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OFFICE CLOSURES

November 11 for Veterans Day
 November 26 and 27
 for Thanksgiving
 December 25 for Christmas

**CATCH THIS
 MOUSE TO WIN!**



This mouse is hiding in a photo somewhere in this newsletter. Find it and call your local GRM Networks office with the photo description to be entered in our "Mouse for Money" drawing for \$5.00 off your next bill. Good luck and we look forward to hearing from you! Congratulations to Carol Runyan, Larry Starmer, Village of Blythedale, Bruse Provance and Douglas Mounce for catching the mouse in our last issue!



GRM Networks is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Three Directors Re-elected at 2015 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of shareholders of GRM Networks was held August 26, 2015, at the GRM Networks corporate office in Princeton, MO. Reports were presented by President Gregg Davis, Secretary Bruce George, Treasurer John McCloud and CEO Ron Hinds.

Directors re-elected for three-year terms were Kyle Kelso of Weldon, IA; John McCloud of Spickard, MO; and Allan Mulnix of Bethany, MO.

GRM Networks thanks these three directors for their continued service, and also thanks everyone who attended this year's annual meeting. We look forward to what the next year will bring.

Pictured left to right: Kyle Kelso, Allan Mulnix and John McCloud





Pictured above is Jackie Patton from Princeton, MO. Jackie was the winner of the grand prize, a 32" television, at the Princeton Customer Appreciation Extravaganza.



Pictured is the grand prize winner from the Leon Customer Appreciation Extravaganza, Larry Owens of Leon, IA.

GRM NETWORKS CUSTOMER APPRECIATION EXTRAVAGANZA

The GRM Networks' Customer Appreciation Extravaganza events were held June 10 in Princeton and June 17 in Leon. The activities were from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The extended hours enabled customers who work during the day to take advantage of the special offers and tour the offices. Thank you to all those that attended the events; we appreciate your business. Our building project in Bethany is complete and a Customer Appreciation Extravaganza will be held at the Bethany Business Office on October 6, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Join us for a hamburger/hot dog cookout, register to win great prizes, watch a demonstration of Skitter TV and tour the new Business Office.

Social Networking Has Been Around Longer Than You Might Think

When you think about social networks, Facebook (which started in 2004) may come to mind first. But believe it or not, social networks have been around for decades—just in different forms.

The history of social networking can actually be traced all the way back to CompuServe—the first major commercial online service—in 1969. From there, there was an evolution that included email, the World Wide Web, instant messaging, blogs, and eventually the social networks we are so familiar with today.

More than 74 percent of today's online adults use social networking sites.¹ In fact, Facebook boasts over 1.3 billion² monthly active users and Twitter 288 million³.



New platforms and sites come online every year. Some never get traction or grow out of favor with users over time. Others change focus to stay relevant; MySpace is a good example of this. What's particularly fascinating is how slowly social networking technology began, and then how exponentially it grew over the last twenty years. Check out this timeline of social networking launches:

1971 – First email	2002 – Friendster	2010 – Pinterest, Instagram
1988 – Internet Relay Chat (first instant messaging)	2003 – LinkedIn, Skype, MySpace and WordPress	2011 – Google+
1994 – First blog	2004 – Facebook	2011 – Snapchat
1996 – ICQ instant messaging	2005 – YouTube	2012 – Vine
1997 – AOL instant messenger	2006 – Twitter	
1999 – LiveJournal and Blogger	2007 – Tumblr	



Want to connect with us on Social Media? We're on Facebook at www.facebook.com/grm.net, and on Twitter @GRMnetworks. Connect with us today to keep up on our latest news, products, promotions, and don't miss our Tech Tip Thursday!

