



# East Buchanan Telephone Coop

## December 2022 Newsletter

### **\*Local Service with Local Support\***

#### Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps low-income households pay for broadband services. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal government benefit program operated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The ACP will provide a discount of up to \$30 per month towards broadband service for eligible households.

A household is eligible for ACP if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline.
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

You can find additional information and how you can apply for the ACP by visiting [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp) or by calling 877-384-2575..



#### NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- ACP
- Annual Meeting
- EBTC gift card
- UPS drop off
- Trunk and Treat
- Welcome Drew Fagman
- Win \$10.00 off next months bill
- New devices
- Go Paperless \$10.00 off
- Fiber Project
- Recipe of the month

#### Annual Membership Meeting

When: Monday, December 5th @ 1:30

Where: St. Patrick's Parish Center, Winthrop

Why: To recap 2022, preview 2023 and Board Elections

We will be serving refreshments. There will be 4 lucky winners for \$20.00 gift cards.

#### ***Be sure to vote for the Board of Directors***

One decision can change the future. Please take the time to vote for the Board of Directors of the East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative, to serve on the board for a 3-year term. You can return your ballots Robin via mail, our drop box by our front door, or bring them along to the annual meeting December 5th at 1:30. We will be gathering at St. Patrick's Parish Center, Winthrop. Nominees for each district are listed below.

- Winthrop Exchange- Rose Hansen and Jason Hoyle
- Quasqueton Exchange- Kenny Gericke and Carrie Chesmore (Mrs. Matt)
- Aurora/ Stanley Exchange- Nancy Mosher and Ed Smith

#### EBTC Gift Card

Is there a certain someone on your Christmas list that is hard to buy for Joel? If so they may appreciate not having to pay for there Internet service for the month. EBTC does have gift cards that make a perfect Christmas gift. You can also pre-pay in advance for EBTC service. For more information stop into the office or call (319) 935-3011.



#### UPS drop off

The season of giving is here. If you have loved ones that are not coming home this year for Christmas. Bring your package to EBTC to ship to loved ones. You can also easily return your packages if they are not what you expected. EBTC is a drop off point for UPS. UPS picks up packages Monday- Friday anytime between 1:30 to 3:30 at EBTC.

## Trunk and Treat

The team at EBTC had a great time handing out candy and helpful safety tips on how not to get caught up in the dark web at Winthrop's Trunk and Treat. All of the costumes looked great!!



## Welcome Drew Fangman



Please welcome EBTC newest technician Drew Fangman. Drew started working with us in July. Drew is from this area, and graduated from East Buchanan High School. Away from work Drew enjoys spending time with his family.



EBTC would like to wish all of our customers a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!!

Enter into a drawing for December 22nd. Two lucky winners can get \$10.00 off next months Internet service. All you have to do is call in with the location of the names Joel, Barb and Robin with in this news letter. Good Luck!!

## New devices for the Holidays

If you are planning on adding new devices or gadgets to your home network for the Holidays this year, you might want to increase your Internet package. While some folks think that 100Mg speeds sounds really fast. 58% of Internet users subscribed to speeds between 200-400 Mbps speeds. Only 4.7% of customers nationwide subscribed to speeds less than 50 Mbps. The more devices connected will affect your speed. EBTC is now offering equipment to manage your home network. Barb To manage your home network you would receive a premium router with an EVO that works as an extender, which will significantly improve your homes Wi-Fi. EVO includes a smartphone app from Plume which allows you to :

- Actively manage your home network from anywhere you have Internet access
- Set parental limits and control devices
- View connection status
- Add/remove more EVO's to your network
- Freeze Internet access on a per-device basis

Call our office for more information.

## Would you like to go paperless?

Enjoy the convenience of having your monthly bill sent to you via e-mail. Get \$5.00 off your next invoice and reduce paper clutter in your mailbox. To sign up please call us as this option is not accessible on our website.

Get set up for auto pay and receive \$5.00 off your next invoice. You will no longer need to worry about any late fees if you sign up to withdrawal before the 20th. This option is on our website under Bill Pay.

**All together save \$10.00 off your next invoice for setting up ebill and auto pay.**

*\*one-time discount applied to your next invoice\**

**Offer ends January 31, 2023**

## Fiber Project for Winthrop and Quasqueton

The Board of Director has given approval to start site surveys within the towns of Winthrop and Quasqueton. Site surveys is the first step of completing fiber within these towns. Site survey is so we know where fiber can be brought to the home. EBTC techs will be visiting your homes to complete.

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all -purpose flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter-softened
- 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 cup Christmas mix peanut butter m&m's
- 3 tablespoons Christmas sprinkles

## **SANTA'S PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE BARS**



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13 baking pan.
2. In a small bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt and oats. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, mix together butter, peanut butter, brown sugar, and sugar.
4. Add in the vanilla, egg and egg yolk.
5. Add the dry ingredients into the wet and mix. Add chocolate chips and peanut butter m&m's. Press the batter into the pan. Bake for 14-16 minutes.