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Enjoy Father's Day and Keep Reeling in Memories

It's those simple activities that fathers enjoy with their families that often end up meaning the most. Whether you're catching fish at the lake or catching a game at the ballpark, you're creating fun memories that are sure to become "keepers" in the years to come.

All of us at Woodstock Telephone Company wish a Happy Father's Day to the fathers in our community. We hope you get to enjoy many special moments with your families during the month of June.

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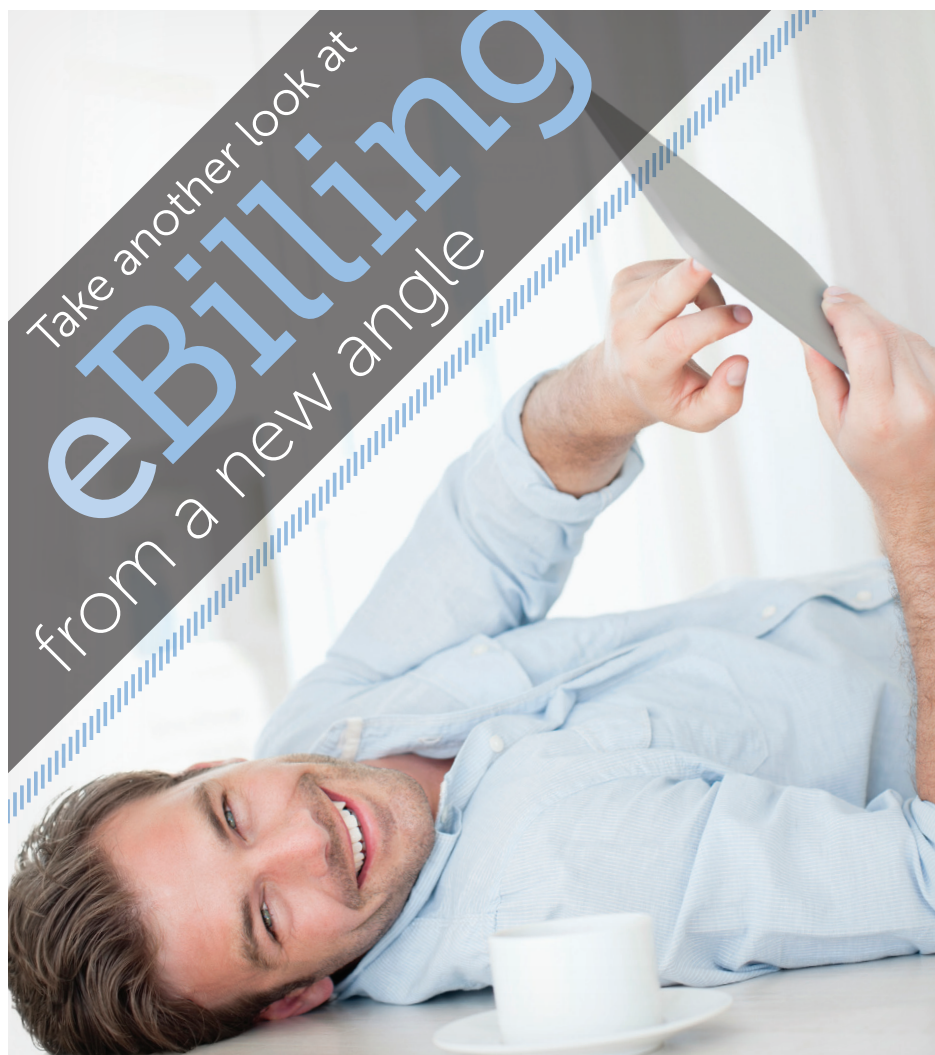
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Working Together to Fight for Fair TV Fees

Woodstock Telephone Company does everything possible to keep costs down and bring you the best TV values. It's important for you to understand, however, what we're up against in terms of fee increases from content providers. Nine media companies control 95 percent of the paid video content consumed in the U.S., and the cost of basic cable has risen 3½ times the rate of inflation over the last 15 years because of demands from networks for higher programming fees.

A common tactic used by networks is to hold their channels hostage from you during fee negotiations, something Woodstock Telephone Company is fighting against by joining TVonMySide.com. This website is a collaborative effort of hundreds of local, independent cable TV providers across the country. By working together, we're hoping to improve your TV offerings and keep costs in check.

We encourage you to visit TVonMySide.com to learn more. If you have questions about our current TV packages, call 507-658-3830.



Check for Potential Hazards Outside Your Home

Now that it's summer, your family, friends, and neighbors will likely be spending more time in the yard. So make sure you watch out for these common hazards that could lead to property damage or injury.

Dead or overgrown trim limbs – Trees are beautiful and add energy-saving shade to your yard. However, it's important to make sure they're maintained and trimmed, and that dead limbs are cut away. Heavy winds could easily break a limb and sent it crashing onto your neighbor's home or vehicle.

Uneven sidewalks or paving stones – Anything that might cause a visitor to trip should be fixed as soon as possible, so walk around and look for potential trouble spots in your walkways. The same goes for garden hoses; you don't want someone falling because you left the sprinkler out.

As the old saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Downloading Shouldn't Be Like Watching Grass Grow

Patience may be a virtue, but it's not necessary to have to be overly patient when it comes to your home's Internet service. Does it seem to take forever to download movies or software? Do you have to wait too long for a new webpage to appear? Are you experiencing buffering (that moving circle on your screen while video is loading) when on YouTube? If you answered yes to these questions, then you may be using an Internet speed from years ago that simply can't keep pace with today's online applications.

The good news is that Woodstock Telephone Company offers high-speed Internet plans up to 50 Mbps, so it's easy to upgrade. Just give us a call at 507-658-3830 and we'll explain your options. Or visit www.woodstocktel.net to compare our Internet speeds and rates. Why wait around anymore? Move quickly and sign up for faster Internet today.