



## 2006 Ethyl Grants

### Recipients of October 2006 Ethyl Grant

§ South Central Telephone Association, Inc. - Medicine Lodge, Kan., nominated the Kiowa District Hospital. They will be using the \$2,500 grant to help to update the communications system in the hospital. The goal of the upgrade will help save the clinic and hospital costs of purchasing and installing a new telephone switching system, while still providing the hospital with the newest technology available.

§ Geneseo Telephone Company - Geneseo, Ill. nominated the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce. The \$1,790.62 grant will be used to purchase lamp pole banners for the beautification of Downtown Geneseo and extended city entryway. Lamp pole banners are used during the year for citywide beautification and unification. Geneseo Telephone Company will be matching the FRED grant.

§ Columbus Telephone Company - Columbus, Kan., nominated Columbus Community Foundation. The Foundation received a partial Ethyl Grant in the amount of \$709.38, they will use the funds to purchase new metal replicas of the flag ship of Christopher Columbus, the Santa Maria. These ships will help the project "Sprucin' Up Columbus".

### Recipients of May 2006 Ethyl Grant

§ Pierce Telephone Company - Pierce, Neb., nominated the Pierce Carnegie Library Foundation. They will be using the \$2,000 grant to help renovate the Carnegie Library that was given to the City by Andrew Carnegie in 1911. The goal of the renovation is to preserve the heritage of the community and to create a cultural center, including a historic/heritage garden on the grounds for the community. One hundred percent of the funds will be matched by Pierce Telephone Company.

§ PBT Telecom, Inc. - Gilbert, S.C. nominated the town of Batesburg-Leesville. The town will be restoring the Historical Depot and Batesburg District Park. The \$2,000 grant will help fund the project that hopes to restore and refurbish the Depot as well as revamp the adjacent park with additional playground equipment to include handicap accessibility, and add a small amphitheater with bleachers for seating. PBT has already donated \$1,000 to the project and additional funds are being raised.