

We say, "Thank you" to all those who served and are continuing to serve our Country to keep us safe.



We will be observing Veteran's Day, **November 12**; WTCI, ITA and WIN offices will be closed.

### Directory Additions

Bailey, Betty	665-4343
Gullidge, John & J Annette	665-4574
Holland, Tommy & Mona	665-4563
Needmore Enterprises, Inc.	665-4449
Bugielski, Jerry	673-2999
Reid, Burney & Elaine	673-2484
Wheat, Danial	673-2637
Hill, Joseph A & Cynthia F	678-2485
Pformiller, Theo W & Teri V	678-2624
Rinehart, Raymond F	678-2280
Spence, Lydia M	678-2715
New Fashion Pork LLP	686-2178
Payne, Keith & Robyn	686-2231
Johnson, W O	835-4403
Kraemer, Arlin & Saralyn	835-4461
Yoder, Emanuel & Katie	835-4104

### Notice Federal Universal Service Fund Decrease

We received notice from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that the Federal Universal Service Fund will be decreasing from the present 73 to 72 cents. Effective 10/1/07. This slight decrease will appear on your October bill. The Federal Universal Service Fund program is designed to help keep local service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.



- Sign up for Auto Bank Draft and receive a one time \$5 credit on your next bill.
- Sign up for a calling feature of your choice or Voice Mail and get the first two months FREE.
- Sign up for Internet service and receive first month service FREE.
- Upgrade from dial-up Internet service to DSL and we will waive the installation plus give you the first month service FREE.
- Sign up for WIN Video TV and get the first month FREE.
- Receive \$10 off any cellular phone with a 2-year agreement plus \$10 off all prepaid phones.
- Bundle your services and receive a one time bill credit of \$5.

### Discount Cities Long Distance Rate Increase

WIN Long Distance discount cities will have a slight rate increase per minute effective November 1. Increases are only .02 cents on the average. This is the first time we have had an increase. The first minute of use will still only be .10 cents and none of the additional minutes will be higher than .08 cents per minute. If you would like to see a listing of the new rates, they can be found on our website at [www.wabash.net](http://www.wabash.net) or contact us and we will be happy to mail you a listing. We offer bundle packages, which allows you to have all services on one bill and have long distance minutes to use each month for one low price. We have long distance in increments of 150, 300, 500 or unlimited. Feel free to call us with any questions.

## **Co-ops Generate Billions in Income While Supporting Community Causes like Education & the Environment, Study Finds**

Cooperative businesses generate hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions in income for their communities while also supporting local causes ranging from education to the environment, according to a series of case studies compiled to help mark October as National Co-op Month.

The 20-plus pages of case studies, put together by the National Co-op Month Planning Committee, show that co-ops take a back seat to no other sector when it comes to making economic and charitable contributions to their communities.

Nearly 3,000 farmer cooperatives, for example, account for as many as 300,000 jobs nationwide and a total payroll of more than \$8 billion. Some 270 local, consumer-owned telecommunications cooperatives employ an average of 47 people each and generate more than \$2 billion in revenues annually.

In Minnesota alone, cooperatives of all types generate more than \$10 billion in economic activity annually. In New York, credit unions alone generate \$4 billion annually.

But that's not all co-ops do. They also have a strong commitment to the communities in which their members live and work. Every day, in every sector, through cash contributions and volunteerism, co-ops support local causes ranging from education to the environment. They also invest in new community businesses.

Cooperatives around the country have demonstrated similar community commitment. For example:

- A rural electric co-op in South Dakota helped fund an ethanol plant that today adds \$50 million to the area's economy.
- Four credit unions combined to assist low-income New Yorkers with their tax forms, triggering \$2.5 million in tax refunds that otherwise would have gone unclaimed.
- An Arizona food co-op formed a recycling program that now includes approximately 100 businesses and was cited as the best in the state.
- A co-op printer in Massachusetts donates 10 percent of its profits to the community in support of causes including labor and human rights, the environment, child development and the homeless.

It is no coincidence that co-ops show a special loyalty to their communities. As member-controlled enterprises, co-ops are run largely by the people who live and work in the communities they serve. "That gives them a different perspective from businesses owned by distant investors," said Dave Grahn, General Manager.

Cooperatives serve 120 million members, or four in 10 Americans. They operate in virtually every industry and range in size from small storefronts to Fortune 500 companies.

Despite this diversity, co-ops have some things in common. They are owned and democratically controlled by the people who use their services or buy their goods. They are motivated by service to their members, not by profit. These characteristics give co-ops an uncommon loyalty and commitment to the communities in which they are located, said Dave Grahn.

"Community is not just where we work; it's why we work," Dave Grahn said. "Cooperatives are motivated to serve their members, not outside investors. Doing that means we must also serve the communities in which our members live, work and play."

"At a time of increasing concern about the national economy, co-ops are creating jobs, income and opportunity in their communities every day," Dave Grahn added. "Sure, investor-owned businesses generate jobs and make charitable contributions. But for co-ops it's more personal. It's a critical part of where we work, what we do and why we do it."

The case studies are available on the National Cooperative Month website at [www.coopmonth.coop](http://www.coopmonth.coop).

**DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.**