company, our goal is to continually improve the quality of services we bring to our customers. Part of this effort has been the recent update of our website. **Please take a moment to check it out at www.woodstocktel.net.**

'Tis the Season for Taking Photos

The holidays offer phenomenal photo opportunities — families gathered together, colorful decorations, and lots of special activities. Try these four tips to improve the quality of your shots:

- **Compose creatively and move in close.** Put your main subject off-center in the scene for a more artistic affect. And for greatest impact, move in close so your subject fills the frame.
- **Take a lot of photos.** This is the single most important advice when photographing groups of people.
- **Catch people in action.** Skip the stiff poses and photograph the kids playing in the snow or your sister baking cookies.
- **Try different angles.** Portraits can sometimes look flat, so experiment with taking photos from different places. Take a shot from a bird's-eye view of your kids lying down. Or get down on the floor and shoot up at the scene.

Counting Down the Top 10 Inventions

We can all be grateful that smart and innovative people, over the course of many years, developed these ten game-changing inventions:

10. The Plow

Though it's a simple cutting tool used to prepare soil for planting, the plow had a far-reaching impact on human life. It enabled people to grow more food than needed to survive, producing a surplus that could be traded for goods and services.

9. Wheel

Dating back to about 3100 B.C., the wheel set in motion not only faster and more efficient transportation but other inventions as well — ranging from water wheels to complex jet engines.

8. Printing Press

Books had previously been items only the extremely rich could afford. But mass production made possible by the printing press brought the price down and allowed more information to be recorded and distributed.

7. Refrigeration

The ability to keep food cold for prolonged periods drastically changed the food production industry and the eating habits of people around the world.

6. Communications

This invention category combines the telegraph, telephone, radio, and television. They represent milestones on a continuum of communications technology that effectively shrank the world.

Speaking of the Internet, could your connection use an upgrade? Call us at 507-658-3830 and ask about higher speeds.

5. Steam Engine

The Industrial Revolution was carried forward by the steam engine. Not only did steam engines power factories that made the rapid production of goods possible, they powered the trains and steamships that transported those goods.

4. Automobile

What the steam engine was to industry, the automobile was to people. Cars allowed us to go wherever we wanted, whenever we wanted, and dramatically changed our culture in the process.

3. Light Bulb

The light bulb was important not only as a light source, but because of the infrastructure it helped foster that provided electricity to homes and businesses.

2. Computer

Computers make complicated mathematical calculations at incredible speeds. They also let us store vast amounts of information and retrieve a piece of it almost instantly. Many things in today's world wouldn't function without computers.

1. Internet

The Internet forever changed the world. No other single invention has had such profound affects on business, communication, economy, entertainment, and politics.



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