

BRIEFLY

A word on generators:

With power outages caused by storms earlier this summer, some customers connected their TVs and computers to generators. In addition to connecting your TV and set-top-box or computer, you will also need to power your DSL modem and possibly your network router. This equipment is sometimes located in the basement or utility room.

Please use caution when connecting sensitive electronic equipment to generators. You assume risk in the event that a drop in voltage causes damage to the equipment.

TECH TIP

Watch for ground-level hand-hole lids

As new communications facilities go in the ground in town and in the rural areas, you may notice fewer aboveground pedestals. Instead, underground hand-holes are being used. The lids of these boxes are level with the surface of the ground. Please use caution when mowing and trimming around hand-holes. Also, avoid driving over them with lawn mowers or vehicles.



New video 'skins' available

F&B Digital Video customers can choose new "skins" to change the appearance of their on-screen program guide and menus. One advantage of the new skins is that the program guide contains eight lines of channel information instead of five. The active channel is shaded in the background in full screen. The new skins are available in several colors by accessing the Settings menu. The default skin will continue to be the current "NuBlu;" however, customers may choose to switch to a different skin. Changing skins does require a set-top-box reboot. For complete instructions on switching skins, go to www.fbc.bz/products/video/.

Brad Johnson new technician

Brad Johnson recently joined the staff of F&B Communications.

He works in the plant department as an information technology technician.

His duties include assisting with the voice, video and data networks and maintaining digital video and ISP servers as well as transport equipment.



BRAD JOHNSON

He also does installation and repair work in customer homes and businesses.

Johnson is a graduate of Des Moines Area Community College and has previous experience working

for rural Iowa telcos.

He is a resident of Wheatland.

August Training Schedule

Learn h2 snd a txt

Wednesday, Aug. 18
6:30 to 8 pm

Curious about sending text messages? This class will go over the basics of sending texts and using your cell phone to access data services such as e-mail and Web sites. The class is led by a representative from i wireless.

FREE to F&B and Technology Solutions customers

Intro to Excel

Wednesday, Aug. 25
1 to 5 pm

Learn to navigate your way around Microsoft Excel 2007 in this introductory hands-on class. We'll cover starting a new workbook, saving your work, editing existing files and printing. You will learn basic cell formatting and use simple formulas. Additional topics include tips to sort columns, apply borders, fill cells to save time and customize templates.

COST: \$39.99

Preregistration is required. Call 374-1322 to sign up or register online at www.fbc.bz. Classes held at the Technology Solutions store. Terms and conditions available online.

Back-to-School Specials



Laptop Computer
Acer Notebook
 15.6" Widescreen
 AMD Athlon X2
 4 GB RAM
 320 GB HDD
 Win 7 Home Premium
ONLY \$569⁰⁰
 REGULAR \$625⁰⁰

Toshiba LCD TV

Toshiba 40" LCD HDTV
 only \$679⁹⁹
 * Free delivery within 25 miles of Wheatland.

Memory Upgrade
 Speed up your computer with a RAM upgrade!

50% off the memory installation fee

Office Home & Student

Office 2010 Home and Student only \$149⁹⁹
FREE in-store installation on one computer

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Hours: Monday and Wednesday - 9 am to 6 pm | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9 am to 5 pm Saturday - 9 am to noon

Promotions valid 8/1/10 to 8/31/10 and subject to availability.



TECHNOLOGY TRIVIA

More smartphones than PCs are expected to be sold in 2011.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Speed Calling (\$1.50/month)

Getting a hold of the people you call often is now even easier with **Speed Calling**. Enter your 30 most frequently called numbers and dial 3 digits instead of 10 the next time you want to place a call. With **Speed Calling** you can access your stored numbers from any phone on your line.

Try it for FREE in August!

Contact the office at 374-1236 or 574-1236 to sign up for **Speed Calling**. At the end of the month if you want to keep **Speed Calling**, do nothing and pay beginning Sept. 1. If you choose to cancel, call the office by Aug. 24.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

CALAMUS

Jensen, David and Deje246-2543

LOWDEN

Lamar, John and Susan941-5827

WHEATLAND

Kroemer, Veneta374-3452
 Vander Heiden Hauling, Inc.374-3555

Best wishes for a great school year

It's that time of year again — summer is winding down and backpacks are filling up. All of us at F&B Communications send our best wishes to the students of this community's schools as well as their parents, teachers and administrators. We hope you have a very successful year filled with lots of learning and growth.



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