



Timeline:

NNTC's Milestones Over 70 Years

From Climbing Poles to Digging Holes

50s
60s

1955 - NNTC became incorporated as a non-profit cooperative.

1957-58 - Dial service began in Jackson, Hubbard, Dixon, Concord, and Martinsburg, followed by Bartlett, Clearwater, Coleridge, Linwood, Malmo, Maskell, Morse Bluff, Obert, Prague, and Weston.

1963 - Service began in Newcastle.



70s
80s

1970s - Aerial wire and poles were replaced with buried cable.

1983 - NNTC formed its 1st subsidiary, CenCom, to offer cable TV service.

1987 - Craig joined the co-op receiving both phone and TV service.



90s

1997 - NNTC formed its second subsidiary, NebCom, which purchased nine telephone exchanges: Allen, Bristow, Butte, Decatur, Spencer, Stuart, Long Pine, Waterbury, and Winside.

1999 - NNTC and NebCom secured a \$31 million loan from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to begin replacing buried copper with fiber-to-the-node technology, providing bandwidth for internet service.



2000s

2001 - An F2 tornado destroyed NNTC's main office and garages in Jackson.

2001 - High-speed internet launched, offering speeds of 512 Kbps (<1 Mbps).

2003 - NNTC's new office and warehouse opened in Jackson.

2004 - NebCom merged with NNTC.

2007 - NNTC purchased Clarks Telecom, adding Clarks, Staplehurst & Ulysses. NNTC borrowed \$11 million from RUS to build fiber to these communities.

2008 - TV service transitioned from analog to digital.



2010s

2010 - NNTC obtained a \$69 million loan from the RUS to build a fiber optic network across all its communities.

2014 - NNTC completed its fiber network, becoming the **FIRST** provider in Nebraska to offer fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service to all customers.

2019 - NNTC introduced Fiber Fast Internet, delivering symmetrical speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps to all customers.



2020s

2022 - 2025 - NNTC expanded its fiber network and cooperative to include Homer, along with rural areas in Antelope, Dakota, Butler and Polk Counties.

2025 - NNTC celebrates 70 years of service to northeast Nebraska!





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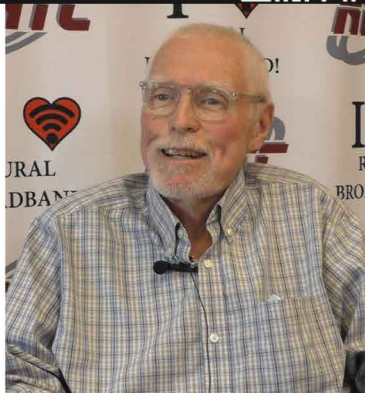
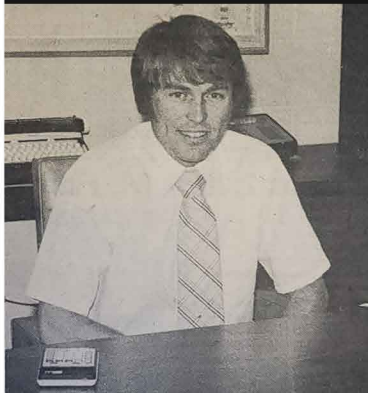
Looking Back From the NNTC Archives

July \$70 Bill Credit Winners are...

1. Michael D & Andrea Johnson - Concord
2. David Lane - Long Pine
3. Dan Lux - Hubbard
4. Mike Olsen - Coleridge

LONGEST-SERVING EMPLOYEE

EMORY GRAFFIS



Employee | 1964 - 2014 | 50 Years

Emory Graffis began his career with NNTC right out of high school, clearing brush and maintaining overhead lines. Fourteen years later, he became General Manager in 1978, following Howard Rasmussen. Emory led the company into the future by introducing internet service in the mid-90s. Recognizing the limitations of dial-up, he championed a full transition to fiber optics; a vision realized by the time he retired in 2014.

"I think the members can take pride in the company's actions," Emory said in a 2021 interview. "We were one of the early independent companies to build fiber, and it helped transform NNTC."

Emory passed in 2022, leaving a legacy of innovation.

LONGEST-SERVING BOARD MEMBER

OMER HOFFMAN



Board of Directors | 1960 - 2018 | 58 Years

You might call Omer Hoffman the "grandfather" of NNTC. Before officially joining the Board of Directors in 1960, he went door-to-door in Clearwater, encouraging residents to buy \$30 memberships to help fund a government loan and join NNTC.

Together with a few others, Omer raised \$27,000, an amount that would equal nearly \$300,000 today. The strong local demand for telephone service made it possible. That early success sparked a lifelong commitment. He served on the Board of Directors for 58 years, retiring in 2018 at the age of 97.

Omer passed away just two months later, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and community spirit that helped build the foundation of NNTC.

NNTC exists to provide reliable & efficient Broadband services for our customers.



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