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Services Installed for the First Subscriber in Thief River Falls

Pictured are (from left) Thief River Falls Public Works Director Mark Borseth, Mayor Brian Holmer, GVT subscriber Ed Mooney, GVT CEO / General Manager Tim Brinkman, GVT Director Jim DeVries and GVT employees Shannon Brekke, Jim Hahn, Denton Nikolayson and Zach Frandsen.

Garden Valley Technologies has been busy working on the planning and construction phases of our Thief River Falls project since the spring of 2020. **On October 26th, we were able to install service for our first subscriber in the city limits. It was an exciting day for Garden Valley Technologies, the City of Thief River Falls and Edward Mooney.** Edward had his GVT Internet, Phone and TV service hooked up and became our first official subscriber in the City of Thief River Falls at 8:00am Monday morning. In celebration of the installation, TRF Mayor Brian Holmer, Public Works Director Mark Borseth, GVT CEO / General Manager Tim Brinkman and GVT Board Member Jim DeVries came to Edward's home along with our install crew to welcome him as a new GVT member.

As the first official subscriber in the city, Mooney received a thank you basket of GVT swag. ***"They did an excellent job," Mooney said about the installation process.***

Garden Valley Technologies is excited to extend its fiber optic networks and offer products and services to residential and business customers located in the city of Thief River Falls. Construction is estimated to wrap-up in the summer of 2021. GVT has divided the project up into nine zones with an estimated 3,500 fiber drops for service. Our installers are working hard to get those who have signed up for service

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News & Events

SHOP LOCAL

View the inside pages to learn about our Shop Local - Holiday Sale through the month of December!

Happy Holidays!

GVT Holiday Closings:

Dec. 24 & 31 - Closed at 3:00pm
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 - Closed All Day

Directory Recycling

Recycle your 2020 telephone directory. Recycling bins can be found at our headquarters in Erskine, the Fosston Recycling Center, and GVT central office buildings in: Bagley, Fosston, Oklee, Clearbrook, Grygla, Red Lake Falls, Fertile and McIntosh.

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hooked up as soon as possible, but due to the concern of plowing buried fiber optic cable during freezing temperatures, the City of Thief River Falls has requested that we stop work on plowing any further fiber optic drops to homes/businesses. We will be installing service where fiber optic drops have already been plowed, working by Zone. We will start to plow fiber drops to your home again once the City gives us the go-ahead to continue construction in the Spring of 2021.

For more information on the Thief River Falls project, visit our website at: **www.gvtel.com/thief-river-falls-expansion** or check for updates on Zone progress here: **join.gvtel.com/front_end/zones**

Minkota Technologies Now Operates as GVT

Minkota Technologies and Garden Valley Technologies (GVT) have joined forces to provide a comprehensive network of integrated IT Services to customers and members. Minkota Technologies was a wholly-owned subsidiary of GVT, and officially began doing business as Garden Valley Technologies on October 1, 2020.

"There are several advantages that come with joining these two organizations under one company," explains Mark Klinkhammer, CFO at GVT and former GM of Minkota Technologies. ***"We'll have a larger team of experienced staff dedicated to serving the IT needs of small and medium businesses and we'll be able to provide our customers with several new services and areas of expertise in the future."***

Minkota Technologies customers can expect to continue working with the same people they have for years because all Minkota Technologies employees are now Garden Valley Technologies employees. Dan Vesledahl, IT Sales Engineer at GVT and former VP of Minkota Technologies explains, ***"Our pricing, product and support procedures will remain unchanged for now, and we look forward to being able to provide a wider array of technology services with more depth by being part of a larger organization."***

For more information about Garden Valley Technologies, visit: **www.gvtel.com/it-services** or call the IT Services department at 218-687-4202.

TRF Local Channel Now Available

Pictured are TRF High School student Austin and GVT Video Production Coordinator John Andringa.

GVT is excited to have the opportunity to work closely with several local schools to provide live broadcasts of student-run productions, **including our most recent partnership with Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.** This community effort has proven especially critical during this time of limited in-person attendance at sporting and other special events.

