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**FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS MAKES \$3,000 GIFT
TO SHARON SPRINGS PARK PROJECT**

TRIBUNE, Kansas (November 1, 2008) – **FairPoint Communications**, Tribune, Kansas, today announced its contribution of \$3,000 toward the renovation of the “south park” (area designated on the original city plat map as Lakeview Park, but known to residents as the “south park”) in Sharon Springs. Monies raised for the Park Improvement Fund will be used to purchase new playground equipment, restroom facilities, lighted walking/bike paths and shelter houses.

“When we heard the playground equipment in this 1950s-era park had been reduced down to a few pieces due to safety issues, we felt this was a pressing need for the community. Supporting safe and healthy communities is an important part of our commitment to the areas we serve,” said Matthew White, market development manager at FairPoint.

Sharon Springs City Councilwoman Cheri Rhea, chairman of the Park Improvement Fund Committee, commented, “The Park Improvement Fund Committee is very appreciative of the generous donation from FairPoint Communications. We are grateful FairPoint is taking an interest in our project. The city hopes to promote recreation, exercise and healthier lifestyles, as well as provide a safe, attractive outdoor venue for family and social gatherings and recreation, through the park project.”

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