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Introducing the NEW GVTV Streaming Option

Garden Valley Technologies will upgrade its current TV offering to a new streaming option, called **GVT Stream**, on February 1, 2023. This next generation of video entertainment provides members with convenience, flexibility, and control over how and where they watch their favorite programming.

"The future of TV is streaming, and the investments we are making in our new GVTV offering align with a shift in consumer demand for a more flexible, personalized experience," GVT CEO/ General Manager Tim Brinkman states. ***"Our transition to this service introduces modern features while eliminating the need for set-top boxes, complex installations, and the recurring monthly expense associated with them."***

The **GVT Stream** app can be downloaded onto most streaming devices, such as a smart TV, a streaming stick or box, or a handheld device like a mobile phone or tablet. It is important to keep in mind that some older devices are not compatible with the app's new features. For the best experience, an Amazon Fire TV Stick is recommended as it is easy to use, affordable, and plugs into the TV's HDMI port. The Amazon Fire TV Stick is also the device GVT will provide for free when subscribers sign up for a streaming package.

The **GVT Stream** app creates a quality experience for members, with more than 150 HD channels including top networks, local weather and news, local high school channels, the ability to pause, rewind and restart live TV, a library of recent shows, and cloud DVR. The DVR feature allows users to record shows without a set-top box and access recordings from multiple devices. The **GVT Stream** app also offers personalized show recommendations and parental controls.

Current GVTV subscribers have the option to continue with their current TV service or make the shift to **GVT Stream**. ***"We want our members to make the change to the new streaming TV when it makes sense for them,"*** explains Brinkman.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play
Available for iPhone®, iPad® and Android devices.

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News & Events

Shop Local

Support local, small businesses this holiday season. Our retail stores have great gift ideas and we are open Monday - Friday until 5pm.

Holiday Closings

GVT business offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming holidays
Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2

Happy Holidays!

GVT Directory

Please remember to recycle your 2022 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.

Use Caution

Near telecommunications cabinets and pedestals during snow removal.

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However, after the **GVT Stream** launch date of February 1, 2023, all new GVTV subscribers will only have the option of streaming; we will no longer offer the traditional IPTV service to new subscribers.

"Ultimately the goal is to simplify the entertainment experience," explains Brinkman. "Many of our members are already streaming content so this model fits with how they are watching TV." Now you can enjoy quick access to all of your streamed content, including GVTV, through a single device with the **GVT Stream** app.

Watch our website and social channels for more information about **GVT Stream**.

Same great packages. Same great price. Better way to watch.

Basic	Lite	Expanded	Classic
OVER 47 CHANNELS	OVER 59 CHANNELS	OVER 170 CHANNELS	OVER 65 CHANNELS
Our most basic package, including local network channels, such as CBS, NBC and FOX.	Upgrade from the basic package and add channels, such as like CNN, ESPN and History.	All of our most popular channels, including movie channels, music channels, and specialty sports channels.	An enhanced version of our Lite package, with Bally Sports North, El, and Lifetime.
$38.75/mo.	$79.00/mo.	$107.25/mo.	$81.25/mo.

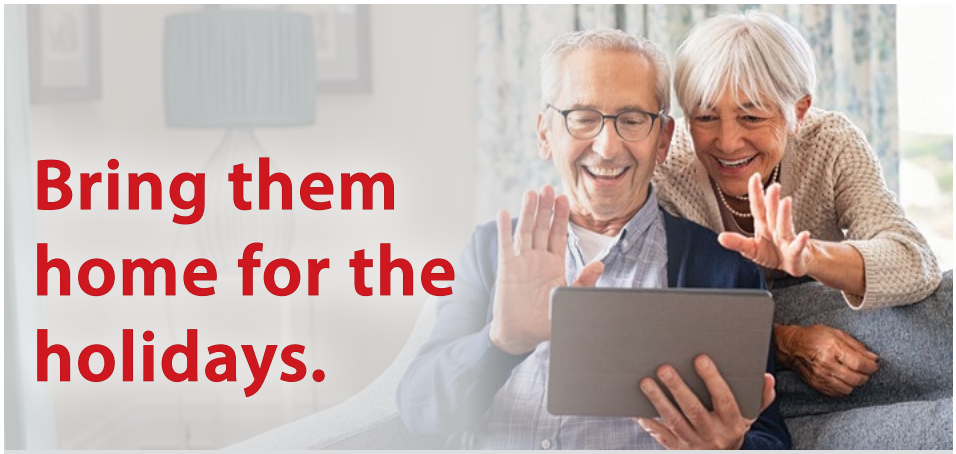
1 Free Stream | 10 Hours Free DVR | 1 Free Amazon Fire Stick | Free HD Channels

GVT Donates Water Bottles to Celebrate Co-op Month

Celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October, National Co-op Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build resilient, inclusive communities. Under the theme "Co-ops Build Economic Power," this year's Co-op Month is also a chance to lift-up the cooperative business model as the best way to build an economy that empowers everyone.

In honor of Co-op Month, GVT recently donated over 900 reusable water bottles to all eleven schools in its service area. Schools are distributing the water bottles to 2nd and 3rd grade students.

"For several years now, GVT has donated reusable water bottles to elementary classrooms in the schools we serve," stated Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager of Garden Valley Technologies. "It's a small way we can invest in the future and introduce a local cooperative to children."



Connect everyone with good tidings and great Wi-Fi this holiday season. With the **GVT WiFi** app you can easily share your guest network and ensure a great Wi-Fi experience for all your holiday guests.

Download the GVT WiFi app Today!

Download the GVT WiFi app

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Available for iPhone®, iPad® and Android devices.

Managed Wi-Fi services are available in conjunction with Internet service and requires a GigaSpire router.

