

Annual Trempealeau County
Community Television Auction

February 26, 27, 28
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

TCC-TV PRESENTS

LIVE

TELEVISED



STARTS AT 7PM EACH NIGHT

Watch as presenters put items up for bid and then call to place your bid! Items won can be paid for and picked up at TCCTV in Whitehall. It is a fun time and it really helps TCCTV!

Contact TCCTV at 715-538-2311 if you would like to donate items or help with the auction!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO 2019 SENIORS

Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc. will again offer scholarships to 2019 High School graduates who plan to further their education at a Technical College or University. Twenty-Five lucky graduates will receive \$500.00 scholarships in a random drawing. The drawing will be conducted in February, scholarship recipients will be notified in writing and will be presented at our Annual Membership Meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Ss. Peter & Paul Parochial School, Independence. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the following conditions must be met:

1. The parents, guardians, or foster parents of the recipients must reside in the Tri-County Communications Cooperative's service area and be a member of the Cooperative.
2. The recipients must complete the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year with a passing grade and commence the second semester before being eligible for payment from the Cooperative.
3. Applicant must provide a senior picture to be used in the TCC Newsletter, if selected for a scholarship.
4. Attendance at the Annual Meeting is strongly encouraged. Recipients that attend TCC's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Ss. Peter and Paul Parochial School in Independence will receive a special gift.

Applications for our scholarships are available at tccpro.net/gettcc/scholarships. Please encourage your eligible students to fill out the application and return it to our office by Tuesday, February 12, 2019.



This picture was taken at the 2018 TCC Annual Meeting of the scholarship winners that were in attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 9 - Ice Fishing Contest in Strum
- February 12 - TCC Scholarship Applications Due
- February 14 - Valentine's Day! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️
- February 26 - 28 - TCCTV Live Auction

TCC CLASSES

Watch our TCC website tccpro.net for classes coming up in Osseo, Independence, and Arcadia. If you want to see a class in your town, contact your local library and request a class! We're working with local libraries to host our classes as soon as there is enough interest in a topic!

TCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 2, 2019

The Tri-County Communications Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at Ss. Peter & Paul Parochial School in Independence. More details will be available soon. This year, we will be voting for Directors in the Eleva-Strum and Independence districts at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Individuals interested in running for the Board in the above mentioned districts should contact Cheryl Rue, CEO, at 715-695-2691 or crue@tccpro.net. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

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Strum & Independence
Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Galesville Location
Wednesday Noon - 4 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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INTERNET SECURITY PRESENTATION FOR AREA GIRL SCOUTS

TCC's Ben Gumz spoke to two groups of Girl Scouts (over 50 girls total) about Internet Security at a recent Cookie Rally in Eleva. The girls learned about staying safe online as this year some girl scouts will be selling cookies online. TCC would like to thank the Girl Scouts for the opportunity to talk with them!



PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE WITH SMART HUB

Sign up for TCC's free online bill payment system, "Smart Hub", and you can view your current and past bills, make instant or scheduled payments, download the TCC Newsletter, and more! You can get Smart Hub on your computer at <https://tcc.smarthub.coop> or on your phone or tablet with the Smart Hub App through your App Store!



WANT WI-FI FROM ANY SEAT IN THE HOUSE? CALL TCC!



TIPS TO AVOID PHISHING EMAIL SCAMS

1. Learn what a Phishing Email Looks Like - A Phishing Email is an Email you receive made to look like a real company you might be familiar with or have an account with. These Emails are usually brief and center around a problem or reason for you to click a link or an attachment.
2. Check the Sender/Sender Address - Look at the sender of the Email and see if the name and address look legit. If the name is odd or the address is not similar to the business name, it may not be legit.
3. Check the Links - If there are links in the Email, put your mouse over them (but don't click!) and look at the bottom bar of your browser. When you mouse over a link it shows you where it points. This is often a key clue as their link is likely very odd looking and not at all to do with the company they are pretending to be.
4. Consider whether you were Expecting the Email - Look at the message and see if it makes sense to you. Did you recently contact them? Buy something from them? Is there a good reason they would be contacting you? Phishing Emails are often out-of-the-blue and shouldn't make sense to you.
5. Remember Phishing Attacks Come In Many Forms - Phishing Emails became popular due to their imitation of banks but Phishing Emails can take many forms. We have seen Emails pretending to be everyone from the NYPD to Verizon to Walmart to pizza parlors in Pennsylvania.
6. Know How Real Companies Communicate - Companies typically don't solely rely on Email for sensitive matters. Even if companies do send you an Email about a sensitive issue, they should also call or send a letter as they can't guarantee you would see an Email. Be skeptical the moment you see an Email regarding your account or your order through some business.
7. Err On The Side Of Caution - If you have the slightest doubt, delete the Email. If it was legit, you should get another Email, or a letter, or a phone call. You can call the company yourself and check into the situation (but don't use any phone number listed in the Email).
8. Contact TCC if you have any questions!
Let us know if you are still not sure or if you have questions!

DON'T GET HOOKED!



FRS YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour sponsorship. TCC is sponsoring two students from our area to participate in the 2019 FRS Tour to Washington D.C. Get more info and apply online at: <http://tccpro.net/gettcc/frs-tour/>

