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Board Member Nominating Committee

will meet Friday, January 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the main office in Gowrie.

Election for board positions for Boxholm, Clare, Duncombe, Farnhamville, Paton, and Somers will be held at the Annual Meeting of Members in March. Please contact the General Manager, Daryl Carlson, at 352-3151 for more information.

Time is Running Out!

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Webster-Calhoun Supports Education!

Employees at WCCTA welcomed two **Prairie Valley students to job shadow**. Jocelyn Anderson, a senior at Prairie Valley High School, spent a day in the business office with Marcie Boerner. Logan Hansch, a Prairie Valley 8th grader, traveled many road miles with Chad Loseke on trouble calls throughout the WCCTA serving area. This day gave students a chance to experience a typical day in the telecommunications industry.

On November 5th, several students from the **Iowa Central Community College telecommunications program** toured the WCCTA facilities and were able to “see” the network utilized by a telecommunications company.

Congratulations to WCCTA employee Lauri Streit for helping the local chapter of **Dollars for Scholars** to raise funds! Lauri, her son Brady, and other representatives from Prairie Valley joined nearly 500 participants to raise Dollars for Scholars in the First Lady’s Walk for Dollars for Scholars. Through their efforts \$1098.00 was raised for the local chapter.



Lauri is pictured (center) with others representing Prairie Valley Dollars for Scholars.

Webster-Calhoun will no longer be able to take payments at **Humboldt Trust & Savings in Thor**. Payments can still be made at: Community State Bank in Paton, Heartland Bank in Somers, Security Savings Bank in Farnhamville and Boxholm, or United Bank of Iowa in Churdan.



WCCTA Holiday Open House

Several members of Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association stopped by the office on Friday, December 3rd and enjoyed cookies and cider during our holiday open house. We appreciate your continued patronage throughout the year!!

On Saturday, December 4th, the WCCTA lobby was full of local home-based businesses! Those participating in the open house were Kristi Castenson, Pampered Chef; Jolene Johnson, Creative Memories Scrapbooking; Virginia Amandus, Tupperware; Babbs Dawster, Avon; Tiffany Woodruff, Longaberger Baskets; Shelly Tucker, Heart and Soul Jewelry, and Neal Fish Woodworking.

The community of Gowrie was full of activity during the city wide holiday open houses!



The Annual Meeting of Members scheduled for March 15th, 2005!

Webster-Calhoun Supports Local Emergency Services

As noted by Jim "Archie" Peterson, Gowrie Director, at the WCCTA holiday party, "Webster-Calhoun should be acknowledged for supporting the local emergency services. Allowing employees to serve on the local fire department and ambulance service during working hours provides a great service to Gowrie and surrounding communities."



The Gowrie Volunteer Fire Department includes several men "near and dear" to Webster-Calhoun. Daryl Promes, Chad Loseke and Bret Mentzer are employees at WCCTA, Jim "Archie" Peterson is on the board of directors, Keith Streit and Troy Lawrence are husbands of office employees Lauri Streit and Linda Lawrence. Not to mention the friends and neighbors that make up the rest of the crew!!

To find out more about the Gowrie Volunteer Fire Department, visit their web site at: www.wccta.net/gallery/gowriefire

Customer Service Representative, Miste Hansch, also joined the crew with the Southwest Webster Ambulance Service this summer after completing many hours of classes, clinical, and testing.

Webster-Calhoun simply makes it easier for these volunteers to do their jobs. Each of these individuals spend many hours of their own time at meetings, continuing education and helping those in need.

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