

# Big Ten Network offers top rated sports

With approximately 350 live sports events, the Big Ten Network is the ultimate destination for Big Ten fans and alumni across the country, allowing you to see your favorite teams, regardless of where you live.



The Big Ten Network is available on our system with your RingTel programming package.

The Big 10 Network continues to be a strong provider of sports programming. We are happy to be able to provide this station to our viewers on Channel 31.



## Protect your computer from danger!

SecureIT products make computer security easy. It used to be that you bought a computer and just used it. Now, you need to protect it from all sorts of threats from viruses, spyware, adware, etc. You might be able to do it yourself, or you can use SecureIT and get it done automatically.



## Never lose an important file again!

The statistics are staggering: every year 43% of computer users lose irreplaceable files: hard drive crashes, theft, power surges, natural disasters, or accidentally deleting your own files. Losing files is a very real possibility, so you need to take proper precautions.

### SecureIT Features

- Automatic protection and removal of spyware, viruses & adware
- Automated hard drive maintenance & optimization
- Microsoft patch management
- Firewall protection
- Automatic updates of virus definitions

### Online Backup Features

- Easy backup of all your documents
- 50Gb of storage space - more available
- Safe 128 bit encryption for safety
- Automatic and reliable. Set it and forget it
- Multiple PC use
- 24/7 support

## Did you know . . .

Did you know our office in Armstrong is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 12:30pm?

And, our office in Ringsted is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm?

We're here to answer all your questions, sign you up for new services and assist you with all your communications needs!



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### Office Hours

Ringsted - Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm  
Armstrong - Mon-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

Internet Tech Support  
Ringsted - 800-205-1110

Armstrong - 800-249-5251

## Happy Halloween!

### Upcoming Holiday Closings

Our offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving – November 26 & 27

Christmas Eve - December 24 - Closed at Noon

Christmas Day - December 25

New Years - January 1



## Accelerate Your Connections



We have the fastest Internet in the area. With it, you can connect to the people that are important to you more simply and easily. Don't have time to worry about backing up your pictures, music, or important computer files or protecting your PC from viruses? We can help with that, too. We go fast, so you can slow down and enjoy life. Give us a call.

Sign up for Basic High Speed Internet get upgraded to next Fastest Level  
**FREE**  
for 3 months

PLUS  
**FREE**  
Installation  
\$75 value

Sign up for or upgrade to Digital Expanded Basic Cable  
pay only the cost of Basic for **3 Months**

**COUPON**  
Get 3 Months **FREE** SecureIT Plus  
AND  
50 GB Online Backup **FREE**  
Promotion valid to new or upgrading customers. Valid August 1 - October 31, 2009.

Promotional offers valid for new or upgrading customers. Offers valid August 1 through October 31, 2009. Some services may not be available in all areas. All regular rates for products or services apply after promotional periods end.

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### Customer Service Corner

- **Payment Date**  
Payments are due on the 20th of the month. Any payment received after that date is considered delinquent and disconnection procedures begin. Please ensure payments are received in our office prior to the 20th.
- **Email Address Change**  
Remember your email address now ends with @ringtelco.com. The old suffix, @netins.net is no longer valid.
- **DSL Problems? Try this Tip!**  
If you have problems with your high speed DSL connection, try this tip before calling - turn off all devices, then turn them back on from the 'wall out'. Start with your DSL modem and end with your PC. If that doesn't fix the problem, give us a call.



## Phones, plans and features for every need from RingTel & i wireless

Suppose everyone would think you were smarter if you had a 'smart' phone? What about having the ability to combine your music taste with your cell phone?

If the answer to either of the above questions is yes, then i wireless has the phones and plans for you.

Many phones, like ones from Blackberry & HTC, give you the ability to talk, type, text and surf

the Internet. They also allow you to connect to your calendar and contacts.

We have a variety of phones that include MP3 players. Many also include a camera, speakerphone and BlueTooth which is technology that allows you to attach a wireless headset. One phone, the new Alcatel Tribesman, also includes an FM radio.

