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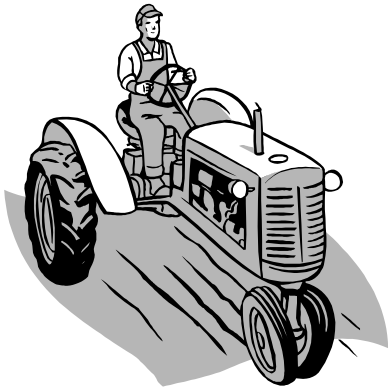
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The **Northland Ford Dealers KGLO Tractor Ride** is coming through the WCCTA service area!! On Monday, July 18th a couple hundred antique tractors will travel through Pilot Mound, Boxholm, and Gowrie on their way to Fort Dodge. Then on Tuesday, July 19th, Duncombe, and Vincent are on the route as tractors head to Webster City. Theme days include Christmas in July, pajama day and hat day so it should be an interesting site to see!



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**Good Luck To Area FFA
and 4-H Members
During The County Fairs!**



Happy Independence Day!

Gowrie Independence Day Celebration is July 1 – 4th

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Central Cable Contractors will, again this year, be helping Webster-Calhoun with plant upgrades. Possibly beginning in July, crews will start burying cable in the communities of **Somers, Knierim and Moorland**. A start date for Pilot Mound, Boxholm and Lanyon has not yet been determined. Crews will also be in these areas to run lines to each home and splice cables together.

WCCTA servicemen are hard at it switching numbers to the new cabinets installed in the Farnhamville area. Cabinets installed in Badger, Vincent, Thor, Barnum and Clare will soon be powered up. Technicians will spend the summer switching numbers to the new cabinets in these areas soon.

Your patience is appreciated during the time it takes to get everyone cut-over. These plant upgrade projects are very involved and take quite a bit of time to see to all the details! Particularly when switching each phone number with all the telephone features--one by one!



I Just Got A New Computer... Now What??

Getting a new (or used) computer has a lot of benefits. Especially when using WCCTA.NET Internet service for research or keeping in touch with friends and family. However, there are several maintenance items that go along with owning a computer. These items will help keep your computer running smoothly throughout a sometimes bumpy information superhighway.

Remember:
Effective July 1st Humboldt County school local option sales tax (SILO) goes into effect.

The first way to keep your computer secure is regular **updates** for Microsoft users. After new software has been released, issues may be found that need fixed. Are your updates current? If you are having trouble with your computer, this may be the first question asked by tech support.

Viruses, worms and the like often perform malicious acts, such as deleting files, accessing personal data, or using your computer to attach other computers. You can help keep your computer healthy by using **antivirus software**. Remember to update your antivirus software regularly. These updates are generally available through a subscription from your antivirus software provider.

Sometimes things are downloaded to your computer without your knowledge. They may be with other programs or may be misrepresented. **Adware** is software that displays advertisements on your computer. These are ads that pop up on your display screen, even if you're not browsing the Internet. Some companies provide "free" software in exchange for advertising on your display. It's how they make their money. **Spyware** is software that sends your personal information to a third party without your permission or knowledge. This can include information about web sites you visit. Some companies may use this information to send you unsolicited targeted advertisements. *These programs can slow down your computer, hijack your home page, and even affect your connection to the Internet!*

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