

## Annual Meeting of Members

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## Low-Income Assistance Programs

**Lifeline** is a federal program dedicated to making phone and internet service more affordable for low-income households. This benefit provides eligible consumers with a monthly discount of up to \$9.25 for Internet service OR up to \$5.25 for Home Phone service. Webster-Calhoun is a provider for Home Phone and Internet Service.

Learn more about Lifeline: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/get-started/>

The **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This benefit provides eligible consumers with a monthly discount of up to \$30.00. Webster-Calhoun is a provider for Home Internet Service, we do not participate with a discount on devices.

Learn more about ACP: <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/how-to-apply/>

## We're lucky to have you!

"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. And may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

– Irish Blessing



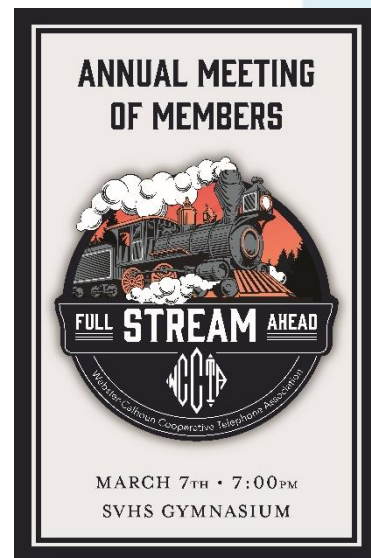
# Telephone Directory

If you are wanting any changes made to your current telephone directory listing, please contact the office at (515) 352-3151 before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Preparations for the 2023 Central Iowa Area Directory will begin in April. The final printed Directory will be mailed in July!

## Return your Mail Ballots!

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Southeast Valley High School Gymnasium in Gowrie on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Mail ballots were sent out in February, allow plenty of time for the U.S. Postal Service to return your mail ballot to Webster-Calhoun. Returning your mail ballot will qualify you for the chance to win a 50" Smart TV in each of the 3 voting districts! A grand prize 65" Samsung Smart TV will also be given away at the meeting.



## Pick-It March Mania

Webster-Calhoun is happy to announce our Pick-It March Mania contest for 2023 has returned! 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>.

Your bracket will be available to complete after Selection Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, when the NCAA announces which teams will be participating in the tournament. You will be able to change your picks up until five minutes before the first game of the tournament. No one may submit a bracket after that deadline has passed.



## TV Rate Changes Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>

As was announced in the February newsletter and billing message, TV rate changes will take effect this month. If you look closely on your WCCTA invoice, your television package is split into two separate lines, retransmission fees and the television package itself. This may be confusing when you're reviewing your bill, but the two amounts combined is the amount you pay each month for television service. You will also notice that we have updated our television package names, as mentioned below.

Broadcast Plus: \$37.95 ----- Lite: \$41.95 (an increase of \$4)  
Basic Service: \$93.95 ----- Standard: \$98.95 (an increase of \$5)  
Extended Basic: \$113.95 ----- Ultimate: \$118.95 (an increase of \$5)