

Connections

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COMPANY UPDATE

FIBER CONSTRUCTION

Our crews continue to update the copper infrastructure to fiber, bringing the most up-to-date technology available to our original serving area. As fiber becomes available to customers with ADSL service, we will contact them to schedule a conversion.

The wet spring slowed construction progress, but we were able to move quickly this summer. We've completed fiber installation in RST3, and have turned off the copper plant as all customers in this area have been converted to fiber. Our crews are currently working on St. Anthony Road between Wabash Road and State Route 49.

Fiber was expanded to the community of Philothea and will soon be available to homes near the railroad tracks on Philothea Road, as well as Tangeman Road. We also extended fiber on Burketsville St. Henry Road and Carthagen Road to State Route 118.

WIRELESS CONSTRUCTION

Our team added new sites to serve the areas of Fort Loramie, Frenchtown, Houston, Maria Stein, McCartyville, Minster, New Bremen, Newport, North Star, Osgood, Russia, Versailles, Willowdell and Yorkshire. We've also moved the Chickasaw and Mendon sites to the new water towers. All customer-premise equipment has been realigned.

REFERRAL\$

If you know anyone in the Wabash serving area, please refer them! We'll give you a \$25 credit for referring them when they order service and we'll give them a \$25 credit for letting us know you did! No limits!

NEW TV CHANNELS

- BUZZR TV.....340 | Basic package
- COZI TV.....341 | Basic package
- getTV342 | Basic package
- Light TV.....343 | Basic package
- This TV.....344 | Basic package
- Pursuit Channel HD.....135 | Sports package

These channels were added at no additional cost. Check them out! Also, Evine has changed names to ShopHQ on channel 51.

PATRONAGE ALLOCATION

YOUR OCTOBER BILL

Your October bill states the amount allocated to your patronage capital account based on last year's margins. The information appears on the front page in the right message column.

As a member of Wabash Mutual Telephone Company, you have a share in the earnings of your non-profit cooperative. Any net profit is allocated back to members in the form of patronage capital. Your percentage is tied directly to what you've invested — in other words, your patronage. Our rates are set to bring in enough money to cover operating cost, loan payments, and investments in outside plant and equipment. The money remaining after all expenses have been paid is allocated to each member based on the total amount each member paid for services during the year.

Patronage capital represents your equity ownership in your cooperative. In order to operate the business, patronage remains with the cooperative for a certain amount of time before it is retired (returned) to members in the form of patronage payments. The Board of Directors determines when such payments can be made after taking into consideration the financial condition and overall business plans of the cooperative. Payments are typically paid or applied to your bill during the month of December.

The amount allocated to you from 2018 is payable at a future date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

FREE PREVIEWS!

Pursuit Channel HD

October 1-31

ch. 135

Tune to a programming menu of hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

*HD subscription is not required to view.



HBO & Cinemax

October 25-28

ch. 560-589

Catch movies like Aquaman, and original series like The Righteous Gemstones and Jett.



Want to keep these channels? Give us a call - 419.942.1111

WABASH AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS OF MEMBERS

Wabash awarded six \$500 scholarships to local high school students furthering their education after graduation. The students are children of the cooperative's members and were selected as recipients based on their academics, activities, and plans for higher education.



Camille Knapke of Coldwater
Daughter of Chad and Andrea Knapke
Animal Sciences with a Beef Focus at The Ohio State University ATI
High School Activities: Spanish Club, Coldwater Tri-Star FFA, Secretary of MCJCA 4-H Club, Mercer County Junior Fair Board, Youth Group



Kayla Lennartz of Fort Recovery
Daughter of Dave and Sue Lennartz
Biology with a Pre-Medicine Focus at Case Western Reserve University
High School Activities: Marching and Pep Band, 4-H, FFA, Student Council, Class Officer, Spanish Club, Math Science Club, Scholastic Team, National Honor Society



Elizabeth Rockwell of St. Henry
Daughter of Chris and Carla Rockwell
Music with a Business Focus at Bluffton University
High School Activities: Band, Varsity Golf, Drama Club, Volunteer Tutorer, Spanish Club, Science Club, SADD, Church Youth Ensemble



Brett Schwieterman of Celina
Son of Bill and Jill Schwieterman
Agriculture Business at Wright State University Lake Campus
High School Activities: Team Captain in Football and Basketball, Four-year Scholar Athlete, Aletheia Christian Church Youth Group, Tutoring at Celina Primary School, Volunteer Coach for Wings-N-Wheels Hockey



Sarah Stetler of Rockford
Daughter of Eric and Melinda Stetler
Nursing at Wright State University Lake Campus
High School Activities: National Technical Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Health Occupation Students of America



Caleb Suhr of Celina
Son of Brad and Becky Suhr
Middle Childhood Education at Wright State University Lake Campus
High School Activities: National Honor Society, High School Band, Celina Spring Musical, 4-H, Erastus Durbin Bean Bake Volunteer

TEAM TALK

WENDEL RECOGNIZED FOR 10 YEARS



Amy Wendel recently celebrated 10 years with Wabash! As Business Coordinator, Amy works with businesses to find solutions to fit their

company. When not at work, Amy enjoys spending time with her husband, four daughters, and friends.

Thank you for all of your hard work!

FETTERS RECOGNIZED FOR 10 YEARS



Brian Feters recently celebrated 10 years with Wabash! As Install and Repair Technician, Brian installs and maintains service for customers.

When not at work, Brian can be found at his children's events, spending time with his wife, and cheering on the Buckeyes.

Thank you for all of your hard work!

LEFELD JOINS TEAM



Jason Lefeld recently joined the Wabash team as Install and Repair Technician! He brings four years of experience in the telecom industry. Jason resides in St. Henry and is a proud

dad of two daughters. In his spare time, Jason can be found coaching high school JV bowling.

Welcome to the team!

