

MUST-SEE VIDEOS



Dutton Family Tree

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Cities of the Future

See 15 innovative cities being built around the world — including one with buildings covered in plants and trees.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Bringing Bigger and Better Broadband

Our focus in 2022 was expanding broadband for our counties. We currently have full Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) construction happening in Concordia and Beloit that's about three quarters completed. Construction crews from KC Cable out of Kansas City have built approximately 85 miles of new fiber optic routes so far inside the city limits of those two communities!

In May, we were one of 10 internet providers in Kansas to be awarded a 50/50 matching grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce Broadband Acceleration Grant program. This grant will allow us to build approximately 30 miles of rural FTTH outside the city limits of Concordia. This project is going full swing now and we hope to have it completed by late 2023.

We also partnered with Jewell County on a 13 mile rural fiber build during 2022 that should be completed early this Spring. This project adds core fiber routes and more internet availability to Jewell County. NCKCN is also a partner in that project in helping bring more broadband to rural underserved areas. We'll also be starting construction this summer on full FTTH builds in Jewell and Mankato.

In Republic County, we started construction on a full FTTH build in Belleville late last year. This build will really get moving this summer with KC Cable construction crews to be seen working long hours to complete construction. We'll be adding about 30 miles of new fiber in Belleville to be able to reach every resident and business in town.

And most recently at year end we received notice that we were successful in a matching Capital Funds Project grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce for a rural Mitchell County. This grant will provide some additional financial support to bring about 30 miles of new fiber access to farms and residences outside of Beloit. This grant will also be in partnership with NCKCN to multiple the broadband coverage available through fiber and wireless.

We've got our hands full with projects and are taking on as much as we can to bring bigger and better broadband to our counties!

SITES OF THE MONTH



February is Heart Month

Give to the American Heart Association, learn the two steps of Hands-Only CPR, pick up healthy living tips, and more.

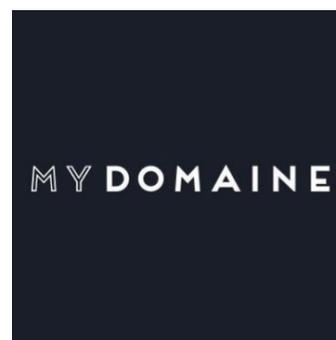
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CUSTOMER ALERT



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COOKING DEMOS



7 Quick Weeknight Dinners

Learn to make Easy Chicken Fajitas, Red Chili Pork and Celery Stir-Fry, Pasta Bolognese, Spicy Chicken Chili, and more.

16 Sweet Treats They'll Love

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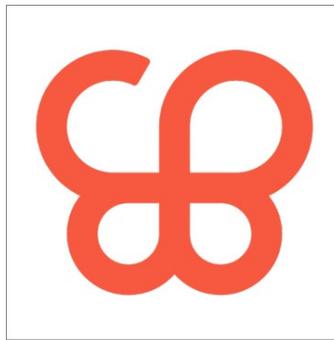
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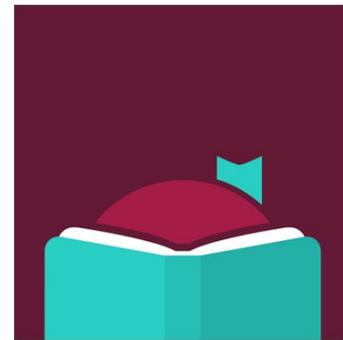
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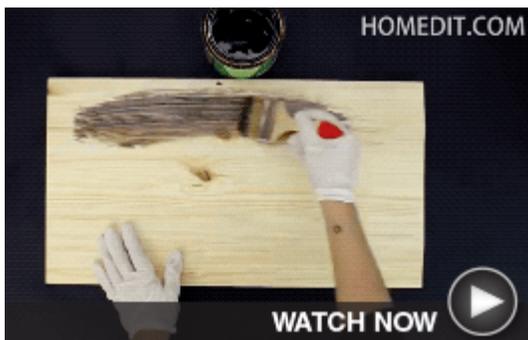


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CRAFTY IDEAS



Chalkboard Serving Tray

This easy-to-make tray enables you to write the names of cheeses or other foods on it so guests won't be surprised.



10 Unique Planters

Start with everything from egg cups to mannequin heads to rain boots and end up with unique homes for plants.

FAQ / TUTORIAL



HOW CAN I EXTEND THE BATTERY LIFE OF DEVICES?

It's a hassle when the battery in my phone or tablet gets low at inconvenient times. What can I do to help a battery last longer between charges?

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