

A Newsletter From Your Friends At Haviland Telephone Company

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FIGHTING FOR BETTER BROADBAND

Are you one of our customers who would like broadband Internet service without the requirement of having a landline phone as well? You are not the only one. There is a high demand for stand-alone broadband Internet service all around the world. Rural telecommunications companies like us understand and acknowledge this, but we are unable to provide a true stand-alone broadband service at the same price we provide broadband with phone.

On our behalf, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association and Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA), are trying to make a change. NTCA and WTA have petitioned the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) to revise the rules that punish customers who would prefer to simply have stand-alone broadband.

Telecommunication companies such as ours receive Universal Service support if a customer chooses to have telephone service, a fee that is paid within the industry to ensure we achieve maximum value from the nation's interconnected networks. We pay into the fund and draw from the fund based on the cost of serving our customers. As of now, if a customer only wants broadband, the Universal Service support is gone for that line, causing their broadband rates to skyrocket. NTCA and WTA have implored the FCC to fix this and have had many productive conversations with them, but there are still issues that need to be resolved. As your total communications provider, we are continuing to solve this problem with other companies through our national association. We ensure that rural consumers have a voice at the table as Washington develops regulations to guide us through this communication evolution.



Photo Directory Winners Announced

Congratulations to Phyllis Scherich of Wilmore KS, whose photo was selected as the cover for our 2014-2015 Directory. She will be receiving a \$50 bill credit for the winning entry.



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Summer's New Friend: Your Internet



Take your summer to the next level with the help of your Haviland Internet connection. Turn a basic summer party into a night to remember by searching the Web for the perfect appetizer recipe to wow your guests while streaming music to set the mood.

This summer, challenge yourself to use your high-speed Internet to create richer experiences with your friends and family. You can find inspiration for your next craft project on Pinterest, stumble upon an up-and-coming restaurant on Yelp, or research your next DIY home project all on the Internet.

For your next relaxing evening, here is a simple **mango-peach fruit smoothie** found on AllRecipes.com that will kick your night up a notch.



- 1 peach, sliced
- 1 mango, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup vanilla soy milk
- 1/2 cup orange juice, or as needed
- Blend until smooth

Scholarship Winners Selected

Haviland Telephone is proud to announce the winners of its 2014 scholarship awards. Twenty-three area students applied, and the following six students will be awarded \$250 towards their 2014 fall semester:

Heather Burger, Argonia
Taylor DeWeese, Pratt
Zachary Doll, Norwich
Cori Drouhard, Danville
Rosena Startzman, Sawyer
Kristin Wade, Haviland



In addition, Haviland Telephone submitted the names of these students to the PRIMO organization for consideration of its \$500 scholarship. PRIMO is an organization founded in 1992 that consists of the marketing and public relations employees of independent telecommunications companies across Kansas. Congratulations to Taylor DeWeese who was selected as one of six recipients for PRIMO's \$500 award.