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WildBlueSM Is Coming!

New Satellite Internet Service From Your Co-op

Tired of dial-up Internet access but can't get high-speed service where you live?

WildBlueSM may be for you.

WildBlue is a high-speed satellite internet service offered by the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative through a network of local cooperatives, including New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC).

An always-on high-speed Internet connection, WildBlue provides 2-way wireless high-speed data in both directions. Customers will not need an additional phone or cable line or the expense of a traditional dial-up ISP in order to receive high-speed Internet access. The service is easy to install, and requires no software installation on customers' computers.

WildBlue will offer three basic service packages to consumers and small businesses: Value Pack - \$49.95 per month for speeds up to 512 kbps; Select Pack - \$69.95 per month for speeds up to 1.0 Mbps; and Pro Pack - \$79.95 per month for speeds up to 1.5 Mbps. All packages include ISP services including email and web space, the WildBlue Portal, featuring the latest news, information and entertainment, customer care, and an equipment warranty. The cost of installation is \$300.

In the coming months, NHEC will be connecting a limited number of members while assessing the market potential of this exciting new service.

Package	Price/month	Maximum Download Speed	Maximum Upload Speed
Value Pack	\$49.95	512 Kbps	128 Kbps
Select Pack	\$69.95	1.0 Mbps	200 Kbps
Pro Pack	\$79.95	1.5 Mbps	256 Kbps

If you are interested in receiving WildBlue service, please have your NHEC account number ready and call NHEC at (800) 698-2007; select "6" at the prompt; enter your account number.

Watts Happening

Ballot Mailing To All Members in May

Watch your mail in May for the opportunity to vote for candidates running for election to the Co-op Board of Directors. Four open seats on the Board will be filled by vote of the members. A number of proposed bylaw changes will also be put before voters for their approval. All ballots must be returned to the Co-op by May 31, 2006. The ability to have your say in the operation of your Co-op is one of the unique privileges of membership in a cooperative - make your voice heard!

Buy Now - Marathon Price Increase in May

If you've been considering the purchase of a long-lasting Marathon water heater, now is the time to buy. The manufacturer has informed us

that prices will increase on all models starting May 1. You can purchase the Marathon and its lifetime warranty directly from your Co-op by calling 1-800-698-2007. To learn more about the Marathon Advantage, visit our website at www.nhec.coop.

Board of Directors Meetings

The Co-op Board of Directors meets the second to last Tuesday of each month at Co-op headquarters in Plymouth, unless otherwise noted. The Board will meet next on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. The May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2006. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held at Co-op headquarters, 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth. For more information, contact Sharon Yeaton at 603-536-8801, or nhechq@nhec.com.

NHEC Foundation Awards

From Colebrook to Raymond, the New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation has put the generosity of Co-op members to work in our communities.

The first round of Foundation grants were awarded last month and are funding a diverse collection of worthy causes. Perhaps none is more significant than the fulfillment of a little boy's dream to visit Disney World with his family.



Annie Forts, left, receives a check from the NHEC Foundation.

Four year-old Ryan is a Raymond resident who suffers from vascular disease. By partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation[®] of New Hampshire, the NHEC Foundation was pleased to donate \$5,000 to make Ryan's wish come true.

The NHEC Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that is funded by the contributions of Co-op members whose monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next dollar with the proceeds benefiting the Foundation. The average contribution per member is about 50 cents a month, or \$6 a

Annual Meeting

Note New Stars

The 67th Annual Meeting of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) members will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at NHEC headquarters in Plymouth.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., the business meeting starts at 9 a.m.

As part of NHEC's effort to reach a broader spectrum of members through multiple events at various times, this year's Annual Meeting will be structured for business. Some of the previous fixtures - lunch, entertainment, door prizes, etc., will not be available this year. If you're interested in the financial performance of your Co-op and what the organization has been doing to increase value for members, please plan on joining us.

Foundation First Grants



*... founder of the Annie Fortis "UP" Syndrome Fund,
... from NHEC Foundation Executive Director Judy Gove*

year. Though we hope you'll support the Foundation, it's easy to opt out – just have your NHEC account number ready and call the Co-op anytime at 1-800-698-2007, press "5" and enter your account number at the prompt. Members can also opt out online using a convenient form in the "My Account" section of our website: www.nhec.coop.

