



Palmerton Telephone and Hahn's Dairy

LOCAL TRADITIONS

In today's fast paced world, it's easy to overlook some of the best things in our own backyard. Palmerton has a rich heritage, with many traditions that have been passed down between generations. This month, we'd like to share some history about ourselves and one of our long-time customers, Hahn's Dairy.

PALMERTON TELEPHONE

At the turn of the century, the beginnings of a town could be seen near the Zinc Plant. This was to become the classic "company town" of the era. The zinc company owned most of the land, the water system, and many of the houses lived in by the workers and their families. Company buildings and offices dotted the landscape.

In 1900, the management of the fledgling New Jersey Zinc Company decided that a communications system was needed to enhance the efficiency of its operations. As a result, the telephone came to the yet unincorporated town of Palmerton.

Later, in 1948, Pennsylvania Power and Light Company of Allentown purchased the Zinc Co.'s electric and telephone plants. By 1955, PP&L decided that the telephone company was best run by others with more interest in communications than electricity. In February of that year, a group of local people, headed by the late Claude Reinhard, had established a small corporation whose business was just that, communications. This company, then known as the Palmerton Company, had recently constructed a cable television system in Palmerton and the surrounding area. Since the Palmerton Company was concerned with communications, it seemed only natural that they become the next owner of Palmerton Telephone Company.



In May of 1965 the Palmerton Company adopted its present name Pencor Services Inc. PENCOR is an acronym that stands for Pennsylvania ENTertainment COMMuni-cations and REcreation.

Today, Palmerton Telephone, with Pencor Services as their parent company, covers an area of 100 square miles in Carbon and Monroe Counties. Our emergency crews are on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to maintain 99.999% uptime of telephone service. Our fleet of 28 vehicles includes everything from a small trailer to transport poles to job sites to a large diesel line truck used for digging holes, setting poles, and handling large reels of cable.

We offer some of the most reliable communications services available, including the Val-YOU Package, a bundled offer that includes unlimited local and long distance calling within the Continental United States and the most requested calling features and Palmerton Telephone DSL. Powered by PenTeleData, a high-speed broadband Internet access solution.

HAHN'S CLOVERLEAF DAIRY, INC.

Just about two miles away from the Palmerton Telephone, Dean and Roger (Rocky) Hahn work on the farm started by their parents 72 years ago.

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Phone Numbers

Customer Service
610-826-6650

Business Office
610-826-2115

Repair Service
610-826-3444

Gilbert Office
610-826-9321

*Palmerton Telephone
Company continues
to engineer and
advance technology
for tomorrow while
providing reliability
and quality service
that Pennsylvanians
count on today.*

SERVING THIS AREA SINCE 1900

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From the Manager's Desk...

Do you know that
Palmerton Telephone
has been serving the
area since 1900?

OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR SACRED HONOR

Grade school children of my generation were required to learn the opening sentences of the Declaration of Independence and to commit those words to memory. In the school I attended the first two sentences were printed on the brown paper covers we were given for our textbooks. I didn't get to really study that document until later, possibly in Junior High or even High School. That was when I read the words that serve as the title of this column. But the magnitude of the words and what they represent did not fully sink in until much later in life.

In the summer of 1968 I read a book entitled "Four Days in July". It was the story of how the Declaration of Independence came to be. It told, not just of the congress in Philadelphia, but of the men who were there and the interactions among them that produced the final document. In 1776 what was to be the United States of America was occupied by a foreign power, Great Britain. The men at the statehouse in Philadelphia knew they were committing treason against the crown, but they believed that the risk was worth the reward, independence. They effectively were declaring war on what was

then the strongest military power on earth. They didn't know they were going to win. They were under no illusions as to what hardships and sacrifices lay in store for them and the country, but they believed what they were doing was right and they trusted in one another and in divine providence.

Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying, "We must all hang together or we will surely all hang separately." Thus the declaration ends with the words "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

When you are enjoying yourself on Independence Day and the long weekend we have this year, take some time to remember those who sacrificed to bring about the birth of this nation and those who continue to defend our liberty today.

Sincerely,

Tom Lager

General Manager
Palmerton Telephone Company

Pepper-Jack Crescent Twists w/ Salsa-Ranch Dip

Dip:

- > 1 cup Old El Paso Thick & Chunky Salsa
- > ½ cup Ranch Dressing

Twists:

- > 2 cans (8oz each) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- > 1 cup shredded hot pepper Monterey Jack cheese (4oz)
- > 2 tablespoons sesame seed

1. In small bowl, mix salsa and dressing. Cover, refrigerate at least 1 hour.
2. Heat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease cookie sheets w/ shortening. Unroll 1 can of dough into 11x8 inch rectangle, firmly pressing perforations to seal. Sprinkle evenly w/ cheese to within ½ inch of long sides. Unroll Remaining can of dough, place over cheese and seal perforations. Sprinkle w/ sesame seed.
3. With rolling pin, lightly roll dough to press layers together. Cut cross-wise through both layers of dough into 12 strips. Place strips on cookie sheets. Press 1 end of each strip to cookie sheet. Gently twist strip 3-4 times. Press remaining end to the cookie sheet.
- 4) Bake 10 to 15 min or until golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Serve w/ warm dip.

Recipe July08

PERSONAL EMERGENCY ALERT

July is the month to celebrate our independence. Unfortunately, for someone with medical concerns, independence doesn't always come easily. That's why we continue to mention our Personal Emergency Alert service.

