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A Monthly Newsletter for the GBT Communities and Patrons

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July has arrived which means family, friends, fireworks, food, festivals and of course, lots of fun! Flags are flying high and fireworks will light up the sky this month. But let's not forget to take time and appreciate the freedom we enjoy every day. As we celebrate our nation's freedom, we honor the courageous men and women who made freedom possible, and those dedicated to preserving it!

New Faces at GBT

Summer is now in full swing, which brings several new and returning faces to GBT in the form of summer help. We are excited to have Alyssa Wierman working alongside our Customer Experience Representatives. This is her third summer working at GBT; Alyssa will be a Senior at Bethany College in the fall, majoring in Music Education.

Also joining us for his second summer with GBT is Kolin Klozenbucher. Kolin recently graduated from Fort Hays University with a Masters in Biology and has been accepted into the Microbiology PHD Program at K-State University this fall. Kolin will be working with our technicians in the field this summer.

There are two new faces around the Rush Center office this summer; Kacee Klozenbucher is from LaCrosse and recently graduated from LaCrosse High School in May, and she will be attending Washburn University in the fall majoring in Biology with intentions of becoming a Physician. While at Washburn, Kacee will compete on the track and field team as a heptathlete. Kacee will be working alongside our Marketing and Public Relations team this summer.

Curtis Renz is from Rush Center and is currently attending Fort Hays University majoring in Organizational Leadership. He is the head Tennis Coach at Hays High School. Curtis will be working alongside our technicians in the field.

This month is very busy for GBT, and we invite you to visit us at any of our many events throughout the area. Read about the new faces we welcome to our team, the student from St. John that GBT sent to Washington DC, and an Amazon scam to be aware of. Make sure to check out this month's promotion on page 2 for more information on our new speeds and pricing for Internet service.

We hope you have a safe and cool July!



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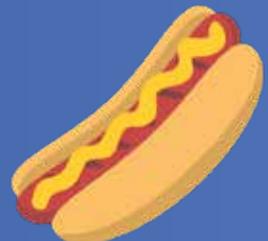
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FREE HOT DOG FEED

Join GBT at the Ness County Fair
 5:30pm Thursday 7/26



July

Directory Updates

BAZINE

Drew Pfannenstiel 398-2139

GARFIELD

Kolby Pavlu 569-2244
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GBT Trivia

**June's Trivia Winner:
Matthew Oetken – Otis**

June's Newsletter Trivia Question answer was: GBT headquarters moved from LaCrosse to Rush Center in 1975. Matthew won a \$25 bill credit from GBT just for playing!



If you have issues with your devices connecting to the Internet wirelessly in all areas of your home or business, what is the new service that GBT offers that could help with that specific issue? *HINT: It was in the May Newsletter.*

E-mail us by the 10th of the month at marketing@gbtlive.com with the answer to the trivia question, and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 bill credit on your next GBT bill!



4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Stars & Stripes
LET FREEDOM RING
AMERICA
sweet land of liberty
RED ★ WHITE ★ BLUE
PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN
GOD BLESS THE USA

Wonder Why Your Internet Seems Slower Now Than One Year Ago? Internet Usage Up 18% From Last Year

In a Typical Minute,

- Google conducts 3,877,140 searches
- Americans stream 97,222 hours of video on Netflix
- YouTube users watch 4,333,560 videos
- 400 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube

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Amazon Scam Email

A warning from the Better Business Bureau; don't click the link. Scammers are flooding email boxes with phony emails appearing to be from Amazon.com. Clicking the link may infect your computer with a virus and you could be putting your private information in the hands of crooks.

If you've noticed strange emails from Amazon.com, don't click any links or attachments. It's not just the average consumers getting the phony emails; they have even made it into inboxes of employees at GBT.

The Better Business Bureau warns it's a trick to get your personal information. Crooks have put some effort into making the emails look like legitimate Amazon emails. They come complete with a shipping confirmation number, an itemized rundown of the fake purchase, and even an estimated delivery date. The BBB says the emails have gone nationwide. The organization is spreading the word, hoping to catch consumers before they get fooled.

On the real Amazon website, there's a warning about these type of emails and what you should look out for. The company even provides a place to report fraudulent emails. It reminds consumers legitimate Amazon emails will never ask for personal information, like a social security number, credit card number, or your Amazon password. Grammatical errors should also raise red flags. You should also know that Amazon emails will never ask you to verify account information by clicking a link.

If you get one of these emails, the best thing to do is delete it. If you've done business with Amazon and are concerned about an email, contact the company directly or go to its website. The BBB is not sure who is behind the emails. Amazon states it takes these phishing scams seriously and is determined to crack down on those responsible.

FRS Youth Tour Winner

A free trip to Washington, DC, does not come along every day, but for one student, it became a reality! Through its association with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), Golden Belt Telephone sponsored one student to attend the FRS Youth Tour, June 2-6, 2018. Students apply by written application, which includes an essay describing the rural community they live in and how it influenced the person they have become. This year's winner was Cashe McVey, who joined nearly 100 other students from across the country at the FRS Youth Tour. Cashe, an upcoming Senior at St. John High School, is the son of Amy McVey.

Youth tour participants receive a first-hand glimpse at how the legislative and regulatory decisions made in Washington, DC affect how their local service providers operate in their own hometowns. The trip features a comprehensive overview of the communications industry and the critical role communications plays in rural America. In addition to the educational component, the Youth Tour also introduces students to various historical landmarks.



SEEKING *Recipes*

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, send it to marketing@gbtlive.com.

2019 Directory Advertising

Summer may be just beginning, but we are already starting to prepare our 2019 Directory. This month Geno Reddick, directory advertising sales representative, will be canvassing the GBT area selling and renewing advertising. Geno has many years of experience and will be glad to assist you in making the best selection for your business. If you are interested in advertising with the GBT Directory and would like to visit with Geno, please call our office for an appointment.



Cinnamon Pecan Granola

Submitted by Emily George - Albert

Ingredients:

- 2 C. Old Fashioned Oats
- 1 C. Chopped Pecans
- 3 TBSP Olive Oil
- 2 TBSP Warm Honey
- 2 tsp. Cinnamon

Directions:

Toss Together and place on jelly-roll pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes, or until toasted, stirring once. Store in cool, dry place.

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