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TCT Recognized as Industry Leader in Gigabit Broadband

TCT has been recognized by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association, the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America, as a Certified Gig-Capable Provider for delivering gigabit broadband speeds and enabling technological innovation in TCT’s exchange areas. TCT is now able to offer gigabit service in the Council Grove, Dunlap, Dwight, and Delavan exchanges and updates are in progress to be able to offer it in more exchange areas in the near future. To find out more about our gigabit broadband speeds, please call TCT at 800.362.2576.



TCT is one of only a few companies that have been recognized as both a Certified Gig-Capable and a Smart Rural Community Provider. TCT joins a national campaign to build awareness and industry recognition of community-based telecom providers that have built communications networks capable of delivering Internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, which is 100 times faster than those currently available in many U.S. households.

“I applaud TCT for its commitment to delivering the Internet’s fastest speeds—an accomplishment worthy of much praise considering the unique and challenging circumstances small, community-based telecommunications providers operate under every day in serving some of our country’s most rural and remote communities,” said NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield. “By building a gigabit-capable network, TCT has not only overcome these (949-2889) challenges, but also shattered conventional benchmarks for broadband speed to enable cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their communities, region and nationwide.”



**FLINT HILLS
NATURE TRAIL**
Finish Line Celebration
OCTOBER 7, 2017 | 11AM-MIDNIGHT
COUNCIL GROVE, KS • RIVERWALK
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Certain restrictions apply. See store for details. Limited time offer. Nex-Tech Wireless is eligible to receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund in designated areas. As a result, Nex-Tech Wireless must meet reasonable requests for service in these areas. Questions or complaints concerning service issues may be directed to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection by calling 1-800-662-0027.

The Equifax Data Breach: What to Do

by Seena Gressin
Attorney, Division of Consumer & Business Education, FTC

If you have a credit report, there's a good chance that you're one of the 143 million American consumers whose sensitive personal information was exposed in a data breach at Equifax, one of the nation's three major credit reporting agencies.

Here are the facts, according to Equifax. The breach lasted from mid-May through July. The hackers accessed people's names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and, in some instances, driver's license numbers. They also stole credit card numbers for about 209,000 people and dispute documents with personal identifying information for about 182,000 people. And they grabbed personal information of people in the UK and Canada too.

There are steps to take to help protect your information from being misused. Visit Equifax's website, www.equifaxsecurity2017.com.

- Find out if your information was exposed. Click on the "Potential Impact" tab and enter your last name and the last six digits of your Social Security number. Your Social Security number is sensitive information, so make sure you're on a secure computer and an encrypted network connection any time you enter it. The site will tell you if you've been affected by this breach.
- Whether or not your information was exposed, U.S. consumers can get a year of free credit monitoring and other services. The site will give you a date when you can come

back to enroll. Write down the date and come back to the site and click "Enroll" on that date. You have until November 21, 2017 to enroll.

- You also can access frequently asked questions at the site.

Here are some other steps to take to help protect yourself after a data breach:

- Check your credit reports from Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion — for free — by visiting annualcreditreport.com. Accounts or activity that you don't recognize could indicate identity theft. Visit IdentityTheft.gov to find out what to do.
- Consider placing a credit freeze on your files. A credit freeze makes it harder for someone to open a new account in your name. Keep in mind that a credit freeze won't prevent a thief from making charges to your existing accounts.
- Monitor your existing credit card and bank accounts closely for charges you don't recognize.
- If you decide against a credit freeze, consider placing a fraud alert on your files. A fraud alert warns creditors that you may be an identity theft victim and that they should verify that anyone seeking credit in your name really is you.
- File your taxes early — as soon as you have the tax information you need, before a scammer can. Tax identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number to get a tax refund or a job. Respond right away to letters from the IRS.

Visit Identitytheft.gov/databreach to learn more about protecting yourself after a data breach.

Fall Linen Sale — Council Grove

The Hospital Auxiliary is having a linen sale at the Morris County Hospital to raise money for the Emergency Room Expansion Project. Stop by the Front Lobby on Monday, Oct. 9 from 9am – 4pm. New Ultra Plush Blankets, Sherpa Throws, Blankets, Quilt Sets, Comforters, Bamboo Memory Foam Pillows, and Sheet sets will be available for purchase. Cash, credit/debit cards, and checks accepted.

Senior Center Bus Trip — White City

The Rolling Prairie Senior Center in White City is sponsoring a bus trip to the Prairie Band Casino on Oct. 19. The bus will leave the center at 7am and will make a stop in Alta Vista. Cost is \$20 and you get \$15 back plus lunch. Call Stella Roediger at 785-349-2901 or the Senior Center at 785-349-2813. Reservations need to be made by Oct. 12.

Community Blood Drive — Council Grove

The Council Grove Community Blood Drive will be on Monday, Oct. 16, at the Council Grove Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 106 E Main St, from 11am – 5pm. As there is no substitute for blood, we rely on volunteer donors like you to supply the life-saving blood and blood components to hospitals. Donors may go online to make an appointment at savealifenow.org or call Lynda Poston 620-767-5994. Save a Life. Right Here. Right Now.

