

Transmitter

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Call before you dig, simply call 811

With the arrival of Spring, it is time to start thinking about outdoor projects. Please remember that it is state law to call JULIE before you dig. JULIE, which stands for Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators, is a free notification service that alerts utility companies of planned digging activities in areas with underground utility facilities. This service operates 24 hours a day, everyday, and it can be reached by simply calling 811 or (800) 892-0123.

If you are a homeowner or renter, a contractor, or an excavator planning to dig anytime this year, please call JULIE 48 hours before you dig. Calling JULIE can save you time, money, and problems. Remember while you think you may not be digging deep, the best thing to do is call. The underground lines and cables could be closer to the surface than you think. There is never a charge for a cable location.



HAPPY

Mother's Day

*Give Mom what she wants
most on Mother's Day –
a call from you!*

Tips for Parents to Help With Distance Learning



If your child is learning from home all or part of the time, you know this presents both challenges and opportunities. Follow these tips to help make the most of this situation.

- ▶ Provide an environment conducive to learning. Some children may be able to successfully work from the kitchen table, while others will do better in a quieter spot. Figure out what works for your family. Also make sure your home's internet connection is fast enough to accommodate video calls.
- ▶ Encourage physical activity. Since your child will be sitting in front of a computer for long stretches of time, make sure to include breaks in the day to stretch and move around.
- ▶ Resist the urge to "pop in" on virtual classes. It's important to respect your child's privacy and that of other students.
- ▶ Stay in contact with teachers. Let them know if your child is having difficulty managing distance learning or staying on task.

Contact us if you need to update your home's internet speed to accommodate distance learning.





Win a \$10 Bill Credit



Correctly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill before the due date. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners drawn in May. Last month's winners were Nancy Pietsch, Cheri Boyd, Robert Lintker, and Donald Borrenpohl.

1. Before you dig, call _____ by simply calling 811 or 800-892-0123.
2. Egyptian is offering free installation of custom calling and class features through May _____, 2021.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____



**Free installation of
custom calling
and class features
through May 31, 2021.**

FUSC change

Effective on your May 2021 statement, the amount of your Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will change in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) universal service fund contribution factor from 31.8% to 33.4%.



In July 2020, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order approving the designation of 988 as the 3-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. To facilitate implementation, area codes across the country where the 988 prefix is a working prefix and which now use 7-digit local dialing must transition to 10-digit local dialing. This includes the 618 area code in our service area.

Starting April 24, 2021, you should start dialing 10-digits for all local calls — the 618 area code plus the 7-digit phone number. If you forget to do so during this transition period, your calls will still be completed. **Starting October 24, 2021, however, you must use 10-digit dialing to make local calls.** You'll also need to reprogram 7-digit local numbers to 10-digit ones if you use speed dial or other systems that automatically make calls.

**For more details,
please call
618-774-1000.**



Correction: The March 2021 Transmitter incorrectly listed that nominations from the floor will be accepted at our annual meeting on August 13, 2021. Due to previous bylaw changes, no nominations will be accepted from the floor. We apologize for the misprint.

IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

Oakdale.....329-1234
Rice336-1234
Glenn763-1234
St. Libory.....768-1234

Blair.....774-1234
Baldwin785-1234
Venedy824-1234



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