



The Connection

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Scholarships for Seniors

We will soon be sending our information for annual scholarships for Guthrie Center high school seniors.

Scholarships are available from Guthrie Center Communications, Iowa Network Services and the Foundation for Rural Service.

Check with your school's guidance counselor or call our office for more information as the school year proceeds.

Directory Listings

Is your home or business listing correct in our directory? If not, please contact us now to make the correction for next year's book.

New Listings

- Kirk & Abby Davis 332-2731
- Lori Hix 332-2181
- Tammy Holmes..... 332-2122
- Dorothy Evans 332-2301
- Jeremy & Brittani Kinney 332-2672
- Jason Lacey 332-2045
- Norma Schmeling 332-2748
- Heather Scott..... 332-2712
- Brian Stamper..... 332-2180
- Timber Creek Therapies . 747-3225



In the Moment

Get a 10% Discount on ALL Services

when you have High Speed Internet, Cable TV and Phone Service with us - PLUS

Get the 20Mb Upgrade

FREE!

Sometimes as we prepare for events, like holidays, we get so entwined with details that we forget to be present 'in the moment'. Because of that, we don't get to enjoy the people or the event that we looked forward to.

These days, you don't have to be in the same room to be together. Technology can help us with new 'moments'. You can reach out to those far away, by sending a video or making a call or even using a webcam.

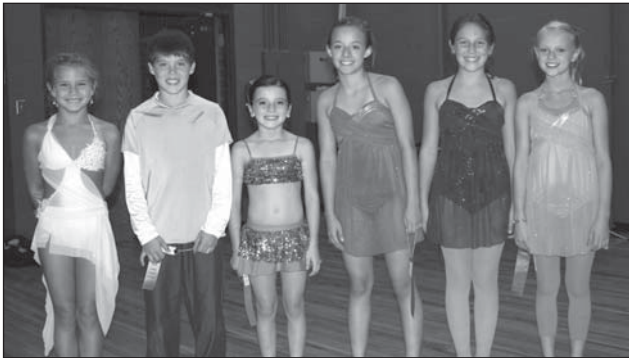
This year, make it a point to be 'in the moment' when family is around the table (or the computer), or telling stories, or just watching the game. You'll be glad you did.

Happy holidays from our family to yours!



Offer valid November 1, 2010-January 31, 2011. Must retain all services to get discount and 20Mb high speed Internet. Not all services available in all areas. Call or visit our office for full details.

You've got talent!



Junior Division (ages 6-14)

Cali Wilson, Norwalk; Garret Simmons, Panama; Morgan Twigg, Panama; Sky Larson, Panama; Alexa Herbert, Guthrie Center and Kate Wingert, Panama.

We were happy to again host the Bill Riley Talent Show during the kick off of the Guthrie County Fair on Thursday evening, September 2nd.



Sprouts Division

Kanyon Huntington & Hannah Wisniewski, Osceola.



Senior Division (ages 15-21)

Keaton Schlatter, Coon Rapids; Holly Carter & Bailey Kanne, both of Carroll and Bryant Plowman, Casey.



Elements . . . in the schools!

Science is cool and we want kids to know it. So, we partnered with Guthrie Center Elementary to bring in an exciting science program, called 'Boom!' from the Science Center of Iowa, to the elementary students on September 22nd.

Allison from the Science Center said, "This assembly is a perfect way to inspire students. It shows students that science is fun and it is all around them."

Thanks to Principal Brent Meir from Guthrie Center Elementary for working with us to coordinate the events!

Thanks to all who
participated and
congratulations!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Guthrie County Veterinarian Services • Guthrie Center

Drs. Donna Paglialunga and Doug Frels, along with their entire staff love taking care of animals. In 1998, they started the Guthrie County Veterinarian Services out of their home. In 2006, they opened their new facility, west of the fairgrounds in Guthrie Center.

Dr. Paglialunga primarily cares for small animals, while Dr. Frels primarily takes care of the larger varieties. Their office is a full service clinic where they can diagnose problems, perform surgery, take x-rays and analyze blood work.

They recently updated their blood diagnostic equipment so they can do more extensive testing right in their office. For more difficult cases, they can send information to Iowa State University in Ames.

Their staff includes 2 vet techs and a receptionist. The techs help prepare the animals for surgery, give shots & meds and help with kenneling services. There is an outside area where animals can play and work on agility exercises.

GCVS utilizes GCC's telephone and Internet services. One interesting way they use their Internet is sending and receiving photos of animals and their injuries. This helps give them a heads up before they see the animal.

"What sets us apart is that we are a very caring and compassionate clinic. We give a lot of special attention to our patients," stated Dr. Paglialunga. "We appreciate all that GCC does to help us extend that type of care through the technology we use everyday."



Technician Michelle Derry, Dr. Donna Paglialunga and Dr. Doug Frels at the Guthrie County Veterinarian Services. The clinic services small and large animals in their office and visits animals on the farm. You can contact them by calling 641-747-3152 or stopping by their office in Guthrie Center.

Rural customers are NOT second class citizens

What would happen if the federal government decided that city roads, bridges, and infrastructure should be better constructed and more efficient than the roads in rural America?

What if lawmakers determined that urban consumers should be able to get where they are going & get what they need faster than rural consumers?

