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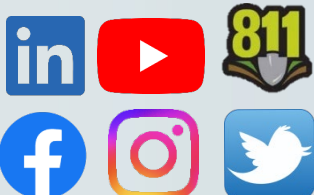
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Allocation Notices

Cooperative members receiving service from Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association during the year of 2023 can expect to receive an allocation notice this summer.

The Cooperative is obligated to pay by credits to a capital account for each member all such amounts in excess of operating costs and expenses. This is based upon that member's usage during that year. These funds are set aside in your name until the Board of Directors approves retirement of these funds. In the meantime, these profits are reinvested into the cooperative operations. Capital Credits are an important benefit of your cooperative membership.

Who is a cooperative member?

WCCTA's Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) communities include Gowrie, Pilot Mound, Boxholm, Lanyon, Paton, Churdan, Farnhamville, Somers, Moorland, Knierim, Clare, Barnum, Thor, Badger, Vincent, and Duncombe. They are considered members of the cooperative.

With 100% of the financial investment by the cooperative in buried fiber to provide competitive (CLEC) services to the towns only of Lohrville, Manson, Rockwell City, and Lake City, these communities will not be considered a member of the cooperative until a reasonable return on investment is gained. The Board of Directors will re-evaluate in the future. (Windstream is the incumbent provider in this area.)

What is the difference between incumbent and competitive areas?

WCCTA receives federal universal service funds to help provide service in the ILEC area only.

What is a retirement?

Allocated dollars remain with the cooperative to provide operating funds and investment in facilities. Later this year the WCCTA Board of Directors will review the current status of the cooperative. If a capital credit retirement is declared, checks will be issued to members.

Charity Grant – Pickleball Project

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the US for the third year in a row. A local group of residents interested in playing pickleball has formed a committee to work with the City of Lake City and Lake City Park and Recreation Board to raise funds to install two new pickleball courts near the swimming pool in Goins Park.

Members of the Pickleball Project are Stacey Corey, Renee Stauter, Elaine Lietz, Katie Macke, Lisa Anderson, Susi Schumacher, Kari Musselman and Derrick Henkenius.



On May 7, 2024, the group hosted a groundbreaking ceremony at Goins Park to celebrate the progress of raising \$67,000 of the anticipated \$104,000 for the full project. Marcie Boerner, COO of Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association, presented the group with funds from an Aureon Charity Grant to be used towards two new nets as part of the project. The committee continues to plan fundraisers and anticipate the courts to be completed by the end of summer.

Do you have an ISP-based email?

When you sign up for service with an Internet Service Provider (ISP), they may also provide you the option to connect to an ISP-based email account. This convenient email address may be great sometimes, but is it the best option for you long term?

You may have started out using the ISP-based email for simple things like communicating with friends and family, but now you've begun getting your bills, online news, and login to your social media with that specific email.

Down the road this could lead to a headache if you're ever wanting to switch service providers or move out of the area.

For Webster-Calhoun Internet subscribers, email is optional and free with active service, charges apply upon disconnection. We recommend that customers have a Web/Cloud-based email account through other platforms like Gmail, Outlook, or Yahoo as their primary account.



Happy Father's Day – June 16th, 2024

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th! Don't forget to do something special for your father or father figure in your life.

