

# Connections

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## COMPANY UPDATE

### PATRONAGE CAPITAL REFUND

This month, Wabash returned patronage capital. Eligible members received a refund as a credit on their December bill.

Patronage capital is a cooperative's margins, or money left after all bills have been paid. After Wabash uses these margins as working capital, the money is returned to members as patronage capital refunds. Patronage represents each member's ownership, or equity in the cooperative. Patronage capital is allocated to members in proportion to the dollar amount of services used during that year.

This year, Wabash is returning patronage to those who used Wabash Mutual Telephone Company's services in 1998. The amount represents the remainder of the unretired patronage from 1998.

### CONSTRUCTION

Our crews continue to update the copper infrastructure to fiber, bringing the most up-to-date technology available to our original serving area.

To date, our team has converted nearly 40% of the copper-fed locations. Work is currently being completed in the St. Anthony area where customers are now being converted.

In tandem with a contractor, our outside plant team continues to expand our fiber footprint while also overbuilding the copper network with fiber.

*If you are on our copper network, we're coming your way with fiber! As soon as it's available, we'll be calling you.*



Began with **90 square miles** of copper network to update



Nearly **40%** of the copper-fed locations **have been converted**



When fiber is ready, **we will call to schedule a time to install**

We recently added wireless sites to our network near Chickasaw and Houston, Ohio.

REMEMBER: 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 \$25 credit for letting us know you did! No limits!



JOIN US FOR  
*Pictures with Santa*  
Friday, December 6 | 5:30-9pm  
during Celina Midnight Gladness  
Free Pictures with Santa | Giveaways & Door Prizes  
Wabash's Downtown Celina Office: 118 E Market Street

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Wabash is proud to offer up to \$3,000 in scholarships to qualifying 2020 high school seniors who wish to further their education. Applicants must be a child or under legal guardianship of a Wabash Mutual Telephone Company member.

Further, Wabash is excited to continue its participation in the NTCFA and Foundation of Rural Service 2020 College Scholarship Program. This program offers 30 scholarships, awarding \$2,000 to at least one person per region. If you're awarded, Wabash will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship, bringing this one-time scholarship award to a \$2,500 total.

Details and applications for Wabash's scholarship and the FRS scholarship program can be found on our website: [wabash.com/scholarships](http://wabash.com/scholarships).

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2020.



# Internet to host all your *gnomies* for the holidays!



## GET UP TO 1,000 MBPS!

With extra family and friends over for the holidays, make sure your internet speed can handle all of their devices.

## TV UPDATE

### HD CHANNELS ADDED

We've added 44 new HD channels to our line up! If you are subscribed to HD, you may have already found them in your guide. For an updated channel guide, visit: [wabash.com/channel-lineup](http://wabash.com/channel-lineup).

Thinking about HD? Try it free for 30 days before you commit. Call our office, or fill out the form on our website: [wabash.com/hd-trial-offer](http://wabash.com/hd-trial-offer). HD can be added to Basic and Expanded TV packages.

### BLAZE TV ENDING

Blaze Media will be terminating their cable programming on December 31, 2019. This impacts the Blaze TV channel (101 and 118HD) in our Expanded package. Please know this station will no longer be available after that date.

### FREE PREVIEW

Watch HBO & Cinemax free January 17-20, 2020. Catch an array of new original programming, including *The Outsider*, *Avenue 5*, *The New Pope* and the return of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, along with the premiere of *Godzilla: King of Monsters*.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 24 | Open 8am-Noon  
December 25 | Closed  
December 31 | Open 8am-Noon  
January 1 | Closed

As always, if you need assistance, our After Hours Department will be happy to help — 419.942.1111.

## TEAM TALK

### CAMPBELL JOINS TEAM



Josh Campbell recently joined the Wabash team as an Installation and Repair Technician. Josh is a graduate of Celina High School where he completed the Agricultural

Industrial Technology program at Tri-Star. Throughout high school, Josh worked with our network team and filled in on other tasks as needed. Josh resides in Celina.

*Welcome to the team!*

## GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT

### YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE

- Wabash Gift Certificate
- Increased Internet Speed
- DVR Service
- Wireless Router
- A Movie Package
- Calling Features
- The Sports TV Package

Contact us for details. We're happy to help! *Added packages and upgrades can be given in increments of one or more months. Gift certificates are good for one year and can be applied toward a current bill, new service, phone system, networking, wireless router and more!*

*merry christmas*