



*It's a
Retirement Celebration for
Butch Rorabaugh!*

**Saturday March 14th, 4 - 7
Monti Community Center**

Monti, Iowa

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS SERVED



Butch Rorabaugh walked into the office at East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative to begin his duties of General Manager on June 19, 1997. After 260 monthly Board Meetings, 22 Annual Meetings, and countless trips to Des Moines to serve on the Iowa Communications Association for three years, and six years on RIITA (Rural Iowa Independent Communications Association),

one of which he served as President (2008-2009); Butch has decided to retire as of February 29, 2020.

Here are some things Butch has observed in his 23 years at EBTC:

- 1997:** We had 33 Dial Up Internet Users
- 1997:** No one could comprehend 100 MG internet speed
- 1997:** Relatively few people had Cable TV

1997: 'Radio Phones' were the size of suitcases and through the years 'Cell Phones' became so small you could put them in your shirt pocket. Recently he has noticed that they are becoming a little larger as people use them more to watch videos. He also mentioned "they still need to teach cell phones how to swim!"

2019: At the end of 2019 we had 1224 DSL Users and growing

2020: Fewer and fewer people have Cable TV
Long live Netflix and YouTube TV!

It saddens him to think that the lights from cell and wind towers might out number the stars someday. What does Butch plan to do in his retirement...

- Go fishing whenever he wants
- Go to Florida whenever he wants
- (As long as it is **ALL** okay with Denise!)

Congratulation and Thank You for your services to EBTC and we wish you much happiness in retirement!!

EXPAND YOUR IN-HOME WIFI CONNECTION!

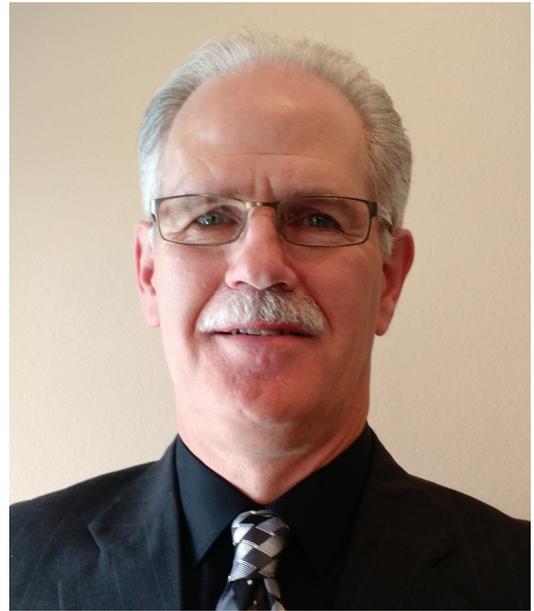
As you move around the house, you may not always experience the same great Wifi coverage. There may even be dead spots in your house, in the garage or in the yard, where you can't connect to your Wifi network at all.

There could be a number of reasons for weak Wifi signals and dead zones:

- Your router may be old and outdated if over 4 years old.
- Today's homes are getting bigger and the further you move away from the router, the weaker your Wifi signal becomes, simply because the signal has to travel a longer distance.
- Walls can get in the way.
- Wifi signals can be susceptible to interference from microwave ovens, garage door openers, baby monitors and a host of other devices.
- You have many devices connected at once. Everyone in your family likely has at least one device.
- Your neighbors' Wifi networks can interfere with yours.

From your porch, to your home office, to the far corners of your basement or upstairs, East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative makes it possible for you to enjoy your reliable secure and fast EBTC Internet connection everywhere in and around your home!

We will perform an on-site analysis to suggest improvements and recommend additional WiFi access points or mesh WiFi if necessary. Once a plan is in place, our technicians will position a high-quality Wi-Fi SmartRG router, additional access points and basically everything needed to have WiFi wherever you are at home.



NEW MANAGER

Mike Becker

Mike Becker started on January 1st as the General Manager of EBTC after working for over 30 years as regulatory, marketing, and general manager in the telecom industry in Nebraska. Mike grew up on a farm outside of a town of 150 people, so his rural roots run deep. He and his wife Carla have two grown sons.

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before you begin digging



NOTICE:

Construction crews will be burying fiber optic cable in the rural Winthrop exchange this summer