Beginning in December we will start airing school and local community content on the TRF - Channel 37, which will feature a wide array of content. GVT's Video Production Coordinator John Andringa and District Representative Jim Hahn are currently training staff and students on the cameras and broadcasting equipment that GVT provided to the school for their Media and Video Production class. This class will be offered quarterly and co-taught by Stacey Leake and Mike Biermaier. Sporting events at the Brickhouse, Multi-Events Complex (MEC), and the Ralph Engelstad Arena will be broadcast and, in the future, they hope to air fine arts, homecoming coronation, pep fests and more. In addition, TRF City Council meetings and other special events will be aired.

The students and staff at these schools have dedicated countless hours to learning and running the equipment to provide parents, grandparents, friends and family the opportunity to cheer on their favorite student(s) from home. Tune in to GVTV Local Channels 30-37 or Live Stream on our website to support our local media crews and students: **www.gvtel.com/video/livestream**

Win-E-Mac #30 | Fosston #31 | Fertile-Beltrami #32 | Bagley #33 | Red Lake Falls #34
RLCC #35 | Grygla #36 | Thief River Falls #37

Congratulations & Thank You

Mike Green
District Representative

for

5 YEARS

of your loyal and dedicated service to Garden Valley Technologies.

CORRECTION:
In our October VOTV we listed the name of the person who built GVT's beautiful board room table incorrectly. The correct name is Orville "Ole" Olson.

Shop Local

SPEND LOCAL, ENJOY LOCAL

Support the local businesses who support the area where you live, work & play.

Headphones, AirPods & Speakers

Home Office Equipment

Amazon Devices

& More Gift Ideas

For Your Shopping Convenience

Selection of merchandise may vary at each location.

Come In... WE'RE OPEN

Erskine: 206 Vance Ave. S.
M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm

EXTENDED HOURS:
Thursday, Dec. 10 & 17
8:00am - 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 12 & 19
10:00am - 2:00pm

TRF: 1517 US HWY 59 S.
M-F 8:30am - 5pm

EXTENDED HOURS:
Thursday, Dec. 10 & 17
8:30am - 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 12 & 19
10:00am - 2:00pm

Bagley: 105 Main Ave. N.
M-F 9:00am - 5:00pm

IN-STORE ONLY. ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

$15 OFF

your retail purchase at the Erskine, Thief River Falls and Bagley stores.

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Promotional coupon. Cannot be applied toward GVT bill. No cash or credit value. Limit one offer per household. Reproductions or duplicates not accepted. Coupon is nontransferable. Selection of merchandise may vary at each location. Offer ends December 31, 2020.

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Holiday Promotions

GVTV

1 MONTH FREE GVTV Programming
New Customers

+

FREE BASIC INSTALL
(up to 3 TVs)

+

GVTV EVERYWHERE
FREE to all GVTV subscribers.

+

3 MONTHS FREE
Sports & Variety Package, HD Access, Whole-Home, & Ultimate DVR Service
New or Existing Customers

INTERNET

60 DAYS FREE
Ultimate Managed Wi-Fi
New or Existing Customers

+

FREE
Basic Installation
New Customers

SECURITY

$499.00 (TAXES NOT INCLUDED)
Honeywell Wireless Alarm System

- Professional Installation
- Touch Screen Key Pad
- (2) Wireless Door Contacts
- Wireless Low-Temp Sensor
- Motion Sensor
- Siren | Key Fob | Battery Backup

Restrictions apply. Free months of service are available to new or existing customers who currently do not have the service active or previously active on their account. Must meet credit qualifications. Offers valid December 1 - 31, 2020.

Thank You!

As a token of our appreciation, view the reverse side for your $15 retail store coupon. The coupon is redeemable at any GVT Retail Store.

We value your business!

Now is the time to apply!

2021 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour
Washington, D.C., June 5-9, 2021

WIN an All-Expenses-Paid Trip

High School Students age 16 or 17

Visit www.gvtel.com for essay rules.

