

TELE-TALK



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Customer Service Hours

M–F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Retail Hours

M–F 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Solutions Center – Abilene

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120 NE 14th • Abilene, KS 67410
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Store Hours

M–F 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

TCW Solutions Center – Hillsboro

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323 N Ash • Hillsboro, KS 67063
877-692-3875

Store Hours

M–F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

TCT HAPPENINGS

Jan. 18

TCT Board of Director applications due.

Internet Speed Factors

How much Internet speed you need depends on a variety of factors, from how many people are sharing the WiFi to how much video you stream. In general download speed requirements for everyday online activities like checking email and to browse the web are as much as 5 Mbps (megabits per second) minimum. To stream HD content will take 15-25 Mbps minimum, and streaming 4K content and playing competitive online games will take 40-100 Mbps minimum. However, to stream 4K content, play online games, and download very large files could take as much as 200+ Mbps minimum.

What Is the Difference Between Upload and Download Speed?

Put it simply, download speed is how quickly your Internet connection can retrieve data from the Internet (web pages, video, cat photos, etc.), and upload speed is how quickly your Internet connection can send data from your devices up to the Internet (uploading video to YouTube, sending documents (767-6155) via email, etc.).

Netflix recommends at least a 5 Mbps download speed for standard HD video, and a 25 Mbps download speed for 4K content. However, it's important to keep in mind that these numbers refer to what the service on its own needs — not the total speed of your Internet plan.

For instance, say you have a 25 Mbps down connection speed. If the total capacity of your Internet connection is a pie, you can imagine that every user on the network (and all of their various devices) each get a “slice” of that pie. Essentially, your total potential speed is split across all of the devices connected to the network, so that 25 Mbps may only be providing 10-15 Mbps to Netflix itself, preventing you from streaming 4K content smoothly. [SEE GRAPHIC]

Also, using WiFi will always be slower than a hardwired connection. To ensure that you're maximizing your chances of a trouble-free streaming experience try to connect your streaming devices to the router with an Ethernet cable whenever possible. If you are streaming over WiFi, be sure to position the streaming device as close to the router as possible, with no physical barriers like walls or furniture between them. This will help you achieve a more stable connection.

To better determine the speed you need, take an accurate count of the all the devices in your home, and what they are being used to do, then go to the TCT website and take the “60-second internet speed quiz” (2nd slide on TCT home page). This should give you an idea of what speed you will need for your home and your family.



Want \$1,000 for College?

TCT is offering six (6) \$1,000 scholarships to area students.

Each year TCT's Board of Directors award six, \$1,000 scholarships to high school senior students whose parents or legal guardians are members of the Association.

Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be planning to attend an accredited college, university, technical school. Winners will be selected in a random drawing.

EASY APPLICATION PROCESS

- Visit the TCT website for details and application which are located under the "About" menu
- Deadline to apply is March 1, 2019
- Scholarship winners will be recognized at the 2019 TCT Annual Meeting of Members on March 26, 2019

TREASURE CORNER

FOR SALE:

Dual rim 38"x20" (no center hub), \$60; Guild upright piano, free; living room couch, end and coffee table, \$150; bedroom – queen waterbed with headboard and storage on both sides (non-smoking), \$150; 10 – 5'8" wooden tent poles, 4 – 6' wooden tent poles, 2 metal tent poles, 16 for \$40; 7 ½' tube running boards, \$20; PU topper 60"x78", \$40; hedge and factory posts and firewood. Can help move and load items. Can send pictures. Call 785-598-2353.

7 ton bulk bin with auger and motor, \$450. Call 620-924-5244.

John Deere riding lawn mower, Z332, less than 10 hours, zero turn, \$2,400, like new. Call 785-965-7106.

Antique '78 Chevy Silverado pickup, needs work but being used every day (needs battery), \$850 OBO; 2007 Pontiac G6-GT, sun roof, 108,000 miles, V6 auto on the floor, fair tires, aluminum wheels, solid red, asking \$5,000 OBO, might take trade, nice school kids car. Call 785-349-2087.

Elnapress, electronic EP11, \$275. Call 785-466-1092.

Heavy equipment Pinto hitch trailer, two axles, ramps. Call 785-479-5850.

Solid Oak China cabinet and hutch, glass doors and shelves, glass sides, lighted, handmade, \$300. Call 785-499-3009.

