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THE TRIO

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DIRECTORY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

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SALEM

Marquardt, Jordan & Hailey.....239-4505

Cafe 81.....425-2100

Schrank-Johnson,

Long, Patti.....425-2100

Joeseph & Sherri.....449-4815

Oyen, Mariann.....425-2538

CLIP & SAVE

SAVE THE DATE

VIP PASS

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE RED CARPET FOR TRIOTEL'S 63RD

Annual Meeting

SEPTEMBER 19th 2019

6:30PM Registration & Dinner

7:00PM Business Meeting

ONLY COOP MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1st of the month - Bills are mailed out
15th of the month - Prompt payments due (1st year customers)
20th of the month - Payment due

TRIOTEL HOLIDAY CLOSED DATES:

- July 4th - Independence Day
September 2nd - Labor Day

ANNUAL MEETING

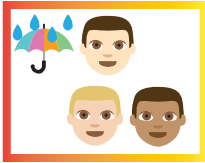
September 19th - Salem Armory



THE TRIO QUIZ
GUESS THE EMOJI
MOVIE EDITION



CONGRATS TO OUR **Volume 19 Issue 1** WINNER:
James Hansen from Emery, SD



It's Raining Men

Burning Down the House



Another One Bites the Dust

Can you guess what the **MOVIE** is from the emojis? Test your knowledge with these fun puzzles! Mail this in with your next payment or email your quiz answers to customerservice@triotel.net. Please include your name and address to be entered into a drawing for **\$10 off** your next bill!

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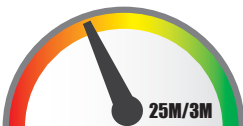


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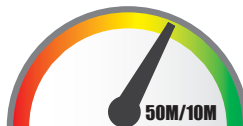
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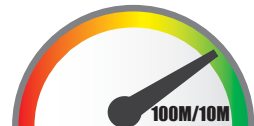
Is it time to **SPEED** up your internet?



- Web Browsing
- Email
- Casual Streaming
- Online Gaming



- HD Streaming
- Heavy Online Gaming
- Downloading Files
- Several Connected Devices



- Heavy HD Streaming
- Extreme Online Gaming
- Heavy Home Use
- Business



Thinking about going **Cable-LESS?**

↓ CHECK OUT SOME OF THE TOP SELLING STREAMING SERVICES BELOW ↓

Streaming shows through internet-based streaming devices is one of the up-and-coming ways families are watching their favorite network TV shows. Even without cable, you can continue watching your favorite shows and movies with a simple internet connection and a media streaming device.



“Thousands of Shows and Movies Anytime, Anywhere”

- 25 million users in US ● Price- \$5.99/mo., or \$44.99/mo. for Live TV



Hulu is the leading **premium** streaming service offering live and on-demand TV and movies, with and without commercials, both in and outside the home. Most new episodes appear the day after their original airing, and their selection covers nearly every popular show currently on air. They also offer a limited movie selection.

Go to www.HULU.com/welcome for more information

“Unlimited movies, TV shows, and more”

- 58 million users in US ● Price- \$8.99-\$15.99/mo.



Netflix is a streaming service that offers a wide variety of award-winning TV shows, movies, anime, documentaries, and more on thousands of internet-connected devices. You can watch as much as you want, whenever you want without a single commercial – all for one low monthly price. There's always something new to discover and new TV shows and movies are added every week.

Go to www.netflix.com for more information

“Live TV from 70+ networks- Local Sports and News”

- 1 million users in world ● Price- \$49.99/mo.



YouTube TV is a TV streaming service that lets you watch live TV from major broadcast and popular cable networks. Enjoy local and national live sports, and must-see shows the moment they air. Record all your favorites without storage space limits, and stream wherever you go. Share with up to 5 other roommates or family members in your household.

Go to tv.youtube.com for more information

“The best of Live TV”

- 2.42 million users
- Price- \$25-\$40/mo. (3 different plans)

Sling TV provides over-the-top television services, including general market, Latino and International live and on-demand programming. Sling TV offers two domestic streaming services that collectively include more than 150 channels and programming content. Sling TV also has a wide array of add on packages that you can choose based on your interests. Add-on's vary from \$5-\$15.

