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A new Internet service that has recently been introduced in Holdenville offers cutting edge technology that not only offers high speed services for home use, but can easily be expanded to serving multi-computer business situation. According to owner Gary Mask, Visual Lease Services are now offering their new Plainsnet wireless broadband service to the public after taking a year and a half to find the right system.

The one they finally chose was the brand new Motorola Broadband Wireless Canopy platform, and after testing it out, they are obviously impressed and ready to share it with the rest of the community. Mask stressed that this service does not go through a phone line or cable. Instead, a small unobtrusive antenna is mounted outdoors.

Most newer computers on the market are already equipped with the Ethernet card that is used by the service, so there is usually no need to install any special modem on the customer's computer. Best of all, the services offers internet speed that is as fast (and usually faster) than any other type of service available anywhere, including in the larger cities. This not only allows home users the convenience instantly loading web pages, businesses can profit greatly by being able to download in minutes, or even seconds, files that normally take hours on a 56k modem.

While this may seem like a luxury to most people, Mask realizes that this will soon become a necessity for many businesses in the very near future.

There are currently two antennas in place, Mask explains. One is on the Visual Lease Services building that covers most of town, while another is on the water tower on the east side of town to reach those who are out of range of the first tower. Anyone with an unobstructed line and within ten miles can now receive the service. In addition, relay stations will allow the range to expand as demand grows.

The high frequency signal features a sophisticated encryption that prevents others from "listening in" to users web activities. Other benefits include uninterrupted services, no dial up, e-mail and, as Mask describe it, "Big city service at a small town price." As Mask and Mark Solvie start explaining how easy it is to watch movies, see news as it happens from where it happens, or watch the sunrise in Fiji, their excitement becomes obvious.

They are soon lost in thoughts of how easy it would be to broadcast a Holdenville football game over the internet using a webcam and laptop computer that anyone with broadband service can see in real time.