



**TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**



As of February 17, 2009, full-power analog broadcasting will have ended and analog only televisions may be unable to display full-power broadcast programming unless the viewer takes action. Read more inside...

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# Calling Feature of the month

## ANONYMOUS CALL REJECTION!

Are you frustrated by anonymous or blocked calls on your Caller ID? Why not add the Anonymous Call Rejection feature? When you activate this feature, any callers who block their numbers from displaying on your Caller ID will hear an announcement that you do not accept anonymous calls and that they should remove blocking before calling back. All other calls will ring through as usual. Best of all, once added, this feature can be turned on or off, from your home. Free yourself from the hassle of unwanted calls with the Anonymous Call Rejection calling feature.

Call right away and  
we'll waive the installation fee  
(a \$10 value).

## Winners Circle

January's Winners:  
Josh Patry and Alan Roberts

Look through the articles for two phone numbers in parenthesis. If it's your number call our office to claim your prize!

There were no entries in the  
Community Calendar for this  
month.



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## DTV CONVERSION IS HERE

### What do I need to do?

If you have an analog-only TV, you may not be able to receive the new digital-only signals. You have several options to correct this problem:

- 1 Purchase a converter box that will plug into your current TV and convert your signal into a digital image. You have until March 31, 2009 to request up to two \$40 coupons for your household (while supplies last) to help pay for certified converter boxes. Total cost of the boxes is between \$50 and \$70 each, and you can find them at participating retailers, both in stores and online. Coupons are good for 90 days after they're mailed to you.
- 2 Buy a new TV with a digital tuner. All new TV's currently being sold are required to have a digital tuner. Note: You do not have to buy an expensive HDTV in order to have a digital-ready TV. Ask your electronics retailer for the set that suits your needs and budget.
- 3 Connect your analog TV to cable, satellite, or other pay service.

For more information about the DTV conversion, call our office at 620-767-5153 or 800-362-2576.



## Your Business Solutions Specialists

Do your business' phones do everything you need them to do? Call us today for a free consultation and tell us what you want your phones to do. Whether you have two lines or twenty, we can help you get the most out of your business phones. (349-2625) No matter what you need, Voice Mail, Caller ID, intercoms, headsets or accessories, we can customize a phone system to fit your specific needs.

Call Diana today at 877-828-8275

## Automatic Bill Pay

Could you use one less hassle in your life? Are you on the run or out of town a lot? Does a hectic lifestyle make it difficult to find time to sit down and write checks?

### WE CAN HELP.

Tri-County Telephone has an automatic payment (ACH) option. You will still receive a monthly statement to review, and then your payment will be automatically processed on the 10th of each month. This system allows you to review your calls and inquire about any charges that you may have a question about, without the hassle of writing a check, finding a stamp and remembering to mail your payment. This service is at no additional charge to you; our valued customer.

## High Speed Internet!



### The World at your Fingertips!

Tired of feeling left behind in the Internet age? With Internet access from TCT, you can travel the world, without ever leaving your home.

- Local access
- Tech Support 24/7
- Web Hosting
- Free Spam Filtering
- And much, much more...

Sign up before February 20 and we'll give you the rest of February for FREE!

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# Scholarships Available!

## Attention: High School Seniors!

The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. offers several scholarships for qualifying seniors.

The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. Board of Directors Scholarship applications are due no later than March 1, 2009. Five, one thousand-dollar scholarships will be awarded. The parents' or legal guardians' must have telephone service from Tri-County Telephone Association or the former Council Grove Telephone Company (cellular numbers do not qualify). The student's guidance counselor and principal must sign applications. Winners will be selected by a random drawing by the Board of Directors at the March 2009 meeting.

Applications for the Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship (\$2,000) are open to anyone and focused on students who express a desire to return to a rural area after graduation. All applications must be post marked by March 1, 2009 and signed by the Chief Executive Officer of The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. A copy of the application is available at our business office, your high school guidance counselor or downloaded at [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org).

## More Scholarship News!

PRIMO through its local telephone company members, is offering three \$500 scholarships to any undergraduate student attending an accredited Kansas University, College, or Technical school. Preference will be given to a student majoring in Marketing, Public Relations, or any Telecommunications field. Applications are available at the Tri-County business office or on-line at [www.primomkt.com](http://www.primomkt.com).

The application deadline is March 1, 2009 and is open to any PRIMO member organization telephone customer.

PRIMO (Public Relations Independent Marketing Organization) is an organization that was founded in 1992. The organization consists of the marketing and public relations employees of independent telephone companies across Kansas.

# New Listings

Bernhardt, Kelly .....	924-5497
Bogart, Marvin (JM) .....	949-2405
Carter, Connie .....	767-6856
Eaves, Dallas.....	767-7370
Ecklund, DM .....	924-5621
Glessner, Tony .....	767-6860
Graham, Richard .....	767-8073
Griffith, Marcella .....	767-5758
Grockett, M.M.....	767-7397
Hawkins, Lula .....	482-3590
Rains, Roy .....	965-2004
Rider, Brent .....	767-7403
Rock, Philip & Annie .....	479-2019
Rohling, S.....	767-8297
Ruggles, Robby W.....	767-6854
Schafer, Sue.....	767-6866
Schlageck, Bernard Jr. & Marisol .....	479-2015
Sewell, Teresa.....	598-2061
Spaulding, Jill .....	767-6694
Webb, D&B.....	767-6867
Webb, Edgar.....	767-7393
Wiley, Shawna & Michael .....	479-2038

## Attention: High School Juniors!

The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. and former Council Grove Telephone Company would like to remind everyone of the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington D.C. This is a fully paid sponsorship of air fare and hotel accommodations, for students who will be seniors in the fall of 2009 and whose parents or legal guardians are telephone customers of The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. or the former Council Grove Telephone Company (cellular numbers are excluded). The Youth Tour features educational meetings about future opportunities in the telecommunications industry and government functions as well as sightseeing in historic Washington D.C.

