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Tips for working from home

With social distancing and quarantining becoming commonplace, many have turned to telework to accomplish their assignments. It is vital to keep home networks secure. Hackers search for flaws, not only to gain access to computers and other devices at home, but also to access other networks connected to your home computer. Here are a few tips that can help protect you from their attempts:

1. Change the password on routers, especially if it is still the default password that was originally supplied with the router when purchased. Default passwords are easy to find online and can make breaking into networks easier.
2. Update virus and malware protection software. Most software updates automatically, but may need intervention to complete. Most software can be purchased, downloaded and installed online.
3. Having a wired (use of an Ethernet cable) connection to the internet will provide the best experience.
4. Use strong passwords when using Wi-Fi or other wireless connections.
5. It is recommended that passwords are at least 10 characters long and use a mix of at least 3 of the following 4 character types:
 - a. Upper case
 - b. Lower case
 - c. Special character
 - d. Number
6. Also, think of a password as a "passphrase". For example, movie quotes are easy to remember and with a little modification, can be easily typed. Clint Eastwood "kind of" said DoY0uFeel_Lucky? This example uses all 4-character types and exceeds 12 characters.
7. When possible, take advantage of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). This process requires

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August Board meeting highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met by video conference on August 27th. Highlights of that meeting follow:

- The Board approved the applications of 117 new members to the Cooperative.
- *Innovation in Schools Grants* were awarded to:
 - ~ House Municipal Schools for \$5,000 to purchase computer equipment.
 - ~ Clayton Municipal Schools for \$4,445.40 to purchase an online learning software subscription.
- A grant was approved through the *Nuestros Vecinos-Our Neighbors Grant Program* to the Headquarters Restaurant in Mosquero for \$9,226.23 for business expansion.
- A construction status report was presented to the Board and included:
 - ~ Certain projects were completed in the El Valle and Mosquero exchanges.
 - ~ Work continues on other projects in the Clayton, Conchas Dam, El Valle, Logan, San Jon, Santa Rosa and Weber City exchanges.
 - ~ Construction continues on a fiber upgrade in Villanueva.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis or by video conference.

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Monthly survey winners

Customers receiving a \$25 credit in this month's survey drawing include:

- Shirley Vandiver, Fort Sumner, NM
- Melissa Burson, Roswell, NM
- Tim Barela, Clovis, NM
- Roy Kosier, Clovis, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.



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MyPlateau.net is just one of the many examples of Plateau's commitment to local communities and the Cooperative membership.

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at least two forms of identification to gain access to accounts. Many online sites offer this function in the form of emails, text messages or phone calls to users to provide a code in addition to a password. Hackers may have access to a password, but are unlikely to retrieve a code sent to a phone.

8. When away from your device for more than a few minutes:
 - a. Lock your computer.
 - b. Disconnect any Remote Desktop (RDP) sessions.
 - c. Disconnect from any Virtual Private Network (VPN) sessions.

Protecting your home network could seem like a daunting task, but adopting these tips can help. Best practices for everyone are to remain vigilant and aware at all times when online.



Classified ads

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For Sale by Owner – Sweet 3.8 acre lot on the Santa Fe Trail, Tecolote, NM off I-25. 50 minutes from downtown Santa Fe. \$27,500. Email ojos@owldancer.net.

Sold! – Big Mesa Avenue, Conchas Dam, New Mexico. Just under one acre with septic \$60,000. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

For Sale in Logan – Lake view lot. Green spaces east and west. State park west. Private. 1.67 acres \$99,900. Broker “Deanna” 1.575.487.3434.

For Sale – Sumner Lake, River Ranches Estates. Two lots just over 20 acres each. \$18,000 per lot. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

For Sale – Boat Dock Drive, Conchas, New Mexico. Choice of three lots close to shoreline. Utilities nearby. Starting at \$32,000. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

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For Sale – 0 Mesita Pass Road, Cuervo, New Mexico. Just over 148 acres in Mesita Ranch Subdivision. Great homesite and grazing for cattle and horses. Beautiful mesa views. Just under 10 miles from I-40. \$85,000. Big Mesa Realty 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

For Sale – Sumner Lake, TBD State Road 203, River Ranches Estate Lot 4, \$25,000. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

Sold! – Big Mesa Avenue, Conchas Dam, New Mexico. Choice of 3 lots with one just over 4 acres. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

For Sale – 1130 Aguila Road, Cuervo New Mexico. 56.6 acres at foot of Cuervo Mesa at east end of townsite with 3 bedroom, 1 bath home and corrals. 18 miles to Santa Rosa \$85,000. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

For Sale – 1102 S Saratoga, Tucumcari, 1.5 acres vacant land on US 54 between Tucumcari Boulevard and I-40. Commercial potential. \$20000. Big Mesa Realty, 1.575.456.2000, Paul Stout, Broker, NMREL 17843, 1.575.760.5461, <http://www.bigmesarealty.com>.

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Upcoming Events

As most community events in September and October have been postponed, here are a few celebrations that can take place within the recommended government guidelines implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

September 17 Constitution Day – On September 17th, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time in Philadelphia to sign the document they had created. All Americans are encouraged to observe this important day in our nation's history.

September 22 Autumn Equinox – Considered the first day of autumn. On this day, day and night are nearly equal in length. Moving forward, nighttime becomes longer, and the light of day grows shorter until December 21st, when the trend reverses itself.

September 24 Board of Directors Meeting – The Cooperative's Board of Directors meet in regular session at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis or by video conference.

September 26 Johnny Appleseed Day – John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed, was an American pioneer nurseryman who introduced apple trees to the Midwest. He became an American legend, due to his kind, generous ways, his leadership in conservation and the symbolic importance he attributed to apples.

October 4 National Taco Day – Last year, Americans ate over 4.5 billion tacos! That's 490,000 miles of tacos, which would reach to the moon and back. Consider the countless variations you can create using traditional meats or with seafood, chicken, beans, cheese and eggs.

October 4 to 10 Fire Prevention Week – Did you know that cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries? The National Fire Prevention Association has resources available on their website at <http://www.nfpa.org> to prevent fire tragedies in your home.

October 12 National Farmer's Day – In the midst of harvest-season, October 12th pays tribute to American farmers who provide the nation with food and contribute to the nation's economy in numerous ways.

October 13 Navy Birthday – The United States Navy was originally established as the Continental Navy in 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. Originally sponsored by the Navy League in 1922, Navy Day is designed to give recognition to the naval service.