

The Connector

Expect More. Do More.

Q4 2020 Newsletter



All Hearts Come Home For Christmas

Whether connecting in person or via phone calls and video chats, we hope family and friends warm up your Christmas season and beyond. LPC Connect is pleased to call this amazing community our home.

As you prepare for the festivities ahead, remember we offer the communications services you need to fully enjoy today's coolest devices.

Merry Christmas
from your friends at LPC Connect!



Mitch



Kraig



Barb



Heidi



Dave



Chris



Christmas Toffee Pecan Bars

Crust:

1 package yellow cake mix
½ C. butter
1 egg

Filling:

1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 egg
1 C. toffee bits
1 C. chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine crust ingredients, blend. Press in a greased 13 x 9 pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until light golden brown. In the same bowl combine milk, vanilla and egg. Stir in toffee bits and pecans. Pour over warm base. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar

The recipe is courtesy of Sally Sides, wife of retired employee Dick Sides. Sally said, "this recipe is very easy and it makes people happy when they try a piece."



Visit the Recipe Corner at www.lpcconnect.net/recipes/ for more delightful dishes submitted by LPC Connect customers and employees!

Choosing the Best Location for Your Router

To get the best performance from your Wi-Fi network, one of the most important things to do is pick the optimal location in your home for your router. This is because the wrong location can sometimes cause the internet connection to fail or drop intermittently.

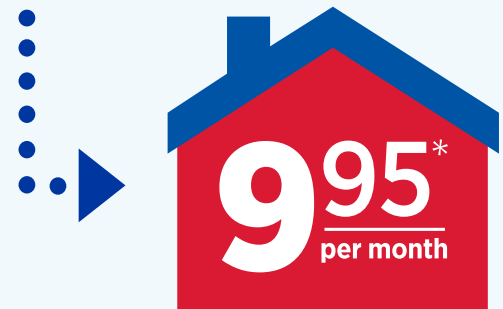
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT SPOT:

- **Install your router in a central location.** Routers send the signal out in all directions, so if it's left in a corner of your home, a significant percentage of your wireless coverage is being sent outside. It's best to move the router to a central location to optimize the signal.
- **Avoid physical obstructions.** Plaster or brick walls tend to have the most negative impact, but any obstruction including cabinets and furniture weaken the signal to some degree.
- **Go high.** Routers tend to spread signal downward, so it's best to mount the router as high as possible to maximize coverage. Try placing it on an upper shelf or mounting it on the wall in an inconspicuous place.
- **Avoid reflective surfaces.** Some Wi-Fi signals bounce off windows, mirrors, metal file cabinets, and stainless steel countertops, lessening both network range and performance.
- **Avoid installing the router near appliances that send wireless signals.** Keep the router at least three feet away from any appliance that sends wireless signals in the same 2.4 GHz frequency range. These include microwave ovens, cordless telephones, baby monitors, and home automation equipment. Appliances that transmit in this frequency range are most likely to generate Wi-Fi interference.
- **Don't settle prematurely on a location.** Try placing your router in several different promising locations and note the internet performance in each. While this trial-and-error method may not be the most scientific way to find a good spot, it can end up being an effective one.

Article Courtesy of Cornerstone Group



If you'd like help setting up and managing your home's Wi-Fi network, call **319-342-3369** and ask us about **LPC WiFi Connect** service, available for just **\$9.95 per month**.



Refer-A-Friend Earn A \$50 Credit For Each New Customer You Refer To LPC Connect

Then check out LPC Connect's Friends and Family Referral Program! This program is all about friends helping friends get reliable, local Fusion Internet, Telephone, or FusionTV service and giving you some extra spending money!

Benefits of LPC Connect's Friends and Family Referral Program:

- **EARN A ONE-TIME CREDIT OF \$50** for each referral resulting in a sale.*
- **EASY PROCESSING** – enter your referral online or call **319-342-3369**.
- **THERE'S NO LIMIT** – the more friends and family you refer, the more you earn!

*Certain restrictions apply. New customers only. New customers must be in service for 90 days before credit.



