

# Transmitter

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**Call 811  
before  
you dig**



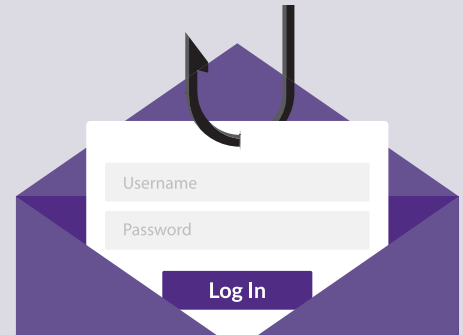
**W**ith the arrival of Spring, it is time to start thinking about outdoor projects. Please remember that it is state law to call JULIE before you dig. JULIE, which stands for Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators, is a free notification service that alerts utility companies of planned digging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

If you are a homeowner or renter, 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 you can 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.



## Phishing emails are getting harder to spot

**R**emember the emails with broken English, spelling mistakes, and grammar errors that tried to get would-be victims to send their life savings? Phishing emails designed to steal money or information have become much more sophisticated and convincing through the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools. Be extra skeptical of the emails you receive.



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

## FUSC change

**E**ffective on your May 2025 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 contribution factor from 36.3% to 36.6%.

**Free installation of custom  
calling and class  
features through  
May 30, 2025.**

**UPGRADE  
NOW**





# 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 Patty Schmidt, Thomas Klausung, Ryan Inselman, and Eunice Gegel.

1. Before you dig, call \_\_\_\_\_ by simply calling 811 or 800-892-0123.
2. Free installation of custom calling and class features through May \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## Keeping Americans Connected with Broadband Built to Last

The idea that all Americans should have reliable access to communications services at a reasonable cost has been a national objective for over a century. Today, the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) helps rural Americans connect to high-quality, affordable broadband and supports critical connections for low-income families, schools, libraries and healthcare facilities in rural communities.

Without USF support, it is difficult to make a business case to invest in many rural areas, to sustain networks once they are built, or to keep service rates affordable. According to an August 2024 survey of more than 200



community-based broadband providers across 35 states, the loss of USF support could be catastrophic for rural consumers, efforts to keep investing in broadband deployment, and the viability of existing rural broadband networks.

Even as new broadband deployment programs offer great promise for reaching unserved areas, the USF remains critical to both getting and keeping rural consumers connected to high-quality, affordable services.



## HAVE AN EGGS-TRA FUN EASTER



HOP 'TIL YOU DROP AND ENJOY SWEET THINGS

Egyptian hopes you and your family have a wonderful Easter. May your baskets be filled with chocolate, your home filled with laughter, and your calendar filled with fun. The spring season is one of growth and optimism, so be sure to live life in full bloom!

As you hop from activity to activity, you can feel good about helping make our community better. Connections get stronger when we buy local (and dine local, play local, and give local).



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### IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers

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

<b>Oakdale.....329-1234</b>	<b>Blair.....774-1234</b>
<b>Rice.....336-1234</b>	<b>Baldwin.....785-1234</b>
<b>Glenn.....763-1234</b>	<b>Venedy.....824-1234</b>
<b>St. Libory.....768-1234</b>	

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