Congratulations!

Project Management Specialist

Congratulations to District Representative **Jordan Cote** being selected to fill the newly created position of Project Management Specialist. Jordan began his new duties on October 17.
Congratulations Jordan!

District Representative

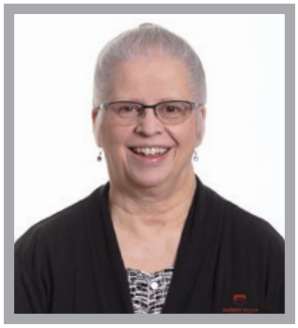
Congratulations to Installer-Repairperson **Shannon Brekke** on being selected to fill the District Representative position that covers the Erskine, McIntosh, and Mentor exchanges. Shannon began his new duties on October 31.
Congratulations Shannon!

Construction

Congratulations to Temporary Construction Workers, **Tahlor Ose** and **Austen Hanson**, on being selected to fill two open Full-Time Construction Lineperson positions. Tahlor and Austen began their new duties on November 2, 2022.

We are happy to welcome them to the full-time Construction Crew!

Happy Retirement



Customer Service Representative **La Vonne McWilliam** retired as of October 1, 2022, after serving the Company for almost 23 years. La Vonne's work ethic, attention to detail, warm smile and caring demeanor have positively impacted her co-workers and GVT subscribers throughout her career.

La Vonne, thank you for your dedicated service to the Cooperative! We all wish you the very best in retirement, La Vonne; congratulations!

We would like to congratulate
Wade Gray & Wayne Hanson for 25 years
of loyal and dedicated service with Garden Valley Technologies.

Congratulations & Thank You

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Bagley
105 Main Avenue North
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Erskine
206 Vance Avenue South
M-F 8am - 5pm

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M-F 8:30am - 5pm

We offer a wide variety of items, perfect for everyone on your list.

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Financing available with approved credit. Restrictions apply.

$550 Device Credit

December 19-30

Restrictions apply. Limited time offer. Stop by one of our retail locations for details.

2023 FRS Youth Tour
Washington, D.C.
May 31 - June 4, 2023

Visit www.gvtel.com/ntca-youth-tour to apply.
Essay deadline is February 10, 2023

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE

Must be a member of GVT to qualify. High School Students age 15, 16 or 17.

Scholarships

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.

Opportunities Include:

$2,000 - Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship
(plus an additional $500 contribution from GVT)
Everett Kneece Scholarship | Good Neighbor Scholarship | JSI Scholarship

Apply online at:
frs.org/scholarships

Deadline:
February 8, 2023

Contact your school counselor or www.gvtel.com for more information.
Must be a member of Garden Valley Technologies to apply.

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

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, call us at 800-448-8260.

Anderson, Betty Ann (Clearbrook)
Anderson, Jonathan N. (Clearbrook)
Bakken, Jeffrey L. (Goodridge)
Bales, Danny M. (Fosston)
Bardwell, Les & Jamie (Clearbrook)
Benson, Steven A. (Chanhassen)
Bevins, James Virgil (Bemidji)
Bratvold, Roger (Clearbrook)
Cefalu, Chris (Lengby)
Crenshaw, Deven F. & Holly R. (Gully)
Dimaggio, Joe (Cape Canaveral, FL)
Durbin, Scott (Crookston)
Dwight, Debra "Debbie" (Clearbrook)
Erickson, Brandon M. (Bagley)
Fiedler, Brady (Thief River Falls)
Guerrero, Miguel A. (Thief River Falls)
Haugen, Kevin W. (Fertile)
Heden, Darryl M. (Brooks)
Hinrichs, Gregory M. & Lori J. (Shevlin)
Hornor, Hillary (Willmar)
Jacobs, Kari (Bagley)
Jerome, Shelly (Bagley)
Johnson, Brenda Lea "Coyle" (Fosston)
Juelson, Steven & Kris (Clearbrook)
Keeler, Paul J. (Sauk Rapids)
Klinkhammer, Chad (Fosston)
Larson, Terri (Bagley)
Lone Tree Pet Product (Bagley)
Maruska, Michelle (Bemidji)
Mattson, Marvin P. (Fertile)
McBride, Jim & Susie (Erskine)
McCollum, Jonathan & Keri (Clear Lake)
Miller, Daniel S. (Mentor)
Moore, Howard D. & Michelle D. (Bagley)
N C S Repair (Bemidji)
Ohnstad, Denise (Fosston)
Ostby, Cory S. (Grygla)
Pederson, Marge (Bejou)
Peters, Alice (Thief River Falls)
Prairie Lakes Internet (Mankato)
Reinbold, Eric J. (Oklee)
Ritter, Ernest (Brooks)
Robinson, John (Mahnomen)
Sanford, Richard W. (Fosston)
Scott, Michael R. (Minneapolis)
Shereck, Lee & Rebecca (Bagley)
Slager, Brent (Beltrami)
Smith, Austin (Beltrami)
Stoldt, Trisha (Oklee)
Tadych, Kathryn C. (Fertile)
The Garden Place (Bagley)
Thoring, Julie A. (Shevlin)
Thorssen, Holly J. (Gully)
Tungseth, Joshua (Saint Paul)
Ulrich, Joyce (Plymouth)
Watne, Laura L. (Trail)
Westcott, Darrel (Erskine)
Westman, Brian (Worthington)
Zearing, Leslie & Sandra (Crosby)

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Bagley: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
(Closed 1:00pm – 1:30pm)
TRF: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm

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The team at GVT wishes you peace, joy and prosperity throughout the coming year. Thank you for your continued support and joining us for Customer Appreciation Day.
May your holidays be filled with joy.