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Annual Meeting of Members



Nothing But Net

Net margins that is. According to the financial report given by Jeff Naig of Kieslings & Associates, Webster-Calhoun has a solid balance sheet that members should be proud of. Although not all the profits are cash flowed, much of it has been put back into the network.

All 16 exchanges will be cut over to new soft switches in Gowrie and Badger and Fiber to the Home will continue until all exchanges are complete. Construction is continuing in Gowrie and Farnhamville and, although not officially approved yet, Churdan and Paton will be upgraded next with a cost of approximately \$4 Million. According to General Manager, Daryl Carlson, "Landline service is being challenged and the future is bandwidth. Although electronics will come and go, fiber is here for a long time."

General Manager, Daryl Carlson, asked for a moment of silence to remember former manager Howard Rude. Board President, Alan Jacobson, referred to Howard as the coach that led us from the minor league to the big leagues as he was instrumental in the development of the cooperative. Alan also talked about similarities between Webster-Calhoun and sports organizations such as the fans, stadium, cheerleaders, competition, and scouting. To excel in all categories to become champions.

Technology, Experience, And Members: Unlimited Possibilities

Congratulations To Board Members Elected For Three Year Terms:

District 1

Craig Fillman, Paton

District 2

Perry Black, Barnum

District 3

Dan Larson, Vincent

Webster-Calhoun Welcomes New Employee!



Kim Klingson joined our staff in January. She assists with customer service and accounts receivable. Kim lives in Gowrie with her husband, Mark, and sons, Jordan (18) and Logan (12).



After serving doughnuts and coffee, a few employees have fun showing their team spirit!!



These door prize winners have some help showing their team spirit! Congratulations to:

Bob Byrne, Drake Gift Basket
Albert Geisler, University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Gift Basket
Darlene Plain, University of Iowa Gift Basket
Geneva Madson, Iowa State University (ISU) Gift Basket
Perry Parker, Basketball Gift Basket
Bill Rosenberg, Baseball Gift Basket
Sue Anderson, Golf Gift Basket
Verta Renkin, Small Tailgate Cooler
Bertha Youngquist, Large Tailgate Cooler and Grill

E-mailing Photos...

Digital cameras are becoming a popular choice as the quality of pictures get better. This also means files are bigger and one image could be several MB in size! When sending pictures to friends and family via e-mail, or even forwarding fun e-mail attachments, be aware of the file size. E-mail messages larger than 10MB have a tendency to get "stuck" in some mail servers or personal computers.

As mentioned in the recent digital photos class, there are software programs, such as Picasa, available to manipulate photos and help reduce the size of photos before sending them. Photos can also be "shared" via web space on the Internet. For more information visit <http://Picasa.Google.com>



Congratulations to Gowrie native Jocelyn Anderson on a successful season with the Iowa State women's basketball program. Jocelyn is the daughter of Todd and Vicki Anderson of Gowrie. Vicki is an accountant for Webster-Calhoun.