Combine your favorite phone with a calling plan that is right for you. We

offer plans to fit any calling area, need and budget. You can pay in advance with our MegaTalk plan or get a phone for everyone in your family with our family plans.

Whatever your technical wish, calling plan need and budget, we have a solution for you! Give us a call or stop by our office today!



## Attention Ringsted Internet Customers!

As you are aware, we have changed the way we offer Internet service to you. The changes allow us to provide you a better, more localized Internet product. The service is now provided under the ringtelco.com name rather than the netINS.net name.

If you have any questions or need assistance with settings, please call our office at 712-866-8000.

Thank you for your support during this transition. We appreciate your business!



## Donation for Lyle Sathoff Benefit

In early June Lyle Sathoff, a junior at Armstrong/Ringsted High school, suffered burns over 70 percent of his body in an explosion from a bonfire.

RingTel helped raise money for the family by selling raffle tickets to win a 26" flat screen LCD television, at our annual Open House meals. The raffle collected \$1,100 and was donated to the Sathoff family.

Congratulations to Kim Preston from Ringsted on winning the television and thanks to all who purchased tickets.



**Pictured: Tim Johnson (left) and winner Kim Preston (right).**

## Business Spotlight Flowers & More, Armstrong

Flowers & More is not your typical store. It is a full service floral shop, carries one-of-a-kind gift items and does children's clothing consignment.



**Allison Russell in her flower & gift shop.**

Allison Russell purchased the shop three years ago. She is a native of Armstrong, returning after attending Iowa State University in Ames.

"I went to school pursuing a business degree in management. I also worked in retail and food service. All that experience in customer service, purchasing and business prepared me for this venture."

The store carries items that you can't find in regular chain discount stores. Additionally, Allison has fresh & silk flowers, plants, helium balloons, greeting cards and lots of great home decor.

**Flowers & More is located on Hwy 9, just west of Kum & Go.**

The children's consignment section features clothing & kids items from newborn to size 8.

The business uses telephone & high speed DSL from RingTel Communications. "We can't live without them," stated Allison. "Eighty-five percent of my business is done over the phone. I also do a lot of product ordering online, along with banking and wire service for flowers."



## Life comes pretty fast. Can the Internet help?

I don't know about you, but life seems to be coming at me faster than it used to.

If you look at history, this is a consistent and predictable pattern. Technology, however you want to define it, has increased productivity and the flow of knowledge in all areas of life.

The challenge always is how do users of that technology deal with it.

I think the answer, in part, is education.

Education continues throughout our lifetime. In the beginning, we learn from our parents and family members. Then, in our school years, we learn from teachers, clergy, coaches and other students.

Eventually, when we graduate, either from high school or college, we are 'on our own', and yet the learning continues.

We adapt, adjust and refine in all areas of our life, even if we don't mean to do so. It is something we do almost without thinking. We find or create tools that assist us with learning or managing knowledge.

For me, the Internet is one of those tools and I think it is for many other people. Yes, I work for a company that provides Internet, but I know I would feel the same if I didn't because the Internet is that useful.

It can deliver information; help you sort it into areas of interest, and, in the process, deliver additional formal or informal



education. As the information flow has increased, so has the need for faster computers and faster Internet.

Our staff has a great understanding of both the Internet and computers, and many of the applications that make them more useful. Please use us as a resource to keep your lifelong education moving forward.

## Customer Appreciation BBQs well attended

On Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 we hosted customer appreciation BBQs for our customers.

This is our way of saying 'thank you' as we appreciate your business throughout the year!

Sirloin sandwiches, beans, potato salad and a drink was served. The beef was

prepared by the Emmet County Beef Producers on their large outdoor grills.

Around 300 meals were served. It was a pleasure to be able to meet and greet many of you in Ringsted & Armstrong.

Thanks to everyone who attended and congratulations to all the door prize winners.



Tuesday, July 14 the BBQ was held at the RingTel office in Ringsted.



Wednesday, July 15 our appreciation was held at the Armstrong Community Center.



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