FCC and FEMA Tips For Emergency Communication

When weather-related emergencies strike, it's important for your safety to be prepared and stay connected:

BEFORE AN EMERGENCY

- Traditional landline telephone service usually works during electric power outages but you may need to use a corded phone; many cordless home phones rely on electric power to operate.
- If a storm is coming, charge your wireless phone; keep an extra battery and a car charger on hand. Also, charge your laptop or tablet.
- Broadcasters are an important source of news during emergencies.
- Keep a battery-operated, solar-powered, or hand-crank-operated radio or portable television for use during power outages.
- Visit **Ready.Gov** For More Storm Prep Tips

DURING AN EMERGENCY

- Limit non-emergency phone calls. This will minimize network congestion, free up "space" on the network for emergency communications, and conserve battery power if you are using a wireless phone. If you do need to make a call, try to keep it brief.
- Call 911 only for emergencies. Learn and use the designated number in your state for highway accidents or other non-life threatening incidents.
- If you do not have electric power in your home and are using your car to charge wireless phones or listen to the news on the car radio, be careful. Remain vigilant about carbon monoxide emissions from your car, especially if it is in a closed space.
- Visit **FCC.Gov** For Tips During and Emergency

To learn more about the value of landlines during emergencies, call LPC Connect at **319-342-3369**.



REMINDER:

LPC Connect provides an 8-hour battery which allows you to continue to use your home voice services during a power outage.

Without a backup battery or alternate backup source such as a generator, customers will not be able to make any calls, including emergency calls to 911. The only way to maintain the ability to use your phone is by using some form of backup power.

Our backup battery does not provide power to any services other than voice. Home security systems, medical monitoring devices and other equipment will not run on a home phone backup battery.

Backup batteries are expected to last at least 8 hours on standby power. The backup battery should give you 6 hours of talk time.

Please call **319-342-3369** for more information about powering your voice services during a power outage.

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The service men were prompt, courteous, and friendly...everything you would expect from a “small town” Iowa business.

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4 Creative Ways to Use the Internet to Connect

Before COVID-19 hit so close to home, the internet generally seemed like a handy tool. Depending on your job or interests, the world wide web might not have been something you gave any thought to. The internet was just there.

Now, as we practice social distancing, that “handy tool” may be becoming a central part of our lives. While it certainly cannot replace good old-fashioned conversations at the neighborhood bakery or hands-on learning in the classroom, it does have the ability to keep us connected in many ways. And let’s face it, generally, we are social beings. The internet provides that outlet.

HERE’S A FEW OF CREATIVE WAYS PEOPLE ARE USING THEIR INTERNET CONNECTION TO CONNECT:



Cook with a Chef

Chef Michael Symon is offering daily dinner tutorials via the Food Network Kitchen’s Facebook page. Each video also features a link to the recipe.

<https://www.facebook.com/FoodNetworkKitchen>



Unleash Your Inner Picasso

Artist at Heart Paint Party is using Facebook Live daily at 12 pm to teach free art classes. Previous daily videos are stored under “Videos.”

<https://www.facebook.com/ArtistAtHeartPaintParty/>



Take a Virtual Vacation

Museums and parks are offering free virtual tours. Southern Living compiled a guide.

<https://www.southernliving.com/syndication/museums-with-virtual-tours>

LPC Connect wants to make sure you are having the best experience with your internet service. Please call us at **319-342-3369** to troubleshoot issues you may be having with WiFi or to increase your bandwidth as your needs grow during this time.

FusionTV is your
LOCAL choice
for digital TV
service!



When it’s finally time to relax, treat yourself to FusionTV. LPC Connect offers everything you need to make the most of winter evenings at home. You’ll enjoy:

- Crystal-clear picture with no weather-related satellite issues
- Local TV channels and local customer service
- TV Everywhere for any room and any device
- Innovative features such as Whole-Home DVR, What’s Hot, Weather, and more

Sign up for FusionTV service and get FREE 2-room installation. Call 319-342-3369 and switch to FusionTV today!

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