Wood for sale, mixed hardwoods, \$100/load. Call 785-366-7762 or 785-366-0723 (cell).

WANTED:

Heavy equipment fifth wheel trailer, tandem or tri-axle. Call 785-479-6455 or 785-479-5850.

FREE:

Single car garage with vinyl siding and new roof to be moved. Call 785-200-1171.

Calico kitten, approx. 8 months old. Call 785-965-2673 or 316-303-4154.

MISSING:

Red and white small 25lb. female dog, breed: Hanging Tree, went missing on Monday, Nov. 26 from 5 miles south of Alta Vista. Call 785-410-4593 or 785-477-4000.

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.



More Devices
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Upgrade your Tech Home plan for protection and support on all of your connected devices!

Give us a call today for more information! **800.362.2576**

Tune in to The Flint Hills Life Channel on TCT TV Channel 2.

Sip Sip Hooray! January is National Hot Tea Month

According to the Tea Association of the U.S.A, tea is the most widely consumed beverage in the world next to water and can be found in almost 80 percent of this country's households. If yours is one of them, celebrate National Hot Tea Month in January.

Drinking tea began thousands of years ago in China, and from there it grew in prominence until it rivaled coffee as the world's drink of choice for mornings. Tea's popularity is not surprising since it's a virtually calorie free beverage that may improve mental clarity, support cardiovascular health and boost the immune system.

Tea also offers a delicious variety of flavors, colors and aromas under each of its categories: black tea, oolong tea, green tea and white tea.

Perhaps you can sip tea with loved ones in January while you swap stories about your family histories. Or if TV watching is more your cup of tea, TCT offers high-speed internet for streaming as well as your choice of digital TV plans and premium channels. Call 800.362.2576 to learn more.



Statement of Nondiscrimination

The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at <https://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint-resolution>, or at any USDA office, or call (866)632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

5 Alternatives to Making New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions typically focus on changing something about yourself with which you're not satisfied. Think you weigh too much? Resolve to lose 20 pounds. Think you're a lousy money manager? Resolve to save a certain number of dollars per month.

If these types of resolutions haven't worked for you in the past, consider more enjoyable alternatives:

1. Choose one word for the year.

This one word should sum up how you want to feel or what you want to experience in the coming year. By selecting just one, it gives you clarity and focus. Ideas include: Peaceful • Helpful • Simplify Fun • Action

2. Pick your people.

Make a list of the top 10 people in your life who bring out the best in you, make you laugh, support your endeavors, and leave you in a good mood. Then commit to regularly spending time with them through-out the year.

3. Create a bucket list with a twist.

This isn't a list of everything you want to do before you "kick the bucket." It's a list of what you want to do in the coming year — such as activities you'd like to try, places you'd like to visit, books you'd



like to read, and (366-7382) cuisines you'd like to taste.

4. Make a commitment to someone other than yourself.

The beginning of a new year can also be a great time to turn one's focus outward. Start volunteering for a nonprofit organization or program in your community. Connect with family members more often. Offer to help an elderly neighbor with yardwork.

5. Process the past year.

When you only concentrate on the year ahead, you can lose sight of where you've been. Spend some time reflecting on your past year. What were your favorite moments, proudest achievements, and most difficult challenges? What did you learn about yourself and others?

However you decide to approach the transition from one year to the next, remember to live each day to the fullest.



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923 W Main Council Grove	120 NE 14th Abilene	323 N Ash Hillsboro	616 Merchant Emporia
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[ONLINE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW]



visit
www.tctelco.net
 for additional
 information and
 application

Board of Directors
 Qualifications • Application • FAQ's

St. Phillip's Annual Soup Luncheon

The St. Phillips Alter Society annual soup luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 13, from 11:30am—1:30pm at the Catholic Hall, Hope, KS. Serving homemade chili, chicken noodle soup, ham sandwiches, crackers, relishes, drinks, homemade cake and pie, and sugar free desserts. Carry outs available; call 785-366-7353 after 11am. Free will offering accepted.

Navarre Lion's Pancake Day

The Navarre Lions' will host a Pancake Day on Saturday Jan. 26, serving from 10am to 6pm at the Navarre Community Center. This will be your last opportunity to buy \$2.00 raffle tickets for the chance to win a beautiful handmade queen sized quilt donated by Karen Beem. The winner will be drawn at 6pm, you need not be present to win! For tickets prior to the event call: Karen Beem, 785.280.0969; Joyce Rock, 785.366.0320; or Francis Anderson, 785.479.6586.