A new government plan intends to make that true of our nation's information superhighway—the Internet. And while it's not the highway we drive on, rural consumers should still be very concerned.

The many benefits of broadband are clear, and we applaud the government's efforts to make affordable, reliable Internet

connections a reality for all Americans. But the FCC's plan will make rural Americans second class citizens in the new broadband world, because it establishes a speed goal for rural areas that is twenty

five times slower than for urban areas. Shouldn't rural communities have access to the same broadband services as our larger towns and cities?

Years ago, Congress established a universal service policy for telephone service.

It required that those living in rural areas have access to communications services at prices that are affordable and reasonably comparable to those available in urban areas. Rather than

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support this same universal service philosophy for broadband, the FCC's plan offers faster, better service to some Americans while guaranteeing lesser service to others. Don't let the FCC keep our rural community on the slow side of the broadband digital divide.

Contact your congressional representatives and urge them to support regulatory action that ensures equal access to broadband for all Americans. If you'd like to learn more about this issue, contact me at our office.

Warning!

Don't be confused by emails asking for private information like email address, username & passwords. This practice is called 'phishing' and is used by scammers to gather and potentially use this information against you.

If you receive this type of email, please delete it & **do not** respond to the scammer!

A few tips for the Internet generation

Have you ever forgotten a password for an online account?

If so, you might want to check out lastpass.com. It is a small program that securely keeps your passwords and can do more – like sync them across PC and mobile devices. Even

better – the basic service is FREE.

Sometimes you want access to files, pictures or videos on more than one computer or even on your phone. But how can you do that with out carrying around a USB drive? The inventors of Dropbox found a solution. Check it out at dropbox.com

Again, the basic service is FREE.

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Thank you to all attendees!

Thanks to all who attended our annual open house on September 17th. We were able to discuss our products, answer your questions and share homemade apple pie!

Congratulations to our drawing winners!

Hometown Foods Gift Certificate..... Lyle Hansen
Hughes Clothing Gift CertificateJulia Scott
Dowd Drug Gift Certificate.....Bev Steensen
Floral CenterpieceCarrie Sloss
Floral Centerpiece Ted Hansen
Whole Apple Pie Mary Castillo, Donna Albright,
Ray Smith & Wanda Knobbe

SERVICE OF THE MONTH

VM to Email

Voice mail is a mainstay for many people. It is a way to never miss an important message, even if you are unavailable. Another great feature to add is voice mail to email (VM to Email).

Basically, the feature allows you to send voice mail messages to an email address. The message shows up in the form of a sound file that can be easily opened and listened to.

Another great way to utilize this service is to listen to your VM to Email on your wireless phone. Here's how it works: someone leaves a voice mail at your home number, VM to Email sends the voice message to your email account, you check your email account with your cell phone and listen to the message - keeping you in constant contact.

Service Info

- VM to Email is simple to setup & use
- Plans start at \$5.95/month
- VM to Email can be setup in conjunction with a cellular data plan.

Contact us today at 322-2000 for questions or visit our website at www.guthriecentercom.com to sign up for service.



We'll be collecting items for the food pantry this season from November 1 thru January 31. Bring items to our office and we will make the deliveries!

Help us Fill the Food Pantry!

Food Pantry Requests:

- Food items like:
 - Canned soups, fruits, meats & juices
 - Any kind of cereal or oatmeal
 - Puddings & jello
 - Pork & beans, baked beans or chili beans
 - Canned & boxed potato and/or pasta mixes
- Paper products or personal items
- No perishable or out dated items!

Have we got a contest for you!

We know you love contests and this one is especially for our loyal newsletter readers. Answer all these questions correctly and you will be entered in our quarterly drawing for a **\$10 bill credit**.

How can you get 20Mb Internet? _____

The Guthrie County Vet Clinic has two veterinarians. True False

How much slower would rural broadband be with the new FCC plan? _____

The Food Pantry needs paper products. True False

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Clip and return with your bill, drop off or mail by November 25 to:

Guthrie Center Communications

403 State Street, Guthrie Center, IA 50115

One winner chosen at random per quarter. Contest open to all GCC customers 18 & over. Applicants can win once in a 12 month period. Other restrictions may apply.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sandi Lee who was the winner of our August newsletter contest.

Complete the form at left, send it in and you could be the next winner!



Have you setup an eBilling account?

eBilling is the fastest, most economic way to view & pay your bills. Set up your free account at www.guthriecentercom.com

CELLULAR CORNER

Learning the lingo of 3G & 4G technology

As wireless services continue to evolve, there are new terms to understand. Many customers are not concerned with all the technical details, but like any buying decision, it is helpful to know 'the lingo'.

There is a lot of talk about '3G' and '4G' right now, so allow me a minute to address those. The terms refer to '3rd Generation' & '4th Generation' of wireless service, which interestingly are very generic terms, but they are that way for a reason.

Not all wireless carriers use the same

technology, which is one reason why you can't use a Verizon phone on another network & vice versa.

When talking about 3G & 4G, carriers are talking about data speeds, but since not all of them use the same technology to deliver it, trying to compare them is like comparing apples and oranges.

Regardless, it will take some time (likely years) for this to make its way to us. In the meantime, don't worry; we will help you get the most out of your phone and data plans.

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