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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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# Lincoln Login

## **Important Information Regarding Montana Relay**

Did you know that many Montanans who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities can now enjoy the convenience of communicating with family, friends or business contacts by telephone? They can, thanks to the Montana Relay.

#### Here's how Montana Relay works:

A person who is deaf, hard of hearing, or may have a speech loss, types his/her conversation using a text telephone (TDD/TTY). A specially trained Communications Assistance (CA) relays the message by reading the test message to the hearing person at the other end. The CA then relays the hearing person's spoken words by typing them back to the TDD/TTY user.

Hearing callers who wish to reach people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled may simply dial 7-1-1 or dial 1-866-253-4090.

Test telephone users may also dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-253-4091.

There is no charge for dialing 7-1-1, and all options available to Montana Relay users through existing 800 numbers are available to 7-1-1 users.

If you are experiencing trouble dial 7-1-1 to reach the Montana Relay, please call the local telephone company or Montana Relay Customer Service.

Relay service is also available over the Internet. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled can simply go to <a href="https://www.hamiltonrelay.com">www.hamiltonrelay.com</a> to connect to a CA. Customers may use the same website (<a href="www.hamiltonrelay.com">www.hamiltonrelay.com</a>) or HamiltonVRS.tv from a videophone to access video relay service, where a certified American Sign Language (ALS) interpreter will relay your signed conversation to the hearing party.

Relay services are also available for people with Speech Disabilities, Speech-to-Speech service lets people with speech disabilities communicate on the telephone by using their own voice, or voice-assisted device, through the help of a specially trained CA by dialing either 7-1-1 or 1-866-225-1866.

Spanish Relay Service is available to Spanish speaking residents of Montana. To place a Spanish relay call, dial 1-800-435-8590.

CapTel™ is ideal for people with some degree of hearing loss. CapTel works like any other telephone with one important addition: it displays every word the caller says throughout the entire conversation. CapTel users can listen to the caller and read the captions on the display window. For information on CapTel, call 1-800-833-8503 V/TTY or email: re-lay@mt.gov.

All services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a weeks and enable people to place relay calls between Montana and other locations anywhere in the United States and internationally to English and Spanish speaking persons. By law, each conversation is handled with the strictest confidentiality. There is no charge to access Montana Relay.

To learn more about Montana Relay, visit the website at www.hamiltonrelay.com/states/mt.htm.





February's Round Up amount of \$142.82 went to the Lincoln Food Bank. Thank you to all who participate.



**Daylight Savings Time** Begins March 11th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.

Spring Begins March 20th





Unless people undertake more than they can possibly do, they will never do all they can do.

~Henry Drummond

# \*\*\* Warning\*\*\*

Lincoln Telephone does not contact customers via e-mail. Never give your username or password to anyone. If you have responded to an e-mail requesting your username or password please contact us at 362-4216.

#### **REMEMBER:**



New Construction: Bring your plans to the telephone company now and we will engineer your phone & cable tv for you FREE of charge!

Expect to succeed even before you start. All winners, no matter what their game, start with the expectation that they are going to succeed. Winners say, "I want to do this and can do this," not, "I would like to do this, but I don't think I can."

362-4216

~Dennis Waitley

## The Leprechaun

The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "smallbodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies. Though only minor figures in Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure.

Leprechauns had nothing to do with St. Patrick or the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a Catholic holy day. In 1959, Walt Disney released a film called Darby O'Gill & the Little People, which introduced America to a very different sort of leprechaun than the cantankerous little man of Irish folklore. This cheerful, friendly leprechaun is a purely American invention, but has quickly evolved into an easily recognizable symbol of both St. Patrick's Day and Ireland in general.