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Tips to Avoid Identity Theft!

Identity theft is someone stealing your personal information to use for illegal purposes. It can happen face to face, over the telephone, or on the Internet. It is a crime that can damage your credit, your reputation, and your peace of mind. You can reduce the possibility of becoming a victim by keeping your personal information secure. Here are a few tips...

- Guard your Social Security number. (Do not print it on your checks!)
- Monitor your credit report. Subscribe to a credit report monitoring service that will notify you whenever someone applies for credit in your name.
- Shred all old bank statements and "junk mail" credit card offers before trashing them.
- Remove your name from the marketing lists of the three credit reporting bureaus to reduce the number of pre-approved offers you receive.
- Add your name to the name deletion lists of the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service and Telephone Preference Service used by banks and other marketers.
- Do not carry extra credit cards or other important identity documents except when needed.
- Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both the sides of your license and credit cards so you have all the account numbers, expiration dates and phone numbers if your wallet or purse is stolen.
- Do not mail bill payments and checks from home. Signed checks can be stolen from your mailbox and washed clean in chemicals. Take them to the post office.
- Order your Social Security Earnings and Benefits statement once a year to check for fraud.
- Examine the charges on your credit card statements before paying them.
- Cancel unused credit card accounts.
- Never give your credit card number or personal information over the phone unless you have initiated the call and trust that business.

Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association Important Phone Numbers:

During Regular Business Hours (8 am – 5 pm) Please Call: 515-352-3151

After Hours Repair (After Hours Only) Call: 515-352-5000

Internet Technical Support: 515-352-7000

SecureIT Plus Technical Support: 877-373-3320

Iowa One Call: 800-292-8989



Congratulations

to the Fort Dodge Dodgers and the Webster City Lynx baseball teams for making it to the **Iowa High School Baseball State Tournament.**

Webster-Calhoun provides telephone and Internet services in Badger and Duncombe!

In celebration, Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association and Iowa Network Services (INS) gave away tickets to team members' friends and families for a game at Des Moines' Principal Park.

Webster-Calhoun is also a proud supporter of area little league programs!

Employees of Webster-Calhoun participated in **parades** throughout our serving area this summer. WCCTA currently offers telephone and high speed Internet services to all our customers. As a result of implementing Fiber to the Home, a cutting edge technology, WCCTA will also be able to offer video services in the next year or two.

Construction has made some progress in the rural areas of Gowrie along roads and ditches. It is anticipated that the crews will move into town around the first of August before plowing drops from pedestals to buildings both in town and rural areas. There are several steps to completing this new network and there may be cable or conduit poking out of the ground for a short time in between steps. Our intention is to keep the construction mess to a minimum so please pardon our progress.



Construction by Central Cable Contractors has begun in rural areas of Gowrie.



Attention Rural Gowrie Areas:

During all construction Webster-Calhoun utilizes Iowa One Call for locating most utilities; however, it does not cover any additional underground markings you may have such as rural natural gas lines, a buried power line, LP lines, septic systems, etc. Please contact our office at 352-3151.

