

IDENTITY THEFT... IT NOT TO BE IGNORED

Identity Theft is the fast growing crime in America. This statistics are alarming:

- On an annual average 11,571,900 of U.S. citizens report that they have become victim to identity theft.
- The average financial loss per identity theft incident is \$4,930.
- The total financial loss attributed to identity theft in 2010 was \$13.2 billion ,and it is estimated that 2013 will be \$21 billion.
- Identity Thefts by Fraud—61% misuse of an existing credit card, 25% misuse of an existing bank account, and 14% misuse of personal information.

The trouble is there is no end in site, as to what hackers and predators will do to get the information that they want. But there is a solution!

We are partnered with InfoArmor®, to provide our customers with industrial strength protection for their identities, banking, and confidential information. It allows you the peace of mind that someone is watching out and protecting you from fraudulent activities. You can access your information through a portal and run a scan to get a grade on how exposed you are on the internet, and many more items.

We encourage you to sign up and protect yourself and your future. Visit www.prairienetworks.net to sign up, or contact us at the office and we will help you.

All of us at the office have this and use it!



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BEING RUDE...NOT THE CASE

Recently, an annoying telemarketer called our house and tried to get my family member to purchase something we've never heard of. They wouldn't let my family member speak, and had every trick in the book on how to get the customer to graciously accept the offer just so they could get off the phone.

Did you know that the Telephone Consumer Protection Act if 1991 stipulates that when you direct a solicitor to stop calling they must. If they happen to call again, you may be able to sue them for \$500.00 in a "private right of action" suit in local court.

Do not allow the caller to interrupt you or try and get you to stay on the line by trying to engage in further talk. [Read this script and hang up.](#)

I do not do business over the telephone. (I do not donate to charities over the telephone)

Please put me on your do not call list. Thank you.

THIS IS NOT BEING RUDE! It is protecting you from unwanted, and perhaps criminals, offers and intrusions.

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...

Where did the summer go? It seems like this year has just flown by, school has already started, and everyone is starting to settle in a routine.



After seeing the devastation of the Black Forest Fire first hand, it makes you think about all the things that you could lose in the blink of an eye. As the Fire Captain for Agate Fire Protection District, we were called to help out with this ravaging fire, and it was hard to see people's hopes and dreams mowed over with flames and total loss. The first thing you think about after you know everyone is okay and safe, is what would you lose that can not be replaced?

The first thing that comes to mind for me, are pictures of my family past and present, items that can't be replaced, even though the memories are still with you. In today's technological world, most people are taking digital photographs, and many people are scanning old photos into a digital form so that they can be remembered forever. Once you have that, you need to have a place to store the data that would be protected if fire or any other natural disaster were to occur.

Prairie Networks is proud to announce a new bundled package that is very affordable and will store your important documents, photos, and files on FileHopper Plus, which is like a cloud type storage, over the internet. FileHopper Plus is very easy to use, and can be accessed anywhere, anytime, from any active internet location. With the Secure Advantage plan 5 GB of storage is the basic plan given, however you can upgrade for just a few bucks more and get 50GB or 250GB of storage space.

The Secure Advantage Plan also includes SecureIT Plus— an anti-virus, anti-spyware, hands-free-updates software to protect your computer from getting viruses or your information stolen from hackers; as well as Password Genie— which is a password protection system that allows you to keep all your passwords secure and it even remembers usernames, for your specified websites too.

Secure Advantage is now offered to our customers at the cost of only \$5.95/ month or \$65.45/ year. The SecureIT Plus is only one license for one laptop, or desktop computer, however the FileHopper Plus and Password Genie is allowed on multiple devices. We also sell these items ala carte, so if you need an additional security, just let us know. Check out our flyer attached to the newsletter for more information.

Thinking back to the fire, \$5.95/month to have all my important documents and photos on FileHopper Plus is an investment that I'm glad I have so that I can never lose those items that are precious to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hollembeak

General Manager,
Agate Mutual and Prairie Networks



WIRED UP

PRAIRIE NETWORKS, LLC

THE OFFICE GETS A FACE LIFT

Over the years, we have done what it took to make the trailer house we are housed in look like an office. Recently we were able to recycle some old telephone equipment, and purchase paint, and flooring to remodel the inside of our office.

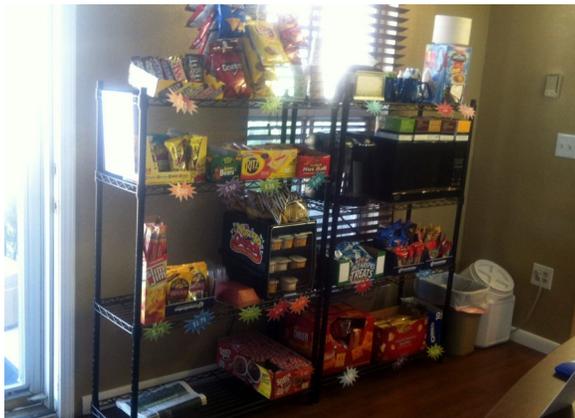
All employees and a gracious Board Member chipped in a little elbow grease to remodel the entire inside office over the course of a two week period, while still remaining open for business. On a limited budget, we were able to create a very warm and inviting environment that can now properly serve as the office for Agate Mutual Telephone and Prairie Networks, and serve the community.



We added a reception area, a display of the collection of older telephones, a meeting space, new bathroom and we even put a sign outside to mark our business location.

To add to the community— we opened a mini-snack store, that has snacks, nachos, frozen burritos, frozen beef sandwiches, coffee and more!

So stop on in and see the inside of our new office! Amazing what some paint, flooring, and sweat can get you!





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SHORT SHORTS

Smart Mother



At the age of 35, David is finally engaged, and is excited to show off his new fiancé. “Ma”, he said to his Mother, “I’m going to bring home three girls and I want you to guess which one is my fiancé.” Sure enough twenty minutes later, David walks in the door with three girls following behind him. “It’s that one,” said his mother, without blinking an eye. “Holy cow”, exclaimed David, “how in the world did you know it was her?” “I just don’t like her”, she replied...

The Magic Show

I was at a magic show, when after one particularly amazing trick, someone shouted out. “wow, how did you do that?” “I would tell you”, said the magician predictably, “but then I’d have to kill you.” After a moment of pause the same voice screamed out “can you tell my mother-in-law?”...



F U N F A C T S

Did you know...



- The world’s largest silver nugget (1,840 pounds) was found in 1894 near Aspen, Colorado.
- Tucson, Arizona has the most telescopes in the world.
- The longest main street in America is located in Island Park, Idaho and is 33 miles in length.
- Utah is home to the world’s largest natural stone bridge; Rainbow Bridge is 290 feet high, 275 feet across, and located at the National Monument.
- The only roller skating museum in the world is located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

