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National Small Business Week is the first week in May. It's a great reminder to think about how much our local small businesses add to this community in terms of jobs, unique products, personal services, and more.

PC Telcom encourages you to shop local, spend local, eat local, and enjoy local!

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Hours: Tuesday and Thursday,
9:00am to 1:00pm

For help during non-business hours,
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Office Closures:

- April 14th for Good Friday
- May 29th for Memorial Day

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A Bit o' Trivia About St. Patrick's Day

You may think of St. Patrick's Day as simply a time to wear green and dine on corned beef and cabbage. But how much do you really know about St. Patrick and the holiday that honors him? Here's a list of some interesting trivia:

- St. Patrick was known as the Apostle to the Irish, for converting the nation to Christianity.
- The Catholic Church has never officially canonized Patrick as an actual Saint.
- The largest St. Patrick's Day parade does not take place in Ireland, but rather in New York City, where about two million spectators turn out each year.
- Guinness is the most popular Irish beer consumed on St. Patrick's Day.
- Congress proclaimed March as Irish-American Heritage Month in 1955.
- Every year, the Chicago River is dyed green for the city's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Speaking of green, you can save green on your bill paying by not using checks and stamps. Sign up for AutoPay with PC Telcom by calling 970-854-2201.



A Beginner's Guide to Streaming TV and Movies

If you haven't yet jumped on the streaming bandwagon, this article is for you! It covers the basics to help you get started enjoying this entertainment technology.



What is streaming?

Streaming is content sent in compressed form in a continuous stream over the internet and played as it arrives. The user does not have to wait to download a file to play it.

What devices are needed?

You can watch streaming movies and TV shows on your smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop computer, HDTV, or smart TV. For example, you could connect your laptop to your HDTV with an HDMI cable and stream on your laptop and watch on the TV screen. If you have a smart TV, it has built-in apps (and app stores) and networking to get on the internet. You can also use a streaming box such as, Roku, Apple TV or Amazon Fire TV. You can download the streaming apps you'd want.

What streaming apps are available?

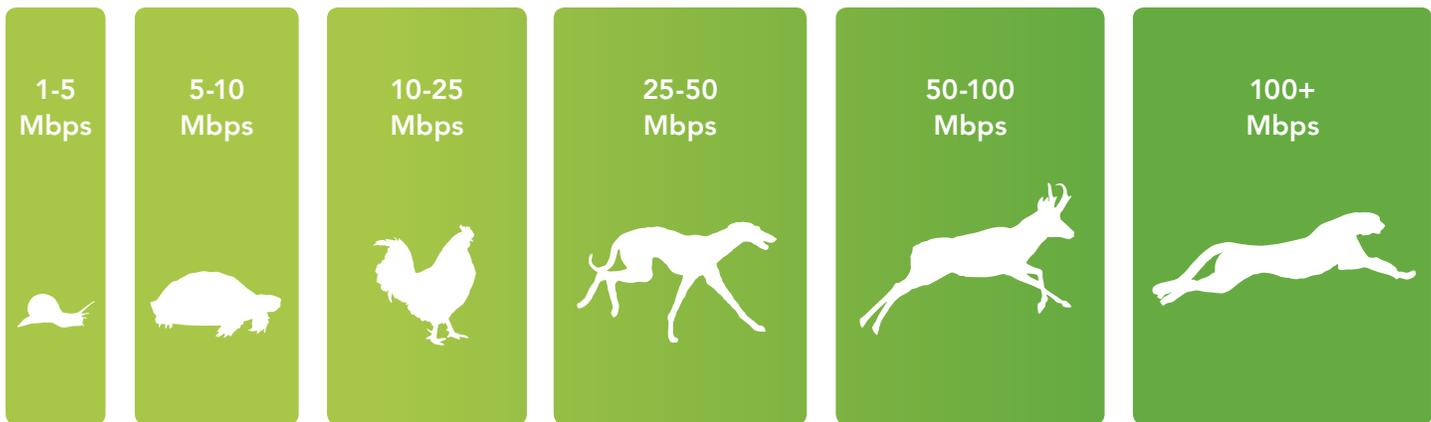
You have many options here, too. Here are a few of the most popular ones:

