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## When to Reboot Your Router and When to Replace it

It may seem simple, but one of the easiest ways to fix a wide variety of technical issues is to simply reboot (or restart) the device, including your router. This is because routers are like small computers that use memory, a processor and an operating system. And like your desktop or laptop computer, routers also benefit from a fresh start every now and then.

For example, if your internet service goes down at your home, the first thing to try is to reboot your wireless router. It's a quick process that will often take care of the problem:

1. Unplug your router from its power outlet (don't just turn it off)
2. Wait about a minute, then plug it back in.
3. Allow the device a minute or two to turn back on.

If your Wi-Fi problems persist, it might be time for you to buy a new router. With the increasing number of internet-connected devices in homes today, "old school" router technology may not be up to the demands. That router you purchased many years ago may not be equipped for your home's current Wi-Fi network load.

Another factor to consider is the speed of your internet service. Some older routers have a speed cap limiting the maximum internet speed possible, which means your outdated router may be preventing you from receiving the full speed of your Internet plan.

## Directory Photo Contest Winner



Janelle Perdue of Britt is our Directory Cover photo contest winner. Her award was to choose her charity of choice to receive a \$500 donation. The donation was made to Britt American Legion.

## Caramel Apple Nachos

- 3-4 gala apples
- 3-4 granny smith apples
- 1/2 package Kraft caramels or ice cream caramel topping
- 1 Tbsp water
- white chocolate (vanilla) candy coating
- mini chocolate chips
- Heath toffee bits



Please Heath bits and mini chips in separate bowls. It's important to have these all ready so they can be sprinkled on as soon as the caramel and white chocolate are on.

Cut ziploc bag at the corner. This will be for the white chocolate for you to drizzle on.

Cut your apples right before working on candy coating and caramel so they do not brown. Place on your prepared dish.

Unwrap caramels and place in small pot with 1 Tbsp water. heat on low-medium temp until melted. (or if you opt to use ice cream topping, skip this step)

At the same time, melt white chocolate by placing candy coating in a small pot on low heat and stirring constantly until melted and smooth. Place in ziploc bag with cut corner as soon as it's done.

Drizzle white chocolate and caramel on as soon as they are melted and smooth. Sprinkle toppings (toffee and mini chips) immediately.

Serve immediately.

*Enjoy!*

It will soon be harvest season. Please slow down and be aware of slow moving equipment. Wishing everyone a safe harvest season!



## Slow down: School is back in session!



School days bring congestion. Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when

kids are present - especially before and after school.

If you are dropping off, please observe specific drop-off procedures of the school. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School Program.

The following applies to all school zones:

- Don't double park - it blocks the visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Car pool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

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