



## Things to Consider Before You Cut the Cord


In this age of technology and mobility, some folks have cut the cord on their landline phone and gone the route of relying only on cell phones. This can be a tempting option, especially if you're looking to reduce expenses in your household. But before you cut the cord on home phone service, there are some important things to consider.

1. With landline phone service, help finds you. When you place a call to 911, your address and information are displayed at the emergency response center. If a child, elderly person or babysitter needs help – would they be able to find a cell phone in your home and operate it? Will the battery always be charged? If you need help in the house and the cell phone is in your car, will you be able to get to it? The same mobility that makes cell phones convenient also makes them easy to misplace. The same technology that makes cell phones small computers, can make them challenging to operate when you are panicked.

Cell phones provide mobility and convenience in many situations. However, a landline in the home still adds value, especially in an emergency situation.

2. If severe weather comes will your cell phone work? What if the power is out and you can't plug in a charger? Mosaic Telecom's home phone service operates via a buried network. It is less vulnerable than cellular towers in severe weather. Corded phones draw their power from the network. In the event of a power outage, Mosaic Telecom home phone service still functions. You don't have to rely on cell phone batteries or wall chargers. Nor do you have to run to the car to plug in a cigarette lighter charger to place a call. In many households cellular and landline telephones complement each other. One offers mobility, while the other offers additional security and peace of mind.

3. Before you cut the cord on landline phone service, consider any other equipment in your home that operates via your phone line. For example, many satellite receivers and security system components use your phone line for updates, communication and basic operation. If you fax, will your cell phone support fax transmission or reception? Before you cut the cord, consider what else you might be cutting off.



Mosaic Telecom offers both landline phone service and cellular service because we believe the two complement each other and don't have to be mutually exclusive. Mosaic Telecom's value plans keep landline service very affordable, so that for pennies a day you can maintain the peace of mind that corded phone service provides in addition to the convenience that cell phones can offer. Additionally, please keep in mind that Mosaic Telecom pays capital credits based on your expenditures for landline telephone service in cooperative exchanges.

## WSTF Scholarship Winners

The Wisconsin State Telecommunications Foundation (WSTF) was established in 1965 and made its first scholarship award in 1966. The Foundation is affiliated with the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association, a trade organization representing 70 telephone companies and cooperatives in the State. Over a span of 45 years, it has contributed more than \$1,164,450 to deserving high school graduates desiring to further their education.

The WSTF scholarship is highly competitive with hundreds of applicants throughout the State of Wisconsin. Funds for the scholarship program are contributed by Mosaic Telecom and other telephone companies in Wisconsin. In many cases, the contributions are the result of unclaimed patronage dividends. This year the Foundation awarded 30 scholarships, each in the amount of \$1500.

One of the winners is David Kaus of Barron. David's application was submitted through Mosaic Telecom. Participation in the WSTF Foundation Scholarship program is in addition to Mosaic's direct scholarship program. Mosaic's scholarship efforts are just one example of the company's commitment to the communities and families it serves. Mosaic Telecom – a real local company.



Congratulations to David Kaus. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

## New Mosaic Telecom Store location



We are pleased to announce the opening of a new customer care and service center located at 1074 Riverplace Mall in Amery. Those unfamiliar with Amery will find the store near the location of the Dick's Fresh Market grocery store.

The store officially opened in May, and is a full service location for all of your communications needs. Our knowledgeable, local staff members are ready to assist customers with all of their telecommunications needs, including Mosaic Mobile cellular service, telephone service, high speed Internet service and much, much more.

Mosaic Telecom works diligently to offer a winning combination of state-of-the-art technology and services, excellent customer care and fair pricing. This new convenient location is another example of our continued efforts to meet customer needs.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 5pm ; Thursday 9am – 6pm.

## Unclaimed Patronage Credits

Mosaic Telecom has unclaimed capital credit checks for the following customers. If you have any knowledge of how we may reach anyone on this list, please call our office at 715-458-5400.

A-1 Roofing & Construction  
Albee, Robert  
Almena Ag Products  
Anderson, Andrew J.  
Anderson, Chad  
Anderson, Craig Or Karen  
Anderson, Irene  
B & B Concepts Inc.  
Baker, Robert  
Baldwin, Sherry  
Bandoli, Julie  
Barber, Christina  
Bastian, Nancy  
Bender, Vicki  
Bentley, Steve Or Marge  
Berger, David  
Berglund, Chris

Bever, Candy  
Blake, Peggy  
Bob's Tool Rental c/o R  
Holmen  
Boloque, Charles  
Bolstad, Lowell  
Borresen, Bradley  
Bos, Pam  
Bourget, Mary  
Bradford, Scott Or Leandra  
Bradley, Bruce J Or Sheila  
Brenda's Pet Parlor c/o  
Brenda Olson  
Broker, Lori  
Brooks, Constance L  
Burke, Bonnie

Burling, Carrie  
Buxton, Connie  
Byhre, Robert Or Karen  
Campbell, Leo  
Candler, Leslie  
Carlson, Mark Or Susan  
Cellulink  
Century Motor Freight  
Chantelois, Wilfred J.

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## Board Officer Elections Held

The Chibardun Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors held its organizational meeting to elect officers for the upcoming year. Joe Leschisin (Director-at-Large) was re-elected as President. Roland (Rolly) Olson (Cameron Exchange) was re-elected as Vice President. Kelly Hoff (Prairie Farm Exchange) was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Other Board Members and Officers include: Lowell Wohlk (Almena Exchange), Bob Lentz (Ridgeland Exchange), Ken Nelson (Sand Creek Exchange), Rick Berg (Dallas Exchange) and Chief Executive Officer Rick Vergin.

## Mosaic Mobile now offers the Motorola Cliq XT

- Pinch and zoom easily for a closer look on messages, sites, pics, maps and more.
- The Motorola Cliq XT features the Android operating system with a full HTML browser.
- All your messages, pics, tweets, videos and more pop off the spacious 320 x 400 pixel screen in 65,000 vibrant colors. And it's compact enough to slip right into your pocket.
- Let your fingers glide over the optional SWYPE QWERTY keyboard for faster emailing, searches, texts and instant messages. SWYPE eliminates having to tap every letter and instead uses a flowing, finger-tracing method to quickly get your messages out.
- 5 megapixel camera with digital zoom, LED Flash and automatic focus.



Stop by one of our eight office locations to check one out today.