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.

Please mail items to: TCT, PO Box 299, Council Grove, KS 66846

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THREE LOCATIONS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS!

NEW LISTINGS

- Adema George R 785-965-2042
- Allen B 785-349-2185
- Ankerholz Todd 620-787-2030
- Bachura Larry..... 620-767-5541
- Baseley Megan & Sam..... 785-349-2032
- Bergman Jonathan & Carolyn..... 785-349-2073
- Buchman Lizzie 620-767-5361
- DeArmond Bill & Mary 785-263-4709
- Greater Morris County Development Corp
 620-767-7355
- Hagerman Richard Daniel 785-257-3015
- Heger Renee 785-257-3028
- Horsfall Angela M..... 785-598-2046
- Hutchinson Kay & Liz..... 620-767-5571
- Kitzmiller Alissa 785-965-2043
- Kohman Steve 785-949-2299
- Maddux Harry L..... 620-767-6225
- Mashed O East House 620-767-5443
- Mashed O North House 620-767-5449
- Montgomery Conner 620-924-5001
- Nelson Casey 620-767-6288
- Pitts L..... 620-767-6067
- Snook Aaron..... 620-767-6012
- Stucky Dillon 785-349-2106
- Villalobos Jorge 620-767-5230
- Wagner Dave and Lynn 620-767-5448
- Wilkinson Thelma S..... 785-349-2043
- Wollet Jeremiah 785-349-2016
- Young Christine 785-949-2013

WINNERS CIRCLE

**Congratulations to our
 December winner(s):**

~ unclaimed ~

Be sure to look through the newsletter for two phone numbers in (parentheses). If it's your number call our office within 30 days to claim your **\$10 bill credit!**



Don't forget to catch episodes of
Flint Hills Living

M-Sat. @ 7a-12p-4p & 10:30p and
Sun. @ 12p & 10:30p or online at
flinthillslife.com

Classic Movies of Charles Laughton featured
January 7th - 11th



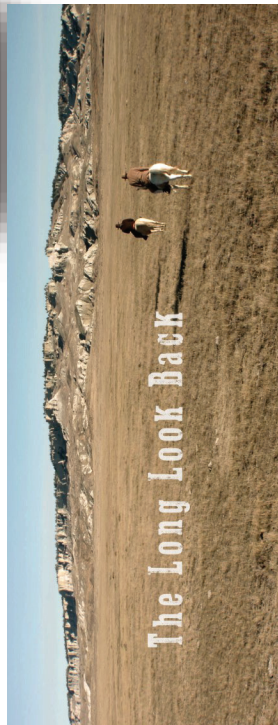
An English-American stage and film actor, Laughton was trained in London at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and first appeared professionally on the stage in 1926. He played a wide range of classical and modern parts. Academy Award Winning actor, Daniel Day-Lewis cited Laughton as one of his inspirations.

- 1/07 - Man on the Eiffel Tower
- 1/08 - St. Martin's Lane
- 1/09 - Witness for the Prosecution
- 1/10 - Les Misérables
- 1/11 - Rembrandt

All titles replay Saturday January 12th, check guide for show times

Frontier Doctor

shows Sundays on FHLC
This western series follows the adventures of a small town doctor working in the Arizona territory during the early 1900s.

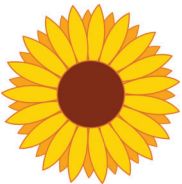


January 23rd, 24th & 26th

A reformed outlaw's journey to rendezvous with his old, notorious partner is interrupted by a bounty hunter.

The Flint Hills Life Channel is proud to bring you *The Long Look Back*, a movie written and directed by film maker Corben Alley. Corben and his family recently resided in Council Grove.

The film was shot in South Dakota and stars Robert Shields, Daniel Bielinski, Marissa Pistone.



