

Clear Lines

Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision Newsletter



Celebrate Our 100th Anniversary With Us!

One comedian was reported to have said; "Being 100 years old isn't bad as long as you're a Redwood." Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision doesn't mind being 100 years old and we intend to keep getting better as we age.

Party Week October 9 – 13, 2006!

Don't forget that we're having a weeklong celebration of our 100th Anniversary Monday through Friday, October 9-13. Come into our business office at 18238 Fischers Mill Road anytime during business hours (8 am to 5 pm) and enjoy refreshments and gifts. We'll also have a Prize Wheel and each cooperative member can spin the wheel to win a prize, including a grand prize of \$100, six months of voice mail, six months of cable modem service and many more! See you then!

100 Prizes in December!

Our year-long 100th anniversary celebration ends on Friday, December 15, 2006 when we will have a prize drawing and 100 lucky cooperative members will each win a prize. The list of prizes includes an HDTV, DVD player, digital camera, 1 month free of various services provided by the cooperative and many, many more. Each cooperative member with active services on December 15, 2006 will automatically be entered in the drawing — you need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by mail.



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Need Assistance?

Customer Service
(503) 631-2101

Repair Service
(503) 631-2345

100 Is A Very Good Age

Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision is celebrating its anniversary this year and we would like some company.

If you are 100 years old this year or older, please contact Mike Reding at 503-631-2381. We would love to hear your stories about early phone service and give you a gift!



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Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Part 2 of a 2 part article reviews our cooperative's history to commemorate our 100th anniversary.

The growing cooperative needs office space

In 1927, an office was built near the Redland store (between the store and the present location of the Grange Hall). The new office housed the switchboard and the operator as well. Operator wages were \$50 per month.

Helen Conrad, operator at the time, would later recall... "We had no bathroom or water...a kerosene lamp hung on the wall behind me so it could shine on the switchboard... the place was overrun by big rats... hours were from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M... after hours, it was 20 cents per call if they got their party." Helen served as operator for the company for 15 years. She is fondly remembered by several long-time members as never failing to answer after hours calls or help people in any way possible — even when called upon to help round up stray goats.



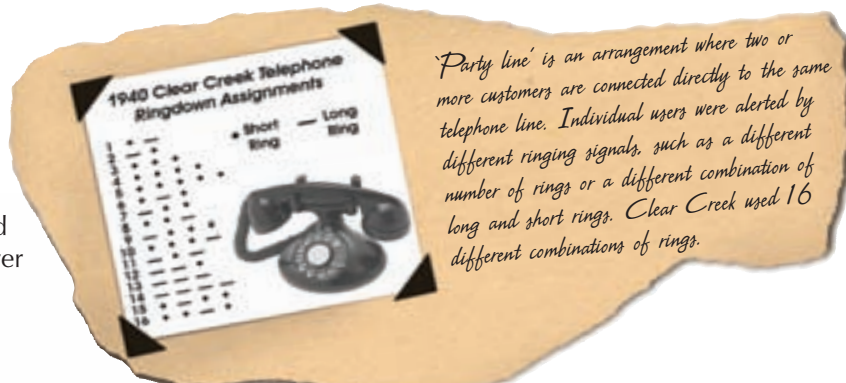
Clear Creek office circa 1950 near the Redland store.



Dorothy Winterberger-McGraw, Clear Creek Operator circa 1949.

Rubbering-in was common

Only party lines were available during this era and people soon recognized the ring for every family on their party line. It was common for six or more families to be on one party line. Since there was no radio or television, one method of entertainment and way to get news was to gently pick up the receiver and listen in, or "rubber in" as it was called then, whenever anyone's ring was heard.



'Party line' is an arrangement where two or more customers are connected directly to the same telephone line. Individual users were alerted by different ringing signals, such as a different number of rings or a different combination of long and short rings. Clear Creek used 16 different combinations of rings.

When one long ring sounded it was the signal for everyone to listen in. That was the general ring that the operator gave when there was an announcement of public interest to be made. It could mean the warning of a fire, notice of a school meeting, local road district meeting or it could give the date of the next basket social at the school.

Major upgrade of the lines occurs in the 1930's

In the 1930's, member Howard DeLano recalls: "I graduated from Oregon City High School in 1930. The Thirties were very tough times. We were in the Depression during those years. I wanted to go to college but I didn't have sufficient funds and so I worked as a lineman for Clear Creek Mutual Telephone Company to earn some money. At that time electricity was just being introduced to the area. My job was to change the telephone lines from a ground system to a metallic system so you wouldn't get interference on your telephone from the electric power coming in. It took about three years to change all the lines." Howard's father, H.O. Delano, was manager of the company for several years during the late 1920's and 30's.