- **Netflix** – You can watch past seasons of TV shows and recent movies at a low monthly cost. Netflix also offers original shows such as *Orange is the New Black* and *House of Cards*.
- **Amazon** – This streaming service is available to Amazon Prime members. Like Netflix, it offers many TV shows and movies to choose from as well as its own original content.
- **Hulu Plus** – You can get next-day access to shows from ABC, NBC, Fox, and CW, along with some cable channels. Hulu Plus also offers some movies and original TV shows.
- **Dish Sling TV** – Sling TV offers about 20 channels in its basic package including ESPN, ABC Family, AMC, and Food Network but no broadcast channels like CBS or NBC. Add-on packages for sports, movies, kids, lifestyles, and world news are also available. Offers cloud DVR service.
- **DirectTV Now** – DirectTV Now offers up to 120 channels. There are multiple packages to fit your lifestyle. Options include HBO, CINEMAX, Starz, and Starz Encore.
- **Sony PlayStation Vue** – PlayStation Vue has most of the features and channels you are familiar with from your cable or satellite TV provider. Its cloud DVR lets you record, pause and rewind live TV, and fast-forward through commercials on recorded shows. Local ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC channels are available in seven US cities, and on-demand in others.
- **HBO Now** – New episodes are available through apps about the same time they are shown on TV. Current and past seasons of most HBO shows are available on demand, as well as hundreds of movies.

What are the internet requirements?

For a good HD streaming experience, you'll probably want internet download speeds of 30 Mbps or more.

Call 970-854-2201 or visit www.pctelcom.coop for details on the internet speeds we have available in your area. Stop in our Holyoke or Julesburg offices to see streaming apps for yourself on our big-screen HDTV.



Should You Move From a Snail's Pace to a Cheetah's?

Compared to what it was several years ago, today's internet is a whole new animal. All across the country, people now have access to faster internet speeds for their homes. This is vitally important, since the number of internet-connected devices being used simultaneously in these households is rising, adding to the need for higher-speed plans.

According to 2016 comScore data posted on www.statista.com, an average household in the United States now has 10 connected devices in active use; households with four or more people have an average of 19 connected devices including computers, smartphones, tablets, streaming devices, gaming consoles, smart TVs, smart home monitoring and management equipment, DVR/set-top boxes, Blu-Ray players, and more.

How many connected devices do you currently have in your home? Smart TV? Smartphones? Computers? Security cameras? Tablets? iPads? You may be surprised at the number once you start adding them all up. The more devices you have, the more internet speed

you need. Why? Because too many devices and users sharing the same slow internet connection can result in frustratingly slow page loading and annoying video buffering, diminishing the enjoyment of online activities and video streaming.

Getting back to the animal kingdom idea, look at it this way: You may be OK with a basic "snail's pace" internet plan if the only online activity in your household is you on a laptop checking email a few times a day. But if there are more people and more connected devices sharing the same internet connection, everybody will be happier if your internet speed is something closer to a "cheetah's pace." This is particularly true if you frequently stream HD movies and play online games.

Is it time to pick up the pace? PC Telcom offers a variety of internet plans including ones fast enough for you to run wild online and cover more ground. To learn more, call PC Telcom at 970-854-2201 to get started today.



Telephone Service Available in Julesburg, Ovid, and Sedgwick

PC Telcom is pleased to offer residential as well as business telephone service in Julesburg, Ovid, and Sedgwick. We can easily port over your existing phone number for a transparent transition. We offer many service packages that can be tailored for your specific needs, from entry-level residential packages (\$19.95 month) up to full-featured options including: Instant Messaging, Find Me/Follow Me, and full integration with your cellphone. Call for details.

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Choosing Between a Tablet, Laptop, or Desktop

Tech experts generally agree that a computer should be replaced after three to five years. If a computer purchase is coming up for you, one big question is what form should it take—tablet, laptop, or desktop? To make the best choice, check out each one's main advantages and think about whether they fit your needs.

Tablets

- **Simple to use** – You navigate through all your content by just tapping, swiping, flicking, and pinching your fingertips.
- **Very portable** – Tablets are small, thin, and light, so they easily fit in a backpack or purse.
- **Work best for reading** – You may prefer a tablet if you read a lot of e-books, digital magazines, and newspapers.

Laptops

- **A physical keyboard** – Do you write a lot? A laptop's physical keyboard will allow you to work more quickly and accurately than a tablet's on-screen keyboard.
- **More screen real estate than tablets** – Most laptops are 14 or 15 inches, compared to a 7- to 10-inch tablet. But they're still small enough to be portable.
- **More storage** – Laptops tend to have 10 times the storage capacity of a tablet, and their USB and SD card ports make it easy to get files on and off the computer.

Desktops

- **Less prone to damage** – Since they're designed for stationary use, desktops won't be dropped or banged around in a backpack or purse like a laptop or tablet.
- **Largest screens** – Desktops can have screens up to 30 inches, making them ideal for watching movies or playing video games. They also work better for multitasking, as you can have multiple windows open at the same time.
- **Great as a family computer** – Parents with young kids might consider a desktop in a central location in the home so they can keep an eye on where children go online and with whom they're communicating.

Stop by our office in Holyoke or Julesburg. We'd be happy to discuss which type of device might be best for you.

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