



## Official Rules

The photos submitted to the Gridley Telephone 2018 Directory Photo Contest will be used to promote the community and rural lifestyle.

Contest runs February 12th through May 10th, 2018.

Please read the rules carefully

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### WHO CAN ENTER?

Anyone! The 2018 Directory Photo Contest is open to all ages, except immediate family members of employees of Gridley Telephone.

### WHAT TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ELIGIBLE?

We are seeking images with striking original color and creativity including images of: community, rural lifestyle, festivals, sporting events, outdoor or recreational activities. Submitting images that clearly identify a person, will need to have a **model release** submitted with the entry or the image will be disqualified.

### MUST THE WORK BE SUBMITTED BY THE ENTRANT?

Yes. By entering the 2018 Directory Photo Contest, the entrant represents, acknowledges and warrants that the submitted image is an original work created solely by the entrant and that no other party has any right, title, claim or interest in the photograph.

### IS THERE AN ENTRY FEE?

No.

### WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES?

All entries should convey the beauty, spirit and/or character of Gridley/Meadows/Lake Bloomington and illustrate the community's experiences. Only photos taken within the Gridley, Meadows, and Lake Bloomington exchanges are eligible.

### WILL I NEED A MODEL RELEASE?

Yes. Each photograph that includes identifiable subjects (people) must be accompanied by a separate, signed release from EACH identifiable subject in the photograph. Releases that cannot be verified for authenticity by Gridley Telephone, for any reason (including missing, incorrect or incomplete contact information on the release form) will result in the disqualification of the entry. You must submit a signed model release when submitting an image containing any identifiable people. Please contact Gridley Telephone for a Model Release Form.

### HOW WILL THE IMAGES BE JUDGED?

Entries will be judged on the ability to promote the rural lifestyle and community. Any well-focused and exposed photo has as good a chance as any other to win, if the subject matter is good. All decisions of the judges are final.

### WHO WILL BE JUDGING THE IMAGES?

The images will be judged by employees of Gridley Telephone. Prizes will be awarded only to entries that the contest judges deem worthy. The prize may not be awarded if no acceptable entries are received. All decisions by the judges are final.

### WHAT ARE THE IMAGE RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS?

Submitted photos must be high resolution: 300 dpi at a minimum of 4x6 inches in .jpg format only.).

### CAN THE DIGITAL IMAGES BE ALTERED?

No. Altering content or subject matter of a photograph is not permitted, except with respect to cropping or resizing an image.

### DO I NEED TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM?

No. You must however submit an email entry form for each image submitted. To include: Name, Age, and Description.

### HOW MANY IMAGES CAN I SUBMIT?

Six (6) images may be submitted by a single individual during the contest period.

### HOW MUST THE IMAGES BE SUBMITTED?

Images must be submitted online in accordance with the above requirements via email. Receipt of entries will be acknowledged. Photographs must be in .jpg format and must meet required resolution size (see above).

### ARE ONLY DIGITAL IMAGES ELIGIBLE?

Yes. No print or film submissions will be accepted. If you have a non-digital image you wish to submit, then you'll have to scan the photograph to the required DPI resolution, and then submit the photo online.

### ARE BLACK & WHITE AND COLOR IMAGES ELIGIBLE?

No. Only color images are eligible.

### WHAT RIGHTS WILL GRIDLEY TELEPHONE RETAIN IN SUBMITTED PHOTOS?

Gridley Telephone reserves the right to use the photographs in printed materials and websites promoting rural lifestyle and community without paying compensation to the photographer or the subjects.

Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs to be:

- ~ Published on Gridley Telephone websites (including, but not limited to, [www.gridtel.com](http://www.gridtel.com))
- ~ Used in print publications of Gridley Telephone including, but not limited to, Gridley Telephone Directory, newsletters.
- ~ Used in connection with limited promotional use including, but not limited to, posters and other materials marketing the competition.

All entries must be free of claims and rights of third parties.

### WHAT RIGHTS WILL ENTRANTS RETAIN?

Entrants retain all other rights to future use of their photographs except as specified.

### CAN ENTRANTS SELL THEIR WINNING PHOTOGRAPH?

Yes, but a purchaser must be advised that Gridley Telephone retains the rights enumerated in "WHAT RIGHTS WILL Gridley Telephone RETAIN IN SUBMITTED PHOTOS?"

### CAN SUBMITTED IMAGES HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED?

No.

### WHAT ARE THE AWARD CATEGORIES AND AWARDS IN EACH CONTEST PERIOD?

Prizes are non transferable and may not be redeemed for other substitutes. In the event that a Winner chooses not to accept the Prize, they forfeit any and all claims to that Prize, which will be dealt with according to the absolute discretion of Gridley Telephone. All awards will be made at the discretion of the judges. If a suitable image is not found amongst the entries a prize may not be awarded for each placement or contest.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

**Grand Prize:** \$100.00, published on the Cover of the 2018 Directory

### RETURNS:

No entry will be returned, and all entries become the property of Gridley Telephone. They will be added to the permanent Gridley Telephone photo collection, owned and maintained by the organization, and will be used as the organization sees fit. Giving photo credit will be attempted when a photograph is used as a major image in Gridley Telephone publications. It must be understood that Gridley Telephone gives promotional photos out to media, writers and other organizations, and they cannot be held responsible when photo credit is not given to the photographer for his or her work.

### WHAT IS THE GENERAL AGREEMENT?

Contest entrants agree to abide by the terms of these Official Rules and by the decisions of the judging organization, which are final on all matters pertaining to contests. The return of any prize/prize notification as undeliverable may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner.

### DISCLAIMER

Gridley Telephone is not responsible for entries not received due to lost, failed, delayed or interrupted connections or miscommunications, or other electronic malfunctions. The sponsor is not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate entry information, whether caused by persons entered at the website or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the contest or by any human error, which may occur in the processing of the entries in this contest.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless Gridley Telephone, as well as any directors, officers or employees of those organizations from any and all liability for any injuries, loss or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the contest.

If, for any reason, the contest is not capable of being conducted as planned, including any causes beyond the control of the administrators, Gridley Telephone reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, suspend or terminate the contest without notice to the entrants.

Entry into the photography contest does not create any vested right or interest for the participants in the prize offered for the contest.