A total of 10 donations were made during the first round of Foundation giving. For more information about the first round of NHEC Foundation grants, visit our website at www.nhec.coop.

ing Is June 6 t Time - 9 a.m.

Four open seats on the 11-member Board of Directors will be filled by voters this year. Candidates running for election will be profiled in biographies to be included in the May ballot mailing to all members. Voters will also be asked to approve several changes to the NHEC Bylaws. Ballots must be returned to Co-op headquarters no later than the close of business on May 31. Results of the Board elections and proposed Bylaw changes will be announced at the Annual Meeting, with new directors being sworn-in immediately following the meeting.

We hope to see you June 6!



CO-OP Member Discounts



Present this coupon for half-price greens fees!

\$22.50 (including cart*) at Owl's Nest Golf Club on Sunday, May 7, 2006; and Sunday, May 21, 2006. Coupon is valid for both days. Owl's Nest Golf Club, Campton, NH.

For directions and course information visit the course online at www.owlstnsgolf.com.

*Limit four players per coupon. Coupon is good for New Hampshire Electric Co-op members only. Original coupon only, no photocopies will be accepted.

"Capital Credits" To Be Listed on April/May Bills

The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative will again be able to allocate positive operating margins to each of its members' accounts based on their individual usage. As a result, a line item pertaining to "capital credits" will appear on the bottom of the April and/or May

bills. It will indicate the amount that is being set aside in each member's capital account. However, please note that this is an equity account, not a cash account. It represents the members' ownership interest, or equity, in the cooperative.

YOUR CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION FOR 2005 IS \$0.00. THIS AMOUNT WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR PATRONAGE CAPITAL ACCOUNT. PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS.



Dig Smart, Dig Safe®

By proclamation of the governor, April is Dig Safe Month in New Hampshire. It's a great time to stress the importance of avoiding underground utilities when you're digging or excavating this summer.

When digging in the ground where NHEC's underground primary or service lines exist, call 1-888-DIG-SAFE at least 72 hours prior to digging, even on private land. Participating utilities, including the Co-op, will be notified of your plans and mark underground wires. Dig Safe is a free service that notifies participating

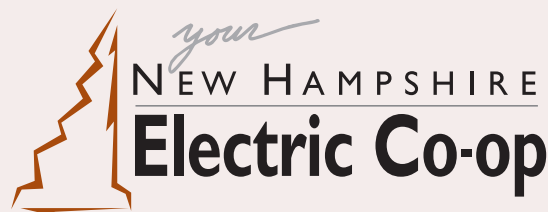
member companies of excavation plans in their service territories.

Marking underground service wires beyond the meter is the responsibility of the land owner. You will find a listing of underground locators at the Dig Safe website: www.digsafe.com.

Not only is Dig Safe a good idea, it's the law if you're digging within 100 feet of any buried utility line. To learn more about Dig Safe and smart excavating practices, visit their site online at www.digsafe.com.

For member service please call
1-800-698-2007 or visit us
online at www.nhec.coop

To report an outage please call
1-800-343-6432 or e-mail
nheccc@nhec.com



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FOR SALE

Couch & Loveseat in excellent condition, Fabric on back of couch sun-damaged, \$300. Can email a picture if interested. 617-719-0406

Stand in tanning booth up right, originally \$10,000, excellent condition. See at \$3,000, will deliver up to 60 mile radius of Colebrook. 246-7077

Meadowbrook Cart, small horse size, \$1,000 BO. Chain link dog kennel with door, \$150. 253-4552

1999 Champion Allante Series 23-1/2' cuddy cabin, mint condition, has been only used in fresh water, selling w/tandem trailer, \$25,000 BO. 978-458-6393

1989 Invader 203, 5.0 liter mercruiser I/O 230 HP includes tandem axle trailer, \$5,300. 2000 Honda Shadow 1100, 19k miles, new battery, \$4,950. 744-8909

