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# Update

## Cascade Communications is proud to announce it has been named a certified Gig-Capable provider by NTCA



Cascade Communications Company has been recognized by NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America, as a Certified Gig-Capable Provider for delivering gigabit broadband speeds and enabling technological innovation in the Cascade and Otter Creek communities.

As a Certified Gig-Capable Provider, Cascade Communications joins a national campaign to build awareness and industry recognition of community-based telecom providers that have built communications networks capable of delivering Internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, which is 100 times faster than those currently available in many U.S. households. Cascade Communications also received tools to promote itself as a Gig-Capable Provider in the Cascade and Otter Creek communities and will be recognized in NTCA media, on the NTCA website, and during association conferences and events.

“I applaud Cascade Communications for its commitment to delivering the Internet’s fastest speeds—an accomplishment worthy of much praise considering the unique and challenging circumstances small, community-based telecommunications providers operate under every day in serving some of our country’s most rural and remote communities,” said NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield. “By building a gigabit-capable network, Cascade Communications has not only overcome these challenges, but also shattered conventional benchmarks for broadband speed to enable cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their communities, region and nationwide.”

To achieve certification, telecommunications companies must show that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within 95% of one or more exchanges within its serving territory and that such service can be provided without new trenching or stringing new aerial facilities. This statement must be confirmed by a letter from an engineering firm or other independent source involved in the company’s network planning, deployment or operation.

More information about the NTCA Gig-Capable Provider certification program is available at [www.ntca.org/gigcertified](http://www.ntca.org/gigcertified).



*Happy Holidays  
to You and Yours*

from your friends at  
**Cascade Communications**

### **Holiday Hours:**

Christmas Eve - Open until noon

Christmas Day - Closed

New Years Eve - Open until noon

New Years Day- Closed

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## Take advantage of these GREAT offers!



### Cozy up with CCTV+

With CCTV+ from Cascade Communications, you can enjoy watching family-friendly HALLMARK DRAMA, plus 37 ADDITIONAL CHANNELS, just in time for those long, cold winter months.

**Sign up by 12/31/18 and receive CCTV+ FREE for the first month!**



### Make your holiday wishes come true!

**We now offer Internet only plans, with no phone line required!** You'll get unlimited, reliable Internet with super-fast speeds up to 100Mbps. **Only \$57.95 per month.**

Call our office today to take advantage of these great offers!

## Old fashioned Hot Chocolate

This is a classic old-fashioned hot chocolate, a delicious drink for winter. This version is made with unsweetened chocolate, milk, sugar, and vanilla. This hot chocolate is the perfect drink for a chilly winter day!

2 ounces (2 squares) unsweetened chocolate

1/3 cup sugar (granulated)

4 cups milk

Pinch of salt

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Optional: marshmallow creme, Fluff or whipped cream

Place chocolate, sugar, milk, and salt in a 2-quart saucepan over medium-low heat. Heat, stirring, until chocolate melts and the mixture is well blended.

Stir in the vanilla; pour the hot chocolate into mugs and top with a spoonful of marshmallow or whipped cream, if desired.

**ENJOY!**



## Santa for Senior Giving Tree

Help us brighten the holidays for a senior in our community. Stop by our office, pick up a gift tag and return your gift by December 13th. We'll deliver the gift, and you'll be sharing the spirit of the season with a local senior.



## Introducing Bert Kraai

If you haven't already met Bert, he is our newest employee that started earlier this year. Bert has fit right in with our team of technicians. He moved to Cascade in 2010 with his wife Janet and 2 twin boys, Owen and Jaxson. Bert who also volunteers his time as Assistant Fire Chief for the Cascade Fire Department, likes to spend time just hanging out with his family.

**We welcome Bert to our staff!**