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Main Office Landscape Renovation



River rock, stones and colorful desert plants have replaced the grass lawn in front of the main office. This landscape renovation will help conserve water and be easier to maintain in the hot summer months ahead.

Call Before You Dig!

It's the Law!

If you are planning a project that involves digging, take the time to call a One-Call System 48 hours in advance. Utility spotters will come to your site and mark any underground lines. After lines have been marked, uncover them by hand before excavating with mechanical equipment or avoid the areas entirely. Dell Telephone marks our lines with orange paint and orange flags. Failure to call before you dig could result in injuries and fines if you strike a line. Repair costs can be \$300 or higher, depending on the size and type of line cut.

**Texas Excavation
Safety System**



ONE CALL CENTERS

DIG TESS 1-800-344-8377 NM One-Call 1-800-321-2537



In January of this year, **Eddie Chacon** began his fourteenth year with Dell Telephone. Eddie can be found in our Maintenance Shop servicing and repairing DTCI's fleet of company trucks. Eddie is

also responsible for preventive maintenance and repair of our Generators.

Eddie is married to Iliana. She has been employed by Dell City I.S.D. for many years. Together, they also own and operate E&I RV Park located at 104 East First Street in Dell City.

Much of Eddie's time away from Dell Telephone is spent with his favorite hobby Drag Racing. He also serves as a councilman for the City of Dell City and volunteers his time each year to the Hudspeth County Fair Parade.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Members are encouraged to contact Dell Telephone with any questions or concerns about the Cooperative. Last month we received a note from one of our members concerning the funding of Dell Telephone's Scholarship Program.

Beginning in 1989, Dell Telephone began refunding Capital Credits. Due to the fact that not all former members can be located, there are unclaimed capital credit checks returned to our office each year. Under state law, the amount due un-located subscribers must be escheated (turned over) to the State of Texas. State Legislature has provided for utility cooperatives in Texas to establish a non-profit foundation to which a percentage of these "escheat" funds can be contributed, rather than being turned over to the state. Your Board of Directors voted to establish the Dell Telephone Cooperative Education Foundation and use this foundation to provide educational assistance to the youth of the Cooperative's service area by offering scholarships for continuing education.

Congratulations

Graduates



Make sure your graduate stays connected! Sign up for Delcom Internet during May and get **FREE ACTIVATION!**

Survey Winners

Jack Phariss - 828 Exchange
\$50 Credit

Miguel & Manuela Macias - 964 Exchange
Uniden Cordless Telephone

Ramon & Karina Guillen - 964 Exchange
\$50 Walmart Gift Card

LOOK FOR YOUR SURVEY IN YOUR MAY TELEPHONE STATEMENT AND RETURN FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN! GOOD LUCK! THREE WINNERS EACH MONTH!

Please Remember: The Dell Telephone business office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Outside Plant Update



The Guadalupe Gas Camp to Van Horn Fiber Optic Project is right on schedule and should be completed by the middle of this month. Floyd Construction has buried 71 miles of Fiber Optic Cable and a new Central Office building has been installed. Once completed, this project will enable DTCI to offer (in the future) high tech network services such as FTTP (Fiber to the Premises) and VoIP (Voice Over IP) Services. This will also allow Dell Telephone to move forward with a Fiber Optic Ring Project that will allow more reliability, higher transmission quality and larger bandwidth.