To obtain an application, please contact the Tri-County Telephone Association or your high school guidance counselor. Applications must be returned by April 1, 2009. A review committee from outside the telephone companies will select winners. Applicants must return the completed application with signatures from your high school counselor and principal and two letters of recommendation; one from the school system and one from outside the school system who is not a relative. You must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and be willing to share your experience of your trip at the Annual Meeting of Members in March of 2010.



# CHECK BEFORE YOU CALL

To save you unnecessary charges, here are some simple things to check before calling the repair line.

- ✔ Look for problems on your telephone, like cracked or loose jacks, a broken or frayed cord, or something unplugged.
- ✔ If you have just one phone, unplug it and plug in a different phone. If the phone works once a different phone is plugged in, the problem is in your telephone.
- ✔ If you have more than one phone, make sure each phone's receiver is on hook. If that doesn't clear the problem, then unplug every phone. Plug each phone back into any jack, one at a time, and check each phone for a dial tone. The phone that causes the line to go dead is the one needing repair or replacement.

- ✔ If you have a cordless telephone and/or answering machine, unplug them. Then plug in a regular telephone back into the jack and check the regular phone for a dial tone. (767-6612) If you get a dial tone, the problem is in the telephone equipment.
- ✔ If you are able to make calls but cannot receive calls, check your telephone to make sure the ringer is on and/or the volume is turned up.



## Treasure Corner

Ads due by the 5th of the previous month.

### FOR SALE:

- Kenmore gas/propane range, 7 years old, everything works except the broiler on low, works great on high, needs a part, \$75/OBO. Call 785-466-6802.
- Firewood, mixed hardwoods, split and seasoned, delivery is available. Call 620-767-6457, leave message.
- Two 1600 gallon Poly tanks. Call 785-479-2255.
- Intex inflatable queen size air bed, full height, can be used as a regular bed; and two pair of mens Dickies jeans, size 42x32, \$5 each. Call 620-767-6067.
- Taking orders for crocheted name doilies. Call 620-767-5472.
- AKC Brittany pups. Call 785-983-4421 or 785-983-4844.
- 1992 Isuzu Rodeo, 4 wheel drive, V6. Call 785-983-4421.
- Wood burning stove, brick lined and says "U.S. Army #1" on it; also have a 3 pt. big bale mover. Call 785-983-4421.
- Stainless steel double sink and 220v window air conditioner. Call 785-965-2117.
- Walnuts, \$6 per pint or \$8 per quart. Call 785-482-3285.
- Native walnut lumber, over 50 years old. Call 620-767-6625.
- Roper 18 cu. ft. refrigerator, beige color, looks like new, works fine, bought new 1990. Free. Call 785-949-2857.
- Stationary buss saw, \$150. Call 620-924-5244.
- Truck tool box, Gullwing style, steel, ugly but works, no rust through. \$50/OBO. 620-924-5254.
- K-State-opoly board game, brand new, still in plastic, \$7. Call 620-924-5254.
- Boards of all kinds; ship lap boards 4' to 15', \$.15 per foot.; 1x6 tongue and groove, \$.15 per foot.; 1x6+ regular flat boards, \$.10 per foot; 25 - 7' 2x4's, \$1 each; 50 - 6' 2x4's, \$.75 each; 60 - 5' 2x4's, \$.50 each; a few storm windows, \$10 each; mobile home furnace, \$50; 300 6 cylinder ford pick-up motor, \$200; 6 cylinder ford radiator, \$40. Call 785-349-2608.
- Ford F-150 crew cab premium step bars, round stainless steel bars bolt on with no drilling, molded step pads at each door, great condition, will fit 2004 and newer models, \$200/OBO for the pair. Call 785-258-3256 or 785-250-3661.

Like new Sears brand treadmill with digital control screen, automatic incline and speed controls. Was \$700 new, asking \$200. Call 620-767-8333 or 785-650-8167.

Small under counter or under desk refrigerator. Works well. \$30. Call 620-767-8261.

Jet Power Chair - Model JET 3, ultra stylish design and premium performance from Pride Mobility Products Corporation. Investment \$5,400. Call 785-366-7778.

Like new Wii with 4 games; includes Wii with 1-Wii-mote and nunchuck. Games include Legend of Zelda Twilight princess, Mario Galaxy, Simpsons Game, and Golden Compass. \$249.99/OBO. Call 620-767-6068.

1 - 36x80 1/2 right hinged storm door; 1 - 36x80 1/2 white left hinged storm door; 1 - 36x84 white right hinged storm door; 1 - 36x80 1/2 white cross buck right hinged storm door; 10 - 36x47 good storm windows, 5 are full sun screen, other sizes also; lots of glass and screen sashes; all kinds of

storm door used parts, such as latches, closures, check chains and more; 1 - 32x84 1/4" thick heavy two panel right hinged antique commercial interior door. Call 620-767-6453.

### WANTED:

- Laying hens, guineas, ducks and a good quantity of straw bales. Call 785-497-2881, leave message.
- Small pull behind garden disc for lawn mower/tractor 36"-40" width maximum, also need Oak or Hackberry trees to cut or clean up for firewood. Call 620-767-8261.
- Grain gravity wagon, 150 bushel or larger. Call 785-466-2857.
- .243 rifle, any brand. Call 620-767-6625.
- Old run down or deserted home for sale that can be bought cheap and paid off like rent. Call 785-349-2608.
- Used 2 1/2" pipe coupling. Call 620-767-6453.

### FREE:

Will tow away old cars and trucks. Call 785-349-2608.