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Yehaw! The Annual Meeting was a great success!

What a great turnout! There was a large crowd and many new faces at the recent Annual Meeting of Members! As the financial report was given by Jeff Naig of Kieslings & Associates, it was obvious that WCCTA had another great year despite the fact that the industry is changing. "I keep saying things will slow down. Minutes of use and landline access lines continue to decline. It is very difficult to compete with deregulated wireless and the mobility of wireless service...that's my story and I'm sticking to it," says General Manager, Daryl Carlson.

Reports by Board President, Alan Jacobson; General Manager, Daryl Carlson; and Office Manager, Marcie Boerner, played into the theme of "Modern Day Pioneers." Members, employees, and directors of both the past and present have to make decisions that affect the future of our cooperative.

Today, WCCTA is installing "Fiber to the Home" to prepare the way for new technology. Bringing fiber closer to the customer means more bandwidth. Bandwidth will allow WCCTA to provide telephone, Internet and someday digital TV all at the same time through the phone line!

Congratulations To Re-Elected Board Members!

Next year, the entire Board of Directors will seek election by mail ballots. The board will be reduced from 17 members to 9 and will represent districts instead of exchanges.

These gentlemen were re-elected to one-year terms:

Dale Thompson, Badger
Robert Gordon, Gowrie
Jim Peterson, Gowrie
David Schreier, Knierim
Deck Crouch, Pilot Mound
Jim Legvold, Vincent



Happy Easter!



Congratulations to door prize winners at the Annual Meeting of Members!

- Garden Stake and Flowers: Ross Johnson, Gowrie
- Lazy Chair with Throw Blanket: Donna Nichols, Vincent Exchange
- Lazy Chair with Cooler: Linda Welter, Farnhamville
- WCCTA Rolling Cooler: Irene Van Patten, Farnhamville
- WCCTA Rolling Cooler: Morgan Fredrickson, Gowrie
- Pillow and Throw Blanket: Howard Roberts, Pilot Mound
- Tent and Sleeping Bag: Eleanor Kullberg, Gowrie
- Weber Grill Set: Sue Light, Gowrie
- Table Top Grill Set: Joyce Gadbury, Knierim
- Wagon Planter Box: Melvin Seil, Farnhamville

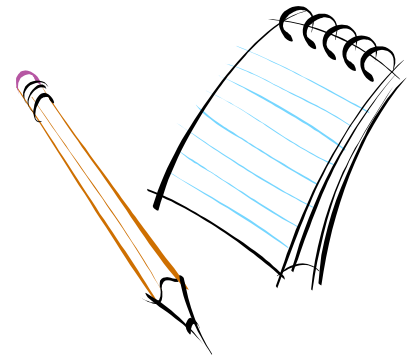


Enjoying coffee and doughnuts after the meeting!



It's Spring! That means **construction** will begin again soon in the Pilot Mound and Boxholm areas!!

Crews in the Somers, Knierim and Moorland areas continue to test cables and install equipment. Testing is done throughout the entire WCCTA network, from customer's homes to cabinets and pedestals to the equipment within our central office. We appreciate your patience as we work through all this new technology!!



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