GRAND MOUND PHONET NEWSLETTER

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GMTel.net 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. Other plans are also available.

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 "Internet Services".

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.

GMCTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 12, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the members of Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association will be on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

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, 2011.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

IOWA ONE CALL

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!

NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH GRAND MOUND COOP. TELEPHONE AND GRAND MOUND COMMUNICATIONS CO.!

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.

Online Backup

Features 50GB and 250GB storage points for Windows and Mac. After initial backup, this service automatically begins safeguarding your family photos and documents that matter most plus it can be used on multiple computers.

Password Genie

Designed for security and convenience, this password management tool works across multiple computers and users. Easily save all your usernames and passwords in one securely protected location and accessible only by you. Password Genie automatically logs you into your favorite sites saving you time by remembering all your passwords so you don't have to.

24/7 SecurityCoverage Technical Support available with all three of these services!

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 two weeks during these periods, television signals may be interrupted or lost during the sunniest part of the day, between noon and 3 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.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND UPDATES

-C-

Chuck's Body Shop
708 Clinton St Grand Mound.....847-1600

-S-

Starr, Randy
405 Jensen St Grand Mound.....847-5090

-V-

Vickers, Nick & Molly
2226 220 St Grand Mound.....847-1190

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.

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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