



# Gratitude & Giving

The month of November tends to make people take a moment and recognize what they are thankful for and at GBT we are no different. The picture above highlights the individuals that form the GBT team and without each and everyone we could not provide the high level of service we strive to give all customers every day. In October, GBT celebrated Customer Appreciation Week with our employees, highlighting each employee and showing a collective appreciation for the many talents each of them brings to the GBT team. For almost 70 years, GBT has been the area leader in communication services, striving to deliver leading edge technology to our friends, family, and neighbors. We feel we continue to be on the leading edge with our fiber deployment and expansion to homes in the Golden Belt area and want to thank all our employees who help get the job done each day!

We also want to thank our amazing customers who choose GBT for their communication needs. People of all ages, from businesses to individuals, utilize GBT daily and partner with us to meet their communication and technology demands. As 2022 nears to a close, we want to thank you for placing your trust in GBT and our employees to serve you.

*“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.”*

*— John F. Kennedy*

Tuesday, November 29th is *Giving Tuesday*, a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. *Giving Tuesday* was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Join the movement and give – each Tuesday and every day – whether it’s some of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in your local community.

It’s a simple idea: whether it’s making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

Check out our Trivia Question this month to help GBT know what is important to you locally.

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GBT isn't just thankful for all of our employees, we also want to recognize and highlight some opportunities to support the amazing organizations in our area. Although donations to support organizations are always welcome, Giving Tuesday highlights the need to support non-profits and organizations that give back to the communities and people that live in them, having a positive impact on all our lives.

Some might ask why GBT highlights this opportunity each year and one of the biggest reasons is because of the amount of GBT employees that serve on various boards and organizations outside of their 8-5 jobs. It's what makes GBT different from other communication companies in the area, where our employees are involved and committed to making a difference in the communities we serve. We understand how having a safe place for students to go after games or activities, sponsoring and honoring our current military and veterans, or teaching youth about technology and future career paths can have everlasting impacts. Each year GBT donates thousands of dollars to local organizations, activities, and events and volunteers hundreds of hours to help assist making sure these events are a success throughout the year. GBT wants to ensure these meaningful organizations that help so many local people continue to thrive and succeed so check out some opportunities on Giving Tuesday to give back.

## 2 important things you can do right now to prep your home for holiday house guests.

Is your house going to be busting at the seams with family coming home for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Doing these 2 things before guests come will save you headaches so you can focus on food, fun, and family!

### **1. Make your Wifi network and password info easy to find.**

Don't be left fumbling around for that tiny slip of paper where you wrote down your home's Wifi information. Have the network name and wifi password displayed where guests (and you) they can find them easily. You can do something as simple as putting it on the fridge, or have a little fun with it by printing it out and putting it in a picture frame. If you don't want to display this info, you can write it in a note in your phone or tape it to the back of your router.

### **2. Make sure you have the speed and router to support your increased Internet usage.**

Many people plan and have extra mashed potatoes and Turkey for the additional people, but they forget about the extra Internet bandwidth needed when they have all those extra phones, tablets, and much more connecting to their home Internet. If you are still on a slow Internet speed or don't know what Internet speed you are on but would like to learn more, use this time now to call our GBT experts to ask them about the Internet you need.

# 2022-2023 GBT JUNIOR BOARD

GBT is excited to introduce this year's Junior Board, comprised of 7 high school seniors who will meet 6 times throughout the year. Not only will they learn about the operations of GBT, including broadband, voice, IT, StreamIT, & Nex-Tech Wireless, they in turn will also give GBT their perspectives and insight on technology, leadership, community needs, and more!

This is the 10th year for the GBT Junior Board, and the student leaders' insights over the years have enhanced decision making in guiding the future direction of GBT. Welcome to Team GBT!



Pictured: Chancey Hauck, LaCrosse; Mackenzy Tillitson, Ness City; Hunter Haselhorst, Otis-Bison; Dakota Metzler, Ellis; Preston Ross, Otis-Bison; Gracie Munk, Pawnee Heights; Ella Showalter, LaCrosse.



Also, make sure you have GBT's Managed Protection which includes our router and Wifi. Did you know that 75% of the Internet troubles GBT responds to aren't Internet troubles but are Wifi related troubles. With pretty much every device we use to get on the Internet, wireless these days, its important to have an updated router that can handle the Internet speeds and number of devices in your home. Don't deal with Wifi issues preventing you from getting a good deal on Cyber Monday. Upgrade to GBT's Managed Protection today and get your first 6 months FREE! Show off this holiday season to all your grandkids- Grandma & Grandpa have better Internet than what they have at home!



