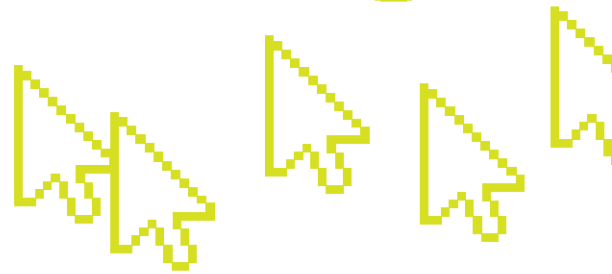


# The Connection



July 2023



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## This month:

### TUESDAY, JULY 4th

Independence Day!  
TCC offices will be closed. We hope you have a fun and safe Independence Day!



## Tip time:

**811 - Call Digger's Hotline** three or more days before you dig! It's safe and it's the law!

**Check out TCC's website** for help with services and devices. On our website, you'll find tutorials, guides, information, FAQ's and more!

### FRS YOUTH TOUR RECAP by AHVANALYN FREDERICKSON

I traveled to Washington D.C. on the FRS Youth Tour from May 31 to June 4. I have to thank TCC for sponsoring my trip and The Foundation for Rural Services for making everything possible! This trip was such an eye-opening experience that not many people get to experience at my age; especially coming from a small town like Strum. The first night all the students who had traveled from all over the country got the chance to meet each other and start getting to know each other. There were 20 states represented by the students and chaperones!

Thursday we spent the day exploring Capitol Hill, touring the U.S. Capitol, meeting Senators, and visting the Senate Gallery. After our exploration on Capitol Hill, we went to an amazing play called Shear Madness and had dinner on the roof of the Kennedy Center!

We also got to tour Mt. Vernon, the estate of George Washington, along with viewing the Lincoln Memorial, the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials - you truly do not understand how many lives were sacrificed in these wars until you see every name carved in a wall and then hits you. We also visted Arlington National Cemetery, which was a wonderful and truly eye-opening experience.

We also got to visit the FCC to learn about how the government is working to make it easier for rural communities like ours to have better connectivity with more urban areas.

I enjoyed the learning and sightseeing as well as creating friendships and connections with so many new people.

I learned so much from this trip; how important broadband is for rural communities and what is being done to make it more available. This trip gave me insight on so many things for the better. (See more pictures on our website and Facebook page!)

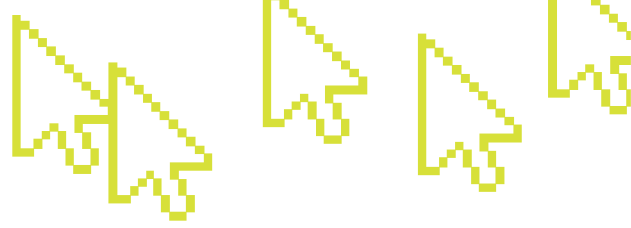


# 2023 Community Grant Program

Do you have a community project that needs funding? The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) is accepting grant requests from \$250 to \$5,000. Ten percent of the total grant award comes from the NTCA member sponsor, Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc.

The FRS Community Grant Program is offered annually through NTCA members, like us, to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America. The program supports projects for business and economic development, community development, education, and telecommunications applications.

<https://www.frs.org/programs/grant-program/community-grant>



## Welcome Kassidy & Marcus!

We would like to welcome Kassidy Koxlien and Marcus Steffenson to TCC for the summer! Kassidy, who just finished her Junior year at Eleva-Strum High School, will be working in the Strum office and Marcus, who just graduated from Eleva-Strum, will be working out in the field alongside our technicians. We are happy to have them!

## July Area Events

There are a LOT of fun events going on in our area during July! For starters, July 8th - 10th is Trempealeau Catfish Days and July 14th - 17th is the Trempealeau County Fair. TCC has a booth in the Merchants Building and offers FREE WI-FI on the fair grounds all weekend! To find more area events, simply open a web browser or tap the search box on your phone and search area events.

## New Blog Post: TCC Is Gig Capable!

TCC is certified as GIG Capable by NTCA – The National Broadband Association, for our strong and reliable network, which has been certified to support speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second to users. Our Gigabit certification comes largely from our Fiber-to-the-Home build-out from a few years ago.

Read it here! <https://tccpro.net/gettcc/blog>.

