

You Can Save Money by **SWITCHING TO STREAMING**

Are increasing cable/satellite TV costs causing you to consider alternate TV options? With faster fiber-to-the-home Internet, you have more options than ever before. Cutting the cord and streaming TV over the Internet may be just the ticket.

Here is a checklist to help you cut the cord:

Internet

Fast and reliable Internet is a must, and LTC offers up to 1 Gig Internet speeds. We recommend at least 50 Mb for any streaming service, and we would be happy to help you determine which speed you need depending on the number and type of devices running in your home. Plus, you can now subscribe to our broadband Internet without having a phone line so this will allow you to upgrade to that faster package and potentially still save money.

Smart TV or streaming device

Most newer model TVs have streaming options built right in. If you don't have a smart TV, streaming players like Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, or Android TV Player will work too, and there are many others.

Prioritize your network and show preferences

Make a list of the shows and live networks you watch now on a regular basis. What are your favorite TV shows (the ones you simply cannot do without)? How do you feel about live sports, local news, and movies? Once you've figured this out, visit cord-cutting websites like www.suppose.tv or www.thestreamable.com and use their tools to help determine which streaming services will meet your needs.

Choose a streaming service

If you subscribe to Netflix, you are already streaming TV. Other services include Sling TV, Hulu Live, DirecTV Now, YouTube TV, and the new Disney+ just to mention a few. You may want to look for free trials before selecting your streaming provider. Some people may be satisfied with just one streaming service, while others may feel the need to subscribe to several.

If you're thinking about switching to streaming or already have, make sure your Internet connection is fast enough to support the best streaming experience. Give us a call at 270-542-4121 or 270-934-4121 so we can help determine which package will best fit your needs.





Manager's Message

Hello Members! I pray you are doing well. Thank you for taking the time to read this update on your Cooperative. As you know, much of our activity here at the Cooperative revolves around our goal to bring fiber optic broadband speeds to as many members as possible. Our 2019 project is still moving along, but it hasn't been as quickly as we would have liked. I think the contractor will be challenged to complete it this year, but they should complete a few more areas so we can move some additional members to fiber before Christmas. As I am writing this article, we are preparing for a pre-bid meeting with potential contractors and will accept bids in November for another project to begin next spring.

You may have heard that we received a loan authorization in the amount of \$34.4 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We began building fiber-to-the-home networks for members in 2013, and so far, we have been able to finance these projects internally without any debt. In 2017, we decided it would be good to go ahead and apply for a loan that could finance five years of fiber construction for 2018-2022. The process of applying for and receiving a low interest government loan can take quite some time. We've actually been able to pay for our

2018 and 2019 construction so far without debt, but the loan should make sure that we do not run into any capital issues as we press forward with reaching more and more members with fiber over the next several years. There was a little bit of confusion after the USDA and our representatives in Washington did their press releases on this loan. If you did not see our own press release, I just want members to know that our current plans are to continue to build in our membership areas for our members. We determine the order where we build using a detailed engineering process that identifies the areas to build based on where we would reach the most members for the amount we invest. We use this process to try and be fair to all members. I wish we had more resources to get the fiber network built quicker, but building these networks takes a great deal of time and money. We appreciate the patience of our members that live in more remote sections of our membership area, and we'll do our best to reach as many members as we can each year.

We have explored potential opportunities to serve others outside our membership areas as well. We are starting to see several special programs from the federal government that may provide help in serving other areas. We receive requests from customers and representatives from the areas around us on a weekly basis. It would be good for all Cooperative members if we could grow our service area and serve more customers, but at this time we have not

found opportunities that would be successful financially or add value to the membership. Our primary focus, as always, will remain on the members of the Cooperative, although there may be times we explore other opportunities to expand our service areas if the expansion would be in the best interest of the Cooperative and the community.

In July the Cooperative began offering broadband-only service to members. Many members that have good wireless coverage from Bluegrass Cellular, and do not use their landline, can receive our broadband service without having a landline and remain a member of the Cooperative. If this is something that is of interest to you, please give our customer service consultants a call and they can give you all the details!

The year has flown by, and the holidays are just around the corner. We pray for peace and success for each member and thank you for allowing us to serve your communication needs. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything.

God Bless,

Greg Hale
General Manager



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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and free gifts while they last.
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Cooperative Membership Really Pays Off

Being a member of Logan Telephone Cooperative is really a wonderful thing! You not only can receive high-speed Internet wherever you live, great telephone service, and are actually able to talk with a person when you call the office...but you also get cash back! Most businesses don't work that way. As a member of a cooperative, you are also an owner... and ownership includes benefits.

Each year that Logan Telephone has an allocable margin, the margin is allocated to each member based on the amount of business the member did with the Cooperative. When the board determines that the financial needs of the Cooperative have been met, they may approve distributions of capital credits.

This year the Board at Logan Telephone approved a distribution of \$350,000. This marks the 26th straight year that the Cooperative has been able to give a distribution to its members. A total of over \$13.7 million has been paid back to members over the life of the Cooperative.

This year's capital credit checks were mailed mid-October. All members that had service from 1997-2018 should have received a distribution unless the amount was lower than \$10.

Always remember to notify us of any address change. Your allocations remain with the Cooperative even if you are no longer a member, and we will need to know your location for any future distributions.

A cooperative is truly a unique business. When Logan Telephone Cooperative makes a profit, you've made a profit. Everyone has a stake in the success of a cooperative. We hope you take pride in being a member of Logan Telephone Cooperative!

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 270-542-4121 or 270-934-4121.

Welcome Our Newest Team Members



Jordan Wooldridge

Construction Technician
Began April 1, 2019

Jordan and his wife, Hannah, have been married for three years, and they reside in Lewisburg. He was most recently employed by Southern States as a sales associate. He previously worked as a firefighter and is a certified EMT. He is excited to be part of the LTC team.



Mary Jo Vanover

Controller
Began August 12, 2019

Mary Jo has over six years of accounting experience, including working in public accounting and being a Controller in the distribution industry. She graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and earned a Master of Accountancy from the University of Louisville. She is also a licensed Certified Public Accountant. Mary Jo resides in Bowling Green with her husband, Aaron, and two dogs.



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Perfect for those who watch TV via a streaming service or maybe thinking about cutting the cable TV cord.

270.542.4121 or 270.934.4121 Sign up Today!

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