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Have a Safe and Relaxing Labor Day Weekend!!

The WCCTA office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd.

It's *Back to School* and your family may be spending more time on your computer.

Do you think your computer is protected from viruses, spyware, and adware? Is the firewall functioning properly? What about hard drive maintenance and updates from Microsoft? Worried about what your children do on-line? Wouldn't it be nice to have the number of a person you could call and discuss this at no extra cost? Webster-Calhoun already has it and the price is better than ever!!

SecureIT Plus Computer Protection is now \$6.95 per month!

Sign up now and get the first month free! Plus, each additional license key for multiple computers can be added for only \$4.95. Contact our office at 515-352-3151 today.

Don't forget to call Grandpa and Grandma on Grandparents Day! Sunday, September 9th!

Avoid Identity Theft

In response to last month's newsletter article on tips to avoid identity theft here is the contact information for each of the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax
PO Box 740256
Atlanta, GA 30374
800-685-1111
www.equifax.com

Experian
PO Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion LLC
PO Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022
800-888-4213
www.transunion.com

You can monitor your credit report or have them remove your name from their marketing lists to reduce the number of pre-approved offers you receive.

The Board of Directors voted to retire the remaining 50% of the **capital credit dividends** allocated for the year 2000.

Mid November, checks totaling over 1.8 million will be refunded to our past and present members. (Please note that your check will not be mailed if you have a past due account with us.)

Capital Credits...\$\$\$

Each time you subscribe to one of Webster-Calhoun's services, you are not just becoming a customer; you are making an investment in a company you and your neighbors actually own! As an owner of a cooperative company, you are entitled to certain benefits that are not available to customers of big name telephone companies. A couple benefits include:

- You elect each representative on the Board of Directors. Their job is to oversee the operation of your cooperative and protect your investment.
- Once the operating costs and reinvestments in your cooperative have been met, the Board of Directors refunds the remaining money to the members in the form of "Capital Credits."

When Webster-Calhoun makes a profit that means you've just made a profit. Cooperatives are truly a unique business. Everyone has a stake in the success of a cooperative.

Webster-Calhoun recently made a donation of over sixty 100 minute pre-paid calling cards to the Gowrie American Legion. Dick Dean then presented the pre-paid calling cards to Peggy Baker, President and founder, of **Operation First Response** to help support wounded heroes and their families. The Gowrie American Legion will help host a Ride & Drive Poker Run fund raiser in Gowrie on October 6th.



WCCTA General Manager, Daryl Carlson, left, is pictured presenting pre-paid calling cards to Dick Dean, Commander of the Gowrie American Legion Post 431.

To see what organizations are planning fund raisers or to have your activity added, check out the web site at www.wccta.net and click on **Community Events!**



Lori Dale, President of the Somers Library Board, presents a plaque to General Manager, Daryl Carlson, for Webster-Calhoun's donation to the library building fund. The **Somers Library** will be hosting a fund raiser brunch in Somers on September 9th.