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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 the LTC 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 Ryan Taylor and Diane Cole for catching the mouse in our last issue!



LTC Networks is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

October is for Computer Learning and National Cyber Security Awareness

The Computer Learning Foundation (CLF) established October as Computer Learning Month to encourage children and adults to be responsible users of technology. It's a great reminder for all of us to expand our knowledge of computers, explore new applications, learn additional skills, and share our experiences with others. To accomplish these goals, we encourage you to check out the many online resources available.

October is also National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). Now in its 12th year, NCSAM is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cyber security in order to increase the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. NCSAM has been formally recognized by Congress; federal, state and local governments; and leaders from industry and academia. This united effort is necessary to maintain a cyberspace that is safer and more resilient, and one that remains a source of tremendous opportunity and growth for years to come.

Each Thursday in October, LTC Networks will be giving you cyber security tips on our Facebook and Twitter pages. You can also follow and use the hashtag #cyberaware on Twitter throughout the month.

For more information, visit www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam or www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month.





Pictured from left to right are Ron Craven, the winner of the 32" television grand prize, and LTC Networks Combination Technician Ryan Best.

LTC NETWORKS' CUSTOMER APPRECIATION EXTRAVAGANZA

The LTC Networks' Customer Appreciation Extravaganza was held July 22 in Lathrop at the Goppert Community Building. The activities, which included Skitter TV demonstrations, took place from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. These extended hours enabled customers that worked during the day to take advantage of the special offers, free treats, and goodie bags offered during the event.

Thank you to everyone that attended the LTC Networks' Customer Appreciation Extravaganza. We greatly appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you again next year.

ENHANCE SECURITY AND GAIN PEACE OF MIND

GRM Networks offers surveillance camera systems for your home, farm, and business needs. Use one of our systems to monitor your property while you're away, keep an eye on calving heifers, or deter malicious activity at your business. Contact Amy Clapham at 660-748-2110 today to get a custom quote!



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:

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| 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>

Free TED Talks Offer Lots of Bright Ideas from Bright People

TED (www.ted.com) offers free knowledge from some of the world's smartest minds. It's a free and convenient way for anyone of any age to keep learning through engaging content, usually delivered in the form of powerful talks lasting 18 minutes or less.

In 1984, the Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) conference began to build its global community. Today TED is an organization devoted to spreading great ideas. TED is nonprofit and nonpartisan, and its focus is on making great ideas accessible and sparking conversation. Watching TED talks online is a great way to improve your education, expand your mind, and learn for free.

TED welcomes speakers and listeners from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world, and its collection of knowledge just keeps growing. You can explore a wide range of subjects from science to business to health to global issues. Search by topic or video duration, and sort by categories including Newest, Most Viewed, Jaw-Dropping, Funny, Inspiring, and Ingenious. Here's a sampling of some of the most-viewed TED talks:

- Your body language shapes who you are
- The surprising science of happiness
- Hidden miracles of the natural world
- 10 top time-saving tech tips
- How to make work-life balance work
- The power of introverts
- How to live before you die
- Why do we sleep?
- Every kid needs a champion

For a full list of topics and to view the 1,900+ talks available online, go to www.TED.com/talks. TED now offers mobile apps as well, making its knowledge base accessible while you're on the go.

Are you experiencing buffering when you watch TED Talks or other videos? That's a sign you probably need a faster Internet connection. Call us at 816-528-4211 to learn about our current speeds and prices.



PLEASE JOIN OUR "PASS IT ON" DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

New for November, LTC Networks will be conducting the first annual "Pass It On" Food, Toy & Clothing Drive in conjunction with Green Hills Community Action Agency. 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 Goppert Financial Bank starting November 1.

For each item donated, LTC Networks will credit your account \$1 with a maximum credit of \$10 per each membership. You simply bring in your items to donate to Goppert Financial Bank. LTC Networks will then pass the items on to those in need and post the corresponding bill credit to your account.

The "Pass It On" Food, Toy & Clothing Drive is a great new way to make our community better. Spread the word and pass it on!





**COMING IN DECEMBER:
12 DAYS OF GIVEAWAYS**

The holiday season is quickly approaching, so mark your calendars for our 12 days of Giveaways! From December 7 through December 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 during 12 days of Giveaways, with the Grand Prize of an iPad Air to be given away on December 23!

Go to the LTC 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!



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Triple Play Bundles,
you can save up to
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