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\$\$\$ Allocation Notices To Be Mailed \$\$\$

Anyone who did qualifying business with Webster-Calhoun in 2008 will receive an allocation notice in the next few weeks. Based on the total amount of patronage each account has done with Webster-Calhoun, this notice shows the total amount of dollars allocated, or set aside, and will be returned to you at a later date.

These notices, to be mailed in June, will include the allocated amount for 2008 and amounts from other years not yet retired (2001 – 2007).

With summer storms in full swing, Webster-Calhoun would like to remind you that lightning strikes can travel through the telephone line and electric energy can possibly be transferred. This can affect any item which may be plugged into a telephone jack. To protect equipment that connect to telephone and electrical outlets, please keep in mind these simple steps of what to do before and after a storm.



Before a storm: Unplug your electronic equipment if possible. Surge protectors are very important, but cannot guarantee 100% protection.

After a storm: If you have no dial tone, please check each device in your home that is plugged into a jack (cordless phones, answering machines and computers are plugged into both telephone jacks and electrical outlets!) Unplug each device, one at a time, checking each time for dial tone. If you still do not have dial tone, report your trouble to our service department.



Flag Day is June 14th!

Webster-Calhoun recently donated 3 months of FREE High Speed Internet Access (a \$120 value) to the **Prairie Valley Chapter of Dollars for Scholars** for use in their fundraiser. Congratulations to Julie McLean of Gowrie for having her name drawn as the winner!!

Webster-Calhoun is also proud to recognize employees that give of their time to support this organization:
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June is National Safety Month!

For more information on safety and health issues, visit the National Safety Council's web site at www.nsc.org.

Cable Television Blackout Dates

There are times when contractual restrictions do not allow certain televised sporting events to be viewed on Webster-Calhoun's cable television system. This can be frustrating during the summer when Major League Baseball season and televised games of regional baseball teams are not available.

Unfortunately these circumstances are beyond the control of Webster-Calhoun. Generally television guides will specify that the game is subject to blackout in some areas. Some programmers, such as TBS, will provide alternate programming and some, such as ESPN, do not resulting in a black television screen.

Rate Changes

Remember rates are increasing as of June 1st for local telephone service and cable TV.

"We have been fortunate enough to avoid increasing any rates for many years." stated Daryl Carlson, Webster-Calhoun EVP General Manager. The last rate change occurred in 2002.

As mentioned in the past and at this year's Annual Meeting of Members, there are many regulatory issues forcing a rate increase to local telephone service.

After reviewing Cable TV expenses and negotiating rates with programmers and off-air stations, rates for the current analog Cable TV will be increased.

Does your PC need a tune-up?

Just like a car, your computer needs regular maintenance to keep it healthy and working properly. Otherwise software programs and Internet access do not work as you expect them to. With today's complex computer hardware, software and peripherals, it's more difficult than ever for the common computer user to know how to solve complicated PC problems. If you think your computer is running slow or not working properly, contact Total Tech Services at Security Coverage to get your PC running at peak performance!



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Let TotalTech perform an upfront Diagnostic to help determine the problem and recommend the right repair solution. Although prices vary, technicians can help you with a Total Tune-up (\$49.95), Virus & Spyware Removal (\$89.95) and more!

If you are new to Vista, you will agree it is very different than Windows XP. TotalTech can provide an Operating System Customization and Training (\$49.95) to walk you through and help customize the settings of your new operating system.

No need to unplug your computer and lug it to a repair shop. With a credit card and remotely accessing your computer through the Internet TotalTech can diagnose and fix many PC problems!

**Don't Forget To
Call Your Father
And Wish Him A
Happy Father's
Day!!**



Sunday, June 21, 2009