Royal Jackson China, heirloom pattern 124 perfect pieces \$1,000, 7 Annie collector plates w/cert of auth. \$50, Grumman alum 15' canoe \$250, Leclerc floor loom \$1,000. 875-1001

42" Round solid oak butcher-block pedestal table \$225 or BO. Leave message. 267-6936

Set of three Downrigger ball molds one each #6, #8, & #10 \$50 for the set. 5' High chain link fence, 3 gates, \$90, 2 wheels for lawn car \$15. 293-7768

Richmond 30 gal, electric water heater in box \$75. 875-3117

FOR SALE

10x20x6 Dog kennel chain link, 1year old, like new \$375. You must remove. 863-2997

Electric storage heater, never used, in original container, cost over \$900, will sell for \$500. Must be hard wired all 220 controls within unit, designed to heat 1200 sq'. 875-5881

2002 Ski-Doo Legend 600 SS elec. start, reverse, studded track, 1,000 miles + more/w cover Exel. Cond. \$4,600. Evenings. 895-0242

Electric range, Hardwick, white 20" apartment model. \$150. Excellent condition in Moultonborough. 668-8583

New Dell color printer w/cable, #ON5819, never used (still in box) \$60 or BO. 284-6223

Coachman Catalina 29' 5th wheel 1997 loaded w/slide-out, awning, queen bed & much more in excellent condition, \$9,800 or BO. 538-6544

1998 Travel trailer, new in 1999. Sunliner Solaris model T2453, loaded, completely self confined w/everything but the tow vehicle, \$6,500. 642-6240

Woodchipper 3pt. Hitch/PTO. Used one season, takes up to four inches, \$3,000. 356-2013

2003 Polaris Edge 340, 90 miles, 2003 Polaris 2up 500 Touring 400 miles, Sno-Pro/Thule enclosed trailer band new fully loaded \$8,000 BO. 569-9003

Kelvinator Deluxe 19.2 cu ft. upright freezer \$250. Collection of 1980- present Budweiser and German Beer Steins call for details. 859-3242

FOR SALE

Great boat & price, 1998 Larson 23.5 250HP, V-Birth, enclosed porto-potti, many extras, and trailer included. Honest value \$22,500. Also need Scaffolding 4-6 sections. 786-9533

FHW Boiler/Oil 100,000 BTU. Direct vent 4 yrs old. \$550. Stainless steel dbl bowl kitchen sink w/faucet, porcelain bath sink & faucet. Gd cond. both \$150. 978-352-2932 or 253-8896

Desk & work table, \$70 for set. Kids cross country ski set shoe size 1, \$25, Scuba hoods & gloves, XL & S: \$15 for all, vertical blinds 7" X 79" 2 pairs for \$50. 286-4838

Camper: 21' w/queen sized bed, 3 motorcycle tie downs, fueling station. Heat, air conditioning, full bathroom & kitchen, \$13,500. 364-0711

50's Magic Chef, commercial range, 6 burners in good working order, 2 lg. ovens, broiler & griddle 57" wide 30" deep hood, shelf included buyer must remove stove \$1,800 or BO. 544-2237

Aluminum rack for full sized pickup, adjustable, \$300 or BO. Hardwood floor sanding equipment, complete set \$5,500. Call for more info. 253-8499

WANTED

Old issues of "Historical New Hampshire Magazine" published by the N.H. Historical Society. 895-2598

Honda 3000 Generator. 279-3074



About Our Cover

Cover Image: *Hooked Trout*, metal sculpture, by Kathleen Krzewinski. More work by the artist may be viewed at www.ykmetalart.com.

Born in Zeist, Holland and now living in Wakefield, New Hampshire, Kathleen Krzewinski uses the torch as a cutting tool, and the heat of the torch as a paint brush to color her Metal Art works and create a new art form. Metal Art is a demanding medium, one that Kathleen has used

masterfully in developing her unique approach to this art. She has progressed from making gifts to wholesale selling out of a truck, to displaying her art to specialty shops. She now sells to several galleries on the East Coast down to Delaware.

If you are interested in acquiring a poster of this month's cover, visit www.cafepress.com/nhec.