

THE Rainbow CONNECTION

Fiber to the Home Construction Wrapping Up in Everest, Willis, and Robinson

Weather permitting, this spring, Rainbow Communications' fiber network will be completely dug and laid in the Everest, Willis, and Robinson exchanges. The fiber optic cable will ultimately replace Rainbow Communications' current copper network for delivery of phone, Internet, and at a later date, TV service.

Although construction (the digging and laying) of the fiber is almost complete in the three exchanges, making the switch from copper to Fiber to the Home (FTTH) will include a final process of wiring and installing routers at each customer's home or business. A Rainbow representative will call for an appointment to schedule such installs. By the end of 2009, all cooperative members living in the Everest, Willis, and Robinson exchanges may be able to experience first-hand the benefits of fiber, including faster Internet speed packages and rural TV service.

Construction for the Bendena, Huron and Denton exchanges is expected to begin in the fall of 2009, followed by the Muscotah and Whiting areas in 2010. It is projected that all members of the Rainbow cooperative exchanges will be cut over to the new fiber network by early 2011.

Why Fiber to the Home? Why Now?

Fiber to the Home (FTTH) will soon become a reality for some exchange



members of Rainbow Communications. According to the FTTH Council, more than a million consumers now use direct fiber optic connections in the United States. FTTH is widely recognized as the optimal solution for providing broadband to new and existing communities alike. In fact, hundreds of FTTH communities are flourishing across the nation. Why? FTTH offers more bandwidth and more flexibility than alternatives, at a similar price.

Based on the immense capacity of fiber, already the foundation of the world's telecommunications system, FTTH is now being deployed around the country and around the world. Almost all large developers are putting fiber in their new developments. Independent telephone companies, like Rainbow Communications, are deploying it in rural America at an increasing rate. FTTH is a feasible solution today that positions our communities for tomorrow's jobs and economic growth.

One bundle of fiber cable not much thicker than a pencil can carry ALL of the world's current communications traffic.

The advantages to FTTH are numerous:

- FTTH is the only technology that

Everest Office

608 Main Street • Everest, KS 66424
785-548-7511 • 800-892-0163
Monday – Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Hiawatha Office

628 Oregon Street • Hiawatha KS 66434
785-742-4200 • 800-892-0163
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 P.M.

Horton Office

834 Central Avenue • Horton, KS 66439
785-548-7511 • 800-892-0163
Monday – Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Seneca Office

513 Main Street • Seneca, KS 66538
800-892-0163
Monday – Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Internet Help Desk

877-776-7636
Monday – Friday 8 A.M. to 11 P.M.
Weekends 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Visit Rainbow online

www.rainbowtel.net

Community Events

March 16 & 17

Brown County Spotlight Auction

April 11

Sabetha, Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt
Hiawatha Chamber Easter Egg Hunt

May 1

Sabetha, Chamber Golf Tournament

June 5 - 7

Seneca, Spring Yard Sales

June 12

Brown County Relay for Life

June 13

Everest, Fun Day
Sabetha, City Wide Yard Sales

June 14

Sabetha, Twister Car Show

June 27

Hiawatha Summer Festival

PRIMO Scholarship Deadline in March

Award Information

Administrator: PRIMO

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Scholarships: Three (3)

Deadline: March 16, 2009

Award Distribution: Upon submittal of college class registration and schedule.

Eligibility: Parent or guardian must be a Rainbow Communications customer.

Scholarship Criteria

Year of Study: Any undergraduate student.

Field of Study: Preference will be given to marketing, public relations, or telecommunications-related field.

School of Study: An accredited university, college, or technical school.

To get a copy of the PRIMO Scholarship application, stop by one of our Rainbow offices, call us at 800-892-0163, download the application located in *News From Rainbow* on our website at www.rainbowtel.net, or check with your school counselor.

**Please return applications by
March 16, 2009 to:**

Rainbow Communications
Attn: K. Beach
PO Box 376
Hiawatha, KS 66434



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will deliver enough bandwidth, reliably and at a low enough cost, to meet the consumer demands of the next decade.

- FTTH is affordable now, which is why hundreds of companies are racing to install it in thousands of locations.

