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## WCCTA Purchases Additional Cable TV Exchanges

Webster-Calhoun recently added the cable TV exchanges of Churdan, Gowrie and Paton to the existing Farnhamville customers purchased in October. Webster-Calhoun now serves over 500 cable TV customers.

This is the first of many steps toward a long term goal of providing additional channels and digital TV through Fiber to the Home. Webster-Calhoun continues to maintain the existing co-ax cable TV network and will now be able to seriously research digital signals and set top boxes. Once a technology is chosen WCCTA will be able to test it on the new fiber network, although this process is expected to take several months.

In 2009 WCCTA will begin to cut over customers in Churdan and Paton to the new fiber network. At this point TV is not available on the fiber; however, this fiber technology will lead our company and communities into the future and allow rural customers the same advantages as those within city limits. Digital television being one of them!

Continue to watch this newsletter to learn more about improvements and new offerings for cable TV!

Happy Holidays from the  
Employees and Directors at  
Webster-Calhoun Cooperative  
Telephone Association



*Please Note: The office will be closed on  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

## What About My TV Antenna?

With the transition to digital TV just around the corner, what do I do? If you have cable service through WCCTA or a satellite provider you do not need to change anything. If you receive your TV signal through an antenna or rabbit ears you need to make sure you have a new converter box to receive a digital signal. For more information about the converter boxes, visit [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or calling the NTIA at 1-888-dtv-2009.

**Board Member Nominating Committee** meeting for 2008 will be held at 11:00 am on January 9, 2008 at the Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association office. Contact Daryl Carlson, EVP/General Manager, at 352-3151 for more information.

## Daryl Carlson Named ITA Chairman of the Board

During its Annual Meeting in November, the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA) Board of Directors elected Daryl Carlson, General Manager of Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association (Gowrie), as the 2008-2009 Board Chair. Carlson joined the ITA Board in 1994 and has been very involved in all aspects of the association.

During the closing of the General Session, Carlson urged all members to give back to their industry by increasing their participation in the ITA. Carlson stated "The ITA is one of the premier associations in the US. Now is the time for members to get involved with the association board and committees."

Also during the Annual Meeting of the ITA Board of Directors, the following officers were elected for the 2007-2008 term:

Board Chair: **Daryl Carlson**, Webster-Calhoun Coop Telephone, Gowrie

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: **Gary Clark**, Huxley Communications, Huxley

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: **Chris Hopp**, Alpine Communications, Elkader

Immediate Past Chair: **Janell Hansen**, Marne & Elk Horn Telephone

**Thank You** to these members of the Prairie Valley FCCLA for helping WCCTA get into the holiday spirit. Stop by the WCCTA office to see the sports themed Christmas tree!



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## Heading South for the Winter?

Members who head south for the winter may want to consider placing their Webster-Calhoun telephone service on "vacation rate." When on vacation rates, your telephone is placed into a discounted and suspended mode that assures you will receive the same telephone number when you return in the spring and does not incur any reconnect charges.

Vacations rates are available for a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of 6 months during any 12 month period. – **Remember**, any long distance calling from this number will result in removal from the vacation rates.

When you're heading back to your home, give Webster-Calhoun a call and we will fully restore your services. For more information, please contact our office at 352-3151.

## Making A List And Checking It Twice

Are you getting everything done on your "To Do" list this month?

Mark off "paying the phone bill" for good and sign up for

**Direct Payment!** WCCTA will take care of that chore for you and save you valuable time and money!

