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Digital TV Conversion

On February 17, 2009 full power analog broadcasting will end. After that date, analog only television sets not connected to a cable, satellite or other programming service may require additional equipment such as a digital to analog converter box. (This date is still accurate as of printing this newsletter although the new administration in Washington is considering moving the date to June.)

Information about DTV transition is available at www.DTV.gov, www.dtvtransition.org, and www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009.

During this time of transition to digital the signals may change a lot. WCCTA is collecting a digital signal instead of an analog signal for the Churdan, Farnhamville, Gowrie and Paton Cable TV service; however, local broadcasting stations are also working on decreasing their analog signal and strengthening their digital signal. They will also be changing from UHF to VHF during this time. Throughout the month of February WCCTA and broadcasters will continue to make adjustments to the signal.

As the transition is made to digital, whether you receive your signal over the air or through Cable TV, you may notice changes in the local channel signals and other issues such as picture tiling, sound not matching the picture, etc.

During the conversions to Fiber to the Home and new switching equipment, certain features will no longer be available. These include coin payphones, off premise phone extensions and firebars. Technicians have been working with customers directly to find alternative solutions for these

Construction Updates:

Vantage Point is a company working in the **Badger, Barnum and Clare** areas. They are staking and mapping for Webster-Calhoun Fiber to the Home upgrades.

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



Annual Meeting of Members

will be Tuesday, March 10th at
7:00 p.m. at the Prairie Valley
High School Gymnasium.



MAIL BALLOTS will be sent out
the end of 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.

Cable TV

Currently Analog Cable TV is only available via co-ax cable within the towns of **Churdan, Farnhamville, Gowrie, and Paton.**

Recently the channel line up changed for Churdan and all four areas now have the same channels!

Digital TV is being researched with the goal of providing it through the fiber telephone line and will not be available for several months yet.

2 Family Channel	16 Discovery	31 FXM
3 TBS	17 KDSM (Fox)	32 The Learning Channel
4 WGN Chicago	18 The Weather Channel	33 Big Ten Network
5 WOI (Local ABC)	19 Nickelodeon	34 QVC
6 ESPN	20 Disney	35 HGTV
7 TNT	21 Showtime	36 TCM
8 KCCI (Local CBS)	22 HBO	37 E-Entertainment
9 USA	23 KCWI	38 Comedy Central
10 SPIKE	24 CNBC	39 Animal Planet
11 IPTV (Iowa Public Television)	25 ESPN2	40 Travel
12 CNN	26 History Channel	41 Fox News
13 WHO (Local NBC)	27 Lifetime	42 Headline News
14 A&E	28 SciFi	
15 AMC	29 TV Land	
	30 FX	