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Hidden Numbers:

Back by popular demand!!! If you find your telephone number hidden in this newsletter, call us by February 20th to get \$15 credit toward your March BCT bill!

Congratulations to our winners from last issue: Robert & Elizabeth Corley and Edward Suda



You're the Heart of Our Community:

Happy Valentine's Day from BCT. We love providing the communications services you need to share your thoughts and learn new information. Our community is strong because people like you continue to build strong connections with others. Thanks for being a good-hearted neighbor.

Visit BCT on February 14 to get a FREE flower for your sweetie!

**While supplies last.*

Member Contributions:

Do you have an idea for a local story or article you'd like included in an upcoming edition of the Co-op Connection? We'd love to hear from you! Email your submission to info@bctelco.com.

GO-OP CONNECTIONS



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Faster Internet is Here!

We heard you! You NEED faster Internet to just keep up with the speed of life. That buffering circle in the middle of the action movie is beyond annoying and video chat with the grandkids is much more memorable without the frozen screens and hesitation. Gamers want reaction times in the milliseconds, and you want the peace of mind knowing that the home security video can stream an intruder to a smart phone without a hiccup.

Good news! We have upgraded our network and are unleashing speeds up to 100 Mbps network wide! That's 4x faster than the reported average US speeds. So if you're ready to enjoy uninhibited access without throttling or data caps, give us a call today!

Enjoy your new, faster Internet that is:

- **FREE** from data caps
- **FREE** from contracts
- **FREE** from prime-time throttling
- **FREE** 24/7 local support from people who can pronounce Willamette and Henrici
- All from a local company who supports your community, schools, and families



Call Today!

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watchTV Everywhere:

watchTV Everywhere provides streaming access to top rated shows and movies from over 75 different networks. You can watchTV Everywhere from wherever you receive an Internet connection like a coffee shop or during a work break. View this OnDemand content on your laptop or desktop computers, Macintosh platforms, iPad, iPod and other Apple IOS devices (including iPhone!) as well as Android tablets and devices. Access and stream full-length episodes, shorts, entire Made-for-TV and blockbuster movies, documentaries and musical content from the following cable networks*:

A&E, ABC, AMC, AHC, Animal Planet, BBC America, C-Span, Cartoon Network, CMT, CNBC, CNN, Comedy Central, Destination America, Discovery, Discover Family, Disney Channel, DIY Network, ESPN, ESPN 2, ESPN Classic, ESPN News, Food Network, Fox Business, Fox News, fyi, Golf Channel, Hallmark Channel, HBO Go, HLN, HGTV, History, IFC, ID, Lifetime, LMN, Max Go, MSNBC, MTV, Music Choice, National Geographic, NBC, NBC News, NBC Sports Network, NBC Sports NW, Nick Jr., Nickelodeon, OWN, Oxygen, PAC 12, QVC, Root Sports, SCI, SEC Network, Spike, Starz, Starz Encore, Syfy, TBS, Turner Classic Movies, TLC, TNT, Travel Channel, TV Land, USA, Velocity, VH1, Viceland, WE TV, Weather Channel, WGN.

It's all included FREE with your BCT Digital TV subscription. If you already have our Digital TV service, register at **www.watchTVEverywhere.com** and begin your mobile TV experience today.

**Access to networks is dependent on package subscription.*



Why Does Restarting My Computer Fix Many Problems?

Q: It seems like every time I contact a knowledgeable friend or a professional about a computer problem, the first thing they say is, "Did you try rebooting?" Does rebooting (the technical term for restarting) really solve that many problems and, if so, how?

A: Yes, rebooting can solve many computer problems and here's why: As your computer runs, it starts and stops various processes but not always in the most efficient way. Some of them may remain open or partially open, using up valuable computing power. In addition, some programs may experience an issue and not run as expected, 503-632-8204 but may not be able to stop the problem without shutting down and starting again from scratch. That is why the "rebooting" advice is good not only for the entire device, but for individual programs as well. You can also try it if you run into issues with devices including a smartphone, tablet, or TV. Be aware, however, that if you're rebooting regularly or rebooting doesn't help, it may mean there is a bigger problem involved.



Local Support:

We regard our partnerships with nonprofit organizations and local education as an important investment in the future of our community and the vitality of our company. Our employees have volunteered hundreds of hours over the last several years to numerous local non-profits. Learn more at www.bctelco.com.

