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

Anyone who did qualifying business with Webster-Calhoun in 2007 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 2007 and amounts from other years not yet retired (2001 – 2006).

Flag Day is June 14th!



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.

WCCTA employees recently had hands on experience working with fire extinguishers as part of continuing safety education.

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 Christi Carlson 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: Miste Hansch and Lauri Streit!

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www.wccta.net

ITA Board Members Travel to Washington DC

On Monday May 12th members of the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA) board descended on our Nation's capitol to begin a whirlwind of meetings, congressional presentations and information gathering. The attendees included Dave Duncan and Kristin Kunert from ITA; Daryl Carlson, Webster-Calhoun; Roger Kregel, Dumont; Janell Hansen, Marne Elk-Horn; Rod Cotton, Grand River Mutual; Ivan Dalen, River Valley; Mark Peterson, WTC; Doug Boone, Premier; and Pat McGowan, I-35.

Monday afternoon the group visited the NTCA headquarters for a policy briefing. The group then moved to the Federal Communications Commission and attended scheduled meetings with Commissioner Copps and his staff as well as Commissioner Adelstein and his staff. The group also met with John Hunter who is staff for Commissioner McDowell and Chris Moore who works for Commissioner Tate. The ITA board presented the Commissioners information which outlined Iowa's broadband accomplishments and stressed the importance of a balanced Universal Service Fund.

On Tuesday, May 13th the morning started with OPASTCO's John Rose and Stuart Polikoff and ITTA's new director, former Iowa Utilities Board member, Curt Stamp. Then the members broke into two groups for afternoon congressional meetings in order to present information to the legislators on rural broadband, our efforts to ease the digital TV transition, the importance of USF and the downfalls of reverse auction. (Group 1, consisting of Roger Kregel, Pat McGowan, Rod Cotton, Ivan Dalen, Daryl Carlson and Kristin Kunert met with Congressman Bruce Braley and Congressman Leonard Boswells office.) Both groups came together to meet with long time Senator Charles Grassley, who – after hearing ITA members high statistics for broadband deployment - specifically asked the group how he could get Qwest to be a better broadband provider, invoking laughter from the members.



(L to R) Daryl Carlson, Pat McGowan, Congressman Tom Latham, Dave Duncan and Mark Peterson

The final day consisted of attending the Harkin breakfast which is a weekly schedule face time for the Senator to meet constituents and a meeting with Congressman Tom Latham.

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



Sunday, June 15, 2008

The Churdan Library and WCCTA are working with Iowa Network Services to offer more computer classes. Dave Sherlock, INS, will be presenting classes on Internet Security and Digital Photos at the Churdan Library on June 10th. Contact the Churdan Library for more information at 389-3423.