

# ★ December 2025 Newsletter ★

## Reminiscing on 70 Years



**General  
Manager  
Pat  
McElroy**

*Excerpts from interviews found on NNTC's  
YouTube Channel and Facebook page.*

70 years is an incredible thing for any business. And I'm sure if you talked to the people that started this operation and they looked forward 70 years, they probably couldn't have imagined what we are today."

A lot of the jobs we do today are to locate cable, but in the past, they were tree trimmers. They had to go trim bush all over the place to make sure that our lines were protected.

What we do best is service. Our technicians are in our towns, and we should know our customers better than anyone. It's service for our people and it's all local service.

I don't think when the co-op started, there was ever a vision that they pay back the capital credits. Our owners have built it from the ground up. And that's a great model. It works great in rural America.

If you thought when they started this, that we would be \$120 million company, I don't know that they would've believed that at the time. And you have to make decisions that benefit the overall good of the company and hopefully set you up for success in the next generation.

**Board  
President  
Dave  
Armstrong**



He [a 1950s farmer] said, "I don't know if I sold a load of hogs or I sold a load of corn, I couldn't hear." So, Howard and the founders started going towards building Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company.

I was elected in 1999. I got my telecom dictionary, which was about [4 inches] thick.

It's a lot of history. A lot of things have changed in those 26 years. I'm very pleased with the way the company is going, the direction that it's headed.

I see our members every day, and they're not shy. We get a lot of questions about the capital credits and if they are going to appear and if there's any chance of them not being paid, which to me, there's very little chance.

This is a great cooperative. Our members call in, they speak to a person, they can talk to the manager of the company.

We're celebrating our 70th Anniversary. I just see us continuing to grow and support our communities. We'll never be a nationwide company, but we'll be known in northeast Nebraska.

# ★ 12 Days of Giving is Back! ★

**What:** NNTC will hold daily drawings for the prizes listed below!

**Where:** Merry & Bright Studios via NNTC's Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/nntcnet](http://www.facebook.com/nntcnet)

**When:** Daily at noon from 12/20 - 12/31  
 (500 GB bonus credit if you win the prize and you're watching live!)

**How:** Register at: [www.NNTC.net/12](http://www.NNTC.net/12) **DEADLINE 12/16/25**

Scan to Register!



\*If you're unable to register online, call us during normal business hours to register.

 <p><b>Day 1:</b> Car Fridge</p>	 <p><b>Day 2:</b> NE Tailgate Chair</p>	 <p><b>Day 3:</b> Bread Maker</p>	 <p><b>Day 4:</b> Portable Tire Inflator</p>
 <p><b>Day 5:</b> Towel Warmer</p>	 <p><b>Day 6:</b> Gift or keep 500 GB of Fiber Fast</p>	 <p><b>Day 7:</b> \$70 towards a Local Restaurant</p>	 <p><b>Day 8:</b> 10" Digital Photo Frame</p>
 <p><b>Day 9:</b> Portable Power Station</p>	 <p><b>Day 10:</b> NE Bogg Bag</p>	 <p><b>Day 11:</b> \$70 Bill Credit</p>	 <p><b>Day 12:</b> 40" TV</p>

December \$70 Bill Credit Winners are...

1. Scott Ruether - Staplehurst
2. Aaron Hauf - Clearwater
3. Larry Snitily - Prague
4. Mark Carlson - Oakland

**Attn: NNTC Co-op Members**

2014 and 2024 members should expect a check or bill credit this month!

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