



GRAND MOUND PHONET NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter Published for our Customers

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Check out our Website on the Internet:

<http://www.gmtel.net>

We have added 2 new links for road condition updates and additional links especially for Parents and Kids, plus numerous media links.

You can automatically make GMTel.net your Homepage by going to our website and clicking on "[Click Here to Make GMTel.net Your Homepage](#)". Located under the GMTel.net News! section in blue letters.

Or you can manually click on "Tools" in your Internet program, then click on "Internet Options" in the drop down box, then click the "General" tab. Enter our web address: <http://www.gmtel.net> (all in lower case) in the address window. Click "Use Current", then "Apply" and then "O.K." at the bottom of the window.

If you have any problems making GMTel.net your Homepage, our **Technical Support (1-866-847-4638)** would be glad to help you make the change.

TECH TIP

When burning or mowing ditches, be aware of telephone pedestals and equipment. You may not only damage the equipment and cables, but vital emergency services could be cut off to your neighbors or yourself.

GMCTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 8, 2003

The Annual Meeting of the members of Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association will be on March 8, 2003.

The meeting will be held at the Grand Mound Community Center beginning with a 12:00 noon luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The business meeting will be for the purpose of electing directors and transacting other business as necessary.

The official notice of the meeting was mailed to the members of GMCTA on February 24, 2003.



SOLAR INTERFERENCE

During the month of March, we will be experiencing solar interference during which degradation or loss of Satellite signal will occur on our CATV system. This will occur between the hours of 2:00-4:00 p.m. for approximately 10 days.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!



Call Before You Dig!
1-800-292-8989

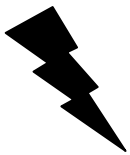
Notification service for locating underground

Spring and summer are just around the corner. Of course, that means the digging season is knocking at our door.

Please call Iowa One Call at
1-800-292-8989

to have the underground facilities located and marked. Call 48 hours in advance of digging and remember that

IT'S THE LAW!



THUNDERSTORMS.....



...AND COMPUTERS

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. We know from past experience that we are fast approaching the thunderstorm season. As an important reminder to you, during a thunderstorm, it would be wise to unplug your modem from the power and phone line. This is a good practice to keep you connected and trouble-free rather than getting fried with unnecessary repairs.

...AND TELEPHONES

Phones dead after a storm? Before calling the telephone office to generate a trouble ticket, you can do some simple checks of your own. Unplug your answering machine, cordless phone, computer modem, fax machine or regular phones one at a time from the phone jack. When plugging back in one at a time, check to see if you get a dial tone, if not, then you have found the equipment with the short. If no such luck, then call the telephone office. Remember, you can save us time and yourself money.

NETWORKINGS

Have you ever been in or watching a chat room or received an instant message or text message from someone that seemed to be in its own foreign language? People are using text messaging abbreviations as a fast and simple way to communicate with others on the Internet. Now, you can learn what those abbreviations mean and print out your very own listing by going on the Internet to:

www.webopedia.com/quick_ref/textmessageabbreviations.asp

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND UPDATES

-B-

Brown, Tim.....847-1428

-H-

Hafner, Bryan (Fax).....847-1286

-P-

Petersen, David & Susan.....847-1542

Long Distance Plans From

Grand Mound Cooperative
Telephone Association

Grand Mound Coop. Telephone Assn. now offers two long distance service plans that can help you save money and get connected.

14-Cent Plan (GMT LD 3A Plan)

- Ideal for households that use less than 100 minutes of long distance per month
- 14-cents per minute
- No monthly service charge
- Rate applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to calls anywhere in the United States

10-Cent Plan (GMT LD 4A Plan)

- 10-cents a minute
- \$3.95 monthly service charge
- Rate applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to call anywhere in the United States.

For more information on these Long
Distance/Toll Plans
contact

Grand Mound Coop. Telephone Assn.
at 847-3000.



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