Go to www.sling.com for more information



“Thousands of popular movies and TV shows at no extra cost”

- 100 million users in the world
- Price- \$119/yr. or \$12.99/mo.

Prime Video is a video streaming service available for Amazon Prime members. With an eligible Amazon Prime membership, you have access to thousands of Prime Video titles at no additional cost. You also have the option to rent or buy movies and TV episodes not included with Prime Video, as well as subscribe to over 100 premium channels. Tip: If you are currently a college student and use your student email address, you can get Prime for just \$60/yr. *Note: the amount of users goes by number of people signed up for Amazon Prime, there is no way of tracking how many actually take advantage of the Prime TV.

Go to www.amazon.com for more information



“100+ FREE Channels”

- 6 million users per month
- Price- FREE

Pluto TV includes nearly 100 ad-supported channels which include sports, movies, comedy, cartoons, music, viral videos and more... You'll find some channels that offer content you're familiar with, and other content that is completely new to you. It is an odd mish-mash of more than 100 free channels (not all of them are live), and it is completely free. Pluto TV can be streamed on many different devices- Roku's, Amazon Fire Sticks, Chromecasts, and even your desktop.

Go to pluto.tv/live-tv for more information



Cable Fun Facts

- Half of Americans age 22-45 watched zero hours of cable TV in 2018
- Almost 35 million households have quit cable in the past decade
- 50 million Americans will be streaming TV via an internet connection by 2021

Call TrioTel at 425-2238 if you have questions on the internet rates needed to support streaming services.

Emery Development Inc. receives \$5,000 donation

TrioTel Communications, Inc. has held a strong tradition of supporting community needs throughout the TrioTel service area territories. TrioTel believes the support to Economic Development organizations is an investment into the future of the local communities; as well as for the state of South Dakota.

At the Board of Directors meeting held on May 22nd at the TrioTel office, the \$5,000 donation request was passed for Emery Development Inc.. This specific donation fund will be used to assist trees in the Emery City Park that have been affected by the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

The TrioTel Board of Directors recognizes the importance of bringing people, businesses and organizations together. Therefore, the Directors have passed a resolution to contribute funding annually, up to but not to exceed \$5,000.00, in order to stimulate economic development to Proactive Economic Development organizations in the communities that TrioTel serves.



Kendra Mudder of TrioTel delivering the contribution check to board members of the Emery Development Inc. at the Emery City Park.
(L-R): Jean Clarke, Kevin Janssen, & Steve Arend



an Amazon Fire Stick!

Submit this cut out to the TrioTel office or simply email customerservice@triotel.net your info by August 1st to be entered to win! Winner announced August 2nd on Facebook. Great for streaming!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Info: _____



Must be a TrioTel member to enter

SCAMS AND FRAUD

Unsolicited phone calls from people you don't know can be irritating and inconvenient. Below are simple ways to avoid unwanted calls.

DO'S

Do register your phone number on the FTC's National Do Not Call List: www.donotcall.gov

Do consider using a call blocking mobile app to screen out calls and spams

Do hang up on illegal robots

Do report unwanted calls to the National Do Not Call Registry: www.complaints.donotcall.gov

In the US, the top spam callers in 2018 were insurance companies (39%) and debt collectors (33%).

DON'TS

Don't answer calls from unknown numbers

Don't return one-call rings from unknown numbers (this may be a scam to get you to call back to an international number that can cost you hefty fees)

Don't give personal or financial information to callers you do not know (even if they say they have your information and just need you to confirm)

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received more than 940,000 fraud complaints in 2018

According to a data analysis by telecommunications security firm, First Orion, more than 44% of mobile calls will be fraudulent in 2019



<https://www.aarp.org>

TRIOTEL COMMUNITY WIFI TRAILER

Need WIFI for your guests at your next event? We've got you covered.

Our Community WIFI Trailer is available for TrioTel service area events.



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