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# ***Federated Phone Facts***

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## **Great People ~ Great Food ~ Great Night**

### **2007 Federated Telephone Cooperative Annual Meeting & Federated Telephone Customer Appreciation Supper**

All Federated Telephone customers are invited to attend a Customer Appreciation Supper followed by the 55th Annual Meeting of the members for the members on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the Chokio-Alberta High School in Alberta, Minnesota. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Annual Meeting to begin at 6:45 p.m.

Voting for three directors will take place at the annual meeting. The terms of Tim Danielson, District #2, Odessa exchange, Lynn Swenson, District #3, Correll exchange, and Richard Bjornjeld, District #6, Milan/Big Bend exchange will expire. Members may vote at the annual meeting or by absentee ballot which will be mailed out with the notice of the Annual Meeting on May 29, 2007.

Absentee ballots must be received in FTC's office by 10:00 a.m. on June 14, 2007, where they will be kept unopened until the annual meeting. Registration will cease when the annual meeting begins and no voting will be allowed after tellers have collected ballots.

In other business, the President's report by Richard Bjornjeld and the General Manager's report by Kevin Beyer will be presented.

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## **2007 Customer Appreciation Supper**

**Thursday, June 14, 2007**  
**Served from 4:30-6:15 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.**  
**Registration open from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Door prizes awarded after the meeting concludes.**  
**Must be present to win.**

## ATTENTION: COOP MEMBERS

### *Calling Scope Now Open to ALL Federated Customers*

Effective June 1, 2007 - As you know, Federated Telephone Cooperative has taken over full ownership of Home-Town Solutions in Morris. Now that the business operations are fully integrated, the calling scope will be open to ALL Federated Telephone Coop Members to be able to call all Federated Telephone Customers as a local call. There will be no long distance toll charge for calls between the exchanges. Simply dial the 7-digit telephone number. These exchanges will now be a **LOCAL CALL!** Federated Telephone Customers are individuals or businesses who receive basic dial tone service from Federated Telephone.



Calling Scope  
Now Open!

## From

Federated  
Telephone  
Cooperative  
Members



Alberta (324)  
Big Bend (793)  
Chokio (324)  
Correll (596)  
Danvers (567)  
Hancock (392)  
Holloway (394)  
Odessa (273)  
Milan (734)

## To

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Telephone  
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Milan (734)  
Morris (585, 589)  
**Federated Customers Only!**

### Planning to Re-side Your House?



On the outside of every home or business with telephone services, there is a unit called a protector. The protector connects the phone line to the wiring inside the building. Federated Telephone owns this equipment.

If you are planning to re-side your home or business, **DO NOT** try to remove the protector yourself. Simply contact our office a few days in advance and a Federated technician will come remove the unit.

Once the new siding has been installed, a Federated technician will return to replace the unit (in the same location) for you free of charge. However, if you or your contractor damages the unit, you will be billed for the necessary repairs.

### Recipe

#### Rhubarb slush

8 c. Cut Up Rhubarb  
2 qts. Water  
3 c. Sugar  
1/2 c. Lemon Juice  
1 Small pkg Strawberry JELLO

1. Cook first four ingredients together until rhubarb is tender.
2. In an ice cream pail: Add 1 small pkg. of strawberry JELLO.
3. Slowly strain the rhubarb mixture directly into the ice cream pail, stir until mixed with JELLO.
4. Freeze ice cream pail.
5. To serve: Spoon frozen slush mixture into a glass and add 7-Up or strawberry pop.

(2 c. vodka can be added to slush mixture before freezing if desired.)

## 2007-2008 Area-Wide Directory

The 2007-2008 edition of the area-wide directory is scheduled for distribution during the third week of May. Please remember to recycle your old books according to the information provided on the inside front cover of the 2007-2008 directory. Each county has different instructions, so make sure you find the proper instructions for your county.

## The Truth About Cell Phones and the Do Not Call Registry

### *Despite Re-Circulating E-mail, It is Still Not Necessary to Register Cell Phone Numbers*

As the number of phone numbers on the National Do Not Call (DNC) Registry surpassed 139 million, the Federal Trade Commission today reiterated that despite the claims made in e-mails circulating on the Internet, consumers should not be concerned that their cell phone numbers will be released to telemarketers at any time in the near future. In addition, according to the agency, it is not necessary to register cell phone numbers on the DNC Registry to be protected from most telemarketing calls to cell phones.

The truth about cell phones and the DNC Registry is:

- Contrary to the e-mail, cell phone numbers are NOT being released to telemarketers, and you will NOT soon be getting telemarketing calls on your cell phone.
- There is NO deadline by which you must register your cell phone number on the Registry.
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers. Automated dialers are standard in the industry, so most telemarketers are barred from calling consumers on their cell phones without their consent.
- The national associations representing telemarketers have stated that their clients do not intend to start calling consumers' cell phones.
- There is only ONE DNC Registry. There is no separate registry for cell phones.
- The DNC Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines. You must call from the phone number that you want to register. If you register online, you must respond to a confirmation e-mail.
- While the telecommunications industry has been discussing the possibility of creating a wireless 411 directory, according to the FCC, even if a wireless 411 directory is established, most telemarketing calls to cell phones would still be illegal, regardless of whether the number is listed on the federal government's National Do Not Call Registry.

### **For More Information**

To learn more about the National DNC Registry and the rules that enforce it, visit the FTC at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or the FCC at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov). For more information about a planned "wireless 411" directory, visit <http://www.qsent.com/wireless411>.

**National Do Not Call List 1-888-382-1222  
or Register Your Phone Number at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)**

## **Important Notice for AT&T and Qwest Long Distance Customers:**



If you are an AT&T or Qwest long distance customer, your May 1, 2007 statement will be the final statement from Federated Telephone Cooperative containing long distance charges on behalf of AT&T or Qwest.

Effective with your June 1, 2007 bill date your Federated Telephone Cooperative statement will include charges associated with Federated Telephone Cooperative along with the mandated regulatory surcharges and governmental taxes. Both AT&T and Qwest will be billing you directly with a separate statement for your long distance charges.

**Directory Additions**

**Hancock**

Eric & Martha Goossen	392-2011
Tyler & Josephine Sable	392-5764
Floyd J. Peterson, Jr.	392-7372
Bruce Solvie	392-2968
Hilltop Nursery	392-5768
John Naig	392-9117

**Chokio**

Mark & Jessie Staples	324-5798
Chris Lia	324-2020

**Holloway**

Kurt & Amanda Rosendahl	394-2407
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**Call Before You Dig**



*"It's the Law"*

Gopher State One Call  
Has Changed to: **811**

Simply Dial 811 from your telephone.  
Remember to call 48 hours before you dig.



Federated Telephone Offices  
will be Closed on Monday,  
May 28, 2007 in observance  
of Memorial Day.



**Congratulations 2007 Graduates!**



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