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How to Choose the Best Router

If you've ever been frustrated by a slow Internet connection, you've probably toyed with the idea of upgrading your Internet service or getting a faster computer. But there's an important piece of the puzzle that's often overlooked: your router.

Routers play an important role in optimizing connectivity speeds. And if you haven't upgraded your router in awhile, it could be the culprit for lags and longer load times. Older routers run old wireless standards and upgrading to a current model will improve your Wi-Fi capabilities.

Let's say you've read our blog post about how to choose the right Internet speed (you have, right?!) and you've adjusted your service accordingly. But maybe you still notice that your Internet speed isn't quite up to par with what you expected. This is likely due to having a router that isn't suited to your gaming, streaming, surfing, and/or working needs.

So, how do you find out if you have an old or new router? Check the router itself. You'll see numbers like these:

11ac — runs the newest standards

11n — a bit older, but still functional

11g — pretty dated, so it's probably time to consider replacing it

Other versions not mentioned here are definitely dated and should be replaced to optimize your connectivity.

Wireless routers are an important piece of hardware and occasionally need upgrading, especially if you've tried everything else and still aren't getting Internet as fast as you want or need.

If you need to upgrade your router, we've got several newer models in stock. Still unsure if you need to upgrade your router? Please call or stop by one of our Solutions Centers near you to visit with a technician and shop our selection!



Getting Social!

If you are like most people, you are using at least one social media platform, but you may still have questions about social media, like: is it safe or am I using it to make my life and the world better?

Some of the positive points about social media are that it connects you to people you care about, no matter how far away they are from you. You can connect daily with your family and friends, even if they live in another country. You can reconnect with a college roommate, your best friend from first grade or former coworkers on social media.

Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Pinterest are the most well-known social networking communities, however, new networks are being introduced all the time. Social media

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networks allow you to make new friends and build business connections, increasing your interactions with friends of friends, causing a multiplier effect.

These connections can help with a variety of things (983-4428) such as:


- Finding romance
- Seeking a new job
- Locating assistance
- Getting and giving product and service referrals
- Receiving support from like-minded individuals
- Making or receiving career or personal advice
- Sharing political beliefs
- Accessing news in real time

In many ways, these social communities are like church socials where family and friends gather to exchange news and get caught up. Private messages can be sent over social media much like the tradition of pen pals has been upgraded as private messages can be sent over social media. When it comes to getting information, few methods are faster than social media.

Social networks also allow you to connect to others with common interests. Sites like Pinterest help you share information about hobbies, crafts, cooking or a support resource for more serious problems, like those with a rare illness.

When using any social media platform, take responsibility for your own safety and never join a group just because it is trendy or all your friends are doing it. In evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of social networking, it's best to err on the side of caution and protect your privacy. Be careful with what you post and treat others as if you were in a face-to-face situation.





February 10th
Council Grove High School
For more info. contact
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Wolgast "Christian Endeavor" Scholarship Offered

The Wolgast Memorial Scholarship is being offered to students planning to attend college or vocational training/trade school during the 2017-2018 school year. This Scholarship is administered through the Wilsey Christian Church in memory of Harvey and Ethel Wolgast, long time members of the Wilsey Community.

Students applying should either be a resident of Morris County (even if attending school in another county), be attending or have graduated from a high school in Morris county (even if they live

in another county) or have been home-schooled in Morris county.

Applicants must be active in their church and have the goal of serving Christ through their college and post-college years. Copies of the scholarship are available in the offices of the local high school counselors, and Morris County Chamber of Commerce.

If you have any questions (767-5841) about the scholarship please call Rhonda Riedel at 785-466-1409.

Notice of KUSF Rate Increase —

Effective March 1, 2017 Kansas Rural Telephone Companies are directed by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to change the rate for Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) to 7.25%. The KUSF rate is determined on an annual basis in order to ensure funds are available to pay for KUSF supported programs such as High-Cost Support, Lifeline and Kan-Ed. If you have any concerns about this, please contact the KCC at 800-662-0027.

Notice of Local Rate Increase —

Effective March 1, 2017, each rate class is increasing \$0.25 per month in accordance with Kansas state law requirements as determined by the Kansas Corporation Commission. In addition there is an increase for the residential rate class to keep pace with federal regulatory requirements as determined by the Federal Communications Commission. Therefore, residential rates will increase to \$18.65 per month, and business rates to \$20.25 per month. TCT will receive no additional net revenue as a result of these increases. If you have any comments or concerns you may contact the KCC at (800) 662-0027, the FCC at (888) CALL FCC (888-225-5322), or TCT at 800-362-2576.

Community Breakfast — White City

The White City Senior Center will be serving breakfast on Feb. 4 from 7:30 to 11am. The menu will include biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sausage, bacon, and eggs. A free will donation is accepted.

Annual Ground Hog Supper — Lyona UMC

Stop by the Lyona United Methodist Church, 1850 Wolf Road, rural Junction City, on Monday, Feb. 6, for the church's 73rd Annual Ground Hog Supper. Meals will be served from 3:30 to 8pm. The menu will include waffles, pancakes, sausage, homemade ice cream, and beverages. The all-you-can-eat meal is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Local musicians will provide wonderful entertainment in the sanctuary while you wait. Plain and smoked link sausage for home use can be reserved by contacting the church at 785-257-3474 or lwumcs@gmail.com. In case of inclement weather, the supper will be on Saturday, Feb. 11. The public is invited.

Lenten Luncheons — Council Grove

The First Congregational United Church of Christ of Council Grove will host their annual Lenten Luncheons beginning Thursday March 2 in Fellowship Hall at 400 W. Main St. They are held each Thursday through April 6. Serving begins at noon and is followed with a devotional time from an area pastor and concludes by 1pm. The menu includes a choice of two soups, dessert, relishes and drink. A list of speakers will be announced on TCT TV channel 2 and in the Council Grove Republican. There is a free-will offering that is used for local mission projects of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

White City Trunk Sales

Mark your calendars! The White City Trunk Sales are starting up again! Beginning in March, on the first Saturday of every month we will have our downtown sales from 8am to 3pm inside the City Building. Several wonderful vendors will be there: homemade foods, jellies, soaps, craft items, gunsmith, tag sale items, and each month new and different items will be available. For more info, call Ciri at 785-349-2411.

We are pleased to serve our local communities and would like to include your Community Events in our newsletter.

Submission for this section is the 10th of the previous month.
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Davis Jennifer & Michael.....	785-598-2033
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Young Greg.....	620-767-5385



WINNERS CIRCLE

Congrats to our January winner(s):

Jim & Deanna Stalder

Be sure to look through the newsletter for two phone numbers in parenthesis. If it's your number call our office to claim your prize!