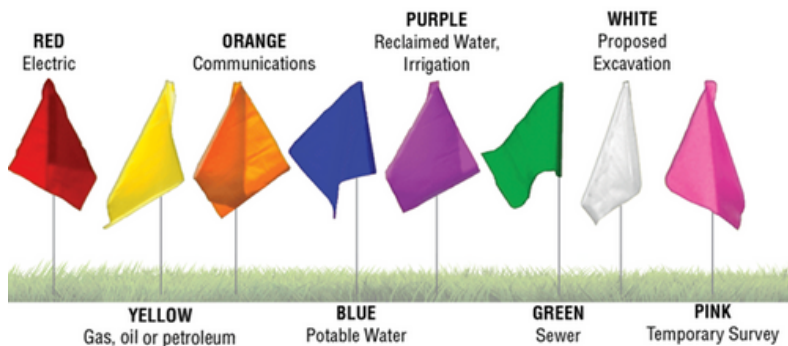


Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Co.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month!!

Being safe online starts with you! As you continue to read along, you will learn steps for making sure you, your friends, and your family can truly be Cyber Secure. **Take the time to turn on two-factor or multifactor authentication.** These are to confirm that you really are who you say you are. Your bank, social media, or workplace may require these steps, which make it more difficult for a hacker to gain access to your account. These can come in the form of a PIN number, a confirmation text or email to your phone, or a fingerprint. **It is imperative to keep your phones, tablets, computers, and their software and apps up to date.** Usually these updates happen automatically; if they don't, please take the time to enable automatic updates so that potential security flaws in your system can be fixed. **Use strong passwords, and try not to use the same password for every website you use.** A strong password should be long, unique, and difficult for someone to guess. If you have a hard time remembering your passwords, try using a password manager. **Be on the lookout for phishing emails and links.** These emails, texts, and phone calls are crafted to look like they could be coming from a legitimate source. Always make sure to check who sent the email, look for spelling errors in the email, and check the link itself by hovering over it before clicking on anything. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Spammers want you to click that link to get personal information, install malware on your computer, or get usernames and passwords to certain websites. If you are suspicious about any of these emails, please call our office at 608-452-3101.



Know what's below.
Call **811** before you dig.

Upcoming Area Events

October 14th

Civil War Experience at
Norskedalen
10:00am- 2:00pm

October 21st

Pumpkin Carving at Norskedalen
10:00am- 2:00pm

October 26th

Family-Friendly Trick-or-Treat at
Norskedalen
5:30pm-7:30 pm

October 27

Vintage Ghoulees in the Coulees
5:30pm-8:30 pm

October 28th

Ghosts and Toasts at
Norskedalen
5:30pm-8:30 pm

October 31st

Halloween
Coon Valley Trick or Treating
5:00pm- 7:30 pm

November 4th

Christmas in the Valley
Starts at 8:00am

November 17th and 18th

Branches Sip and Shop
12:00pm to 8:00 pm (17th)
12:00pm to 5:00 pm (18th)

November 18th

Opening Day of Gun Deer
Hunting, good luck hunters!!

November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day



October 2023

2023 Plant Update

We have been hard at work; splicing, plowing and scheduling installations for all of our customers.

For our spring 2023 project we currently have 29 new customers signed up for service with 13 currently on the schedule. Splicing is still taking place on this project but it should be wrapped up within the next few weeks!! We are proud to provide these individuals with our service, when they have struggled for so many years dealing with extremely slow internet speeds.

With winter fast approaching our plow crew is pushing hard to get as much accomplished as possible, before the ground freezes. We are pleased to announce that only 6 rural drops remain to be plowed in our original service area! If you are building a new home, please call us at least a month in advance so we can get you on the plow list!

Our goal is by the end of spring 2024 to complete all of our original service in fiber-optic. We are also hoping to increase our speeds so please stay tuned for more updates!



Go Green!

Consider SmartHub for paying your bill!

- View and pay your bill.
- Access billing and payment history
- update account information

OR

Consider automatic payment options, paying monthly with your credit/or debit card, or pay monthly with a checking account.



SMART HUB

Proudly presents our business of the month! Maple Ridge Orchard



Maple Ridge Orchard is a family owned and operated business located at 6675 Maple Avenue Cashton, WI.

It truly is the perfect place to enjoy the fall weather, picking apples in an orchard with your friends or family. If picking your own apples isn't your thing, they offer extra fancy, and combination grade apples in a variety of packages, including: boxed trays, 5, 10 and 20 pound bags.

If sweet treats tickle your fancy, make sure you load up while you can! Within the store you will find mouthwatering apple cider donuts, freshly baked pies (made to order), turnovers, and hand-dipped gourmet caramel apples. The Country Farm Store is open daily with lots of unique gifts to choose from.

Maple Ridge Orchards mission is to provide a great family-friendly place to visit, offer great-tasting treats and superior made in the USA products and gifts. Every year the family adds something new...stop in to see "what's up?" at Maple Ridge Orchard!

Enjoy the Fall with a Seasonal Recipe, using delicious apples from Maple Ridge Orchard!!

Apple Crisp Ingredients

Filling

- 6 cups peeled and sliced apples (Best with sweet and tart)
- 1/4 Cup of water
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp of lemon juice

Topping

- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1 cup of white sugar
- 1 1/2 cups of flour/almond flour
- 1 stick of softened butter

Baking Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 9x13 baking pan with softened butter or non stick spray.

Take 6 cups of apples, water and cinnamon and transfer to prepared baking pan.

In a mixing bowl, add dry ingredients, cut softened butter with a pastry cutter or fork. Lay mixture over the top of apples and gently pat out evenly. Bake 30-40 minutes until golden brown and bubbly.

For a chance to WIN a \$50.00 gift certificate for CVFTC. Please send us YOUR favorite winter recipe. Not only will you save \$50.00 on your next bill, the winners recipe will be featured in our December newsletter!