# Connections

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# **CELEBRATING 110 YEARS OF SERVING YOU**

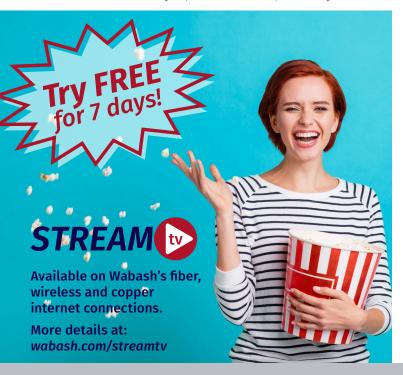
## YOUR COOPERATIVE

Beginning as a telephone service provider in 1911, Wabash has grown in every aspect since. Adding internet and TV service, expanding our serving area, and recruiting talented employees, just to name a few. We are humbled to see how far we've come and excited for what is next.

Something that hasn't changed is why we do what we do – our commitment to connect our local communities to each other and to the world. We couldn't do this without you.

Did you know Wabash Mutual Telephone Company is a cooperative? This means we are owned by and operate for the benefit of our members (aka you, our customers). As a member, you have the opportunity to elect our Board of Directors, and our earnings are distributed back among the members which is called patronage. In the coming months you'll see both of these benefits play out. Be watching the mail for your ballot to vote and check your future statement to see the capital credits you've earned. To learn more about being a member, go to our website at www.wabash. com/capital-credits.

Thank you for being a part of our 110 years! We're still in business because of you, our customers, and for you too.



## **COMPANY UPDATE**

# FIBER CONSTRUCTION

Fiber construction continues in our original serving area as we update our copper infrastructure. Our team is currently working on State Route 29 east of State Route 49 and in Indiana – this includes N 850 E from State Route 67 to E 300 N, N 800 E from E 300 N to E 50 N, N 700 E from State Route 67 to E 300 N, and E 300-600 N from N 700 E to State Line Rd.

Our team has also constructed fiber in the community of Neptune where we are currently installing service.

## WIRELESS UPDATE

We recently brought two tower sites online in Darke County – one east of Ansonia and another west/northwest of Ansonia. If you know anyone in this area, please refer them!

In June, our Bryant tower site took a direct hit from a tornado causing irreparable damage. We secured a mobile tower site and new equipment over that weekend, constructed the temporary tower at the beginning of the week, and were able to have customers back online within five days.

# **FASTER THAN EVER**

# FIBER SPEEDS

We've been building a powerhouse fiber network with continuous upgrades since 2005. As of September 1, we rolled out our newest and fastest speed levels to date – up to 10 Gig/10 Gig! If you've lost track, that's 10,000 Mbps! And, we lowered the price of 1 Gig/1 Gig service! Check our website for a list of speeds.

# **WIRELESS SPEEDS**

Our wireless network is continually being upgraded with new technology, allowing for us to provide faster speeds without increasing the price. We now offer speeds up to 50 Mbps/15 Mbps, which is twice as fast as ever before!

#### TRY A FASTER SPEED FOR FREE

The way you use the internet today is likely different from a few years ago, or even a few months ago. With more connected devices, new apps, and more time spent online, you may notice your speed lagging. We can help!

Try out a faster internet speed for 30 days on us. Call us or go online to wabash.com/internet-speed-trial to get started. No obligations!





# WABASH AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Wabash awarded five \$600 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.



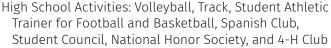
**Kendra Dues** of Fort Recovery Daughter of Curt and Amy Dues Business Administration and Marketing at James A. Rhodes State College High School Activities: Golf, Spanish Club, Yearbook, FBLA, FFA, FCA, and Youth Group



**Brooke Fiely** of Coldwater Daughter of Chris and Amy Fiely Nursing at Wright State University-Lake Campus High School Activities: National Honor Society, Leo Club, FFA, Skills USA, Volleyball, Key Club, and Student Council



Maria Hartings of Fort Recovery Daughter of Ken and Maggie Hartings Health Sciences (Pre-Physical Therapy) at University of Cincinnati





Maria Lutz of Celina Daughter of Travis and Paula Lutz Nursing at Wright State University–Lake Campus High School Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, National Honor Society, and Student Council



Lauren Vagedes of Coldwater Daughter of Frank and Carol Vagedes Graphic Design at The Modern College of Design High School Activities: FFA, Leo Club, Key Club, Spanish Club, Volleyball, Track and Field, and Marching Band

# STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR INTERNET?

ASK ABOUT FBB



The FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit program will help lower the cost of internet service by up to \$50/month for eligible households. To learn more and to apply, visit https://wabash.com/about-us/ebb/ or call us at 419.942.1111.

# **TEAM TALK** WAGNER RECOGNIZED FOR 10 YFARS



Greg Wagner recently celebrated 10 years with Wabash! As Outside Plant Technician. Greg constructs and installs our fiber optic facility. Greg enjoys spending

time with Marlene, catching up with his son who is currently in Nebraska studying to be a teacher, and spending time outdoors.

Thank for all of your hard work!

# MUHLENKAMP RECOGNIZED FOR 5 YFARS



Jackie Muhlenkamp recently celebrated 5 years with Wabash! As Marketing Director, Jackie works to promote Wabash and the services offered. lackie and

her husband, Brian, took up the sport of camping and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Thank you for all of your dedication!

# **NEW TV CHANNEL** ACC NFTWORK

The ACC Network channel has been added to the Expanded TV package as of September 1, 2021. Find it on channels 141HD, 140SD. ACCN is also available on WatchTVEverywhere (www.wtve.net).

# **\$AVE ON TV SERVICE NEW OPTIONS**

As a loyal Wabash TV customer, we have new TV options that could lower your bill. Give us a call during business hours to review your account to find options to keep your favorite channels and keep money in your pocket.







