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Monthly Newsletter For Customers & Employees

Catch the Reading Bug at the Pembroke Library!



Summer is almost here!

If your children or grandchildren are not sure what to do this summer, how about letting them join the Summer Reading Club at the Pembroke Library? The club offers something for children of all ages. There will be reading and stories, crafts and lots of other activities. There will even be some prizes! This annual activity

is free to children of all ages in the Pembroke and Ellabell areas. The club begins on May 27th and runs through July 26th. It meets every Thursday at the Pembroke Library, 1018 Camelia Drive, at 11:00 a.m. The program is made possible through the generosity of the Georgia Public Library Service, the Cannochee Electric Company, Family Connections of Bryan County, Friends of the Pembroke Library, the Heritage Bank, the Pembroke Telephone Company, the Pembroke Public Library and the Bryan County Board of Education. Come join the fun!

Some Telephone Firsts!

On January 17, 1882, Leroy Firman received a patent for the telephone switchboard. The first telephone exchange became operational in New Haven, Connecticut in 1878. The first telephone book was published in New Haven, by the New Haven District Telephone Company in February 1878. It was one page long and held fifty names - no numbers were listed as the operator would connect you. The page was divided into four heading residential, professional, miscellaneous, and essential service listings. In 1886, Reuben H. Donnelly produced the first Yellow Pages directory featuring business names and phone numbers, categorized by the types of products and services provided. In 1889, the first coin-operated telephone or pay phone was patented by William Gray of Hartford, Connecticut. Gray's pay phone was first installed and used in the Hartford Bank. In 1982, a patent for Caller ID was filed by Carolyn Doughty of Bell Labs. The Pembroke Telephone Company was the first in Bryan County, founded in 1906. Offering service for more than a century, keep watching us for more firsts that will keep you on the forefront of telecommunications!

Dates & Details

Memorial Day
May 26, 2008

Pembroke Telephone
offices will be closed.

Employee Birthdays

Whitney Whittington 5/7
Stephanie Morrison 5/21
Eric Anderson 5/27
Josh Temple 5/28
Noah Covington 5/28

Contact Us!

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Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868.

**When's the last time
a phone number
changed your life?**



Georgia Relay is a FREE public service that connects people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled and use a TTY (text telephone) or other assistive device with standard phone users, relaying the conversation between both parties. The service can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and fax equipment is available to those who qualify.

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Change in FUSC Billing

Due to changes in regulatory requirements, the Federal Universal Service Charge ("FUSC") will be applied to all video services. The current rate is 11.3 percent. Funds from the FUSC go into the Universal Service Fund that provides support to promote access to telecommunications services at reasonable rates for those living in rural and high-cost areas, income eligible consumers, rural health care facilities, and schools and libraries. Much of the funding returns locally.

Monthly Telephone Service Rates

Effective June 1, charges for your basic monthly telephone service will rise by 0.5807 percent. This increase is determined based on the Gross Domestic Product Price Index. Residential one-party service will be \$20.82 in Pembroke and \$18.16 in Ellabell. Business one party subscribers will be \$43.76 in Pembroke and \$37.85 in Ellabell. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause our subscribers. Please contact us if you have any questions about this change.



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