

Methownet, LLC – Connecting the Methow Valley since 1995

Newsletter, March 2025



## Hey You Guys!

Hey Everybody! Remember Rita Moreno hollering this at the start of Electric Company? If not, I'll set the scene: Her character, Millie the Helper, was enthusiastically excited to start the work. That phrase perfectly captures what is happening at Methownet right now. We're ready to start the work!

#### What's New

- ✤ We've updated our Methownet.com website to make information easier to find
- The updated fiber section includes images and installation information
- \* The "New Service" link in the fiber portal shows an updated map of the project areas
- Check our group photo with fun hats from Ada's collection of headgear

#### Fiber Project Status

- Downtown Winthrop to Uptown Mazama estimated complete by 2026
  - \$12 million, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
  - Utility One crews are in the area, beginning work in downtown Winthrop.
- East Chewuch estimated complete by 2026
  - Connects emergency responders Smokejumper Base and USFS fire camps
  - \$5 million, funded by the Public Works Board (PWB)
  - Loan approved by OCEC Board. Network design underway.
- Winthrop to Twisp, the rest of the story
  - Jan 30 Application submitted for Broadband Equity and Access Deployment (BEAD) grant funds
  - Fingers crossed! There were 307 applicants for 180 project areas across Washington State.
    When we hear more, we will let you know!

### **Online Security**

Digital Discovery Workshops are an opportunity to learn more about how to access your information online, and how to protect your privacy. The first workshop is Online Banking and Accessing Medical Records, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm at the Wenatchee Valley College Computer Lab. <u>Register online here.</u>

As always, we are here to help. Call anytime. We appreciate you! Methownet, LLC 509-996-2022



# DIGITAL DISCOVERY SERIES Class #1- Online Banking and Accessing Medical Records

# March 19th, 2025

Time 3-6 pm

Wenatchee Valley College Computer Lab 116 West Apple Ave. Omak, WA If you are interested in attending this class or future classes, please follow the link or QR code below:



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