



Wabash Awards \$2,000 in Scholarships



Janaye Tebbe

Wabash awarded \$750 to Janaye Tebbe, daughter of Matt & Pam Tebbe, Coldwater in the 2010 Wabash Mutual Telephone Educational Award Program. Janaye is a 2010 graduate of Coldwater High School. Her high school activities included SKILLS USA, student council, Spanish club, volunteering at Mercer Health, softball, CYO basketball, National Honor Society, Tri-Star Med Prep, and as a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She is employed at Menards as a cashier/service desk. Janaye will attend the University of Cincinnati in the fall to major in Nursing.



Kendra Koesters

Kendra Koesters, daughter of Ron & Doris Koesters, Coldwater, was awarded \$750. She is a 2010 graduate of Coldwater High School ranking 14th in her class of 132. Kendra's high school activities included National Honor Society, FCCLA District President, Symphonic Choir, Tutoring Turtles, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Student Council, volunteering at Mercer Health and as a communion distributor at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She is employed at Briarwood Village. Kendra will attend The Ohio State University and major in Occupational Therapy.



Corbin Hellwarth

Corbin Hellwarth, son of Garrett and Judy Hellwarth, Celina was awarded \$500. He is a 2010 graduate of Parkway High School and ranked 2nd in his class of 87 students. Throughout high school he has been involved with FFA, Swim Team, Robotics Team, Art Club, 4-H, National Honor Society and the Mt. Tabor Church of God youth group. He also works on the family's dairy farm, Hellwarth Farms Incorporated. Corbin will attend Wilmington College where he plans to major in Ag Business. He also plans to swim at Wilmington.

This is the 6th year Wabash Mutual Telephone Company has offered the educational awards. All high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of Wabash Mutual Telephone Company are eligible for the educational award. We would like to thank Tom Knapke from Wright State University and Dan Broering from The Peoples Bank Company for reviewing the applications.

Company Update

Wabash Mutual is excited to announce that we are the recipient of \$4.3 million in stimulus funds to construct a new fiber optic network in the Fort Recovery area. The award is divided into a \$2.2 million low-interest loan and a \$2.1 million grant. We are 1 of 4 projects in Ohio to receive the stimulus funds to date. The funding is administered by the USDA Rural Utilities Service and is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The program was extremely competitive nationwide and Wabash was fortunate to receive the award. This is a great opportunity for the members and for residents in the Fort Recovery area as the funds will be used to expand our network to provide the area with faster Internet, Digital TV and Telephone Service. We have already begun hooking up customers in the northern part of Fort Recovery and work on the next phase is underway.

Wabash is pleased to announce the addition of WOHL Fox Lima and WLQP ABC Lima in HD to its IPTV lineup. In working with our consortium, ComNet Inc. we are able to have a direct Fiber Optic connection to the Lima stations including WLIO HD. This allows us to provide you with a crystal clear and reliable picture for the stations in High Definition. In the coming weeks we will be adding WLMO CBS Lima HD. We also added Animal Plant HD channel 349, Discovery HD, channel 358 and TLC HD, channel 357.

We have completed construction of another fiber area in Coldwater and are now installing customers along 118 north of 219; around the Hardin Street area. Our northeast phases of Celina are now complete, which includes all the homes and businesses north of Wayne St. and east of Buckeye.

We are also working on a new rural fiber build east of Celina on Oldtown and Staeger Roads.

Wabash Adds 2 New Employees



Beth Lennartz



Dave Bruns

Beth Lennartz has joined our staff as a full time Customer Service Representative after working for our company part time while attending High School and Wright State Lake Campus. A 2006 graduate of Fort Recovery High School and a recent college graduate, she has an associate's degree in Financial Management and a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership.

A Fort Recovery area resident, Beth is planning a July wedding and then she will be residing in Coldwater with her future husband, Kevin Geier.

Beth looks forward to continuing working for the company and with its customers helping in whatever ways she can.

Dave Bruns joined our staff in May as an Installation and Repair Technician. Dave has over 10 years experience in the telecommunications field burying customer drops, main line cable, installation, troubleshooting and repair.

He enjoys spending time with Joannie, his wife of 19 years, daughter Ashley and son Hayden. He also enjoys hunting, riding motorcycles and four-wheelers.

Dave looks forward to learning about all aspects of the fiber optic, wireless and copper networks and is happy to be working for Wabash.

We'll see you at the Local Parades this year as we celebrate our 99th year!



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