# Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association

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# Save the Date – Annual Meeting!

Make plans to attend the Annual Meeting of Members for Webster-Calhoun! The meeting will be held at the Southeast Valley High School Gymnasium in Gowrie on <u>Tuesday,</u> <u>March 11th at 7:00pm</u>.



## Aureon ITC Scholarship Program

The Aureon Scholarship Program is available to students pursuing a STEM-related course of study after high school graduation and residing in a home with service from an Iowa Independent Telecommunications Company (ITC). The program will award a total of \$10,000. Individual scholarships will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

To be considered a candidate for the Aureon Scholarship, please complete and submit the application no later than <u>11:59 pm on March 1</u>, <u>2025</u>. Scholarship awards will be announced by late May 2025. Winners will be notified by phone, email, or letter. More information can be found on our website >>> <u>https://www.wccta.com/student-scholarships</u>

### Free Preview: Paramount+ with Showtime

Webster-Calhoun TV subscribers will enjoy a free preview of Paramount+ with Showtime (channel 420) the weekend of Feb. 7-10<sup>th</sup>. During this preview, viewers can catch up on Seasons 1 & 2 of *Yellowjackets*, before the premiere of Season 3 on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to catching up on *Yellowjackets*, the free preview will also allow subscribers the opportunity to catch up on *Dexter: Original Sin* before the big weekend of Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, which will be the conclusion of the series.

# **TV Rate Increases**

This year the annual WCDTV cost increase will range from \$6-\$10, to cover the rising cost of programming. For Webster-Calhoun to offer the TV service it is important that the costs are covered. WCCTA continues to itemize the charge for over-the-air programming of ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC and CW and their multicast channels on a separate line item on your billing statement. Webster-Calhoun is charged for the over-the-air channels you can get for free with an antenna.

#### Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, TV rates will be:

Retransmission + TV Package = Total TV Cost Lite: \$37.84 + \$15.11 = <u>\$52.95</u> \*increase of \$6 from previous rate Standard: \$37.84 + \$86.11 = <u>\$123.95</u> \*increase of \$10 from previous rate Ultimate: \$37.84 + \$106.11 = <u>\$143.95</u> \*increase of \$10 from previous rate Retransmission fees and the TV package price are separate line items on your monthly invoice.

Even though the world of TV continues to change with streaming, WCCTA works to keep TV service as low as possible giving you the best price up front and does not lock you into a contract.



#### Pick-It March Mania

Webster-Calhoun is happy to announce our Pick-It March Mania contest for 2025 has returned!

Have fun with this college basketball contest for our local communities and enter to win prizes! Your bracket will be available after <u>Selection Sunday, March</u> <u>16th</u>, when participating teams are announced.

You can change your picks up until five minutes before the first game. No brackets can be submitted after that deadline. Pre-register here >>> https://wccta.pickitchallenge.com

### Wi-Fi that you'll love!

Not feeling the love with your router? Is it time to break up? We have a solution for you!

Before you rush to the nearest box store, consider getting Managed Wi-Fi from WCCTA! Our worry-free Wi-Fi is great for customers who hate the hassle of troubleshooting connectivity issues.

Call the office at (515) 352-3151 to talk to our customer service team or visit us online at <u>www.wccta.com</u>

