

## BRIEFLY

### Gift-giving idea

Gift certificates from F&B make great holiday gifts. Gift certificates can be used for bill payment or purchases at Technology Solutions. Stop by the main office or Technology Solutions for details.

### Almanac calendars

2012 F&B almanac calendars are now available. Stop by the F&B office or Technology Solutions to pick up a complimentary calendar.

### Holiday closings

F&B Communications and Technology Solutions will be closed Dec. 24 and 26 for Christmas and Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 for New Year's.

### Send E-mail to North Pole

This Christmas send Santa an e-mail message. Write to [santa@fbcom.net](mailto:santa@fbcom.net).

Be sure to include your first name and what you would like for Christmas. Santa will even send you an e-mail letting you know that he received your message.

## TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS'

# Top 5 Holiday Tech Gifts



**Tablet Computer.** The hottest tech gift this year is the tablet computer. Tablets typically consist of a 7- to 10-inch touch screen. Apple first introduced the iPad in early 2010. Shortly thereafter, other computer manufacturers released their tablet PCs with most running Google's Android OS. Tablets use your home's wi-fi network to connect to the Internet and allow you to surf the Web, check e-mail and run apps. Android tablets start around \$300 with the entry-level Apple iPad at \$500.



**Laptop.** The laptop is now mainstream with many "good" units in the \$400 to \$600 range. Always look for a laptop with the fastest processor and largest amount of RAM you can afford. Be cautious of a system that costs a couple hundred dollars as you will most likely be looking to replace it sooner.



**LED TV.** Flat panel TVs have been hot for the last few years, but this is the year of the LED TV. LED sets are lit using light emitting diodes versus traditional LCD sets that are lit with a fluorescent lamp. LED sets are the most energy-efficient of flat panels. LED sets cost more than their LCD counterparts but with all things "new" in electronics, prices continue to fall.



**Internet TV.** A TV with Internet capability allows you to access online video services such as Netflix, Vudu and Cinema Now using a broadband connection. Widgets also provide access to weather information, news and social media sites. Most streaming services carry a monthly fee or a per-view rental charge.



**Wireless Router.** The common denominator of this year's hot tech gadgets is the need to connect to the Internet. A wi-fi router connects to your land-based high-speed Internet connection and creates a wireless hot spot in your home. Good routers that can support multiple devices typically cost \$50 to \$70.

You'll be sure to give a gift to please if you let the professionals at Technology Solutions be your personal holiday shopping advisor. Inquire today.



ZACH SHORTER

## Zach Shorter new outside plant tech

Zach Shorter recently joined the staff of F&B Communications.

He works in the plant department as a plant technician. He does installation and repair work of telephone, Internet and video services in customer homes and businesses.

Shorter is a recent graduate of Western Illinois University with a bachelor of arts degree and has interests in sports and computers.

He is originally from Davenport.

Zach plans to reside in the rural Calamus area.



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# Holiday Sale



**SALE \$19<sup>99</sup>**  
**Verbatim Wireless Mouse**  
Nano receiver  
REGULAR \$29<sup>99</sup>

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**SALE All In-Stock TV Stands**  
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**\$99<sup>99</sup>**  
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Prices valid until Dec. 30, 2011, or while supplies last.

**\$439<sup>99</sup>**

**SALE Acer Aspire Notebook**  
Windows 7 Home Premium, 15.6" Widescreen, Intel Dual Core, 3GB RAM, 320GB HD, Webcam  
REGULAR \$559<sup>99</sup>  
UPGRADE TO 6GB RAM FOR ONLY \$49<sup>99</sup> MORE!



**SALE \$549<sup>99</sup>**  
**Acer Aspire Notebook**  
Windows 7 Home Premium, 17.3" Widescreen, Intel Dual Core, 4GB RAM, 500GB HD, Webcam  
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**SALE \$349<sup>99</sup>**  
**Acer Iconia Tablet**  
Android OS 3.2, 7" Screen, NVIDIA Dual Core, 8GB Storage with SD Expansion, Dual Cameras  
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**\$569<sup>00</sup>**  
**SALE LG 42" LCD TV**  
1080p Full HDTV  
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**\$329<sup>00</sup>**  
**SALE Toshiba 32" LCD TV**  
720p HDTV  
REGULAR \$399<sup>99</sup>



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**SALE LG 42" Plasma TV**  
720p HDTV, 600Hz  
REGULAR \$599<sup>99</sup>



**\$749<sup>00</sup>**  
**SALE LG 42" LED Internet TV**  
1080 Full HDTV, 60Hz  
REGULAR \$899<sup>99</sup>

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Nelson Farms Trucking.....574-4400
- WHEATLAND**  
Green, Leonard .....374-3489  
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*Happy Holidays*

**Our sincere thanks for your valued business. We appreciate having you as a customer and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Wishing you and all those close to you a joyous holiday season and a new year full of success.**

# FEATURE MONTH

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## All Calling Features

This month all Calling Features are on special. Try VoiceMail, Caller ID, Smart Telemarketer Call Screening, Distinctive Ringing and more than 20 other features for FREE! Calling features start at \$1.50/month.

### Try it for FREE in December!

Contact the office at 374-1236 or 574-1236 to sign up for a feature. At the end of the month if you want to keep it, do nothing and pay beginning Jan. 1. If you choose to cancel, call the office by Dec. 23. In December the \$10 activation fee is also waived.



## TECHNOLOGY TRIVIA

The first electric Christmas tree lights were telephone switchboard lights. In 1895, a New England Telephone employee noticed the newly installed strings of lights made for the switchboards, so he decided to take some home to decorate his own Christmas tree.

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