



NEWSLETTER

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FIBER UPDATE

This past summer EBTC had buried fiber optic cable from Quasqueton to three miles south of Walker. This project was completed around February 1st. It has replaced our 1980s era fiber on a redundant fiber ring that no longer meets specifications for today's huge internet demands. Our technicians are now installing fiber in the homes and businesses that are along that transport route.

EBTC's technician are also working hard to complete site surveys in the town of Quasqueton and Winthrop. The site survey is the first step in completing the 2023 project to bring fiber up to your home. During the site survey appointment, our tech will draw the outside of your property and anything underground that West Union Trenching would need to avoid when burying fiber up to your home. If you live in the town of Quasqueton or Winthrop and haven't completed a site survey, please call into the office to make an appointment.

CONGRATULATING DAVE FLEXENHAR ON RETIREMENT

December 31, 2022 Dave retired from EBTC. For any of you that know Dave, he is a busy body. If something needed done, Dave was the first one to jump up and do it. As a lot of our customers know, Dave did most of our fiber installs in the town of Aurora and rural Winthrop and Quasqueton. We appreciate all of his hard work over the last 19 years at East Buchanan Telephone. All of us at EBTC hopes that Dave enjoys his retirement.

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NEW EMPLOYEE JORDAN HETTINGER

We would like to welcome Jordan Hettinger to our team at EBTC. Jordan is our newest technician. Even though he is new to EBTC, he has a background in fiber optic. Jordan grew up on a farm on the outside of Aurora. He graduated from East Buchanan High School. When Jordan is away from work he enjoys video games, going to concerts and hanging out with friends and family. An interesting fact about Jordan is he is a twin.

Please welcome Jordan when you see him.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Time to spring forward on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour.

2023 PHONE BOOKS ARE IN!!

If you would like to purchase one please stop into the office. Did you know that you are now able to look numbers up on our website? If you go to www.EastBuchanan.com you will be able to click on the phone directory and search for numbers.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

EBTC held the cooperative's annual meeting on Monday, December 5th at St. Patrick's Center in Winthrop, IA.

Todd Thorson, auditor from FORVIS, presented the 2022 Annual Financial Report to the members. General Manager Mike Becker gave a full review of 2022. Board of Directors election ballots were counted, Rose Hansen and Nancy Mosher were re-elected to the EBTC Board. Kenny Gericke was voted in for the Quasqueton exchange. The Connor other board members include Terry Peterson, Bill Crow, Greg Fawcett, Eldon Baragary, Alan Heitz and Joe Bahe. Thank you for those that took the time to vote for our board. The future of the company really does lie in the boards hands. The winners of the gift certificates were Sara Smith, Carrie Chesmore, Fred Smith and Larry Kress.



Go green this Patty's Day by saving some green! EBTC is offering a one time \$10.00 off for signing up for e-bill and auto pay. E-bill means we would e-mail your invoice to your e-mail address instead of mailing your invoice by USPS. Auto pay means you no longer need to remember to write a check every month. When you sign up for auto pay we are able to pull the balance due from your account on any day of the month that works best for you. If you are interested in going paperless and saving please call into the office or sign up online at www.eastbuchanan.com.

MARCH RECIPE

Ingredients

6 oz strawberry Jell-O
2 cups boiling water
2 ½ cups salted pretzels
¼ cup granulated sugar
8 Tbsp unsalted butter
8 oz package cream cheese
½ cup granulated sugar
8 oz cool whip
1 lb fresh strawberries



Instructions

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine strawberry Jell-O 2 cups boiling water and stir until completely dissolved. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

Crush 2 ½ cups pretzels in a sturdy Ziploc bag, using a rolling pin. In a medium sauce pan, melt 8 Tbsp butter then add ¼ cup sugar and stir. Mix in crushed pretzels. Transfer to a 13x9 glass casserole dish, pressing the pretzel mix evenly over the bottom and bake for 10 min at 350 degrees, then cool to room temp.

When pretzels have cooled, use an electric hand mixer to beat 8 oz cream cheese and ½ cup sugar on med/high speed until fluffy and white. Fold in 8 oz Cool Whip until no streaks of cream cheese remain. Spread mixture over cooled pretzels, spreading to the edges of the dish to create a tight seal. Refrigerate 30 min.

Hull and slice 1 lb strawberries then stir into your room temperature jello. Pour and spread strawberry jello mixture evenly over your cooled cream cheese layer and refrigerate until jello is set (2-4 hours).



You are now able to apply for discounted internet service! The Affordable Connectivity Program is ran by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To see if you are eligible all you will need to do is go to their website at acpbenefit.org and click apply now. Once your application has been approved you will need to call the office (319) 935-3011 to let us know what your application id number is. You can then receive \$30.00 off your monthly internet service. Here are ways your household can qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP): Based on your household income, if you or your child Peter or dependent participate in certain government assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, or other programs. For more information please visit the Affordable Connectivity Program website: acpbenefit.org.

MANAGING YOUR HOME NETWORK

Interested in managing your home network? For a limited time EBTC is offer a free router upgrade with an EVO device that works as an extender. With these two devices you are able to manage your home network by downloading a free app on your smartphone. With this app you can monitor when and what devices connect to your home Wi-Fi. You are able to see if any device has a weak signal and much much more. The most improved feature with these devices is the WiFi strength. WiFi is anything that is connected with-out a wire. Your devices at home will be able to roam much farther and still have a strong connection. If you Shane are interested or have any questions about managing your home network, please call into the office.

TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING ON APRIL 18TH, TO WIN \$10.00 OFF APRIL'S INVOICE. CALL INTO THE OFFICE WITH THE LOCATION OF THE NAMES CONNOR, PETER AND SHANE. 3 LUCKY WINNERS!!