



GRAND MOUND PHONET NEWSLETTER

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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.

WIRELESS INTERNET UPGRADES

Sometime in March, Grand Mound Communications Co. will be installing two more repeater sites for wireless Internet.

One will be at Crystal Lake to serve the residents there and the other at Schmidt Farms (3357 220th St.) to serve residents north and east of there.

Remember -- If you know of someone who would like high speed Internet and we can give them service, just have them tell us that you referred them to us to receive a \$20.00 credit on your service.

Prolong The Life Of Your Wireless Battery

- The talk time and charging capacity of a battery are affected by extreme temperatures. Temperature extremes may also cause momentary loss of the screen.
- The ideal temperature for a wireless phone battery is between 59 and 77 degrees.
- A battery left in a hot place, such as in a closed car in the summer, reduces the capacity and lifetime of the battery and the electronic device. Also, high temperatures can warp or melt certain plastic.
- Batteries not being used should be completely discharged and stored in a cool, dark and dry place. If you do not use your battery for two months or longer, you will need to put the battery through two to five charge/discharge cycles to achieve efficient battery life.
- A battery's performance is limited in temperature below 32 degrees.
- Do not leave the battery connected to a charger for a long period of time. Overcharging may result in reduced battery performance and cause a drop in voltage.

GMCTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 8, 2008

The Annual Meeting of the members of Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association will be on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

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 will be mailed to the members of GMCTA on March 1, 2008.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!



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

Notification service for locating underground

Or Dial 811

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

811

or

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!

GMTel.net Now Has Web Hosting and Email Hosting Available!!

Web Hosting:

Need a reliable source for hosting your website? For only \$14.95 a month, GMTel securely hosts your website on our high-speed server for anyone surfing the Internet. Our "WebStandard" web hosting plan includes 75MB of space, domain hosting, 10 email addresses with your domain name (example: *jane@yourcompany.com*), FTP access, Forms, CGI Programs and Java, and Unlimited Aliases. As long as you have Internet access (with any Internet Service Provider), this service is easy to set up, maintain and the monthly cost is minimal.

Email Hosting:

If you'd like to use your own domain name (example: *john@yourcompany.com*) for your company's email and don't need web hosting, GMTel has "WebMail Plus" available. It eliminates the need for expensive mail servers at your business. You'll receive up to 15 email addresses for \$15.00 per month (more email address options are available, if needed) with your own domain name. As long as you have Internet access (with any Internet Service Provider), this service is easy to set up and maintain. So give it a try.

For a registration form or more information, call Grand Mound Communications Co. at 847-3000 or visit our web site at www.gmtel.net and click on "Web Site Services" under the "Quick Link" Guide.

Create 'strong' passwords!

Think of your computer passwords as if they were keys to your home and everything you own. Given their importance, it makes sense to create strong ones. Here's what to do:

MAKE IT LENGTHY. Each character added to your password increases the protection. It should be at least 8 characters.

COMBINE LETTERS, NUMBERS AND SYMBOLS. The greater variety of characters that you have in your password, the harder it is to guess.

AVOID SEQUENCES OR REPEATED CHARACTERS. Passwords such as "12345678" or "22222" are not secure.

HAVE DIFFERENT PASSWORDS FOR DIFFERENT PLACES. Create passwords for any online transaction where your credit is at stake, and one "lightweight" password for online resources like magazines and newspapers.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND UPDATES

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Campbell, Dennis & Kristin
2457 Hwy 30 DeWitt.....847-1955

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Hansen, Brad & Crystal
911 Fulton St Grand Mound...847-1604

For *Internet* related problems call:

**GMTel.net's Technical Support
1-866-847-4638.**

They are available to help you 24 / 7.

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&
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March 21st.



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