

Connection

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Grants for 3 local groups



BENNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Three local organizations are the recipients of a combined \$4,600 in grant funding from Aureon Network Services and F&B Communications.

Bennett Public Library received a \$1,000 Aureon Charity Grant, plus a \$1,000 matching contribution from F&B.

Grant funds are being used by the library to enhance computer technology for patrons.

Calamus-Wheatland Schools is the recipient an \$800 Aureon grant and an \$800 match from F&B.

The school will use the grant funds to purchase a portable projection screen and audio equipment to be used for assemblies and special events.

The CALCO (Calamus American Legion Community Organization) received a \$500 Aureon grant along with a \$500 contribution from F&B.

Funds will be used to support a planned extensive remodeling project of the entire CALCO building.

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CALAMUS-WHEATLAND SCHOOLS



CALCO

*Pictured (left to right)
Bennett Public Library: Mindy Williams, Library; Ken Laursen, F&B*

Calamus-Wheatland Schools: Kent Atha, Aureon; Curt Daniels, C-W; Dawn Gannon, C-W; Lonnie Luepker, C-W; Ken Laursen, F&B

CALCO: Lance Goettsch, CALCO; Ken Laursen, F&B

Solar interference

If you notice a poor picture on some of your Skitter TV channels the first two weeks of March in the afternoon hours, do not be alarmed. This is the result of solar interference and a natural event that occurs in the spring and fall.

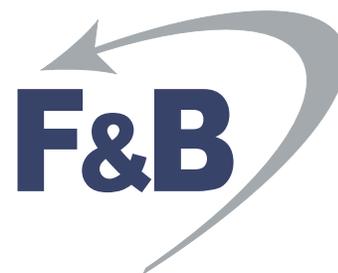
Iowa One Call

Doing any digging this spring? Be sure to call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 or dial 811 at least 48 hours in advance to have underground utilities marked. The service is free and it's the law.

New Reelz channel

Reelz Television launched March 1 on Skitter TV Total subscriptions. Reelz is available on ch. 510.

Reelz is a leading independent general entertainment network focused on celebrity culture with poignant stories about Hollywood in revealing documentaries and character profiles of the famous and infamous.



SHOWTIME launched on Skitter TV

SHOWTIME premium programming launched on Skitter TV March 1. This package can be added to any Skitter residential base package for \$11/month.

SHOWTIME is premium entertainment featuring critically-acclaimed original series and limited series, groundbreaking documentaries and docu-series, hit Hollywood movies, action-packed sports, hilarious comedy specials and much

more, all without commercial interruption.

Also included is SHOWTIME Anytime, available in watch-TEverywhere, which allows you to stream SHOWTIME on your mobile devices.

SHOWTIME Anytime may not be available at launch, but will be available shortly thereafter.

Call the office at (563) 374-1236 to add SHOWTIME to your Skitter TV subscription.



- 756 SHOWTIME
- 757 SHOWTIME 2
- 758 SHOWTIME Showcase
- 759 SHOWTIME Extreme
- 760 SHOxBET
- 761 SHOWTIME Next
- 762 SHOWTIME Women
- 763 SHOWTIME Family Zone
- 764 TMC (The Movie Channel)
- 765 TMC Xtra
- 766 FLIX



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F&B Communications has the following open positions:

Computer Service and Sales Technician

Seeking individual experienced with PC repair, various operating systems and customer-service mindset.

Plant Technician

Duties to include cable plant construction, maintenance, locating and fiber splicing as well as customer installations and maintenance.

For details, go to:

www.fbc-tele.com/employment

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F&B is one of more than 100 Iowa independent telephone company member-owners of Aureon, which helps to provide advanced telecommunications and data services across the state.

Nearly \$35,000 has been awarded to organizations in the F&B service area in the last 25 years since the charity grant program began.

The charity grant program is open to non-profit organizations in the F&B service area. Grant applications are available online at www.fbc-tele.com. Charity grants are awarded on a quarterly basis and chosen by an independent review committee organized by Aureon.



You'll Love The Benefits Of Our Whole Home Wi-Fi

A strong connection is what makes relationships thrive. It's also what you need from your home's Wi-Fi. Is your current Wi-Fi disappointing you with poor performance and spotty coverage? Then we wholeheartedly recommend our Whole Home Wi-Fi service. It provides an advanced router for seamless signal continuity, an app for remote management, and local service and support — everything you need to love your Wi-Fi.

Call (563) 374-1236 or check out www.fbc-tele.com/wifi to learn more.

World backup day

Don't be an April Fool. Back up all your important files – including family photos, home videos and financial documents – on World Backup Day, March 31.

It's imperative to do backups on a regular basis, not just on March 31, since losing personal files can be a devastating experience.

Contact F&B to learn about our backup solutions.