



Food Pantry Collection a Success

Our heart-felt appreciation goes to the community for their tremendous amount of giving during LPC Telephone's annual holiday food drive. We collected over 7 grocery carts of food which in turn was donated to the local food pantry. Pictured are Heidi Barz, LPC Telephone, and Carol Nagle who was drawn as a winner of a Flip Video camera from all those making donations to the food drive. Congratulations Carol!



Mitten Tree Donations Poured In

LPC Tel's Mitten Tree Program received overwhelming support from customers who donated over 100 hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves this year. The collected items were donated to Union Community Schools, La Porte City Preschool, FFA Festival of Trees Families, food pantry families, and Bremwood Homes. Your donations warmed hearts, hands, and heads of many families in our community. As a bonus, each person who donated to the Mitten Tree was entered into a drawing. Sherry Sheffler is the winner of one month of High Speed Internet.



▲ Pictured are Mabel Purdy and Barb Bader of LPC Telephone. Mabel was the winner of \$25 in LPC Chamber Bucks.



▲ Pictured are Union Elementary Principal, Todd Parker, and Heidi Barz of LPC Telephone.

Beware of Caller ID Spoofing

Caller ID is a convenient feature that allows you to know the name and number of who's calling before you answer your telephone. Did you know that Caller ID is susceptible to fraud by a practice called Caller ID Spoofing?

Caller ID Spoofing is the practice of displaying caller ID information on a recipient's caller ID device which is not that of the actual originating caller. Spoofing can make a call appear to have come from any phone number the caller wishes to use and is generally done as a means to convince individuals to provide personal or financial information that enables the perpetrators to commit credit card, bank fraud or other forms of identity theft.

Reminder! Please do not give out personal information in person, over the phone, by mail, or on the Internet unless you have made the initial contact or you are absolutely certain you know the people to whom you are giving your information. An identity thief can pose as a representative of any type of business including a bank, a credit card company, and an Internet service provider. The spoofed call can sound very plausible.

Visit <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/callerid.html> for more facts from the FCC on Caller ID Spoofing and how you can report this crime.



Keeping Your Landline – Wise Move

Dialing 911 from your home phone, not a cell, is the quickest way to get help in an emergency. Visit www.lpctel.com to learn about the importance of calling 9-1-1 from your landline.



Seeking new recipes!
 Receive a \$5 bill credit
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 lpctel@netins.net or mail them to:
 La Porte City Telephone Company
 PO Box 185, La Porte City, Iowa 50651

Recipe Corner

Brownie Caramel Bites

*Submitted by Dee Hutton, La Porte City.
 For the past 12 ½ years, Dee and her
 husband, Dick, have owned and
 operated the La Porte City Bakery.*



Dee Hutton

Prepare one family-sized Betty Crocker Supreme Brownie mix according to the package directions. Spray a mini muffin pan and fill each cup 2/3 full of the brownie batter.

Bake approximately 8 minutes at 350 degrees until the brownies are soft but done. Remove from oven and immediately push a Rolo caramel candy piece into each brownie.

Decorate by drizzling half of the brownies with white frosting and half with and chocolate frosting.
 Makes approximately 4 dozen brownies.

Broadband Expansion to Rural Customers

La Porte City Telephone Company is dedicated to being the area's communications and technology leader. We recently made the investment to install new equipment at the intersections of Ripple and Cotter and Jubilee and McStay Roads. This upgrade enables over 100 rural customers to access high speed internet and it improves home phone service of those served by the equipment. If you are a rural customer, call LPC Telephone today to learn how you can take advantage of high speed Internet.

Attention Class of 2011! Need Cash for College?

College Scholarships Available Through LPC Telephone

La Porte City Telephone Company has teamed up with the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) and Iowa Network Services to offer two scholarships opportunities to our service area's high school seniors.



The RIITA college scholarship program will award one \$2,500 to a winning applicant receiving telecommunications services from a RIITA member (LPC Tel is a RIITA member) and is from a rural area.

Eligibility requirements and the application can also be downloaded from the RIITA Website at www.riita.com. Completed applications must be returned to our office by February 22, 2011, so that we may sign the application and send it to RIITA.

netINS \$1,000 Scholarship – Available After March 1st, deadline April 1st.

netINS will award five \$1,000 cash scholarships to Iowa students accepted for admission and enrolled in an Iowa college or university and lives in the trade area of an Independent Telephone Company. Applicants must write a 300 word essay on "The historical and future impact of the Internet on Society."

Applicants must include name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, the name of their high school, the name of the college or university they are enrolled in and the name of the Independent Telephone Company (La Porte City Telephone) serving their area. A web-based form is provided at "<http://www.netINS.net/scholarships>" www.netINS.net/scholarships.

We're here when you need us.

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Payments are due on the 20th of each month. Please include bill stub with your payment. For your convenience, La Porte City Telephone offers Automatic Bank Deduct. (Payments can be taken out of your checking or savings account.) There is a drop box in the front of the office.

