

GRISWOLD Connections

SUMMER 2023



141st Annual Griswold Old Soldiers Reunion

Plans are underway for the Griswold Old Soldiers Reunion, with activities to be held July 7-9, 2023. Watch for details from the Griswold American Legion & Auxiliary, Griswold American, City of Griswold, and various other community businesses and organizations involved in this event. You can also visit oldsoldiersreunion.com. Save the dates for some summertime fun!

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multigenerational moments,



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YOUR GAME

NEXT-LEVEL INTERNET LEADS TO NEXT-LEVEL EXPERIENCES

Online gaming is a fun way to connect virtually with fellow gamers and connect in-person with family members. To make the most of it, however, you need to have an internet connection that's up to the challenge of each new adventure.

Griswold Communications' next-level internet provides super-fast download and upload speeds as well as low ping and latency rates. After all, every millisecond in response time matters when you're in the thick of things.

CALL 712-778-2121 FOR AN UPGRADE.
Happy Father's Day to next-level dads!



Dig Without Hurting Your Back (or Utility Lines)

Digging is a common gardening task, whether it be for planting trees and shrubs or preparing the site of a new patio. Not done correctly, however, it can lead to aches and pains.

Here's how to dig to avoid injury:

- Position your feet so that one foot is in front of the other. Next, place your front foot on the shovel blade. Anchor your back leg into the ground to help stabilize your body posture.
- Lean your weight forward onto the shovel. Let the weight of your body sink the shovel into the ground.
- Bend at the knees, keeping your back straight, and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift with your legs.
- Use the momentum generated by the upward thrust of your legs to propel the shovel's contents into a wheelbarrow or onto a tarp.

Your back isn't the only thing that a digging project might impact. You could accidentally damage underground utility lines. Before you begin, call 811 to have the location of lines in the area marked.

Watch for the Red Flags of Charity Scams

Sharing your blessings through charity donations is a wonderful way to give back. Unfortunately, scammers will try to take advantage of this generosity to steal your money and personal information.

Charity scams take many different forms. They may make a plea to send humanitarian aid to help malnourished orphans from a developing nation. Or the donation request might be linked to current events such as a weather disaster. While emails are still used to send these fraudulent messages, scammers are increasingly switching to social media because people tend to be less vigilant with messages in Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn than they are with emails. Plus, social media platforms aren't filtering spam or monitoring for malicious links.

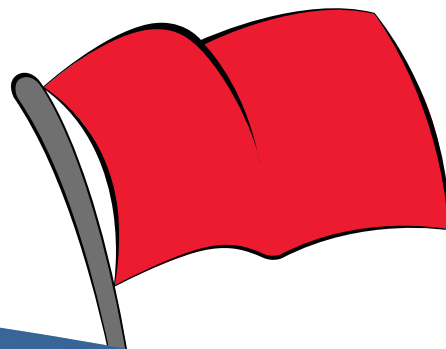
Look out for these red flags to help you spot a charity scam:

- You're asked to share personal information — such as your Social Security, credit card, or checking account numbers — before you can make a donation.
- You're pressured into donating right away or made to feel guilty or selfish about deciding whether to donate.
- When asked how your donation will be used, you get vague responses.
- An organization with a name closely resembling a well-known charity asks for a donation from you. 763-4580
- The charity will only accept donations by prepaid debit card, gift card, or Western Union wire transfer.
- The message claims you're guaranteed to win a prize in exchange for a "donation," which is illegal.

When people fall victim to charity scams and donate, no money ever goes toward helping those in need — every penny goes to the scammers. Even worse, the personal information harvested could be used to drain bank accounts, rack up credit card charges, and steal identities.

To avoid this happening to you, always donate to real charities on their own websites instead of clicking on links in email or social media solicitations. Also be aware that legitimate aid organizations will accept donations by credit card or check.

If you or someone you know has been tricked by a charity scam, report it by filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission or calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.





Understanding the Two Main Types of Streaming Services

There are 200+ streaming services now available, which can be overwhelming. However, it simplifies things to remember there are only two main types—live streaming services and on-demand streaming services.

