



## 10 Reasons to Have a Home Phone



You may have considered eliminating your landline phone and replacing it with a cell phone or Internet-based system such as a digital phone or VoIP. Think twice before you make that move, since a home phone is the most reliable device on the market today and offers these valuable advantages:

1. **Provides security in an emergency with reliable 911 communications.**
2. **Gives you superior sound quality and clarity.**
3. **Works even during an electrical outage.**
4. **Eliminates the need to charge batteries.**
5. **Provides unlimited local calling.**
6. **Never drops your calls.**
7. **Can't be hacked.**
8. **Saves you money when you bundle services.**
9. **Provides you with a directory listing.**
10. **Keeps your communications dollars here to boost our local economy.**

For an excellent value, ask about our home phone bundle that combines unlimited local and long distance calling. Call (319) 342-3369.

### Contact the Federal Communications Commission at [fccinfo@fcc.gov](mailto:fccinfo@fcc.gov) and tell them:

My broadband depends on the support you provide to my telco. If you cut that support or take it away, I could lose service or might not be able to afford it even if it is available. Please make sure that my part of rural America doesn't become "unserved."

### Contact your congressional representatives and tell them:

Please urge the FCC to implement reforms that will help sustain robust broadband service that is fundamental to preserving and creating jobs in our rural community – not reforms that undercut the investment and commitment rural telcos have already made to deploy broadband services that bring economic development, health care and educational opportunities to rural America.

**Make your voice heard!**

Send a letter to our leaders in Washington at [www.saveruralbroadband.org](http://www.saveruralbroadband.org)

## Plight of Rural Broadband Featured in WCF Courier

LPC Telephone Co. President Jim Robertson was recently featured in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier in opposition of the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) proposed changes that will affect privately held rural telephone companies in Iowa, including La Porte City Telephone Company.



Pictured are LPC Telephone Co. technicians Mitch Harrison and Dustin Rutherford performing maintenance just south of Mt. Auburn.

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The FCC currently wants to change the Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation Program, which help to pay the costs of broadband service to rural areas. This puts approximately \$155 million in USF monies at risk which came to Iowa in 2010. This funding help to off-set the high costs of building broadband and telephone networks in rural areas like La Porte City and Mt. Auburn, keeping your telephone and Internet services affordable.

"Increased rates for broadband service could be in the offing, although it's tough to forecast until the final rules are set," said James Robertson, president of the La Porte City Telephone Co. "It's more expensive to service at those bit rates those rural areas where people are scattered about," he said. The fund is essential because rural customers have as much need for broadband service as their urban counterparts, Robertson said.

"In fact, many customers have even greater need for it," he said. We are asking you to take action by contacting our legislators and letting them know about your opposition to any plans that would undercut Internet access in our communities.

# Jim Jensson Celebrates 40 Years of Service

For over 40 years, Jim Jensson has been more than an employee, but the heart and soul of the telephone company. Jim started as a full time employee in August 1971 after working part-time the summer before that. "Back then my job consisted of climbing poles and building pole lines. Just about all of the telephone lines were aerial when we first started. We had lead and paper cable versus copper and fiber optic underground cables like we install today," described Jim.



In Jim's opinion, the birth of the Internet and cell phones has made the greatest impact on telecommunications technology over the years. "When I started, some circuits had 10 people on a party line. People would put their phone on a tin pie plate so they could hear it vibrate and pick up the line to hear the neighbors' conversations. Today people are using cell phones. Now my daily work is often focused on DSL and locating underground cables." Tried

and true to his landline roots, Jim still won't carry a cell phone. It stays in his truck and is used when needed for work.

His co-workers describe Jim as the "guts" of the company. Dave Powell, LPC Tel Co's manager, has worked with Jim for 30 years and said, "Jim knows where every line, cable, and pedestal is without needing a map. He's one of those guys that keeps to himself, but he's a soft-hearted and giving member of our team."

Outside of the telephone company, Jim has been involved with the community in many ways including the La Porte City

Fire Department, the Sportsman Club, and served on the La Porte City Council. When asked if he's noticed a change in the communities of La Porte City and Mt. Auburn he said, "Much stayed the same – both are friendly little towns."

So the next time you see Jim, please join us in congratulating him on reaching this 40-year milestone with La Porte City Telephone Company. Thanks for your dedication to keeping our customers and communities connected with the latest advancements communications technology!

## Make Your Home Your Hottest Spot



Devices are smaller, faster and smarter. Phones take pictures, TVs surf the web, and computers play movies. That's why it's more important than ever to keep your home network up to date and secure.

Don't worry—La Porte City Telephone Co. can help. Our expert technicians will install and set up your home Wi-Fi network, enabling you to securely share your broadband Internet connection with all of your wireless devices. We make it easy to get the most out of your favorite tech toys. Call LPC Tel today at (319) 342-3369 and learn how to save \$25 on Wi-Fi networking.

## 4th Annual Chocolate Walk



The La Porte City Chamber of Commerce will host their **4th annual Chocolate Walk on Thursday, November 10th**. Businesses in La Porte City will be offering chocolate treats from 5:30-8:30. Stroll from business to business enjoying chocolate martinis, homemade truffles, chocolate fountains, chocolate dipped strawberries, and cake balls just to name a few. The Chocolate Walk is a great opportunity to get inside some businesses you may not always get a chance to see. Get a sneak peek at what La Porte City has to offer for the holidays!

## We're here when you need us.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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### Internet Tech Support

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Iowa Network Services  
SecureIT Tech Support  
877-373-3320

### After Hours Repair

(319) 342-2213

Payments are due on the 20th of each month. Please include bill stub with your payment. For your convenience, La Porte City Telephone offers Automatic Bank Deduct. (Payments can be taken out of your checking or savings account.) There is a drop box in the front of the office.



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