¹ <http://www.pewinternet.org/fact-sheets/social-networking-fact-sheet/>

² <http://newsroom.fb.com/company-info/>

³ <https://about.twitter.com/company>

GRM Networks Awards 2nd Quarter 2015 Community Improvement Grants

GRM Networks has announced the 2nd Quarter 2015 GRM Networks Community Improvement Grant Program recipients. They are as follows:

1. Lineville Senior Citizens, Inc. in Lineville, IA was awarded \$500 to install shelving and cabinets in a new storage addition.
2. The Veterans of Foreign Wars – Post #7159 in Princeton, MO plans to install three steel doors at the meeting location with their \$500 grant.
3. The Lamoni Food Pantry will use their \$250 grant towards paint and new shelving for the pantry.

Since 1999, GRM Networks has awarded 211 grants to deserving community organizations in its serving territory. To apply for a GRM Networks Community Improvement Grant, visit www.grm.net or stop by any GRM Networks Business Office and pick up an application. Questions should be directed to Cindy Roy, Marketing Representative, at 660-748-2117. **The deadline for 4th Quarter Grant Applications is December 31, 2015.**



CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH

Each October, cooperatives all across America, including GRM Networks, celebrate the role, accomplishments and contributions of our nation's cooperatives.

Cooperatives uphold the internationally accepted values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. Through the member-owned and democratic process, cooperatives straightforwardly maintain these values and continue to offer goods and services that consumers feel "right" about. Co-ops don't have to answer to shareholders; they focus on meeting their members' needs.

Since 1989, over \$36,000,000 has been returned to our cooperative members in the form of capital credits. As a subscriber, you're much more than simply a customer; you're also a member of our cooperative with a stake in our future. Each time you pay for GRM Networks services, you're making an investment by providing capital in a company that you and your neighbors actually own. Put simply—our success is your success.

Stay tuned on our Facebook and Twitter page each Monday in October to learn more about cooperatives and National Co-op Month.



Pictured from left to right are GRM Networks Combination Technician Gregg Widner; Lineville Senior Citizens, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer Karen Quick; GRM Networks CSR Cinthia Cridlebaugh and Lineville Senior Citizens, Inc. President Marvin Rockhold.



Pictured from left to right are GRM Networks Combination Technician Kris Seymour, Commander Ruth Ann Shipp and GRM Networks CSR Donna Lutzen.



Pictured from left to right are Lamoni Food Pantry Director Gwen Simpson, GRM Networks CSR Dora Marcus and Connie Kirkpatrick.

**PLEASE JOIN OUR
"PASS IT ON" DRIVE
IN NOVEMBER**

New for November, GRM Networks will conduct the first annual "Pass It On" Food, Toy & Clothing Drive in conjunction with Green Hills Community Action Agency in Missouri and SCICAP in Iowa. Customers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items, new toys (not wrapped and still in the box) or new clothing items (with tags) to our Business Offices starting November 1.

For each item donated, GRM Networks will credit your account \$1, with a maximum credit of \$10 per membership. Bring in your items, GRM Networks will pass the items on to those in need and post a bill credit to your account.

12 DAYS OF GIVEAWAYS!

The holiday season is quickly approaching, so mark your calendars for our 12 days of Giveaways! From December 7 through 22 on our Facebook page, you will have the chance to win great daily prizes! (No, they won't include a partridge in a pear tree!)

A total of 12 prizes will be awarded with the Grand Prize of an iPad Air to be given away on December 23! Go to the GRM Networks website at www.grm.net/12daysrules for all the details and contest rules. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited.

Good luck and happy holidays!



Study This **MATH LESSON**



**It's simple arithmetic:
When you add TV,
Internet, and phone
services together in
one of GRM Networks'
Triple Play Bundles,
you can save up to
10% each month.**



EXTRA CREDIT:

Sign up for a NEW 3-year Skitter TV contract and get:

1. A \$20 rebate
2. Free installation on up to 2 TVs
3. A free gift (while supplies last)

Act fast—offer ends October 30, 2015.
Dial 777 today and mention promo code 123Bill.
Visit www.grm.net/skittertv for more information.

All plans require a landline connection. Non-broadband DSL customers must pay a \$21 monthly DSL charge. Skitter TV is not available in all locations. Call for availability. Taxes, fees and a Skitter TV monthly maintenance charge apply. The channel lineup is subject to change based on program availability.