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CAPITAL CREDITS PAYOUT

\$5.3M

PAYOUT FOR 2023

\$21M

PAID OUT IN THE
LAST 5 YEARS

Your ITC Board of Directors is excited to announce a capital credits payout in December, for the fifth year in a row! ITC will pay out 2009 and 2010 in full, along with 20% of 2019. This payout equals more than 5.3 million dollars being paid out to our Cooperative members this year, making it the largest payout in ITC history. Checks will be mailed early in December. Members with a \$100 or less distribution will receive a credit on their bill.

It's great to be an ITC member! Capital credits are a huge benefit to being a member of a Coop. As a Cooperative member, most of our profits get passed back to you through capital credits. In August, your bill included an allocation statement from 2022.

This year, your allocation statement reflected that 57% of what you paid for applicable services was allocated back to you. In the past five years, ITC has paid back its members almost 21 million dollars.

Because you subscribe to products and services provided by your local Cooperative, ITC can provide you with these capital credits payouts. When you support your Coop, you also help to build and maintain quality telecommunications for your communities. Your support also makes it possible for ITC to offer new products and services at an affordable rate. Together, we can make a difference.

As always, thank you for supporting ITC!

*Merry Christmas
from ITC!*

INTERNET OF THINGS

By Michael Martinell, Network Broadband Technician

With the holidays here, you may unwrap some shiny new smart devices, transforming your home into a festive haven of technology. Smart speakers play your favorite carols, while smart lights and thermostats maintain comfort with minimal Internet usage. Devices with cameras demand more bandwidth, so let's ensure your smart home stays merry and bright with the right amount.



One certainty is that tech gifts now require more bandwidth than ever. Pet cams, for instance, enable remote monitoring of furry companions, offering real-time updates and the ability to interact with pets from afar, even dispensing treats. Outdoor projectors turn ordinary backyards into outdoor theaters, and Frame TVs seamlessly blend technology with home decor, disguising the television as a piece of art when not in use. The PS5 and other gaming consoles have become the epicenter of entertainment. With cutting-edge graphics and advanced features, these consoles provide an immersive gaming experience that transcends the traditional boundaries of play. It's not just a game; it's a journey into uncharted territories of excitement and adventure.

Determining the necessary bandwidth is a task we're happy to assist with. Contact us, and we'll assess your usage to ensure sufficient speed for all your new gadgets. Whether navigating the dazzling dance of smart lights or orchestrating a symphony of digital assistants, let us help ensure your peace of mind is the ultimate present.

Remember, ITC Blast Wi-Fi offers managed Wi-Fi with superior connectivity, robust device support, and the option to extend coverage. Upon upgrading, we guarantee hassle-free installation with a technician analyzing router placement and assisting with Blast Wi-Fi app configuration. The Intro package at \$6.95 a month includes a dual-band router, Wi-Fi 6 certification, and essential features. Optional add-ons like ExperienceIQ® and ProtectIQ® enhance parental controls and network security. The Premium package at \$14.95 a month offers unlimited device support and additional features, fortifying network security and providing advanced parental controls. Blast Wi-Fi Powered by ITC presents a comprehensive solution, combining superior connectivity with customizable management options and robust security features to elevate your Internet experience.

Ensure your smart devices shine with the right bandwidth! Contact us today, and let our experts assess your needs to guarantee seamless connectivity for all your gadgets. Whether it's pet cams, outdoor projectors, or gaming consoles, we've got you covered. Don't miss out on the peace of mind and superior connectivity offered by ITC Blast Wi-Fi. Call us now to explore our packages and take your home's technology to the next level!

OFF TO A GREAT START

By Holly Stormo, Marketing Communications Specialist

ITC University is off to a great start with two classes this fall. We plan to do two to three classes in both the fall and winter months. There will not be classes in December and January.

In October, ITC University students learned about everything new with Facebook. We reviewed all the different things you can do with Facebook, like selling your items, setting up an event, finding other groups to belong to, and ensuring your Facebook accounts are secure. This class taught students that you can always edit the content you put out there.

The November ITC University class was about Google and a touch of ChatGPT. We started with all the different ways to get the most out of your Google search. Then, we touched on Google Earth and Google Maps. Hopefully, everyone who attended learned more efficient ways to use Google.

If classes like these interest you and you want to be on our email list, please email marketing@itccoop.com with your name, phone number, and the email you want used for this email list. We would also love to hear what types of classes you are interested in. Please send any thoughts to the email above. We hope to see you in a class in the new year!

POWER OUTAGES

If you have a power outage, your ITC telephone service will continue to work with your wired (not cordless) telephone using battery power. This battery power comes from the ITC-installed power supply at your home. Voice service on a backup battery is expected to last at least eight hours on standby power. The backup battery should give you at least six hours of talk time. If you feel more time is needed, consider extending your standby power up to 24 hours by purchasing additional eight-hour batteries from our company for \$364.95. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1.800.417.8667.

**Have a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year!**

*ITC will be closed on
December 25 and January 1.*