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# Teleconnections

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## Yellow Page Advertising

Planning is underway for the 2012 Central Iowa Area Directory. Representatives from Pinnacle Publishing will be in the area selling directory advertising! Advertising can also be included as part of our online directory at [www.localsolution.com](http://www.localsolution.com)!



Be sure to support yellow page advertising! Local business listings are automatically included in yellow page advertising free of charge! Additional rates are available to businesses to highlight or include more information.

**Have You Seen It?? WCCTV now has a local access Channel 3!**



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**NEW Local Access Channel!**

**Fort Dodge, IA**

Currently: Partly Cloudy  
Humidity: 87%  
Wind: 3mph NNW  
High: 48 Low: 39

**48** °F

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Isolated light showers in the morning. High in the upper 50s. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of showers 20 percent.  
Friday: Sunny. High in the mid 60s. North wind near 5 mph.

Your business can be named here!  
Call WCCTA  
352-3151

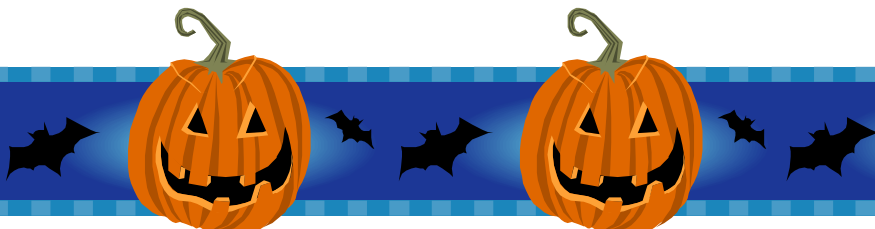
The Board of Directors voted to retire 50% of the **capital credit dividends** allocated for the year 2002. Late November checks totaling \$1.9 Million will be refunded to our past and present members. (Please note that checks will not be mailed on accounts with past due amounts.)

## Call Routing and Termination Problems

Have you noticed irregularities in your incoming and outgoing long distance calling? For example, calls that are delayed or don't ring at all for the person you're calling? Perhaps you receive incorrect Caller ID information? Maybe you have received incorrect or misleading message interceptions?

The issue of call routing and terminating is a nationwide and industry-wide epidemic that has drawn attention of state and national telecommunications associations. These associations are asking the Federal Communications Commission to investigate and resolve these persistent problems that specifically affect rural consumers.

If you notice these types of calling problems please keep a log of the call and report it to our office at 352-3151. It is helpful to know the called from and called to phone numbers, date and time as well as a description of the issue. Although we can't directly fix the issue, we can use this information to help our cause.



## October is National 4-H Month!



Webster-Calhoun is a supporter of youth programs.

## October is National Cooperative Month

*Owned by our Members,  
Committed to our Communities*

## Property Tax Payments

It's that time of year again and property taxes are due. The amount of property tax that Webster-Calhoun pays each year is based on the valuation of physical plant and revenues set by Iowa. The assessment is allocated back to counties based on telephone cable miles in each county. This continues to be a hot topic for telephone companies in the state legislature.

Approximate totals of WCCTA property taxes paid in September 2011 include:

Webster	\$ 68,852
Calhoun	\$ 16,917
Greene	\$ 24,814
Boone	\$ 14,198
Humboldt	\$ 9,215
Hamilton	\$ 2,481
Pocahontas	\$ 196
Wright	\$ 437
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$137,110



## Television Rates

Throughout the year WCCTA works with various networks to renew contracts to allow certain channels to be included in our television channel lineup. Although some contracts cover several years the rates for each channel rise each year. This requires a decision to either continue to offer the channel, raise customer rates, discontinue the channel completely, or discontinue a channel until a suitable rate can be negotiated.

Please be aware that this is the time of year we are beginning to negotiate retransmission rates with local over-the-air networks. Although you receive the signal free over an antenna, WCCTA must pay a fee to receive the signal and broadcast to you.



## WCLD Travelcards To Be Discontinued

Due to the declining use of credit card calls many national carriers are no longer providing this service. Webster-Calhoun Long Distance will be discontinuing the WCLD Travelcard effective October 31, 2011.

