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8:00 am to 5:00 pm
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REMEMBER
BEFORE YOU DIG
CALL

1-800-344-7233
SO APPROPRIATE
LOCATES WILL BE
DONE TO AVOID
HITTING ANY
BURIED SERVICES.
(especially your fiber optics)

INTERNET
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429-3132

HOURS
Mon-Fri 8 am to 5 pm

DO NOT CALL LIST
1-888-382-1222

Kansas Rural Companies Invest in the Future!

Columbus Telephone is a Rural Independent Telephone Coop. There are 30 independent telephone companies like us in the State of Kansas and together we sponsor a website www.kansastelephone.com

The customers of the Kansas Rural Independent Telephone Companies know something other Kansans may have missed: Rural companies provide a wide range of services and often exceed those available in urban areas.

Each month customers pay a small amount to KUSF, this small investment helps to offset the higher costs smaller providers must meet to offer their services to all customers. The fund provides an opportunity to bridge the "digital divide" and extend advanced services to rural areas. Major investments in small communities have been made by the Kansas Rural Independent Telephone Companies to ensure availability of the highest quality telephone service as well as continuing advancements to communication technology.

POWER OUTAGE DISRUPTS CABLE SERVICE

Columbus Fibervision recently had a loss of power at our headend located southeast of Columbus. The electric company that provides service to this location is Heartland Rural Electric located in Girard, KS.

We both apologize for the interruption of service.



WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

www.acn.net-Tool for researching, evaluating & comparing communities.

www.cnet.com-Site for Internet news.

www.ceoexpress.com-Dictionary of links to major newspapers, magazines, government organizations, IPO's etc.

www.racegate.com-Founded by two triathletes, this site is devoted to running, biking & swimming.

www.whohere.com-The place to start when you want to track someone down.

www.corporateinformation.com -One of the few sites that offers in-depth information on companies outside the United States.

www.patents.ibm.com-Resource for tracking technology. This site archives 2 million U.S. patent citations from the past 27 years.

www.ask.com-Has prepared answers to common questions.

www.biography.com-Database of 20,000 paragraph-length biographies.

www.yahooligans.com -A site set up for kids on the Internet.

www.nobelprizes.com -Nobel Prize Internet site for information on the latest achievements happening in the world.

FYI

Our office has received many inquiries regarding the abbreviations for broadcast programming.

They are listed below.

TV Program Symbols

- (CC) Closed captioned for the hearing impaired
- (S) In Stereo
- (N) New Program
- (PA) Parental Advisory
- (DVS) Descriptive Video Service
- (EI) Educational/Instructional
- (V) Available on Video
- (iTV) Interactive TV

TV Ratings

- TVY Appropriate for all children
- TVY7 Appropriate for children ages 7 and older
- TVG General Audience
- TVPG Parental Guidance suggested
- TV14 May be unsuitable for children under the age of 14
- TVMA Mature Audience

MPAA Ratings

(on movies not edited for television)

- (G) General Audience
- (PG) Parental guidance suggested
- (PG-13) Inappropriate for children under 13

INTERESTED IN STARTING/EXPANDING A BUSINESS?

Go to: www.networkkansas.com At this site, you can click on the Resource Navigator button and start the process of locating financial and business assistance. Or, let your "clicking finger" run wild and search for the information you need. The professionals at Start Up Kansas do everything confidentially.

Remember, Columbus has available buildings for you, or someone you know, to start a business.



Basic 1 \$28.00 for 53 channels
Basic 2 \$43.00 for 80 channels
Premium channels
any 1 premium pkg \$12.00, any 2 packages \$19.00,
any 3 packages \$26.00,
all 4 premium packages (9 channels total) \$35.00
Premium Channels available are:
HBO, Cinemax, Encore/Starz/Western, or
Showtime Unlimited

Vote for Big Brutus!

Big Brutus is a finalist for Eight Wonders of Kansas. Until December 31, 2007 people anywhere can vote on eight of the finalists online. Each e-mail address is eligible to vote 3 times, and online voters must vote for eight locations each time or the votes will not count. Governor Kathleen Sebelius will announce the Eight Wonders of Kansas on Kansas Day, January 29th, 2008 at the State Capitol in Topeka. To learn more about the 24 finalists or to vote, go online at www.8wonders.org

Lets show everyone how proud we are for our finalist right here in Cherokee County, Kansas!!



KNOW YOUR SPAM RIGHTS!

Spam is legal in the United States.

Twenty-six states have enacted anti-spam legislation, but it hasn't done much.

A bill in Congress would require companies to provide a valid return address on e-mail so consumers could request to be removed from mailing lists.

The Federal Trade Commission has selectively cracked down on bogus business promotions.

Spam blocking falls almost exclusively to individual consumers.

If you have been a victim of e-mail fraud, contact the FTC at uce@ftc.gov



Don't forget it is extremely important to keep your anti-virus protection updated.

Do's & Don'ts for Internet Safety

*Do forward spam to your internet service provider or to the Federal Trade Commission at uce@ftc.gov for analysis and possible prosecution. The FTC collects an estimated 50,000 complaints about misleading e-mail messages a day.

*Do be careful with your e-mail address and other personal information when ordering products and services from Web sites.

*If you have a personal Web page or run a business Web site, do use computer coding to stop spammers from scanning the page for e-mail addresses. Do not use the "click to e-mail" link, which makes it very easy for someone to harvest your address.

*When setting up a new e-mail account, consider using an unusual name. Ordinary names are easy for scammers to use a technique called "dictionary spamming", where unscrupulous marketers comb internet domain for common name combinations.

*Do zap spam. Delete e-mails from strangers immediately.

Don'ts

*Never respond to an unwanted commercial message in order to unsubscribe from the mailing list. Answering the e-mail alerts spammers that the account is active and could result in more spam.

*Don't give out your Internet passwords taped to your computer or in sight. Spammers can hijack an e-mail account and send out thousands of e-mails.

*Don't list your e-mail address when entering contests, sweepstakes or promotions. Don't list your primary e-mail address when posting to discussions forums on Web sites.

*Don't give permission for companies or Web sites to share your e-mail address with partners or affiliates.



Our office is now accepting the following credit/debit cards!

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Columbus Telephone Company offers Long Distance Calling Cards and Call Home Cards. These cards can be issued to your home or business phone and the charges will be billed to you on your monthly statement. These cards are a great way to keep in touch while traveling or if you have kids away from home at school. Please call our office for more information 620-429-3132.

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