- FTTH is also the only technology that will meet the needs of the foreseeable future, when 3D, “holographic” high-definition television and games will be in everyday use.

- FTTH will enable products that we have yet to conceive of, but that we are certain will become necessities for living well and working well in the decades ahead. Look what just the past few years have brought: Mobile video, iPods, HDTV, telemedicine, remote pet monitoring...and thousands of other products.

Annual Meeting 2009 – Join Us!

Make plans now to attend the 2009 Rainbow Telecommunications Annual Meeting.

When: Friday, March 13, 2009

Where: Everest Middle School Gymnasium

When: 11 A.M. Registration
12 P.M. Lunch
1 P.M. Meeting

Board of Directors positions for Zone 7 (873 exchange), Zone 8 (547 exchange), and Zone 9 (at large) are up for election. Nominations may be made from the floor. We hope you can join us to enjoy lunch, elect officers, and more. Door prizes will be given away after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rainbow Phone Directory

Bendena
872-3200 Homestead Pet Resort & Spa
988-4409 Handke, Robert
872-3020 Morris, Brent
988-4348 Simpson, Randy & Angela
872-3759 Montgomery, Seth & Leanne

Denton-Severance-Leona
359-6020 Collins, Henry
359-4005 Final Stroke Motorcycle Repair
359-6612 Moore, Thomas
359-6808 Murphy, Lisa & Ben
359-6670 Stewart, Lori

Everest
548-4030 Nelson, Phillip
548-4014 White, Danny

Huron
847-6433 Kloepper, Bill & Katherine

Muscotah
872-3186 Handke, Paul
872-2361 Hayes, John
872-3450 Hinnigh, Tracy

Robinson
544-5006 Allen, Jerry & Debra
544-6004 Hooper, Jason & Laura
544-6814 Geiger, Jesse & Karla
544-6878 Robinson Community Center
544-4343 Wigle, Jessica
544-6040 Wolfe, Zelma

Whiting
873-3174 Amon, Kyle
873-3448 Coleman, Dave & Kristi
873-2101 Cords, Veronica
873-3294 Henke, Lynn
873-7788 Kisslinger, Krista
873-3012 Monson, Andrew & Jamie
873-3444 Ptomey, Pam
873-3417 Wilson, Jamie

Protect Your Most Valuable Possessions

In April 2009, Rainbow Communications can help protect your most valuable possessions with Rainbow Security Systems. With top-of-the-line Honeywell security alarm systems and a 24/7 central monitoring station, you can rest easier knowing your family, home, or business is protected. Although burglary prevention comes to mind first when thinking about security, our security systems can also protect against such hazards as fire, smoke, flooding, and carbon monoxide. Whatever your needs, we will walk through your premises with you, make



recommendations, install your custom security system, and test it for you.

Watch for more details about Rainbow's Security Systems in your statement, on our website www.rainbowtel.net, and in future issues.

Did you know?

The FBI Uniform Crime Report reported in excess of 80% of burglaries occur through the first floor with approximately 45% entering through the front door and 32% entering through the back door. The approximate monetary value lost during a burglary is in excess of \$1,100. In 2004, the value of reported stolen property was \$13.5 billion.



A Phone Line Can be a Lifeline

You may be eligible for a discount on your monthly phone bill. If you don't currently have telephone service, you may also be eligible for a discount on your connection charge.

If you participate in any of the following, you may be eligible:

- Food Stamps
- General Assistance
- SSI
- Temporary Assistance to Families
- Medicaid
- Head Start
- Free School Lunch
- Are at 150% of the federal poverty level



Please contact our office at 800-892-0163 to find out if you might be eligible for this program.

Unclaimed Capital Credits

Below is a partial list of people who have unclaimed capital credits from Rainbow. If you know anyone listed, please have him or her contact our billing department at 785-548-7511. Additional names will appear in upcoming issues.

