Connections

MAY/JUNE 2023

Annual Customer Appreciation Days

Soon we'll be firing up the grill and giving away plenty of door prizes. Grilled sandwiches will be served in each of our five core service communities from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Thank you for your loyal support!

Calamus

CALCO Hall on Tues., June 13

Delmar

Grossman Hall on Wed., June 14

Wheatland

Community Hall on Thurs., June 15

Bennett

Legion Hall on Wed., June 21

Lowden

Legion Hall on Thurs., June 22

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Memorial Day Holiday

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From multiplayer matches to multigenerational moments,



NEXT-LEVEL INTERNET LEADS TO NEXT-LEVEL EXPERIENCES

Online gaming is a fun way to connect virtually with fellow gamers and connect in-person with family members. To make the most of it, however, you need to have an internet connection that's up to the challenge of each new adventure.

F&B's next-level internet provides super-fast download and upload speeds as well as low ping and latency rates. After all, every millisecond in response time matters when you're in the thick of things.

CALL (563) 374-1236 FOR AN UPGRADE.

Today's Wi-Fi Routers Offer Parental Controls

Parental controls are valuable tools, since they empower you to manage your children's internet usage at home. You can prevent exposure to potentially dangerous or inappropriate content and set limits on when each child can be online and for how many hours.

While the specific parental control features and capabilities will vary somewhat from router to router, you'll likely be able to do the following:

Filter Website Content

Filtering enables you to restrict or blacklist certain types of websites that aren't suitable for children. Some systems have an on/off switch that blocks adult content, while others have agebased controls (for child, pre-teen, teen, or adult) or allow you to block certain types of content based on topics and keywords.

Group Devices

Many routers allow parents to group devices by users. For example, you could schedule Wi-Fi shutoff for a younger child's smartphone and tablet on weeknights at 7:30 p.m., turn off your teen's desktop and gaming console at 9:30 p.m., and keep your own connection active at all times.

Limit Screen Time

Using your router's scheduling feature, you can curb the amount of screen time available for your children by restricting usage and creating internet breaks for activities such as homework, chores,



and dinnertime. You can also schedule a time to shut off internet access on school nights and a different time for weekends.

Pause Wi-Fi

Another commonly available option is to pause Wi-Fi for a child, outside of the normal schedule, should distractions need to be kept to a minimum for any reason. You may be able to sync your router with a virtual assistant such as Siri and just say, "Siri, pause Tommy's Wi-Fi."

Review Reports

Want to know the sites your children visit and how long they spend on each? Today's routers typically give parents access to these types of detailed reports.

F&B offers SmartHub Wi-Fi, which can help protect your children from negative online experiences and keep them on task. SmartHub Wi-Fi includes a premium router and a mobile app offering parental controls and other security features. To learn more, call (563) 374-1236.



We're 100% Smiling Over 100% Fiber Customers

F&B has plenty to celebrate! We've completed the migration of all customers to our 100% fiber-optic networks in the cities of Bennett, Delmar, and Lowden. This concludes a multi-year project to upgrade all facilities from copper to future-ready fiber, which offers superior internet speeds and reliability.

Did you know less than 45% of all homes in America have access to fiber broadband service? F&B is thrilled to provide all our customers with access to this service and the opportunities it offers. F&B has also been recognized by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association as a Certified Gig-Capable Provider for delivering gigabit broadband speeds (1,000 Mbps and beyond) and enabling technological innovation.

Pictured are members of our team at a celebratory lunch: (Front row, left to right)
Alina Lopez, Ariell Connelly, Sara Bartels, Amanda Horner, Karson Beuthien, Nick Jewell
(Back row, left to right) Aaron Horman, Drew DeLoe, Landon Gordon, Matt Morris, Derek
Hendrickson, Scott Butt, Riley Holst.