

February 2011

Teleconnections

Published by:



Webster-Calhoun
Cooperative Telephone Association

1106 Beek Street, PO Box 475, Gowrie, Iowa 50543 ★ Phone: 515-352-3151 ★ www.wccta.com ★ www.wccta.net

The Sky Is Falling And The End is Coming Soon!



Well, OK, not really. It is only the end of the analog cablevision network. What? In an effort to keep prices down and minimize maintenance on multiple television systems, Webster-Calhoun is phasing out the analog cable television. Although a firm date has not been determined, please consider upgrading to the new digital high definition quality WCDTV.

Call 352-3151 today for more information about switching to Webster-Calhoun's Digital TV. The brochure can also be viewed online at www.wccta.net.

Did you get a postcard? Although a date has not been determined, Webster-Calhoun will be phasing out the original analog cable television. Webster-Calhoun is focusing on the new WCDTV. What does that mean?

Analog cable television is the coaxial cable network that is only available in the towns of Churdan, Farnhamville, Gowrie and Paton. The system is limited to the 42 channels in the lineup, the headend, and the network in place.

The technology for WCDTV is very different. WCDTV is the new digital television that is transported over the Fiber to the Home network so that path to you is established. It does require rewiring within your home and set top boxes to give you the best digital high definition signal. You can also see a channel guide on screen to choose the channel you want to view.

WCDTV is now available to everyone in the communities of Churdan, Gowrie, Farnhamville, Paton, Somers and Knierim!



Be sure to call
your loved ones
and wish them a Happy
Valentine's Day!!



Annual Meeting of Members

will be Tuesday, March 15th at
7:00 p.m. at the Prairie Valley
High School Gymnasium.

Growing Together



Webster-Calhoun
Cooperative Telephone Association

**MAIL BALLOTS will be sent out
in mid February. They must be
RETURNED BY 5:00 PM PRIOR
TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!!**

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.

Telecommunications Wiring A Key Component of the 21st Century “Smart Home”

Today’s telephone wires have many new uses in the modern home, including:

- Internet Access
- Home Security
- Remote heating and air conditioning monitors and controls
- IPTV (Digital Television)

With so many technologies relying on your telephone wiring, and more “smart home” innovations emerging each day, it’s important to make sure your home has a solid telecommunications backbone. Webster-Calhoun takes this role seriously by implementing Fiber Optics directly to your home. If you’re building a new home or remodeling make sure you contact Webster-Calhoun to make sure your internal home network can distribute the latest in voice, data, and video services throughout your home or office.

