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## Let's See Some Pictures

It's once again time for the annual WCTA photo contest. The contest will cover both the 2017 WCTA Directory and calendar. The first-place winner will see their picture on the cover of both pieces and receive \$100. The second and third place winners will receive \$50 and \$25 respectively, and be included in the calendar. Send your digital photos to [photos@wctatel.net](mailto:photos@wctatel.net). (926-5022)

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- The photos should not contain people.
- Amateur photographers only – no professionals.
- Individuals may submit up to 3 photos.
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- Submission deadline is July 31, 2016. Winners will be selected in August.

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L to R: Ethel Christianson, Marilyn Cornell, LaVonne Hartman, Jean Heitland prepare dividend checks for mailing

## Dividend Payments Mailed in May

In mid-May WCTA issued approximately 8000 dividend checks to past and current members. The \$500,000 payment represents 5.6% of the remaining allocated dividends for the years 1997-2000.

WCTA members can be proud of their cooperative's operation. (561-2848)

# WCTA and Aureon Award Several Grants to Area Organizations

WCTA and Aureon recently awarded grants to several area organizations. Frequent readers may notice that Aureon is a new name. Aureon was formally known as Iowa Network Services (INS).



**Aureon Representative Kent Atha, Lake Mills Daycare Director Ashley Brackett; and WCTA Regulatory Manager John Kroger**

- The Lake Mills Community Daycare and Preschool received funds to help with the remodeling and expansion of the infant and 1-year-old rooms to better accommodate a growing number of children.



**WCTA Regulatory Manager John Kroger, Winnebago Historical Society Representative Jim Oulman; and Aureon Representative Kent Atha**

- The Winnebago County Historical Society was awarded funds to be used for an upcoming building painting project.



**Aureon Representative Kent Atha, Buffalo Center Library representatives Sharon Hippen and Ray Bosma; and WCTA Regulatory Manager John Kroger**

- The Buffalo Center Public Library received funds to help renovate the quiet area inside the library.



**Front row: Fertile Representatives Sara Innes, Joyce Russell, and Ron Rachut; Back row: WCTA Regulatory Manager John Kroger; Aureon Representative Kent Atha (Forest City Summit photo)**

- The Fertile Day's Committee received funds towards the purchase of a Blue Star Plaque for the Veterans Memorial in the Fertile park.

If your organization would like to apply for an Aureon Charity Grant, contact the WCTA business office for an application. Aureon created the charity grant program to support the communities served by rural telephone companies, and to help community projects. (265-3285)

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## Old Cellphones Aren't Toys

When you get a new cellphone it may be tempting to use your old one as a backup phone or toy for the kids. While it may be a viable option, there are some pitfalls, particularly with 911 service.

When a normal cell phone calls 911, that phone's number and, in many cases, its actual location (provided by GPS) are sent along to the 911 center. That gives the dispatcher important information about who is calling and where they are calling from. (797-2704)

What many people don't realize, though, is that an old, inactive cellphone can still dial 911 (even if its SIM card is removed). And while that could be considered a benefit, it can also be a very big problem when left in the hands of children.

When an inactive cellphone calls 911, no number is passed through and the GPS data may not be available. The dispatcher answering the call may not be able to determine the actual location of the problem. And because the phone is inactive and cannot receive calls, the dispatcher or emergency crews cannot call you back if needed. (565-3102)

If the phone happens to be in the hands of a child who manages to call 911, the problems can get even worse. If the dispatcher is unable to verify whether or not there was a problem, they often times must send law enforcement to investigate, which can interfere with other emergencies.

So what's the bottom line? If you are going to get a new cellphone, the best option is to recycle the old phone. Not only does this help the environment, it can prevent possible problems later on. If you do decide to keep an old cellphone please be aware of the potential problems it can cause if misused.

# Summer Celebrations



*If you're looking for summer fun, you don't have to look any further than your local "Summer Celebration". Please attend and support the community events listed below.*

<b>June 11</b>	<b>International Festival, Heritage Park, Forest City</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Town &amp; Country Festival, Kensett</b>
<b>June 15-19</b>	<b>Worth County Fair, Northwood</b>
<b>June 24-25</b>	<b>Bash on the Farm, Heritage Park, Forest City</b>
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Sundown Day, Hanlontown (HAGBRAT – June 20)</b>
<b>June 25-26</b>	<b>Borderfest, Emmons</b>
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Annual Borderline Tractor Ride, Rake</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Annual 4th of July Celebration, Scarville</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Firecracker Days, Buffalo Center</b>
<b>July 1-4</b>	<b>Hometown 4th of July Celebration, Northwood</b>
<b>July 2-4</b>	<b>Bullhead Days, Crystal Lake</b>

Be sure to check your local newspaper for details on these events.

