

Celebrating 100 Years!

Connections

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News about Wabash Mutual Telephone Company

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Company Update

We're still Wabash Mutual Telephone, just a new look! As we celebrate 100 years we would like to introduce to you our **new logo**. With this milestone we recognize that we have come a long way from our inception offering of landline phone service to now providing our members with the latest technology for Internet, Digital TV, networking, phone systems and more!

Wabash is also excited to announce the addition of **High School Sports to Channel 70**. We have partnered with GameFace Ohio to rebroadcast select sporting events of area teams. We'll be announcing the replay times on the sidebar of Channel 70 prior to the game and also on facebook.com/wabashmutualtelephone. If you are interested in advertising during the games please contact GameFace at 419-739-7720.

Celina School's Channel 6 and **Fort Recovery School's Channel 13** will be added to our lineup in March. We look forward to bringing you the broadcasts produced by our area students. Celina will be on Channel 71 & Fort Recovery will be on Channel 72.

We can no longer accept checks that are not written in **blue or black ink** due to they way our bank processes them.

Wabash will be working on our area directory over the next months. Please remember to **proof your directory listing** on the last page of your bill and call us with any changes. If you are interested in advertising in the Wabash directory please contact us.

Our crews have recently completed constructing fiber in the Mercelina Park area of Celina and we have begun turning up customers in these neighborhood. We are also working on building fiber in downtown Celina. Splicing by our contractors has begun for Celina's Northwest Node 3. This area consist of the homes north of Wayne Street and west of Buckeye to the west edge of town. We should be ready to install customers in this area over the next months. As soon as the weather breaks we will resume construction in the Village of Fort Recovery.



January winners of the 100th Anniversary Drawing

\$100 Winners (pictured on left)

Bill Cook
Marilyn Tobe

Gift Bag Winners

Katie Hendricks
Bill & Kelly Westgerdes
Nick Brockman
Jason Cook
Carol Doenges
Jaime Carlin
Irene Meyer
Robert Weigel
Dana Donovan
LeaAnn Kable



Register every month throughout the year
at wabash.com/100 or in the office for
your chance to win!

2011 Board of Directors



Congratulations to Roger Knapke and Frank Dues on their recent election to the Board of Directors. They will be serving a term of three years. Pictured above is your 2011 Board of Directors. Front: Jerry "Shorty" Dues (Vice Chairman) & Frank Dues. Back: Alan Post, Roger Knapke & Richard Berkenstock (Chairman).

We extend our thanks to everyone who cast their vote in the election.

BEFORE YOU HAVE TO DIG IN YOUR WALLET,
DIAL 811 FOR A FREE LOCATE!

Please remember to call for locates of utilities before you begin any digging project this spring. Just Dial 811 for Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) or Wabash at 419-942-1111.



Please call at least 48 hours before you dig. All telephone cable locates are free, so avoid the repair cost!

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"Like" us today!

Telephone Assistance Plans

For Wabash Telephone Customers

Having trouble paying for your basic telephone service? You may qualify for telephone assistance programs. Assistance programs provide a discount on your monthly bill and/or provide a reduction in installation/connection fees. Eligibility may be determined based on your income or participation in other assistance programs. Telephone assistance is available from three different sources if you are a qualified residential telephone customer. An explanation of the programs and their benefits are listed below. Please contact a customer service representative for details on how to prove eligibility for the following programs.

Federal Lifeline Plan

Benefits

- Waiver of the Federal Interstate Access Charge
- Reduction of \$1.75 off your monthly bill
- Free toll limitation services (toll blocking)
- Waiver of service deposit if you elect to receive toll blocking
- Optional features are not restricted

Restrictions

Monthly discount available for only one line per principle place of residence



Link-up

Benefits

- One half of installation charges waived up to \$30.00 (whichever is less)
- Waiver of interest on deferred payment plan of no more than \$200.00

Restrictions

- Only applies to a single telephone line per home
- Only applies at principle place of residence
- You may only receive the reduction once unless you change primary residences.

Service Connection Assistance (SCA)

Benefits

- Installation charges waived up to \$60
- Waiver of deposit

Restrictions

- Waiver of installation charges available for only one line per principle place of residence
- Waiver of installation charges only applicable once in 12 months at same address

Qualifications – you must prove one of the listed options

- Medicaid
- SNAP/Food Stamps
- Supplemental security income-Aged (SSI)
- Social security insurance—blind or disabled (SSDI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP, LIHEAP, EHEAP)
- National School Lunch Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF/Ohio Works)
- General Assistance and/or Disability Assistance
- Your household income must be at or below 150% of the poverty level.

Income Requirements for a household at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family Units	Household Income
1	\$16,335
2	22,065
3	27,795
4	33,525
5	39,255
6	44,985
7	50,715
8	56,445
For each additional person, add	\$5,730