Howard DeLano with a display at the Clear Creek 90th anniversary celebration featuring his climbing gear used to upgrade Clear Creek lines in the 1930's.

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Celebrating 100 Years of Service, continued

Direct dialing comes to Redland

In 1955, a new building was erected on the present site of the Clear Creek Telephone office. The switchboard was retired and a direct dial system was implemented. For the first time, callers could dial direct to Oregon City and Portland. Redland's prefix was TE1. In 1983, a digital switch was placed into service; in 1991 the Company buried its first fiber optic cable. Today, a backbone of fiber optic cable circles the exchange providing an unsurpassed quality of telephone service to nearly 3,000 members. The fiber optics have also allowed the cooperative to offer a state-of-the-art cable television service and broadband Internet to members.



Clear Creek first office on its present location.

Looking ahead...

As we move forward, Clear Creek will continue to look at emerging technologies that will benefit members of the cooperative. The decision on whether to introduce these new technologies and service offerings will always be made with the cooperative's primary goal in mind — to provide members with the services they want and expect at reasonable rates. All of us at Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision look forward to the exciting times that lay ahead and thank the members that have helped the cooperative prosper over the last 100 years.



In 1994 a large satellite dish was installed for the new cable television system.



Ownership.

Would you trust a business more if you owned it?

Cooperative businesses are owned by more than 130 million Americans, including:

- 86 million who own their credit union
- 37 million who own their electric co-op
- 2 million who own their telephone co-op

Maybe that's why we're more trusted than businesses owned by Wall Street investors.

October Is National Co-op Month

Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision is celebrating its 100th year of serving the people in the Redland area. As a cooperative, Clear Creek is part of a great and proud American tradition. Cooperatives serve 130 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 Mitchell Moore, Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision President. "Community is not just where we work; it's why we work. At a time of increasing concern about the national economy, co-ops are creating jobs, income and opportunity in their communities every day."

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 Moore.



Cooperatives.

Owned by Our Members,
Committed to Our Communities.

What's on Pay-Per-View This Month?

Check the pay-per-view listings on the digital interactive guide for play dates and times.

Each movie is just \$3.99* per viewing!

*Does not include 5% Clackamas County Franchise Fee.



The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift
In this high-octane installment of The Fast And The Furious series a street racer's obsession with racing sets him on a collision course with the Japanese underworld!

PG-13 (AC,AL,SC,V), Action Adventure



Lucky Number Slevin
A thriller that twists through an underworld of crime and revenge. A case of mistaken identity lands Slevin in the middle of a war between two of NYC's rival crime bosses.

R (AL,SC,V), Thriller



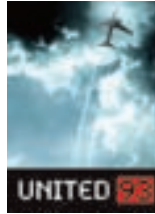
Poseidon
When a wave capsizes a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean, a small group of survivors find themselves unlikely allies. With Behind the Scenes Extra: Poseidon: Upside Down.

PG-13 (AC), Action Adventure



The Sentinel
Compromised by his affair with the first lady, a secret service agent is framed as a potential presidential assassin and must rely on a former protégé to find the culprit.

PG-13 (AC,V), Thriller



United 93
A real time account of the events on United Flight 93, one of the planes hijacked on 9/11 that crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania when passengers foiled the terrorist plot.

R (AC,V), Drama



The Wild
When a band of furry friends escape from the zoo, they find that New York City is the craziest jungle of all. Now, they must work together to survive on the outside.

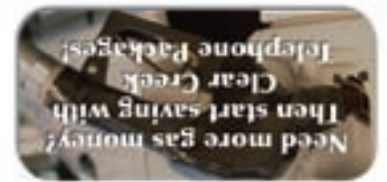
G Animated Adventure

Also showing in September: Annapolis, ATL, Eight Below, Failure To Launch, Final Destination 3, Friends With Money, Glory Road, Inside Man, Just My Luck, Last Holiday, Munich, Nanny McPhee, Rumor Has It, RV, Scary Movie 4, She's The Man, Silent Hill, Something New, Take The Lead, The Benchwarmers, Ultraviolet, Underworld: Evolution, When A Stranger Calls, and more!!

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