<i>Adams, Ron P</i>	<i>Clough, Linda</i>
<i>Alexander, Jason</i>	<i>Cochren, Lucas</i>
<i>Allen, Brenda</i>	<i>Coen, Gary Jr</i>
<i>Allen, Debbie</i>	<i>Coffey Co Broadcasting</i>
<i>Anderson, Marie</i>	<i>Coffman, Cecil</i>
<i>Angle, Mike & Erin</i>	<i>Collins, Jimmy L</i>
<i>Ashworth, Christina & Brian</i>	<i>Corlett, William E</i>
<i>Baber, Deborah</i>	<i>Cottam, Candee</i>
<i>Baird, Bob</i>	<i>Crawford, Frank</i>
<i>Ballman, David M</i>	<i>Crossland, Rick</i>
<i>Ballman, Mike & Justina</i>	<i>Daniels, Christin</i>
<i>Banks, Leota</i>	<i>Darcy, Tom Jr</i>
<i>Baumann, Terri</i>	<i>Day, Donnie D</i>
<i>Beckner, Gary & Vicky</i>	<i>Deloy, John & April</i>
<i>Begesse, Tonya</i>	<i>Denton, J Bryan & Deborah</i>
<i>Best, Bonnie</i>	<i>Denton, William & Melissa</i>
<i>Bichel, Constance May-</i>	<i>Dewald, Peggy</i>
<i>Bigelow, Christopher A</i>	<i>Dieker, Andrew Sr.</i>
<i>Blaske, Paul</i>	<i>Diggs, Leona</i>
<i>Blevins, Charles</i>	<i>Donoho, Vermaria</i>
<i>Bollins, Kim</i>	<i>Drimmel, Chris & Michelle</i>
<i>Bone, Sunshine</i>	<i>Duckett, Marilyn</i>
<i>Bontrager, Russell &Thresa</i>	<i>Duty, Edwin</i>
<i>Brook, Jason</i>	<i>Ebert, Edwin</i>
<i>Buckler, Curtis & Lisa</i>	<i>Edds, Catherine</i>
<i>Burke, Thomas C</i>	<i>Eichelberger, Dennis</i>
<i>Bushong, Michelle</i>	<i>Enfield, Wendy</i>
<i>Canaday, Carolyn</i>	<i>Enke, James W.</i>
<i>Canaday, Robert D</i>	<i>Enke, James W. & Angelina</i>
<i>Capital Cities Dept. 156293</i>	<i>Farley, Geneva C.</i>
<i>Caudle, Ronald D</i>	<i>Fester, M.</i>
<i>Caudle, Tonya L</i>	<i>Feuerbacher, Michael</i>
<i>Christian, Todd & Wendy</i>	<i>Fire Department Everest</i>
<i>Christy, Mary</i>	<i>Fletcher, Matt</i>

It's your lucky day...
save some green when you bundle!



Rainbow is offering the **FIRST MONTH** bundle price **FREE** to lucky customers like you!

A Only \$59.95/mo. - Phone, Caller ID, Safeguard Plus Maintenance & High Speed Internet

B Only \$67.95/mo. - Phone, Caller ID, Safeguard Plus Maintenance & Cable TV

C Only \$94.95/mo. - Phone, Caller ID, Safeguard Plus Maintenance, High Speed Internet & Cable TV

Choose one and get it **FREE** for the first month. That's a lot of green! Plus you'll appreciate the simplicity of dealing with just one company and receiving just one bill.

For complete details on this special deal, stop by one of our conveniently located offices or give us a call at 1-800-892-0163.

Residential customers only. Upon credit approval. Bundle services not available in all areas. The initial billing for bundle services is determined by prorating the number of days remaining during the service activation-plus one month of service in advance. Bundle prices do not include federal or State Universal charges, 911 fees, or taxes. To qualify, a twelve month agreement is required and subscription to one of Rainbow's Bundle Long Distance Plans. One-month-free promotion does not apply to long distance plans. Promotion expires 3-31-09.



- The largest St. Patrick's Day parade does not take place in Ireland, but rather, in New York City, where about two million spectators turn out each year.
- Every year, the Chicago River is dyed green for the city's St. Patrick's Day parade.
- St. Patrick was known as the Apostle to the Irish, for converting the nation to Christianity.
- Patrick was actually born in Wales. At age 16 he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, where he remained for six years.
- After escaping slavery, Patrick sought an education in religion - and later returned to Ireland, where he founded more than 300 churches.

St. Patrick's Day Fun Facts

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