## NEW TO TEAM BLUE

**We are excited to introduce you to our newest team member, Patrick, who took the position as our new Customer Service and Sales Representative.**

### **Tell us about yourself.**

*I just bought a house about a year ago and reside in Otis, KS. I have one dog, a German Short-haired Pointer named Lexi. My family and I moved to Otis in 2003 from Macksville (on Christmas Eve). In my free time I help with high school athletic events at Otis-Bison by running the scoreboard, keeping time or whatever else is needed. I am also a volunteer fire fighter in Otis. I'm a huge KU and Chiefs fan, so if they're on TV that's what I'll be watching. Before working at GBT I worked in banking for about six years doing anything from being a teller, opening accounts, processing/making new loan requests, and working in operations.*

### **What are you looking forward to most with your job at GBT?**

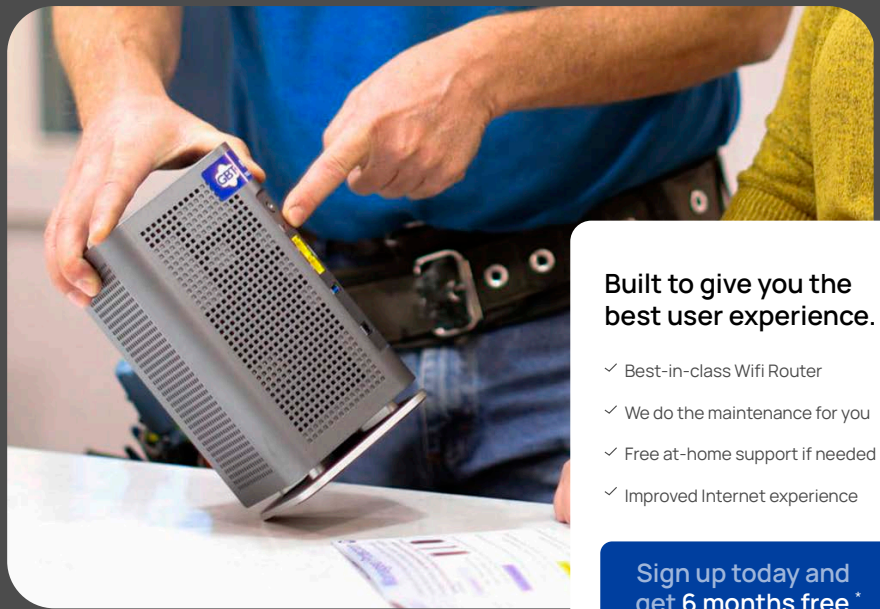
*I look forward to educating our customers about the products/service GBT can provide to make their everyday lives easier. Technology can seem scary at first because it's rapidly changing and it's the way of the future. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at GBT and we would be happy to help you! I'm excited to be working at GBT and be able to bring my knowledge of Customer Service to the team and in turn use that to help our customers.*

### **What should customers know about your job?**

*I work out of our main office in Rush Center, but you may find me at the other GBT offices occasionally as well. I look forward to helping you with all your phone, Internet and TV needs. If you are looking for a new cell phone, we are an authorized agent for Nex-Tech Wireless. (FYI, check out our Q4 promotions. A new cell phone would make for a great Christmas gift. \*Wink, wink.\*)*

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## GBT Hunting:

**Trivia Question:** Which non-profit organization do you think does the most for your community or if there was one community project that could make a difference in your town, what would it be?

Email [gbthunting@gbta.net](mailto:gbthunting@gbta.net) with your answer to be entered to win a \$10 bill credit. Congratulations to Henry Fischer for winning last month's game!

## Recipe of the Month:



### Ingredients

1/2 cup unsalted butter	1 cup red wine, about 1/2 bottle
4 onions, sliced	3 heaping tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 garlic cloves, chopped	2 quarts beef broth
2 bay leaves	1 baguette (or crispy bread), sliced
2 fresh thyme sprigs or 1 tsp. dried thyme	1/2 pound grated Gruyere or swiss cheese

## French Onion Soup

Melt the stick of butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions, garlic, bay leaves, thyme, and salt and pepper and cook until the onions are very soft and caramelized, about 25 minutes. Add the wine, bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the wine has evaporated and the onions are dry, about 5 minutes. Discard the bay leaves and thyme sprigs. Dust the onions with the flour and give them a stir. Turn the heat down to medium low so the flour doesn't burn, and cook for 10 minutes to cook out the raw flour taste. Now add the beef broth, bring the soup back to a simmer, and cook for 10 minutes. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

When you're ready to eat, preheat the broiler. Arrange the baguette slices on a baking sheet in a single layer. Sprinkle the slices with the Gruyere and broil until bubbly and golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes.

Ladle the soup in bowls and float several of the Gruyere croutons on top.

*Alternative method: Ladle the soup into bowls, top each with 2 slices of bread and top with cheese. Put the bowls into the oven to toast the bread and melt the cheese.*



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