

## **Westman Now Offers Home Phone Service**

*Brandon residents can finally choose their phone service provider*

**Brandon MB, November 28, 2008** - Westman Communications Group (Westman) is pleased to announce that starting next month it will offer Home Phone service to all Brandon residents. This means that for the first time ever, residents can choose which company provides their residential phone service.

“Based on our research, we know that Brandon is very interested in finally having a competitive phone service,” stated Dave Baxter, President and CEO of Westman Communications Group. “Until now there has been a monopoly on home phone service, so we’re pleased to provide choices that Brandon residents deserve.”

Westman Home Phone service is just \$25.95 a month when bundled with Westman High Speed Internet or TV service. The offering includes another first for Brandon residents, as its new Home Phone service includes TV Caller ID, which conveniently displays the name of the person calling on your TV screen.

Altogether, it includes six popular features: Call Waiting, Visual Call Waiting, Call Number Display, Call Name Display, Voice Mail, and Call Forwarding. The bundled price includes free professional installation, enhanced-911 service (E911) and directory listing. Customers have the option of keeping their current home phone number or receiving a new phone number.

Customers also have the choice of three, value-priced, long distance plans for 100 minutes, 300 minutes, and for unlimited calling.

“Westman Home Phone pairs perfectly with our TV or High Speed Internet to provide a dependable, high quality, local alternative for all of our customers’ needs,” Baxter said. “Our phone service will have no access fees and there are no additional hidden fees. We think our customers will be happy with the pricing, features and the great customer service Westman provides.”

Westman Home Phone service is carried over Westman’s private fibre optic-coax network, not the public Internet, which enables Westman to offer consistent, reliable, clear calling.

Baxter also noted that as a customer-owned cooperative, Westman is committed to ensuring its customers receive good value, excellent service, and current technology offerings.

### **About Westman Communications Group**

Westman Communications Group is the operating name for Westman Media Cooperative Ltd., which provides service throughout Western Manitoba. Westman is a customer-owned cooperative, which operates cable systems in 36 communities. Westman is a leader in communication and information technology products and services including cable TV, Internet, phone and fibre optics. Westman also owns and operates local radio stations 880 CKLQ and 94.7 STAR FM, which broadcast throughout Western Manitoba. Westman is proud of its strong commitment to its customers and the communities it serves.

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