



GRAND MOUND PHONET NEWSLETTER

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WANT TO KEEP YOUR LONG DISTANCE LOCAL AND ALL ON ONE BILL???



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

- **Grand Mound Coop. Telephone Assn. now offers several long distance service plans that can help you save money and get connected.**
- **By having your long distance billed locally through GMCTA, you'll receive patronage dividends on your long distance charges.**
- **You'll have the convenience of having everything on one bill and having to only write one check.**

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

GMT LD STATE PLANS

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| • State 100 (minutes) | 5.00 / mo. |
| • State 250 | 12.50 |
| • State 500 | 25.00 |
| • State 750 | 37.50 |
| • State 1000 | 50.00 |

(Additional minutes available upon request.)

\$0.00 per minute/Intrastate

\$0.10 per minute/Interstate

\$0.10 per minute overage on minutes

GMT LD NATIONAL PLANS

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|--------------------------|------------|
| • National 100 (minutes) | 7.00 / mo. |
| • National 250 | 17.50 |
| • National 500 | 35.00 |
| • National 750 | 52.50 |
| • National 1000 | 70.00 |

(Additional minutes available upon request.)

\$0.00 per minute/Intrastate & Interstate

\$0.10 per minute overage on minutes

Available only for the 847 Telephone Exchange

For more information on these long distance plans,
contact **Grand Mound Coop. Telephone Assn.**

at 847-3000.



PAYMENT INFO...

- ❖ Payments are due on the 20th of each month. After the 20th, accounts are considered past due.
- ❖ Accounts with past due balances are subject to a \$1.00 late payment charge.
- ❖ Please include the bill stub with your payment so your account will be accurately credited.
- ❖ For your convenience, GMCTA & GMCC offers Automatic Bank Deductions. Payments can be taken automatically out of your checking account.
- ❖ There is a drop box at the GMCTA/GMCC business office for after-hours payments.

Holiday Closing

Grand Mound Coop. Telephone
&
Grand Mound Communications
will be closed on

Monday, September 6th
for the 'Labor Day' holiday.

We will reopen on Tuesday,
September 7th
at our normal time.

**Have a Safe & Enjoyable
Labor Day Weekend!**



HAS SPYWARE TAKEN OVER YOUR COMPUTER?

Without your knowing it, your computer may be infested by another online plague called "spyware". Spyware is defined as software using an Internet connection in the background without your knowledge. Spyware isn't a single type of software. The term covers a diverse range of applications. A few, indeed, spy by logging your every keystroke and transmitting it over the Internet. Others run secretly, serving ads, slowing your computer's performance, and destabilizing your operating system. Spyware can seize control of your browser's home page, impose pop-up ads, or redirect you from Web sites you select to their competitors.

Spyware often infiltrates itself into a machine by piggybacking on seemingly innocent downloads of software from Web sites. It may be bundled with free software, including music- and movie-sharing programs.

Spyware can also exploit security weaknesses in an operating system or browser. Like spam, spyware is often used by third-party marketers associated with reputable companies whose products they are peddling.

Safe online practices can help prevent spyware from invading your computer. Two of the most recommended antispymware softwares available can be downloaded for free from their respective websites. The first is Lavasoft Ad-aware 6 Standard available at www.lavasoftusa.com. The second is Spybot-Search & Destroy available at www.safer-networking.org.



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NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND UPDATES

-B-

Brun, Susan.....847-1142

-C-

Caves, Korey.....847-1240
Clauer, Bud.....847-1506

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Dohrmann, Ron & Carol.....847-1747

-E-

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-J-

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-P-

Potter, Melody (Computer).....847-1305

-S-

Schlimmer, Tony & Sarah.....847-1128
Stutt, Hobart.....847-6187

-W-

Walker, Ronna.....847-1148

5 WAYS TO AVOID SPYWARE

- Download and install software only from online sources you trust. Be wary of free music and movie file-sharing programs. Exercise caution with ad-supported applications, particularly if the ad component is provided by a third party. Close windows containing pop-up ads or unexpected warnings only by closing the entire window, not by clicking within the window.
- When installing software, read the license agreement before clicking on Agree or OK. Read any privacy statements. If those are difficult to find or include questionable practices, abort the installation by closing the window in which it's occurring. But don't try to close it by clicking Yes or I Accept.
- Adjust your Web browser software's security settings. If you use Microsoft Internet Explorer 6, keep its security level at medium or higher to block Web sites from downloading a file without your authorization.
- Use updated antispymware software to scan your hard drive regularly. Always download it from a trusted site, either the vendor's or one you know well.
- Learn more about spyware at www.spywareguide.com.