More "Summer Celebrations" will be listed in next month's Dial Tone. Be sure to watch for it!

## Pedal Your Way to Fun at a WCTA-Sponsored Pedal Pull!

WCTA has sponsored a number of pedal pulls at area events for the past several years. This year's plans include a number of events throughout the area. The schedules are still being finalized. For more details check your local newspaper or look online at [kidpowerpedalpulls.com](http://kidpowerpedalpulls.com) (297-5784)



## Telephone Numbers

### Albert Lea

Nielsen R & C..... 507-320-7304

### Buffalo Center

Alberhasky S..... 641-562-2069

Baker London ..... 641-562-2083

Boggess A..... 641-562-2084

### Conger

Davidson David & Bonnie..... 507-265-3123

### Fertile

Hess Victoria..... 641-797-2032

### Forest City

#### Advanced

Plumbing & Heating..... 641-581-2400

Carroll Nicholas ..... 641-581-2067

Doner B ..... 641-585-0177

Hauge T ..... 641-581-2058

Hughes Daniel ..... 641-585-0222

Jefson Andrew & Angela ..... 641-581-2057

Lunning Jerry Sr ..... 641-585-3347

Olson Brandon ..... 641-585-0025

Rork Darin & Lori ..... 641-585-1225

### Glenville

Stark Jim..... 507-448-7024

### Grafton

Winter Cody & Candi..... 641-748-2033

### Hanlontown

Kennedy A ..... 641-896-2046

Vesper N & C ..... 641-896-2016

### Kensett

McCready Tori & Jamie ..... 641-845-2025

### Lake Mills

Ay Jalisco ..... 641-592-2000

Burke James ..... 641-592-0321

Davila R ..... 641-592-0153

Gonzalez Eden ..... 641-592-0259

Marr Anastasia..... 641-592-0292

Mehlhoff M ..... 641-592-0248

Semrau Josh & Amanda..... 641-592-0265

### Leland

Hanna P ..... 641-567-3072

Thomas Kelsey ..... 641-567-3024

### Manly

#### Ruchotzke Don &

Lois Ehresmann..... 641-454-2415

### Northwood

Walk Derreck..... 641-323-7061

### Thompson

Burkhow D..... 641-584-2097

Santiago Prot..... 641-584-2095

Thorland Tonnes ..... 641-584-2096

### Twin Lakes

Anderson R..... 507-852-2022

### Woden

B & R Farm & Country Store..... 641-926-5360

Bell AJ ..... 641-926-5027

Hacker D ..... 641-926-5028

Hugo D ..... 641-926-5029

## Visit Us

704 East Main  
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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

## Contact Us

### Telephone

641-592-6105

or

1-800-592-6105

### Internet

www.wctatel.net

wcta@wctatel.net

### Internet Tech Support

1-877-928-2835

## After Hours Repair

### Telephone and Cable TV

1-800-216-6951

## Call Before You Dig

### Dial 811

or

### Iowa One Call

1-800-292-8989

### Gopher State One Call

1-800-252-1166

## Payment Info

- ✦ Payments are due on the 20th of each month.
- ✦ Accounts with past due balances are subject to a \$3 Late Payment Charge.
- ✦ Please include bill stub with your payment.
- ✦ For your convenience, WCTA offers Automatic Bank Deduct. Payments can be taken out of your checking or savings account.
- ✦ There is a drop box at the WCTA business office.

## Other Payment Locations

### Thompson

Titonka Savings Bank

### Forest City

Manufacturers Bank & Trust

Titonka Savings Bank

### Grafton

Farmers State Bank

### Emmons

Security Bank Minnesota

## eStatement

For eStatement online  
account access visit:  
www.wctatel.net



Find us on  
**Facebook**

www.facebook.com/wctatel

# WCTA's New Website is Launching Soon...

## Check back for more details!



## DIAL TONE QUOTE

"If you think education is expensive,  
try ignorance."

- Derek Bok



**BEFORE**



**YOU DIG**

Dial 811 or

Iowa One Call

1-800-292-8989

Gopher State One Call

1-800-252-1166

Call 48 Hours In Advance.



**\$5.00 Credit**

**IF YOUR NUMBER APPEARS IN THIS  
ISSUE OF THE DIAL TONE IN PAREN-  
THESIS AND YOU  
NOTIFY US BY THE 15TH OF THIS  
MONTH, A \$5.00 CREDIT WILL BE  
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