Live streaming services enable you to watch content online in real time. They're often called cable replacement services since they promise to replicate the cable TV experience but with lower monthly bills. Most live streaming services provide at least a few live local channels as well as an assortment of cable networks, concerts, sporting events, comedy specials, and gaming events. Examples of live streaming services are YouTube TV, Sling TV, FuboTV, Hulu + Live TV, and Philo. 767-2702

On-demand streaming services offer extensive libraries of TV series, movies, and documentaries to subscribers for a monthly fee. Content can be watched on your own schedule and on any device. It's easy to set up an account, and in most cases, you can start a free trial and cancel at any time. Popular on-demand streaming services include Netflix, Hulu, Apple TV+, Prime Video, Disney+, Discovery+, and Max.



Aureon Charity Grants Help Make Our Communities Stronger

Aureon is a business solutions provider with a national presence who partners with Griswold Communications. Aureon makes it a priority to give back and support initiatives that make communities stronger, and the Aureon Charity Grant Program has been giving back to rural communities since 1994.

Are you involved with a local nonprofit? Aureon invites public and private nonprofit agencies to submit proposals for grant consideration to assist with your charity drives and/or funding of a specific project for your respective communities. Only those communities served by Aureon-participating telecommunications companies, like Griswold Communications, are eligible to submit proposals.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the year. At the end of each quarter, the Aureon Charity Grant Program committee will review the applications received during that quarter. 769-2484 All applicants will be notified of the funding decisions. Most awards range in amounts from \$250 to \$1,500.

Apply at surveymonkey.com/r/aureongrants.

Did You Know June is Social Petworking Month?

Social networking sites are primarily used to connect people with other people. However, they can also help homeless pets find good, loving homes. That's why June has been designated as Social Petworking Month.

To participate, share photos and information from a local animal shelter, Humane Society, or rescue group about pets currently available for adoption, so the people in your network will be aware of these opportunities. You'll also want to encourage them to share these posts so even more people will see them.

You can advocate for pet adoption in other ways. For example, consider posting a personal story on Facebook about the benefits you've experienced from adopting a pet. Or correct common misconceptions about adopting pets, such as the belief these animals were given away due to behavioral problems.

Who knows? You may end up helping a dog or cat meet its new pet parent and begin a happy new chapter.



HBO Max is Now Max

Recently HBO Max became Max, and enhanced their product to improve user experience and increase the amount and variety of available content. Max will give you everything you loved to watch on HBO Max, plus the best in true crime, reality, food, and home.

Subscribers to blueSURGE television that also subscribe to the HBO movie package have free access to Max via Watch TV Everywhere (WTVE). If you already have a WTVE account with Max, your profile and watch list are waiting for you. If you are a blueSURGE television subscriber and would like to access WTVE, visit griswoldcommunications.com or call 712-778-2121 for more details.



Hidden Number Contest

We have hidden randomly selected phone numbers throughout this newsletter. If you find your phone number in *italics* anywhere in this newsletter, please call our office at 712-778-2121 by June 30, 2023 to receive a \$5.00 bill credit. Congratulations to Tom Auten for being the winner from last quarter!

Look now to see if your phone number is hiding in any articles. Good luck and happy reading!

6 Clever Ways to Use Your Camera While Traveling



When you're on a trip, you can do more with your phone's camera than just take photos of yourself with friends or family at scenic locations. Use it to create a handy record of important items and potentially reduce your stress should troubles arise.

Travel experts recommend you get in the habit of taking photos of these things:

1. Parking Spot

Before you head for the terminal, take a photo of the airport parking garage/lot sign closest to your spot (such as C10). That way, you won't end up wandering around looking for your car when you return to the airport a week or two later.

2. Rental Car

It will come in handy to have a photo of the car's license plate, since many hotels ask for the license plate number when you check in. You may also want to take a video as you walk around the rental car to prove you didn't add any dents during the rental period.

3. Hotel Room Number

While the hotel probably gives you a paper key folder with your room number on it, you may not always bring it with you, and the plastic key cards don't have this information. Since it's easy to forget a room number, take a photo of the room's door or adjacent room number sign just in case. 778-2780

4. Your Luggage

In the unfortunate event your bags get lost, you'll be grateful to have a photo of them to show the airline representative when you report they're missing.

5. Restaurant Menus

Dining out is one of the delights of traveling. When you visit particularly wonderful restaurants, take photos of their menus, making sure to capture the name and address. This makes things easier if you want to recommend the restaurants to others or return to them during future trips to the same cities. Similarly, if you discover a great wine while traveling, take a photo of the bottle so you can purchase it when back home.

6. Credit Cards

Take front and back photos of all the credit cards you carry, so if they're lost or stolen, you have the account numbers and phone numbers you'll need.