Local Clubs & Meetings:

Beavercreek Lions

When: First/Third Saturday of the month
Time/Place: 7:30 AM @ Beavercreek Grange
Contact: Frank Willie, Club President - 503.656.8935

Carus CPO

When: Second Thursday, every month
Time/Place: 7:00 PM @ Grandview Baptist Church
Contact: 503.632.7063

Clarkes-Highland CPO

When: First Wednesday of Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun, Sept, & Dec
Time/Place: 7:30 PM @ Clarkes Grange Hall
Contact: Gary Hartt - 503.632.6955

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council

When: Fourth Tuesday of the month
Time/Place: 7:00 PM @ CCC in the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center
Contact: Rita Baker - 503.427.0439

Hamlet of Beavercreek

When: Fourth Wednesday of the month
Time/Place: 7:00 PM @ Beavercreek Grange
Contact: 503.632.8370 or www.beavercreek.org

Mom's Club of Oregon City/Beavercreek

When: First Monday of the month
Time/Place: 9:30 AM @ Oregon City United Church
Contact: Erin Lile ocmoms@yahoo.com

Mulino CPO

When: Third Thursday of the month
Time/Place: 7:15 PM @ Mulino Airport, OPA Building
Contact: 503.632.0202

Oregon City Lions Club

When: First & Third Tuesday of the month
Time/Place: 4:30 PM @ First City Central Marketplace & Bistro
Contact: 503.479.0080

OC School District Board

When: Second Monday of the month
Time/Place: 7:00 PM @ District Office Board Room
Contact: 503.785.8000

OC Kiwanis Club

When: Second & Fourth Thursday
Time/Place: 12:00 PM @ Jimmy O's Pizzeria
Contact: Janine Brooks 503.632.2528 or info@oregoncitykiwanis.org

Craft Bazaar Wrap-Up:

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Craft Bazaar held at the Beaver Creek Elementary school the second Saturday of November in 2017. There were over 110 artisan and craft booths for the over 1500 attendees to shop during the Christmas holiday season.

Gadget Review – Drones

By Marcus Jones

Drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles, are finding their way into many aspects of everyday life. Next time you look up, don't be surprised if you see a drone. They also have a wide variety of uses today - contractors use them for geographical surveying and law enforcement uses them to combat poachers. Emergency services use drones in rescuing lost and injured people from the sides of mountains and hard to reach places. However, the fastest growing use for the drone remains to be amateur and professional filming. Given the robust features and components, it is not necessary to spend a fortune to produce stunning videos or films using today's drones.

An unmanned aerial vehicle has two parts. The first is the drone itself which is made of light composite materials to reduce weight and increase maneuverability. The second is the control board, which houses the navigation system and all the sensors for flight. They are equipped with different state of the art technology such as collision avoidance, HD camera, GPS, and a three axis gimble for steady smooth camera shots while in flight. Most people see this as a flying computer with a camera and sensor attached.

Drones come in a wide variety of sizes, colors and designs. Many can be flown by a remote control or with a smartphone app downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store. They are cheaper and are more widely available than planes and helicopters which make them an easy choice for consumers who need aerial views. 503-632-3401 Introductory pricing starts around \$50 and soars to the thousands for professional grade equipment.



Clean out Your Computer Day

Article Courtesy of Cornerstone Group

The second Monday in February is designated as Clean Out Your Computer Day. It was started in 2000 by the Institute of Business Technology.

Granted, this holiday doesn't exactly merit a party. But it's a good reminder to take care of some computer maintenance tasks you may be putting off. Over time, unused files and programs take up precious memory and can slow down your computer.

So celebrate by doing the following:

- Delete or archive files you no longer need on your desktop.
- Organize your folders, files, and bookmarks.
- Uninstall programs you no longer use.
- Delete junk or duplicate files.

You may also want to carefully clean off your computer on this day using special products designed for this purpose. It's amazing how much better the screen and keyboard will look after a few minutes of wiping and dusting.

Local Food & Toy Drive Results:

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart (FASFAH) and Beavercreek Lion's Food and Toy drive. 503 632 3995 Because of your generosity, FASFAH was able to fill over 3,500 Christmas stockings for local families in need!

The Beavercreek Lions helped put a meal on the table for over 100 families here in the Beavercreek area. They also distributed presents for under the tree to over 250 children. Thank you to Beavercreek Elementary, Clarkes General Store, Ogden Middle school and Gardner Middle school for going above and beyond this year with your donations.

