

THE CLOUD... WHAT IS IT?

We often hear the term “the cloud” in advertising, and conversations. But what is it?

Cloud refers to storage. It is an offsite location where you can store, access, and manage all of your data, without the worry of losing it, having your disk damaged, or destroyed. A server in a unknown location stores anything you want to keep secure, and allows you to access it anywhere you have internet access.

We have a version of this that we sell, ours is called File Hopper Plus™. File Hopper Plus™, is offered through our virus protection company out of Iowa, and allows you to purchase the amount of storage you need. After saving your documents there, you can literally access them anywhere you need to with internet access.

This is a great way to store pictures that you share with loved ones, important documents, and even everyday stuff that you do at the office, but want to be able to access it from home.

We offer 5GB @ \$2.95/ month; 50GB @ \$5.95 / month; and 250 GB @ \$14.95/ month.

We use this at our office to back up important files, that way we always know that they are secure and protected. Sign up for your Cloud now!



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COLORADO NO CALL LIST ACT

Did you know that you could list your phone number on the Colorado No Call List and it will slow down, if not stop all together the tele-marketing calls that you have been receiving?

You can sign up for this at www.coloradonocall.com, and you can even file a complaint, look up the No Call Law and related information. You can also register by phone at 800-309-7041.

There are some exceptions to the No Call Laws that you need to be aware of. The following calls are allowed by the No Call Law:

- Calls by or on behalf of a charitable organization.
- Calls made with your prior express invitation or permission.

- Calls by or on behalf of any person or entity with you have an established business relationship.
- Calls made within 30 days after you contact a business to inquire about the potential purchase of goods or services or until you request that no further calls be made.
- Calls made for the sole purpose of urging support for or opposition to a political campaign or ballot issue.
- Calls made for the sole purpose of conducting political polls or soliciting the expression of opinions, ideas, or votes.



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...



Changes... It seems like we are constantly trying to adjust to change. But sometimes change can be a good thing.

Like recently, we were able to get the DSL prices lowered and speeds increased to serve the majority of our customers. We are still working on an upgrade to the remainder of our equipment to be able to offer all of our customers all of our speeds. We are still in the purchasing phase of this, but we hope to have this purchased, and installed by later this summer.

We also recently partnered with InfoArmor®, to offer personal identity monitoring to our customers, to allow them to keep their identity, banking, and privacy information confidential. As most of you know, there have been various versions of hackers, viruses, and other criminal activity that has been able to obtain people's identities and then assume their identities' and rack up millions of dollars in debt with just a click of a button. InfoArmor® takes care of all this monitoring for you, so you can spend time on other things and not have to worry. I personally am a consumer of InfoArmor®, and it has helped me to keep my identity in tact and has physically stopped a loan that was being processed until they could verify that I was the one requesting the loan. See more information on page 3 of this newsletter or visit our website for more information.

Our long time Plant Manager, Larry has retired, and we are down to a smaller office staff. Currently Monday's and Friday's we only have one person in the office. On Friday's I will be in the office and also working in the field, so you may find the office closed from time to time. We will try and make this as short and as un-inconvenient as possible. If you need something from the office on Friday's, you may want to call us first so that we can make sure to accommodate your needs.

We have also been working hard to update both our websites to better serve the needs of our customers, and to provide you with the most information possible. If you have a minute to look at them, I encourage you to do so, as there may be some information that you are not aware of on our sites.

Finally, I hope that you have a great summer, and be safe. There have already been some crazy weather phenomena going on and it seems to keep continuing to always be changing!

Sincerely,

Daniel Hollembeak

General Manager,
Agate Mutual and Prairie Networks



CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITES!

www.amtca.net

www.prairienetworks.net

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION IS HERE!

Did you know that there were 11.6 million victims of identity theft in 2012?

We are proud to announce our new partnership with InfoArmor®, to provide our customers with industrial strength protection for their identities, banking, and confidential information. InfoArmor® is an identity protection expert that specializes in Identity Defense. It includes elements that assess risk, deter identity theft, and detect fraud in the earliest of stages. Should an identity be stolen, it also includes a high-tech and high-touch system for managing the restoration process and an Identity Theft Insurance Policy for financial relief up to \$25,000 for associated costs, legal defense expenses, and lost wages.

What's Included: SNAPD2 Identity Monitoring; High Risk Transaction Alerts; Wallet Armor with Card Monitoring; Internet Surveillance with Digital Identity; Personal Privacy Advocates; Monthly Privacy Tips; \$25,000 Identity Theft Insurance Policy; Reduces Junk Mail; Halts Pre-Approved Credit Card Offers; and stops Telemarketing Calls.

For only \$7.95 per month or \$79.95 per year, you can have all of this with a click of a button.

Go to www.amtca.net, click on products, and scroll down and click on InfoArmor— Enroll Now, and enter your information. It's that quick! (If you don't have internet service, but would still like to sign up, come into our office and we'll help you.)



NEXT STOP... RETIREMENT...

After 22 years of working for Agate Mutual Telephone and Prairie Networks, Larry Pitzer, Plant Manager, has decided to retire. His last day of work was May 6th, 2013. Over the past 22 years, Larry started working out in the field- from helper, to operator, then to Plant Manager, along side of his late wife, Gail Pitzer who was the General Manager.

If you ever called into our office, you more than likely talked to Larry and had him help solve some of your issues, or questions. Larry was outgoing, friendly, and customer service oriented and had a lot of years of knowledge that we will miss. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this company, and its customers over the years Larry!

In retirement, he plans to do some traveling, in conjunction with his favorite pastime judging BBQ competitions. Larry is a certified KCBS judge and attends several BBQ's over the summer months in Colorado and other neighboring states. He also likes to watch baseball and spend time with his family. Larry also continues to serve as a board member for Prairie Networks.

If you would like to drop Larry a card or note, please feel free to do so at:
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Office Hours:

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday—Friday



SHORT SHORTS

In and Out



Once there was a family of skunks who lived in a hollow tree. There were two baby skunks; their names were In and Out.

Whenever In went out, Out came in, and whenever Out went out, In came in. If In happened to be in and wanted to go out, he would not go out until Out came in. And if Out happened to be in, and wanted to go out, he would not go out until In came in.

One day a big storm blew up, and the mother and father skunks were worried about their children. So they quickly looked around to see whether In was in and Out was out, or Out was in, and In was out. Out happened to be in right then. The mother skunk said to Out, "Out, go out and bring In in, please. I'm worried about him."

Out said, "Sure thing, Mama." So Out went out, and for the very first time Out and In were out at the same time. Just a minute or two later Out came back in, and In came in behind him. For the first time in a long time In and Out were in at the same time.

The mother skunk was amazed. "Out, how did you find your brother so quickly?" she asked.

"Oh, Mama, it was easy," Out said. "In stinked!"

For those of you that need a hint— that's Instinct!



F U N F A C T S

Did you know...

- *The Dog Days of Summer* refer to the weeks between July 3rd and August 11th. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation Canis Major.
- Ancient Romans and Greeks blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness and discomfort that came in the late summer.
- The first bathing suit for women was created in the 1800's. It was long sleeved with woolen bloomers.
- August is the busiest month for travel and tourism.



Do you have something you want to put in our newsletter? Contact us.