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Fiber optic Internet service digs in at Williston *First customers to turn on in 3 to 6 months*



Likwid Communications Technician Blake O'Neal stands in the bucket holding a golden shovel above (from left) Blake (Blake Two) Johnson of the Likwid Communications construction team, Williston City Manager Scott Lippmann, Nature Coast Business Development Council Executive Director David Pieklick, Levy County Commissioner Lilly Rooks, Likwid Communications President Chris Smith, Becky Smith (Chris' Mom), Al's TV Williston Sales Manager Carol McKay, Al's TV Owner Andrew Arevalo and Al's TV Sales Manager Gregg Spafford. Williston Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat was present for the ceremony, although he chose against grabbing a golden shovel. Among the other individuals who were present to show support for the effort to provide reliable high-speed Internet service in Williston included Tammy Dean, Chris Smith's aunt, Rachael Dean and Chris Smith's cousin. The shovels are somewhat hidden under the watermark in this photo, but they are all new and the blades are painted a shiny gold. No grass was disturbed or ground actually broken in the ceremony -- another innovation by Likwid Communications. (Spare the Earth until need be.)

Story, Photos and Video

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INVERNESS -- An Inverness-based company that provides fiber optic Internet service conducted a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday (Feb. 1) in Williston...

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Likwid Communications President and CEO Chris Smith is stands between two of the Likwid Communications vehicles before the start of the groundbreaking ceremony late Thursday afternoon (Feb. 1).



Likwid Communications Technician Blake O'Neal stands in the bucket holding a golden shovel, showing innovation continues at Likwid Communications – even at the groundbreaking ceremony in Williston.

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(from left) Al's TV Antenna & Satellite Sales & Service Sales Manager Gregg Spafford, Owner Andrew Arevalo and Williston Sales Manager Carol McKay stand next to one of the vehicles they brought to the groundbreaking to help represent Al's TV.

<https://youtu.be/KFt3ELJCib4>

In this video, Chris Smith prepares the people for the groundbreaking. Before he is seen here, Smith mentioned that it is in no small part thanks to Nature Coast Business Development Council Executive Director David Pieklick inviting him to look at Levy County as a place to offer the fiber optic Internet service that Smith has been providing in Inverness (Citrus County), that he is in Williston now starting to install fiber optic cables for service.

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The first customers to enjoy this new high-speed Internet service are anticipated to start in three to six months, Likwid Communications President and CEO Chris Smith said.

Before the groundbreaking, Smith said people need to know something.

"If you don't sign up for service before it starts," he said, "please don't think you will get service. Unless someone else on your street signed up, you may not get service. We love excitement and this is exciting, but please don't wait to sign up."

For the people of Williston, a newly announced partner promises to make it easy for registering for the service.

Al's TV Antenna & Satellite Sales & Service Sales, with an office in Dunnellon, has opened in Williston now too.

Carol McKay is the sales manager at Al's in Williston. The business is located at 112 N.E. Sixth Ave. in Williston. The phone number is 352-529-0400.

The Williston office of Al's TV is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Another good starting point for people interested in Likwid Communications is this website <http://www.golikwid.com/>.

Likwid Communications opened its doors in 2008, and has been providing reliable voice and data services to business interests in Citrus County.

To read the first story about Likwid Communications wanting to expand to Levy County from Citrus County -- **Published Nov. 17, 2016** -- click [HERE](#).

To see the **Jan. 20, 2018** story about Likwid Communications, click [HERE](#).