Kansas Day Crossword Contest

CONTEST RULES

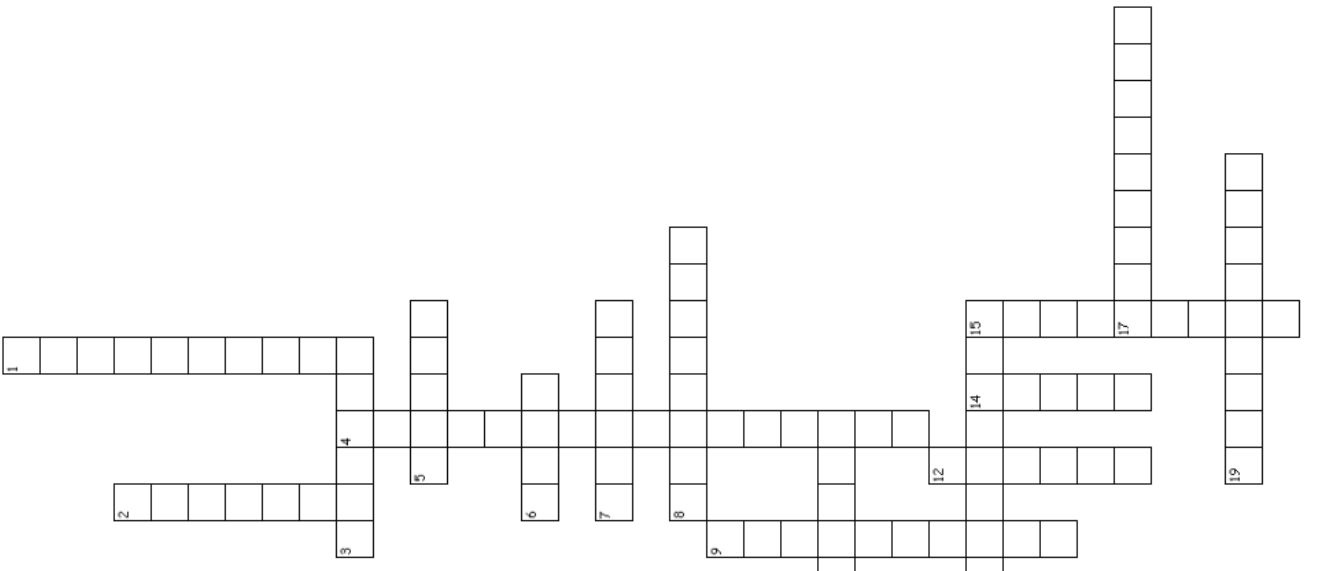
***To Play:** Each day from January 7th to January 16th clues for the Crossword will be posted each morning to TCT's Social Media pages and on the Flint Hills Life Channel at 7a, 12p, 4p and 10:30p. Participants must use these clues to complete the Crossword puzzle entry form.

To Enter: You may bring in your completed entry to either of the TCT Solution Centers, 923 W. Main, Council Grove or 120 NE 14th, Abilene. You may also mail your entry form to TCT at PO Box 299 Council Grove, KS 66846, Attn: Angie. You may also scan and email your form to publicrelations@tctelco.net. All entries must be submitted on an official TCT Kansas Day Crossword puzzle form, with first name, last name and telephone number included.

**Forms are available at the Council Grove and Abilene TCT Solution Centers. Contest is not open to TCT Employees, or their family. One entry person only.*

The winner will be announced on TCT's Social Media Pages & on The Flint Hills Life Channel on January 30th.

The winner will receive a \$50 Retail Gift Certificate good at the Council Grove or Abilene TCT Solution Center locations!



First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Telephone Number: _____

All entries must be received by Monday, January 28th by 5pm.



A 2019 Calendar is Our Gift to You

This year's TCT calendar once again depicts the beauty of the American West with paintings by Tim Cox. We hope you grabbed a copy at one of our offices. If not, calendars still may be available, but hurry in since supplies are limited.

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TAKE A SHOT AT GETTING YOUR PHOTO ON OUR 2019 DIRECTORY COVER

TCT is looking for amazing photos that represent the communities we serve for our Annual Directory Cover contest.

To enter the contest, send your best photos by email to tctelco@tctelco.net or drop them off at either of our Solutions Center locations in Council Grove, Abilene or Hillsboro. The person who submits the winning photo will receive a \$25 gift card to use at either TCT Solutions Centers, a \$100 donation to the charity of their choice, and their photo will be published on the cover of the 2019 TCT Telephone Directory. Entries must be received by 1.11.19 (*deadline extended*).



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