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Ballots for Board of Directors to Be Mailed

The time has arrived, after many years of preparation, to implement mail ballots by district and reduce the size of the Board of Directors. The new Board will consist of three representatives from three districts for a total of nine Board of Director seats. Currently there are 17 directors on the Board and all but one will seek re-election.

To help accomplish these changes, as it was recommended by the Board and voted by the members, voting will be done by mail ballot for directors in their district. An explanation of this process along with the **MAIL BALLOT** will be included with the annual meeting notice. Watch for this notice in your mailbox at the end of February.

This ballot must be returned to the Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association business office by 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2007. A postage-paid envelope will be provided and ballots will be accepted at the business office at 1106 Beek Street in Gowrie *prior to 5:00 p.m.*

The Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Tuesday, March 13th. Results of the mail ballots for the election of Board of Directors will be announced at that time.

Annual Meeting of Members

will be Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairie Valley High School Gymnasium.



REMEMBER: MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 5:00 PM PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!!

The new Board of Directors will include three representatives from three districts:

| <u>District 1</u> | <u>District 2</u> | <u>District 3</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Boxholm | Churdan | Duncombe |
| Pilot Mound | Farnhamville | Clare |
| Paton | Somers | Badger |
| Lanyon | Barnum | Thor |
| Gowrie | Knierim | Vincent |
| | Moorland | |

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.

SPAM ON THE RISE

The Internet community has been abuzz lately regarding a dramatic increase in spam. Some industry analysts are estimating the increase to be 80 percent or greater!



The increase can be attributed to several things. A new generation of viruses and spyware are infecting PC's quicker and are harder to get rid of. There is also a new type of spam called image spam which contains text imbedded as an image.

WCCTA.net has been working on and has now implemented a new spam filter to help get rid of the increasing junk mail.

SecureIT Plus Tip: To over-ride the pop-up blocker, hold down the “Ctrl” key on the keyboard when you click the mouse!

