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Thor Boosters and Gowrie Historical Society Receives INS Charity Grants

The Thor Boosters, Thor City Council and Norway Township Board were recently awarded a Charity Grant of \$1,500 from Iowa Network Services to help make the Thor Community Hall handicapped accessible.

The Gowrie Historical Society was also awarded a Charity Grant of \$750 from Iowa Network Services to pay for red vinyl siding for the early day railroad train depot that houses a collection of Gowrie area historical items.

Eligibility for this grant is offered to communities serviced by Iowa Network Services through local telephone companies such as Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association. These groups were also presented a check for \$500 for each project from Webster-Calhoun.

Happy Holidays from the
Employees and Directors
at
Webster-Calhoun
Cooperative Telephone
Association



*Please Note: The office will be closed on
December 24th, 25th, and January 1st.*



Pictured receiving the checks are (left to right) Daryl Carlson, General Manager of Webster-Calhoun; Chuck and Lois Nerem representing the **community of Thor**; and Rich Kloppenberg, Iowa Network Services.



Pictured receiving the checks are (left to right) Daryl Carlson, General Manager of Webster-Calhoun; Don Larson and Dave Tjepkes representing the **Gowrie Historical Society**; and Rich Kloppenberg, Iowa Network Services.

Board Member Nominating Committee meeting for 2008 will be held at 11:00 am on January 4, 2008 at the Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association office. Contact Daryl Carlson, EVP/General Manager, at 352-3151 for more information.

This message is included in the December 2007 billing statement regarding CPNI:

Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association is requesting your approval to access, use, disclose, or distribute your **Customer Proprietary Network Information** (or "CPNI") for certain purposes.

CPNI consists of the call, service and billing records regarding your use of the telecommunications services that you purchase from us (e.g., the telephone numbers you call; the frequency, timing and duration of your calls; and the telecommunications and information services you purchase).

The Company is requesting your approval to use your CPNI to develop and market new products and services, and allow its long distance subsidiary, Webster-Calhoun Long Distance, to access and use your CPNI to design and develop new toll services and packages.

You have a right to the confidentiality of your CPNI, and the Company and other carriers have a duty, under federal law, to protect that confidentiality. You have a right to approve or disapprove the proposed access, use, disclosure and/or distribution of your CPNI.

If you approve, the Company may be better able to offer products and services tailored to your needs. Your approval will be valid for up to two years, but you may revoke or limit it at any time by notifying the Company in writing that you are doing so.

If you disapprove, it will not affect the provision to you of any of the existing services which you purchase from the Company. However, we will not be able to use your CPNI to develop and offer to you new or additional services or service packages. Your disapproval will remain in effect until you revoke or limit it, which you may do in writing at any time.

If you are willing to give the Company your approval for the proposed use of your CPNI, you need do nothing further. Your approval will be deemed to have been granted thirty-three (33) days after this notice was sent to you.

If you do not approve the proposed use of your CPNI, you need to contact Webster-Calhoun with your request by faxing it to the Company at 515-352-3025, e-mail the company at webcal@wccta.net, or telephone the company at 515-352-3151 or at the following toll-free number 888-350-3151.

What is it? This message in the billing statement along with many new rules is a requirement imposed by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission).

What is this information? This information includes data within our billing system such as which long distance carrier you have chosen, what calling features and calling plans you use. *Basically is it information about you that we have access to in order to provide service to you.*

Accessing this information helps WCCTA employees advise you and create new products and services for you.

Who has access to this information?

Only employees of Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association and its subsidiaries such as Webster-Calhoun Long Distance use this information.

What does this mean? Your information will still be handled the same way; however, new rules are in place that require WCCTA to make you aware that we use this information and will require more security for accessing this information on your account.

Whatever you decide does not affect any of the products or services you subscribe to.

What do I do? If you do nothing you are giving WCCTA your approval and nothing will change.

If you wish to disapprove, please contact the Webster-Calhoun office at 515-352-3151. Access of CPNI information will be handled on an individual basis.