

## The National Do Not Call Registry

This is a free service designed to stop unwanted sales calls from real companies that follow the law. It's free to register your home or cell phone number. The registry is a list that tells registered, legal, telemarketers what numbers not to call. Note, this does not block calls. Being on this registry will not prevent call from scammers making illegal calls. If you do answer one of these calls, hang up and report the call to the Federal Trade Commission. To add your phone number to the registry, visit [DoNotCall.gov](http://DoNotCall.gov) or call **1-888-290-4236**



## Aureon Donates to New Bernard Playground

Aureon, with the sponsorship of Bernard Telephone Company, has awarded a community grant of \$500 to support the continued development of the new Bernard playground. The grant check was presented Danielle Hutchinson & Kyle Manders to Sharon Meyer & Vickie Noonan on November 7th, 2025.

## Lease a Router from Bernard Telephone & Communications!

- No setup hassles. We will set up and install the router in your home.
- Remote monitoring of your Wi-Fi signal.
- Remote and on-site router support provided by our techs.
- For superior performance, maintenance, including firmware updates, provided by our techs.

**\$7.95**  
+ tax per month



## Phishing Emails

Phishing is a type of online scam that targets consumers by sending them an e-mail that appears to be from a well-known source. The worst time of year for phishing attacks is the holiday season, particularly the period from mid-October through December.

### **Always be on the lookout for:**

#### **Emails Demanding Urgent Action**

Emails threatening a negative consequence, or a loss of opportunity.

#### **Emails with Bad Grammar and Spelling Mistakes**

Poor spelling and grammar are usually dead giveaways for a scam email.

#### **Inconsistencies in Email Addresses, Links & Domain Names**

Discrepancies in email addresses, links, & domains. If the domain names do not match, do not click.

#### **Suspicious Attachments**

If an email attachment seems suspicious, don't open it, even if your antivirus software indicates that the message is clean.

#### **Emails Requesting Login Credentials, Payment Information or Sensitive Data**

Legitimate organizations do not ask for sensitive information via email.

#### **Too Good to Be True Emails**

Where the sender of the email offers you something valuable for little cost to you, for example offering money or a gift card.

## Fiber Equipment Cut Over

We are continuing to upgrade and transition equipment over to a new system to support enhanced speed & reliability. At no cost to you, our old fiber equipment is being replaced with new equipment, including the ONT (Optical Network Terminal). All customers who have our fiber service will need to have an equipment upgrade. While the technician works on the upgrade at your location, all services will be unavailable for about 30 minutes - 1 hour. Once completed, your network will have the ability for higher bandwidth & speeds. If not already, a member of our team will be reaching out to schedule a convenient time for the upgrade. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to bring you the best possible internet experience.

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**Our office will be closed**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

We will return to regular office hours,  
7:30am - 4:00pm on Friday, Dec. 26th.

HAPPY  
**Holidays!**

# BERNARD TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS

CANDLE	MISTLETOE
CANDY CANE	NUTCRACKER
CAROLS	ORNAMENTS
CHRISTMAS	POINSETTIA
DECORATIONS	PRESENTS
EGGNOG	REINDEER
ELF ON A SHELF	SANTA CLAUS
FIREPLACE	SLEIGH
FROSTY	SNOWFLAKE
GINGERBREAD	SNOWMAN
HANUKKAH	STOCKING
HOLIDAY	TINSEL
HOT CHOCOLATE	UGLY SWEATER
ICICLE	WINTER
JINGLE BELLS	WREATH

**\*BONUS\***

FIND THE SECRET MESSAGE FROM THE MOVIE  
"A CHRISTMAS STORY"

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### 24/7 Technical Support

1-888-958-0911

### Secure IT Plus Customers

877-373-3320

### Do Not Call Registry

888-382-1222

### Iowa One Call

811 or 800-292-8989

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday  
7:30 AM—4:00 PM  
Closed 12:00—12:30 PM

## December Word Search

T O E E U A H G K S U A L C A T N A S G C  
T O H N G L G W E N A C Y D N A C N C I E  
T I W G I N I A F O S I R T H N Q H E N L  
C E B G I T E S E I O A B R T V T E L G E  
A B T U C R L N E T E O L D I A N H U E O  
N W T A E E S A P A I C A O E B E T N R T  
D I L T L A S E V R G R A R G I C H G B E  
L B N E K O C T A O L N W L N O E O I R L  
E I C L S U C T P C E H I I P R N R A E T  
W C P G J E A O I E C R O K E E S G T A S  
F P S D R A I S H D A O O T C L R S G D I  
L R N A M W O N S C E I A M L O T I S E M  
E E Y N M K T L E E T E T E K N T L F F I  
H S H M R T T N O K W O B T E N O S S R E  
S E H G I I S E R S A E H M E R I O L O M  
A N U T N G L I Y Y L L A O A S S R E S T  
N T A S U C D L R G G N F C L C N K D T T  
O S E N I S G G N H R I E W T U R I G Y A  
F L M C C U N I O O C E G T O B U L O S W  
L C I N O E J Y H O L I D A Y N T R I P F  
E N S L H A N U K K A H T H A C S N U R O  
N U T C R A C K E R R E E D N I E R M F E



### December

Saturday, 12/06

**SHE'S MAKING A LIST**

HALLMARK CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE SPECIAL

Sunday, 12/07

**SINGLE ON THE 25TH**

Saturday, 12/13

**A SUITE HOLIDAY ROMANCE**

Sunday, 12/14

**OY TO THE WORLD!**

Saturday, 12/20

**A MAKE OR BREAK HOLIDAY**

Sunday, 12/21

**THE CHRISTMAS BABY**



Congratulations  
to this month's winner,

*Greg Cox*

He will receive a \$10 credit on his  
next bill!

Winners are randomly drawn and  
all customers are eligible.