Essay deadline is February 12, 2021
(Must be a member of Garden Valley Technologies to qualify)

WHY APPLY...

Meet with other high school students | Learn about the telecommunications industry | Visit famous historical sites | Learn about legislative and government process

Scholarships Available
For Area Students

The time has come for high school students to apply for college scholarships. GVT is a member of NTCA and is proud to support the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) in this worthy endeavor.

DEADLINE
March 5, 2021
APPLY ONLINE

Opportunities Include:

$2,000 - Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship
(plus an additional $500 contribution from GVT)

- Everett Kneece Scholarship
- Good Neighbor Scholarship
- JSI Scholarship

Information regarding these scholarships can be found on www.gvtel.com or by contacting your high school counselor.

(Must be a member of Garden Valley Technologies to apply)

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks May Be Yours

Included is a partial list of individuals who we have not been able to reach. Please visit our website for a full list. If your name, or a name of someone you know is on the list, please call us at 800-448-8260.

Bevins, James *(Bemidji)*
Blomseth, Rachel *(Mahnomen)*
Bravo, Virginia *(Minneapolis)*
Cefalu, Chris *(Lengby)*
Coon, Kerry *(Detroit Lakes)*
Country Cottage *(Bagley)*
Crace, James *(Benson)*
Crandall, Steve *(Shevlin)*
Crenshaw, Deven & Holly *(Gully)*
Erickson, Emmeth *(Clearbrook)*
Erno, Kimberly *(Winger)*
Foster, Mary *(Albuquerque, NM)*
Gamm, Rose *(Thief River Falls)*
Goodwin, Terrance *(Bemidji)*
Greer, Thomas *(Hibbing)*
Hahn, Jessica *(Bemidji)*
Hanson, Rosie *(Erskine)*
Haugen, Kevin *(Fertile)*
Hunter, Brandy *(Mansfield, GA)*
Jasperson, Jeff & Rhonda *(Lengby)*
Johnson, Brenda (Coyle) *(Fosston)*
Juelson, Steven & Kris *(Clearbrook)*
Kastner, Rolland *(Warroad)*
Kisch, Betty *(Saint Hilaire)*
Lieske, Cindy *(Shevlin)*
Loken, Robert *(Grygla)*
Lone Tree Pet Product *(Bagley)*
Malterud, Michael & Amy *(Bagley)*
Mark's Construction *(Bagley)*
Matthews, Mike *(Mahnomen)*
McBride, Jim & Susie *(Erskine)*
McKenzie, Katie *(Eden Prairie)*
Miller, C.E. *(Bemidji)*
Moore, Howard & Michelle *(Bagley)*
Olson, Angela J. *(Apple Valley)*
Olund, Kenneth *(Grygla)*
Patch, Crystal *(Crookston)*
Paulson, Dustin & Heather *(Windom)*
Pee-Tee Kennels *(Mentor)*
Peterson, Jason *(McIntosh)*
Peterson, Shirley *(Salol)*
Prairie Lakes Internet *(Mankato)*
Ricke, Micah *(Fosston)*
Ritter, Ernest *(Brooks)*
Schneider, Brian *(Fertile)*
Sorenson, Brittney *(Denver, CO)*
Stenberg, Deanna *(Punta Gorda, FL)*
Swanson, Leonard *(Ocala, FL)*
Thompson, David L. *(Bagley)*
Walls, James C. *(Detroit Lakes)*
Young, Rodney *(Gonvick)*
Zearing, Leslie & Sandra *(Crosby)*

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TRF: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm

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GV Cellular Device Credit

Towards a New 4G HD Device

$250 CREDIT
New Customers

$200 CREDIT
Existing Customers

iPhone 11 | iPhone XR
Galaxy S20 | Galaxy S10e
& many more

Restrictions apply. Must meet credit qualifications. Credit will be applied to your account over 18 months. Device installment program is required when purchasing a new device with the promotional offers. Offers end December 31, 2020.