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**THIS MONTH ON
PAY PER VIEW****EVENTS: Channel 600***

WWE: Crown Jewel
UFC 230: Cormier vs Lewis
Bare Knuckle: Ward vs
Hendricks
Boxing: Gamboa vs Beltran
WWE: Survivor Series
THE MATCH: Tiger vs Phil

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Password Authentication

Questions and answers to prove who you say you are have been around for a long time. With so many technological changes over the years the concept has not changed. Even with additional options such as two-factor authentication, character requirements (with numbers and symbols) and biometrics (fingerprint scan or facial recognition) the simple question-and-answer routine is still the most common way to authenticate who you are to gain access to your personal information.

NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) recently updated their best practices for creating passwords. Here are the biggest takeaways:

Don't change it unless you feel you need to. In the past requiring frequent password changes often led to weaker passwords. Now you no longer need to change your password unless your account has been compromised.

Ditch the complexity. Passwords featuring random characters, symbols and numbers are hard to remember. Simplicity works well with the longer-is-stronger attitude. Consider a pass phrase such as: thedogwantstoplayfetch Done. And it can be easy to remember, too!

Screening. It goes without saying: don't reuse old passwords but it also helps to compare new passwords against commonly used or compromised passwords. How? Web sites such as www.haveibeenpwned.com/Passwords can compare your password to 517,238,901 real passwords that have previously been exposed in data breaches.

HBO/MAX Free Preview Weekend

Don't miss 5 days of FREE movies and original series on HBO and CINEMAX during the Thanksgiving holiday! The free preview weekend allows you to see HBO and Cinemax for FREE starting Wednesday, November 21st through Sunday, November 25th! Be sure to look for those premiums on WCDTV channels 450-455 and 475-482.

Like what you see? Add HBO for \$18.00/month and Cinemax for \$15.00/month by contacting the office at 352-3151.

Make Your Internet Wireless

Webster-Calhoun provides fast and reliable Internet to your location. Adding a wireless router makes connecting tablets, phones, game consoles and TVs easy but not all routers are the same. WCCTA offers a whole home solution to keep you connected. We provide and set up the wireless router and can remotely upgrade and troubleshoot issues for you. Service starts as low as \$9.95/month. Contact the office at 352-3151 for more information.

Holiday Open House

Be sure to stop by Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association on Friday, December 7th and enjoy cider, cookies, goodies and free stuff during Gowrie's City Wide Open House weekend!

(846-6310)

Office Closed

Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd.



Tech Classes

The Somers Public Library will be hosting a class in Somers on Wednesday, November 21st at 2:00 pm to learn more about cyber safety, online threats, and how to avoid them.

Newsletter Contest

Congratulations to John Burt of Pilot Mound and Richard Black of Somers! They found their telephone number in the newsletter last month! There are three hidden 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!