

CENTURYTEL INC  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**July 21, 2006**

**CenturyTel, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

1-7784  
(Commission File Number)

72-0651161  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 388-9000

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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item Other Events.  
8.01

On July 19, 2006 we issued a press release announcing completion of our accelerated share repurchase program and our intentions regarding the upcoming AWS auction. The complete press release is included as Exhibit 99.

Item Financial Statements  
9.01 and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit

99 Press release dated July  
19, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CenturyTel, Inc.

Dated: July 21, 2006

By: /s/ Neil A. Sweasy

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Neil A. Sweasy  
Vice President and Controller