

Woodstock Wire

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Congratulations! Mike Chapman



Woodstock Communications would like to congratulate Mike Chapman on 30 years of service. Mike's hard work, loyalty and positive attitude has shaped our workplace in many meaningful ways. Mike, thank you for your remarkable dedication.

National Popcorn Day!

National Popcorn Day is Monday, January 19. Popcorn is one of the most popular snacks in the world. Did you know, the Americans discovered popcorn in the 1800s.

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Announcement!

We are bringing Fiber-Optic Services to Skandia Township in 2026!

Woodstock Communications was awarded a Border to Border Grant to bring state of the art high speed fiber optic internet to the residents in Skandia Township. The service offerings will include high speed broadband, telephone plans and Managed Wi-Fi home services. Our plans are to start cable installation this summer, 2026. Services will be operational by the beginning of 2027.

Hatfield Area Update

Woodstock Communications has completed the underground fiber construction portion of the Hatfield FTTH project in Pipestone County. The fiber splicing is currently taking place along with placing and networking all the electronics which will deliver the broadband services. The network should be ready to turn up customers around January 1st, 2026.

Everything's Easier With a Local Business!

There are many community-centered reasons to buy local whenever possible. For example, when you choose to buy products or services from a local business, you're supporting a local employer and helping to boost the local economy. You're also enabling unique independent businesses to keep going, which is important since they add personality and appeal to the community.

In addition, there are other easy-to appreciate reasons to buy local. When you choose a local business, it's:

Easier to talk to a human being. Your call won't be transferred to a faraway place. Instead, it will be answered by a local employee.

Easier to get responsive customer service. You can count on being treated well whenever there's an issue to resolve.

Easier to enjoy the shopping experience. Isn't it more fun to do business with a local owner or manager who clearly has a passion for what they do?

Thank you for supporting local businesses. Woodstock Communications is grateful to be your community's trusted communications provider.



5 Signs Your Home May Need Faster Internet

Are you wondering whether or not your home needs an internet speed upgrade? If you see these signs, the answer is probably “yes”.

1. You experience frequent buffering while streaming.

It's not fun when your screen freezes and you're stuck waiting while the endless circle goes around and around. Buffering is the result of an internet connection that isn't fast enough and a sign you need more speed.

2. You're planning to add more streaming subscriptions.

Does your family love streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime Video? Be aware that adding more streaming subscriptions (or additional streaming devices) can quickly bog down your internet connection, especially if you have multiple people streaming simultaneously.

3. You're big on smart home devices.

If you're a smart home fan, you need to make sure your internet connection can support your smart speakers, smart light bulbs, smart thermostats, smart cameras, smart appliances, and so on. Trying to get by with an inadequate internet connection is simply not smart.

4. Your home often has guests (who bring devices).

Whether it's your children's friends for sleepovers or your relatives for a week-long visit, it seems like everybody will want to use your Wi-Fi as soon as they walk in the door. If you don't have enough bandwidth, the “more” isn't the “merrier” — it can cause internet slowdowns.

5. You work from home.

Bandwidth-intensive applications such as video conferences and screen-sharing collaborations demand a strong internet connection. Don't risk looking unprofessional or wasting your colleagues' time with frozen screens and choppy audio. Make sure your internet connection works well for work.

For help choosing the right internet speed for your home, call Woodstock Communications at 507-658-3830. We'll talk with you about your online requirements and provide details about our selection of internet plans.

Don't Be Fooled by Caller ID Spoofing

One of the best ways to avoid phone scams has traditionally been to not answer calls from numbers that you do not recognize on your Caller ID. But crooks have a sneaky way around this. With Caller ID spoofing, they are able to make it appear as if their calls are coming from a local phone number — perhaps even from someone you know. That way, you're more likely to pick up.

The goal of this scam is to get you to reveal personal information such as account numbers, passwords, and Social Security numbers. To avoid becoming a victim of Caller ID spoofing, take these precautions:

- Never give out personal information over the phone, such as account numbers, unless you initiate the call.
- If you receive a call requesting information, ask for the name of the organization that is calling. Then, call that organization, using the phone number on your bill or statement — NOT the number on your Caller ID.

