

TCC PARTICIPATES IN JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

TCC recently participated in the Junior Achievement Wisconsin program at the Independence Middle School. TCC's Ben Gumz taught 6th graders about Global Marketing. There were six sessions from 9 am - 2:30 pm. The students had fun learning about doing business in different countries through many group activities and workbook lessons provided by Junior Achievement. Ben Gumz had a great time with the students as well, and was invited to eat lunch with them. He said the students were very well behaved and respectful and he liked the level of participation exhibited by the students. It was a great learning experience for all!



NEW CHANNELS BEING ADDED IN DECEMBER

TCC is adding the entertainment-hit "E!" at channel 62 and the kid-friendly "Sprout" at channel 94. Both channels will be available with Basic and Digital/HD cable packages. We are also moving "Oxygen" from channel 166 to channel 66 so it will also be available for Basic and Digital/HD cable packages. The changes will happen by December 17th. Basic customers will need to do a "channel scan" on each tv to update your programming.



UPCOMING TCC EVENTS, HOLIDAYS AND OFFICE HOUR NOTICES

Friday, December 2nd TCC will be in the Festival of Trees Christmas Parade, 6:00 PM on Main Street in Whitehall. Friday, December 23rd we will close at Noon and Monday, December 26th we will be closed all day for Christmas. Friday, December 30th we will close at Noon and Monday, January 2nd we will be closed all day for New Year's.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TCC!

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HOLIDAY SPECIALS!



Get a Laptop, iPad or SmartTV from TCC this season! We have the lowest prices of the year plus choose our popular "Lease-To-Own" option and pay for the device over 24 months on your TCC bill with no interest and no finance charge!



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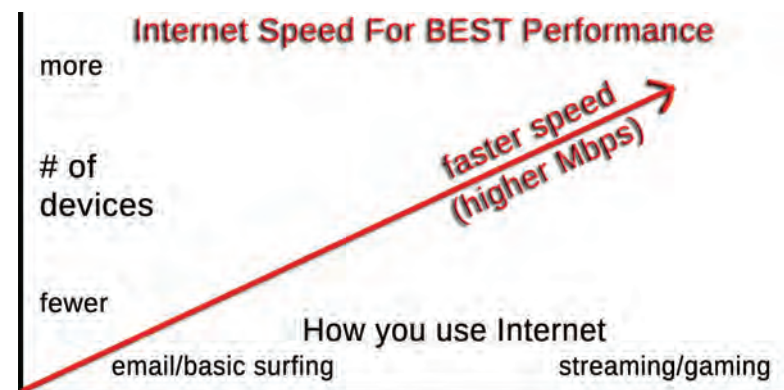
PLANNING FOR EXTRA DEVICES THIS CHRISTMAS

Electronics -- now Internet devices -- are some of the most popular gifts given at Christmas time. Popular items include laptops, tablets, smart tvs, bluray players, game systems, smartphones, streaming boxes, home security devices, digital cameras, GoPro's, wifi picture frames, and smart light bulbs. There are too many devices these days that use your Internet to list them all!

The joy of receiving these new toys will quickly turn to frustration if your Internet speed is not capable of adding these new devices to your technology family. Now is a great time to check what level of service you are signed up for and whether that will meet your needs after the addition of new gadgets.

The number of devices connected to your Internet is a big part of the equation, so you need to count all the devices in your home. Include all the tablets, phones, game systems, laptops, smart tv's, Roku boxes, and individual home security (cameras, sensors) gadgets. You might have only 2 or 3 things connected to your Internet or you might have 23 things connected to your Internet. Next, you need to think about what you use the Internet for.

Do you use your Internet for browsing web sites? Basic emailing? Watching video (Netflix, etc.) on your smart tv or iPad? Listening to music on Pandora or Spotify? Playing games on your PS3 or XBOX? Plain email uses the least amount of your Internet connection, followed by streaming music and basic web surfing. When you start streaming video (e.g. watching Netflix on your 60" smart tv) or playing games through a game console such as a Sony Playstation or a Microsoft XBOX, then you start using much more bandwidth.



If you have an old bundle plan with an Internet speed of 10 Mbps or less, you might already notice slowness on one or more of your connected devices.

Even our 20 Mbps a la carte plan may not be fast enough for a lot of households. We have bundle and a la carte plans with 40 Mbps and 60 Mbps - up to 1 Gig per second! Give us a call and we'll let you try a faster speed for a week to see what a difference the right speed makes!

COOP MONTH WINNERS!

Congratulations to Jon Olson, winner of a pair of Badger Tickets, and to Carol Pederson, Eldon Larson, Mark Vold, and Ruth Gullicksrud, winners of \$25 TCC Gift Cards. Congratulations also to Madison, Clara, Nolan, Nicholas, Naomi, Amanda, Aidan, Eva, Kaelyn, and Lucy -- winners of our coloring page contest for Co-op Month! Thank you to everyone who stopped in to our offices on our special Coop Days or anytime during the month!



2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2017 TCC Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Ss Peter and Paul Parochial School on Highway 93 in Independence. In 2017 there are two (2) board positions up for election at TCC. Each Director serves a four (4) year term. Board members listed below are currently serving and are running again for these positions:

- Arcadia District – Christine Howard**
- Osseo-Fairchild District – Kathleen Sieg**



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. We hope you can attend the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO 2017 SENIORS

Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc. will again offer scholarships to 2017 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 Thursday, March 30, 2017 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 2017-2018 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 TCC Newsletter, if selected for scholarship.
4. Attendance at Annual Meeting is strongly encouraged. Recipients that attend TCC's Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Ss Peter and Paul Parochial School in Independence will receive a special gift.

Applications for our scholarships are attached to this e-mail, will be included in our December billing and will be available on our website, www.tccpro.net. We ask that you please encourage your eligible students to fill out the applications and return them to our office by Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

In addition, TCC is a participant in the scholarship from the **Foundation for Rural Service (FRS)**. Established in 1994, FRS, in cooperation with NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications issues. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the \$2,000 scholarships, we will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500. Completed FRS applications need to be received by TCC no later than February 24, 2017, as each application must be signed by our CEO.

Both the TCC and the FRS scholarship applications can be found on our website: <http://www.tccpro.net>. Click or touch the link for "**Scholarships**" under the slideshow to view/download the PDF file.

