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GMCTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 8, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the members of Grand Mound
Cooperative Telephone Association will be on Saturday,
March 8, 2014.

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 February 28, 2014.



Did you know.... that it took 38 years for the radio to reach 50
million users, 13 years for TV, and only 5 years for Internet and that
Sweden has the highest percentage (75%) of Internet users?

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!



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TOP FIVE INTERNET SECURITY TIPS

1. Delete spam messages without opening them or replying to them.
2. Use great caution when clicking on links sent to you in e-mail or text messages.
3. Do not open e-mail attachments unless you know the sender and you're expecting the attachment.
4. Create strong passwords. Use different passwords for your online banking accounts.
5. Make sure you use a firewall, as well as antivirus and antispyware software that is automatically updated.

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**BEWARE OF SALES CALLS
DISGUISED AS SURVEYS**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) says they have received numerous complaints from individuals who report receiving deceptive sales calls. The callers identify themselves with Political Opinions of America and ask you to participate in a brief survey, usually consisting of about three questions. After answering the questions, the individual is transferred to someone offering them a bonus for participating in the survey — usually a sales pitch for a time-share disguised as a “free vacation.”

The FTC warns that if the purpose of the call is to try to sell something — even if it includes a survey — it is telemarketing and all Do Not Call Registry rules apply.

If you believe a call violates the FTC rules against telemarketing, you can file a complaint by calling 888-382-1222 or go to donotcall.gov.

SecureIT Plus

Get a fully managed anti-virus/anti-spyware software package that protects your PC, controls the sites your kids visit, provides hard-drive maintenance plus sends you a monthly newsletter.

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**SUN OUTAGES
COULD BE HEADED OUR WAY**

Every spring and fall, usually during March and September, television viewers encounter a brief inconvenience known as sun interference. Sun interference occurs when a satellite transmitting TV signals comes directly between the earth and sun. The rays from the sun are so strong that they over-power the satellite's signals and cause channel outages.

For roughly 2-3 weeks during these periods, television signals may be interrupted or lost during the sunniest part of the day, between 1 pm and 4 p.m. These interferences range from minor freezing or sparkles to a complete loss of signal, but usually only last 5 to 15 minutes.

Since signals are received from many different satellites, sun interferences may occur at different times on different channels.

Sun outages are a short-term problem and are not cable outages. There is no need to report an outage caused by the sun to our office.

WARNING! With the spring storms soon to be approaching, remember to have a good surge protector installed on your computer/phone line or unplug power cords during the electrical storm to protect your computer.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND UPDATES

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