In Touch

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Ahoy, Matey! Talk Like A Pirate Day is September 19

Talk Like a Pirate Day is a "just for fun" occasion to unleash yer inner buccaneer. All ye have to do is review the basics of pirate speak and sprinkle them throughout yer conversations. For example, "Ahoy!" means hello and "Aye!' means you agree. Don't forget to substitute "me" for "my" in sentences such as, "Here's me empty mug."

Woodstock Communications hopes ye and yer mateys have oceans of fun on Talk Like a Pirate Day!

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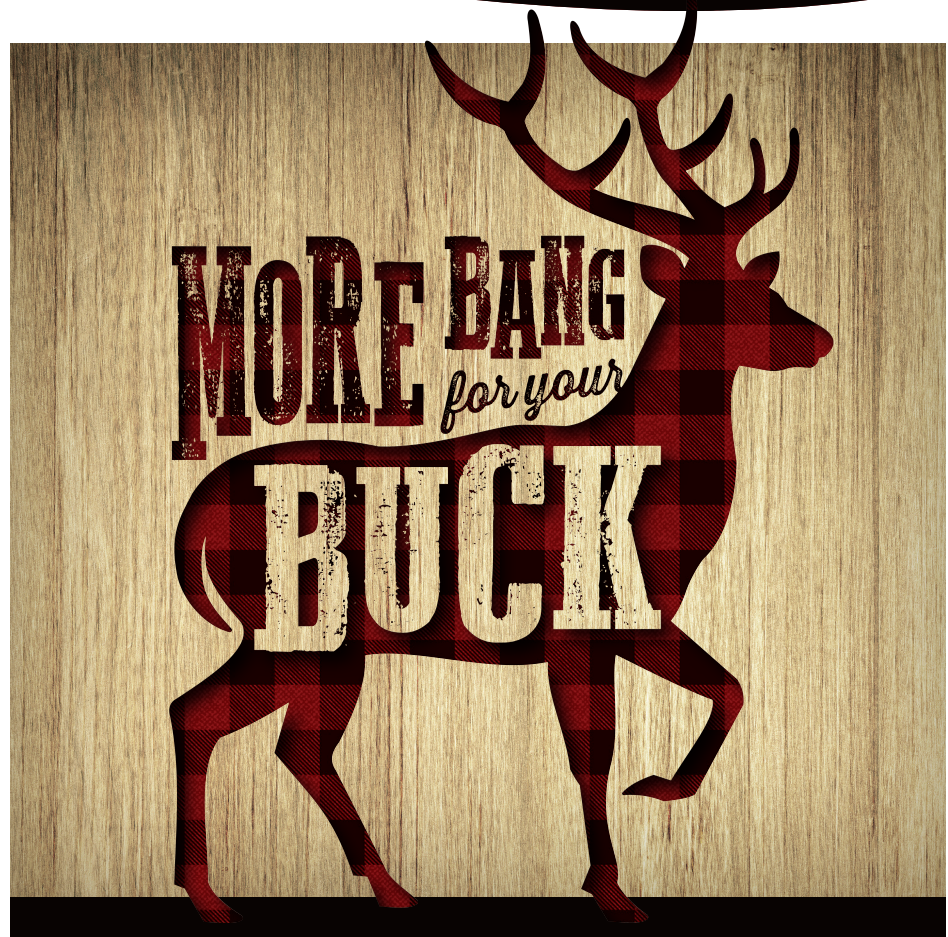Phone: 507-658-3830
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HUNTING FOR A GREAT INTERNET VALUE?
Check out Woodstock Communications options!

We offer a variety of high-speed Internet plans with affordable monthly rates starting at just $39.95. So if your Internet connection is no longer meeting the needs of your busy household, set your sights on a new one this season.

CALL 507-658-3830 FOR DETAILS.

Service availability and Internet speed will depend on location.

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Count the Internet-Connected Devices in Your Home

When you add up all the Internet-connected devices your family now uses—including computers, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, Blu-ray disc players, video game consoles, and streaming media set-top boxes—what's your total? The NPD Group surveyed more than 4,000 consumers and the average number of devices per U.S. household with Internet service is now 5.7, and that number is expected to keep rising.

In fact, according to estimates by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the average household with two teenage children will own roughly 50 Internet-connected devices by 2022. These will include everything from Internet-connected washing machines to smart refrigerators and bathroom scales, a trend dubbed the "Internet of Things."

Multiple devices, used simultaneously by several family members, can easily max out your home's Internet service and make it seem as if it's running slowly. To eliminate this problem, upgrade to an Internet plan with greater bandwidth and faster speeds. Woodstock Communications offers a variety of plans with download speeds of up to 100 Mbps.

For help determining which Internet plan is right for your household, call us today at 507-658-3830.

6 Things You Don't Have to Do With a Landline

Having a corded landline phone at home provides you with many benefits including consistently clearer voice quality than a cell phone. But did you ever stop to consider all of the little annoying things you don't have to do with your landline phone? Here are our favorites:
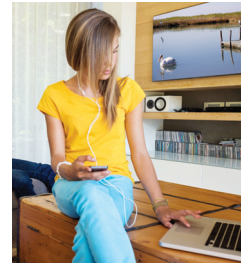
1. You don't have to think about signal strength.
2. You don't have to remember to charge the battery.
3. You don't have to run around the house looking for it when it rings.
4. You don't have to be careful not to drop it and break the screen.
5. You don't have to worry about losing your phone.
6. You don't have to take time to do software upgrades.

Sometimes, keeping things simple is simply better. For details on our super-affordable landline service, call 507-658-3830.
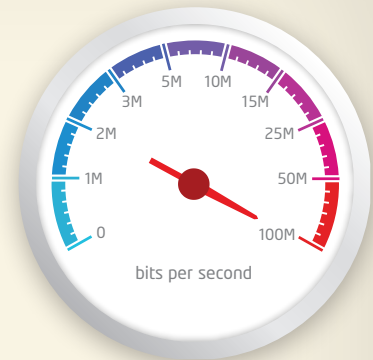
What's Your Internet Speed? Find Out Fast!

It's a good idea to periodically check your home's Internet speed to see if it's performing as expected. If not, you may have issues to address such as an outdated or poorly located router.

Remember, the number of Mbps listed when you sign up for any Internet plan are "up to" speeds; no speed can be guaranteed.

You can quickly check your speed using these websites:
- www.speedtest.net
- www.testmyspeed.com
- https://fast.com

Space out the tests over a few days, and at varying times of day, to get an accurate measure of your Internet connection. You'll note that most of the focus of these tests is on download speed, which is key to activities such as streaming video. But upload speed can also be important if you share a lot of photos/videos or play online games.

Call 507-658-3830 for details on our Internet plans, including download and upload speeds.