Fall Festival — Woodbine

The Woodbine Fall Festival will be Oct. 21, from 3-8pm in downtown Woodbine. There will be a variety of fall family games, a cakewalk, hayrides, pony rides, a pumpkin dessert contest, folk music, and pulled pork and a variety of other dishes for supper. The cost is free, but we are asking a free will donation for supper that will be applied to a community project. Check the Woodbine Kansas Fall Festival Facebook for updates on the event. Sponsored by the Woodbine Lions Club, City of Woodbine, and various other businesses.

Schnitzel Dinner — Navarre

Come and enjoy a Schnitzel Dinner at the Navarre Community Center on Oct. 28. Serving starts at 5:30pm and will continue until 7pm. Reservations are requested, please call: Tammy Riffel, 785-263-5932; Joyce Rock, 785-366-0320; or Dawn Wilson, 785-366-0111. Cost is \$15 per ticket/RSVP by 10.18.17. The menu will consist of Schnitzel, Spatzle noodles, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, black forest cake, tea or coffee. Funds raised will go toward community center projects. Come see the school house renovation.

Fine Art Show & Sale — Council Grove

For the twelfth consecutive year, artists and craftsmen from across the Kansas Flint Hills will rendezvous in Historic Council Grove to exhibit and sell their work at this juried fine art show and sale. The Carnegie Library is the event venue for the weekend show, which runs Friday through Sunday, November 3-5. A portion of the sale proceeds will be earmarked for painting workshops and other opportunities to promote the art and artists of the Flint Hills.

Turkey Supper — White City

Join the White City United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Simmons Fellowship Hall, for their Annual Turkey Supper. Serving will begin at 5pm. Adults—\$9, children 3-10yrs—\$4, under 3—free. Take outs available. The menu will include: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, homemade pie, coffee, tea or water.

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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Treasure Corner...

FOR SALE:

Like new Powermate 2500 watt portable generator with 5 horse motor, \$175. Call 785-949-2889.

1944 Case DC tractor; 2 row pull type curler; Old IH corn sheller; old John Deere one row cultivator; old John Deere one row planter; old manure spreader; old 3 disc plow; several old doors and windows; several used tires 14-20"; old steel wheel Oliver 2-bottom plow. Call 785-983-4421 or 785-983-4844.

Fish aquariums and equipment. Call 785-479-2226.

Purple Queen Velour bedspread in perfect condition, \$20; extra nice ladies iridescent ¾ blue coat, sz. Medium, with removable lining and hood, \$25; queen flannel sheets, \$5; nice selection of Swedish weaving decorative table runners, \$5-10. Call 620-767-7966.

5x7 burgundy 100% wool rug. Call 785-200-1171.

18,000 BTU window AC unit, 220 volt, good condition, used very little. Call 785-983-4421 or 785-983-4844.

Firewood. Call 785-366-7762.

AKC Brittany pups, orange and white, and liver and white. Call 785-983-4421 or 785-983-4844.

48" blade for tractor lawn mower; two new belts for MTD mower; 90' 10-2 electric wire. Best offer. Call 620-767-5862.

2 wheel trailer, 81"x12', lights, spare, ramps, and new floor, \$950; 3 pt. post hole auger, \$300; 9" bit, \$80; 12" bit, \$100; JD F. cult. With 23NH3 app. knives, 24 flat spring teeth (20 extra) on 2 ½" sq. tubing, \$400; 2-JD

rolling cutters with sealed bearings, \$40; seasoned firewood. Call 785-598-2353.

2016 John Deere riding lawn mower, less than 50 hours, Z335, 42" cut, all turn radius, \$2,500 – like new; 50" flat screen TV, used 2 months, 4K Sharp Smart Ultra HD Smart TV, \$400. Call 785-965-7106.

WANTED:

Someone to take down or haul away 2 small grain bins and one small wood unit near Hope. The person that takes on this task will keep the tin and lumber for doing the work. All must be cleaned and taken from property by a date agreed on by owner. Call 785-366-7778.

The TCT Treasure Corner ads are unique to the members of the cooperative and its subsidiaries. If you have an item you would like to list in this section, please give us a call or send us an email. All ads will be screened and listed as space is available. Ad deadline is the 10th of the previous month.

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NEW LISTINGS

Blythe Andrew	620-767-5089
Bowman Jeremy & Amber.....	620-767-5408
Calvary Chapel Wilsey	785-497-2996
City of Herington Airport.....	785-258-3822
Engler V.....	785-983-4021
Gappa Bethany	620-767-6135
German Zachary.....	620-767-5166
Griffith Terry & Jill	620-767-5156
Gugler Kaylen.....	785-257-3041
Halley John & Donna.....	785-349-2047
Kearin Marlo	620-767-7019
Lundeen Chad	785-349-2097
Mantz Adam & Alison.....	620-767-5420
Messer John & Marcia	620-767-7035
Midway Farm & Forage	785-349-2094
Montgomery Haley	620-767-5157
Morgan Nick & Alicia	785-349-2184
Schneider Tonya	620-767-8004
Silva Walden & Louise	620-767-7072
Sowers Jeff.....	620-767-7117
Srna Walker	785-949-2014
Stroda Kyle.....	785-479-2072
Thibodeaux Jeremy & Laci.....	785-482-3035



WINNERS CIRCLE

*Congratulations to our
September winner(s):*

*Calvin Davis
Harlan Janke*

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!