

## Annual Meeting of Members

NEWSLETTER

# Teleconnections

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**With the uncertainty of COVID-19, we are more than happy to help assist you as much as possible over the phone and remotely during this time. We have the privilege and responsibility to provide an essential service our communities rely on and will continue to do so to the best of our ability and continue to move forward cautiously.**

## A Virtual Annual Meeting Planned

Virtual. As in not physically existing but using computer software to appear to do so. Carried out by means of a computer and done over a network. 2020 has resulted in a lot of virtual communications for many people. Plans are underway for the Annual Meeting to be virtual, too!

Mail Ballots were sent out in February with more information about the plans for the Annual Meeting of Members. Due to the COVID pandemic and in the best interest of our members a Virtual Annual Meeting will be held online to give an update to members. Please go to the Webster-Calhoun website at [www.wccta.net](http://www.wccta.net) for more information and to register for the webinar.

Be sure to send in your mail ballots and allow plenty of time for the US Mail to deliver. Returning your mail-in ballot will qualify toward a quorum for the meeting AND will be used to give away prizes! a 43" and 50" Smart TV in each of the 3 voting districts! A grand prize 55" Samsung QLED 4K UHD Smart TV will also be given away.

## Newsletter Contest

Congratulations to John Swanson of Boxholm, Robert Rossmanith of Churdan and Jan Wolfe of Clare! They found their phone number located in the newsletter last month! There are three located in this newsletter. Can you find them? Find YOUR phone number in this newsletter and contact our office to win a \$10.00 credit on your billing statement!



2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS



# Pick-It March Mania is Back!

Webster-Calhoun is happy to announce Pick-It March Mania for 2021! Have fun with this college basketball contest for our local communities and enter to win prizes! Pre-register for the contest at <https://wccta.pickitchallenge.com>.

Selection Sunday is March 14<sup>th</sup> when you find out if your favorite teams will be included and picks will be available online that evening. Make your picks before March 19<sup>th</sup> before the first game begins!



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## Internet Speeds Increased!

Webster-Calhoun Internet speeds were recently increased for even faster service!! Did you know high speed Internet access has always been priced at \$39.95? Way back when DSL was initially offered with blazing fast speeds of 768K! Consumer demands continue to increase and Webster-Calhoun continues to improve and upgrade services for you.

Many speed packages are available to fit your needs. Here are the most popular:

100 Mbps downspeed/20 Mbps upspeed

200 Mbps downspeed/40 Mbps upspeed

Boost your upspeed even more! \$10.00/20Mb or \$20.00/40Mb

Typically consumers utilize much more downspeed than upspeed (like streaming a movie “down” to your TV.) As noted throughout 2020 with more people working and learning from home the upspeed usage is growing.

WCCTA makes sure these speeds, both down and up, are delivered to your location; however, keep in mind how that speed translates through your router into your home or business. “Throughput” is an important part of a good, robust router.

Don’t want to deal with geek speak? That’s ok! Contact our office at 515-352-3151 or email [webcalstaff@wccta.com](mailto:webcalstaff@wccta.com) and ask about Managed Wifi. WCCTA can take the worry out of your home wireless network.

## 10-Digit Dialing Coming Soon

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline starting July 16, 2022. In order for 988 to work in the 319 and 515 area codes 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented changing the way you dial local calls.

Beginning in April 2021 you will be able to dial your neighbor by dialing 10-digits (515 + telephone number) and also by dialing 7-digits. In October of 2021 you must dial 10-digits on all local calls. For example if you normally call WCCTA at 352-3151 you will soon have to dial 515-352-3151 to reach our office. Watch for more reminders from WCCTA.