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With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Howard Rude, former Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association manager, who passed away at his home on January 19, 2008.

Howard was employed as the Manager of the Gowrie Telephone Company in 1948. He was instrumental in the development of Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association. He retired in 1991 after 43 years of service. He was very active in the telecommunications industry as well as the community of Gowrie, always a willing volunteer for several charitable organizations in the area.

Current **Travel Card** holders recently received new cards in the mail! Webster-Calhoun changed calling card providers and took the opportunity to issue new cards with up-to-date calling information. Please contact our office at 352-3151 to cancel or add cards to your account.

Calls may be placed within the United States and Canada. International calling is not available.

65¢ per call surcharge

17¢ per minute

60¢ payphone surcharge (FCC Mandated)

\$1.15 per call for directory assistance



Calling cards are a great option when you're away from home and cell phone usage is restricted or coverage is spotty.

Construction Updates: WCCTA is "teaming up" with Vantage Point to travel around the Paton and Churdan areas staking and mapping to begin planning for fiber upgrades. Although slower during the winter months, progress is still being made in the Farnhamville and Gowrie areas splicing fiber.

Annual Meeting of Members

will be Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairie Valley High School Gymnasium.



Technology,
Experience
And
Members
Unlimited Possibilities!

REMEMBER: MAIL BALLOTS
will be sent out again this year.
They must be **RETURNED BY**
5:00 PM PRIOR TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING!!

Be sure to call
your loved ones
and wish them a
Happy Valentines
Day!!



Say “DO-NOT-CALL” To Unwanted Telemarketers

A national Do-Not-Call Registry has been established to address unwelcome telemarketing calls. The registry applies to all telemarketers, with the exception of businesses with whom you have an existing relationship and certain non-profit and political organizations. Commercial telemarketers are not allowed to call you if your number is listed on the registry.

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the Internet. To register by telephone, call 1-888-382-1222. For TTY, call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the telephone number you wish to register. You also may register, or obtain additional information, via the Internet at www.donotcall.gov. Inclusion of your telephone number on the national Do-Not-Call Registry will be effective three months following your registration. Your number will remain on the registry for five years, at which time you may re-enter your number on the list. You also can remove your name from the list at any time.

The Federal Communications Commission requires that this notice be provided to our customers on an annual basis.

Telephone Assistance Available for Low Income Residents

The Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program makes residential telephone service more affordable for qualifying low-income households throughout Iowa. Qualifying low-income households receive reduced charges on their monthly telephone bill and reduced installation charges.

To qualify for Link Up and/or Lifeline Assistance, applicants must receive assistance from at least one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)
- Income at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Contact Webster-Calhoun at 352-3151 for an application form or more details.

The Universal Service Administration requires that this notice is provided to our customers on an annual basis.

MARCH MADNESS!

Is your computer driving you mad? Team Up with Webster-Calhoun!

Contact Webster-Calhoun at 352-3151 to sign up for any of the following FREE basic computer classes at the office located at 1106 Beek Street in Gowrie:

March 19th

9:00 AM E-Mail
10:30 AM Browsing & Searching the Internet
1:00 PM Home Networking
2:30 PM Small Business Networking

March 27th

9:00 AM Internet Security
10:30 AM Online Fraud
1:00 PM eBay: Getting Started
2:30 PM eBay: Listing and Selling

March 24th

9:00 AM iTunes
10:30 AM Digital Photos