An Alarm Unit, installed by our specially trained technicians, connects to a telephone jack (preferably a special alarm jack). The user wears a waterproof alarm sender, either in the form of a wristwatch or a pendant, which summons help with the press of a button. **Our local operators**, not someone in another state or country, are able to talk and hear the caller through the communicator console - typically up to a range of 250 feet away. They can find out what help is needed, and **will notify** up to

four predetermined contacts, including 911. These can be **family, friends, emergency personnel or caregivers---you decide!** The unit also has power failure and power restore options, as well as an inactivity alarm.

**THIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IS
AS LOW AS
\$17.⁹⁵ PER MONTH!**

**For more information, please call our
Customer Service Department at
(610)826-6650.**

*Do you know that
Palmerston Telephone
copper wires, connected
end to end, circle the
earth 4 times at the
equator?*

LOCAL TRADITIONS *(Continued from page 1)*



In 1947, after they had rented the land for many years, Mary and Alvin Hahn purchased what has become the family farm. Mary had six children and loved cows. She'd get up in the morning, do the milking and prepare the family for school. Then, she'd leave to start her job as a school bus driver, something she'd done for over 42 years.

The boys would also help on the farm, herding the cows and sometimes, they would even find one to ride. After graduation, it was only natural that they would work on the farm.

In 1968, Rocky suggested selling jug milk. By September 1969, Hahn's Dairy Store was open for business.

Today, Dean, Rocky and Roger Hahn Jr. continue the tradition. The milk is pasteurized, homogenized and bottled on-site. As one of only four dairy farms in Carbon County, it is interesting to note that their milk is much less expensive than the milk in the grocery store, probably because they raise their own feed of corn and hay for their herd.

It's hard work, and requires a lot of dedication. Perhaps that's why there are only about 20-30 other bottlers in the state; but the Hahns are proud of the result. Their milk does not contain Bovine Somatotropin (BST), the hormone drug used to simulate milk production and the eco-friendly returnable glass bottles cut down on waste and help with conservation efforts.

The store, located at 1770 Hahn's Dairy Rd., is open seven days a week - Monday through Friday 10-8 and weekends 10-6. They carry a variety of items, including milk, skim milk, chocolate milk, orange juice, iced tea, orange drink, ice cream, fresh baked goods, bread, snacks, soda, eggs and hot bologna.

For Palmerston Telephone and Hahn's Dairy, it's all about continuing the traditions and value our customers have come to expect.

Brain Teaser May 2008 Winner!

**Congratulations to
Jim Weaver of
Leighton, PA.
Jim was the
winner of a \$25 Gift
Card to Roadies
Restaurant and Bar
at Penn's Peak in Jim
Thorpe, Pa.**

If the wind blows
only from the north.
Where must I be on
planet earth?
Hint: Two Words

Answer: "South Pole"

Fun Facts

The sound of thunder travels about 1,100 feet per second.

The color combination with the strongest visual impact is black on yellow. Next to follow black on white, yellow on black, white on black, dark blue on white, and white on dark blue.

Valentine's Day means chocolate, and lots of it. According to U.S. candy manufacturers, Americans spend 1.1 billion each Valentine's Day on candy, making it the fourth biggest holiday of the year for confectionery purchases. In order, the top three holidays for candy sales are Halloween, Christmas, and Easter.

In every hour that one listens to the radio in the United States, one hears approximately 11,000 spoken words.

The White House has 34 bathrooms.

In the Abbott and Costello "Who's on First" routine, the pitcher's name was Tomorrow.

BAND-AID Brand Adhesive Bandages first appeared on the market in 1921. However, the little red string that is used to open the package was not added until 1940.

The game of Monopoly is the best-selling board game in the world, licensed or sold in 80 countries and produced in 26 languages including Croatian.

Basketball got its name from the half-bushel peach baskets used as targets by the originator, James A. Naismith, in 1891.

Caller ID

Caller ID – it's freedom from answering unwanted telephone calls. Caller ID allows you to see who is calling, before you pick up the phone. No more surprise interruptions, or running to answer because you are afraid of what you will miss. The Caller ID keeps track of calls on your phone or display unit and is ready to view when you are. You'll even know who was calling while you weren't home.

In addition, you'll have the ability to reject calls from those who have blocked the display of their telephone number on outgoing calls. This feature is called Anonymous Call Rejection.

This month, we are offering **FREE installation and a FREE Caller ID display unit** to new Caller ID customers. For more information, or to order, please call our Business Office.

IT'S INDEPENDENCE DAY!

*Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

The words of our national anthem, written by Francis Scott Key, describe our flag and the glory of being an American. This July 4th, as you celebrate the American Dream with barbecues, picnics and family gatherings, take the time to appreciate our liberties and the soldiers who have sacrificed for our freedom.

Each year, in their honor, Palmerton Telephone donates the time and equipment necessary to hang the American Flag from the light posts on Delaware Avenue in Palmerton. We are proud to be part of the community, and appreciate your continued business. Your support makes our involvement possible.

Can you beat this BRAIN TEASER?

Palmerton Telephone is giving away a \$25 Gift Card to Roadies Restaurant and Bar at Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe, Pa.

To enter, e-mail the correct answer to ptelco@ptd.net or send a 3" x 5" index card to 465 Delaware Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071. Please include your name, address, daytime telephone number (to call only if you win), and the Brain Teaser answer. All entries must be received by **7/20/08**.

Good Luck!
Palmerton Telephone



Brain Teaser

Spelling a problem, flip open my pages. I am the choice of authority in the modern ages. Adjective, verb, noun, in me the answer can be found.
What am I?