Your generosity is most appreciated!



Apps of the Quarter

Ted

Watch over 2000 talks on endless topics from tech and psychology to art and design on the FREE Ted app. Celebrities, authors, professors, scientists and more offer intriguing thoughts on a variety of topics. Many of the videos are under 15 minutes long, great to watch during a break at work or access to quick inspiration on the go. Search for content by topic, presenter, or genre. You can even ask Ted to surprise you with content options. 503-632-2949 Ted can synchronize to all your devices so saved talks can be accessible anywhere you are.



Super Mario Run

Go retro! Super Mario Run is reminiscent of the original Mario Bros. world style of play, reinvented for one hand smart phone control. Maneuver Mario, Luigi, Peach or other popular characters by tapping as they constantly run forward. Time your taps to pull off stylish jumps, midair spins and wall jumps to gather coins and reach the goal. Users can connect with other players and challenge friends around the world.



Tech Tips

Highlight all text in a document – PDF, Word, or even on many websites – by pressing CTRL + A on your keyboard.

To cycle through all your open Internet tabs on a PC, press CTRL + TAB.



Fast Speeds Lead to Winning Results

Article Courtesy of Cornerstone Group

There are times when you simply need speed to succeed.

World-class athletes competing in luge, bobsleigh, alpine skiing, and speed skating all race against the clock, and moving quickly is also essential to winning performances in other winter sports such as figure skating and ice hockey. While it takes many years of practice to reach the medal podium, the difference between gold, silver, and bronze can come down to mere seconds.

Speed is also vital in busy households, even if you're just a weekend athlete or get most of your exercise running errands. You need a fast internet connection for winning results when you stream movies or TV programs, play online games, or have multiple people using devices simultaneously.

BCT offers affordable internet plans with download speeds up to 100 Mbps. Check out all the options at www.BCTelco.com or call us at **503.632.3113** for help selecting a winning plan for you!

A Visit from Washington DC

Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association out of Washington DC made a special visit to Oregon just to tour the BCT offices last November. She had heard about what this local cooperative had been working on and wanted to learn firsthand how BCT is preparing our members for the future. Regarding the overall Oregon experience, Bloomfield commented that, "It was really interesting to see the changing demographic that is classic of Oregon – not only the topography but the shift from very rural to simply rural to small towns."

Shirley Bloomfield CEO of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, inspects an equipment closet with BCT President Paul Hauer.



WiFi Home Networking – What is It?

Do you have Internet “dead zones” in your home? Do you often experience the annoying buffering circle that appears just at the best part of the movie? Does your Internet act slow when more people are home? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then it may be time to look at your WiFi situation.

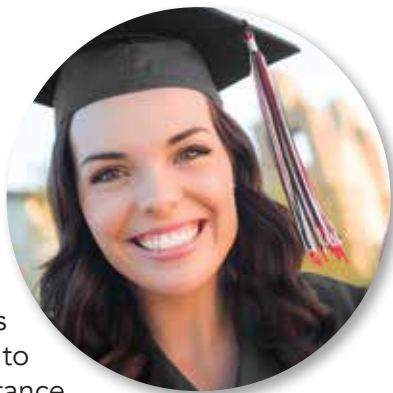


WiFi equipment installed in a non-centralized location can affect the signal strength in certain rooms. Multiple levels, certain appliances, or even large mirrors can inhibit or completely block a WiFi signal. Too many devices trying to connect at the same time can bog down a signal as each tablet, phone, and Smart TV fight for bandwidth to perform the requested function. 503-632-6140 BCT WiFi Home Networking is a worry-free system that is professionally installed in the optimum location to support the most devices with the fastest, strongest WiFi signal. The base model has a sleek, modern design and will easily cover a 2400 square foot home. Other models are available for larger homes and outdoor needs. WiFi Home Networking is backed by our expert technicians, professional remote maintenance, and 24/7 local support.

Visit www.bctelco.com to learn more or call your local BCT office to order this service today.

BCT Scholarship

Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company (BCT) maintains a scholarship fund for the benefit of its members and families. The purpose of which is to recognize and provide financial assistance to students pursuing education in any degree at an accredited four-year college, Clackamas Community College, a community college, or a trade/technical school.



Visit www.bctelco.com/community/scholarship for rules, regulations and applications. Submit applications to our main office at 15223 S Henrici Road in Oregon City by 5:30 p.m. February 27, 2018.



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