

The Connector

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Q3 2021 Newsletter



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Great Plains Survey, Inc.

For nearly a decade, Great Plains Survey, Inc., or GPS for short, has provided survey services to the La Porte City area. Angie Hutton, GPS President, explained what makes their company special, “Our business is unique in that we are owned by, and employ, people who have called La Porte City their home for their whole lives. We take great pride in being a small, hometown company that provides services equivalent to large, out-of-town companies.”

GPS is co-owned by Angie and Jeff Hutton, who serves as the company’s Vice President. Great Plains Survey, Inc. does survey projects such as boundary surveys, elevation certificates, and construction staking for private, business, and government projects.

LPC Connect has been GPS’s local provider for phone and internet services since August 2011. Angie shared why they are loyal customers, “the internet service is wonderful and very reliable, which is important to our business, as most of our office work requires internet service. Voice messaging makes it possible to stay in contact with our clients even when we are out of the office.”

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Pictured are Angie and Jeff Hutton, co-owners of GPS.

looked into immediately. LPC Connect is a great resource for information and services that make our business run smoother. We definitely feel they go the extra mile in every aspect of our needs.”

Great Plains Survey, Inc. is located at 407 Sycamore Street in La Porte City, Iowa. The entire LPC Connect team appreciates both your business and hometown spirit.

We look forward to helping you solve your technology and communications challenges in the future!



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Cans for Community Donates to Local Law Enforcement

Our community appreciates the efforts of local law enforcement, including Officer Rohrbach and the entire La Porte City Iowa Police Department. The Cans for Community Team recently made a donation to the police department. Pictured are Officer Victor Rohrbach, LPC Police Department and Heidi Barz, LPC Connect.

The Cans for Community team helps the community through the generosity of those who drop off their cans in the cage located in the alley behind LPC Connect’s office. Thank you for your donations!



La Porte City Non-Profits Receive Aureon Charity Grants



Pictured are Eric Benson, Aureon; LPC Chief of Police, Chris Brecher; Heidi Barz, LPC Connect.



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Aureon is pleased to announce that Aureon Charity Grants have been awarded to the Hawkins Memorial Library and the La Porte City Recreation Department in La Porte City, Iowa. The grants were presented in conjunction with LPC Connect, who sponsored the grant application. Upon reviewing an abundance of applications, the Aureon Charity Grant Committee delegated funds to projects committed to improving local Iowa communities.

- **The Hawkins Memorial Library received a \$250.00 grant**
- **The La Porte City Police Department received a \$300.00 grant**

To learn more, please contact Giving@Aureon.com.



Join the La Porte City Farmers Market

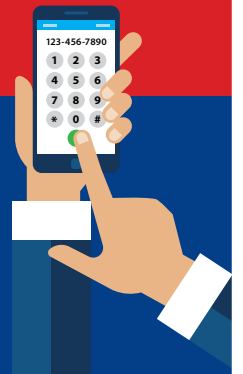
The La Porte City Farmers Market is seeking vendors for the upcoming season. The Farmers Market is located at 200 Main Street and will be held every Friday from June 25 - August 27, 2021. Enjoy a selection of fresh produce, jellies, jams, baked goods, and hand-crafted items.

Registration is required to become a participating vendor. Please contact Barb Bader at **319-342-3369** if you are interested in participating this year.

Vendors
Needed!

Get ready for 10-DIGIT DIALING for local calls

- **Starting October 24, 2021**, you'll need to dial the 319 area code plus the 7-digit phone number to make local calls.
- You'll also have to reprogram 7-digit local numbers to 10-digit numbers if you use speed dial or any other system that automatically makes calls for you.



What's the difference between the Internet & WiFi?

WiFi technology is extremely popular and available just about everywhere. Whether you're grabbing a cup of coffee, shopping for shoes, or enjoying a family pizza night, you're likely to have a WiFi hotspot available. You may hear people talking about "getting onto WiFi" or not being able to "get onto WiFi". Most of the time, the issue is that they can't get their laptop, smart phone, or other device connected to the Internet.

Is WiFi the same as the Internet? No, it's not. And with home networks getting more sophisticated all the time, with more and more connected devices, it's helpful to have a clear understanding of the difference between the two.



WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

The Internet is a massive global communications network. In fact, as its name suggests, it's more than just one network—it's a series of thousands of interconnected networks.

When you connect to Fusion Internet from LPC Connect, you can connect with other networks, companies, services, and individuals who are also connected to the Internet. For example, you can stream movies on Netflix by connecting via the Internet to computer servers that Netflix owns or read your email by connecting to one of Gmail's servers.

When you purchase monthly Internet services for your home, This includes a physical line, such as a fiber optic cable, that will connect your home to the ISP's network. On the outside of your home, this physical line is connected to an electronic device called an Optical Network Terminal (ONT).

HOW DO I CONNECT MY DEVICES TO THE INTERNET?

There are two ways to connect your devices to your fiber-optic Fusion Internet service.

1 Connecting with a physical cable
The first method, which is not very common anymore, involves physically plugging your computer into the jack LPC Connect wired into your home using an Ethernet cable. When your computer is plugged into Ethernet, it becomes part of the LPC Connect network, along with all the other individuals and business customers who have also connected their devices.

2 Connecting over WiFi
The second method, which is the most common today, involves connecting your computer, tablet, or smartphone to Fusion Internet without using a physical wire. This "wireless" connection is made possible by WiFi technology, specifically by a second device in your home called a router or sometimes referred to as a gateway. This router is physically plugged into the LPC Connect Ethernet jack.

IS CONNECTING TO WIFI THE SAME AS CONNECTING TO THE INTERNET?

The short answer is no, not technically. Just because you're connected to your WiFi router does not mean that you are also connected to the Internet. You might notice from time to time that your computer says you're connected to WiFi but you are not able to access any websites or send email. This means one of two things: either your ONT is not properly connected to the Internet or your Wi-Fi router is not successfully connected to your ONT.

So the next time you "get on WiFi," you'll know there's a bit more to it. You are actually connecting to a router that is then connecting to the ONT that is then connecting to the Internet.

Happy WiFi

Better streaming,
learning & working
from home



Go ahead. Relax. The best WiFi is all yours.

Make everyone happy — get LPC WiFi Connect. Call Barb or Heidi at **319-342-3369** to learn more.

**THANK
YOU**

Words cannot express the joy we receive from the creatively decorated invoice envelopes we receive from Carol Aschenbrenner each month. **Thank you** for sharing your talents and gifts with us!



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