

Great Plains Communications' Internet service across Southwest Nebraska was interrupted for several hours on Tuesday, May 4, when a leased fiber optic cable was inadvertently damaged during construction.

The ever growing dependency on reliable Internet service makes an outage of such duration a serious reminder that prior to any type of excavation work Digger's Hotline must be contacted to ensure that underground facilities are not damaged. A seemingly harmless omission on the part of one contractor impacted the daily lives of hundreds.

Great Plains Communications continues to invest millions of dollars in our fiber optic network to mitigate the opportunity for these extended service outages to occur in the future.

Great Plains Communications is the largest independent telecommunications company devoted to rural Nebraska. It offers residential services such as digital phone including local and long-distance calling, as well as high-definition cable television.

Broadband Internet is also available in all Great Plains Communication's communities through DSL and cable modem facilities or its partnership with WildBlue Satellite Internet Services. The company also provides business services ranging from traditional voice and data products to the installation and support of large business networks.

Great Plains Communications was founded in 1910 by E.C. Hunt and is based in Blair, Nebraska. Almost half of the company's employees live and work in the rural towns where they provide service. It is now in its fourth generation of family ownership.

In 2010, Great Plains Communications marks a great milestone celebrating its 100th Anniversary of proudly serving Nebraska.

