

East Buchanan Telephone Coop NEWSLETTER

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Fiber Update

This summer, East Buchanan Telephone Coop will be decommissioning our old copper wiring throughout the towns of Quasqueton and Winthrop as it is end-of-life. In the future, fiber optic cable will be used for voice, video, and Internet services.

If you feel that fiber isn't necessary, we strongly recommend that you still allow us to bring conduit to your home as there's no cost to you and *Stan* it will enhance the value of your property. If you decline conduit to your home at this time,

and in the future change your mind. It could cost you \$1,000 or more later to install. Although these projects are extremely expensive and necessary, they do not impact the monthly price for Internet or phone service – the monthly service prices will remain the same.

We expect construction to begin in Quasqueton in the latter part of June for "mainline" fiber, with the contractor beginning in Winthrop about three weeks later. Please see the fiber construction steps on the back of this newsletter for more information.




EBTC Celebrate 60 years!!



East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative will be celebrating 60 years of providing service to our cooperative members this year. Please help us celebrate with you – our members who have made this possible! We'll be serving burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and more at the shelter house in the Winthrop City Park during Winthrop Days on Thursday June 15th from 5-7pm.

Matt Leisinger, one of EBTC's employees, will be playing drums for Plug Nickel who will be performing from 6-10pm that evening. Come on out and bring the whole family *Drew* to celebrate 60 years of cooperative membership!



Did you know that fiber internet access can increase your home's real estate value?

UP TO 3.1%.

That's \$5,314 according to the national median house price.

3 Lucky Winners

To be entered in June's drawing on June 28th. All you will need to do is let the office now where in the newsletter the names Drew, Jordan and Stan's names can be found. To receive \$10.00 off your July's invoice.

"MOM! The internet is slow again!"

Get the speed you need to keep the whole family happy this summer.



Know what's below
before you dig.

Call811.com



Affordable Connectivity Program

Visit acpbenefit.org to see if you qualify to receive \$30.00 off your monthly Internet service.

Class of
2023

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to the class of 2023!!
Best of Luck with your new Beginnings
"The Tassel was Worth the Hassle"

Oreo Ice Cream Sandwich Cake

Ingredients

24 Ice Cream Sandwiches
12 Oreos (crushed)
add Hot Fudge Topping
8 ounces Whipped Topping



1. Add a layer of ice cream sandwiches in a pan.
2. Spread a layer of whipped topping on top of the sandwiches, use about half of the container.
3. Drizzle hot fudge sauce over the whipped topping.
4. Sprinkle half of the crushed oreos on top.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 once again.
6. Freeze the cake at least 30 minutes.

Steps of Fiber Construction

PLANNING & PREPARATION



01

MAKE READY ENGINEERING: During this stage of planning, engineers will design and develop plans and specifications for review and approval for the fiber optic network.



02

SITE SURVEY: Our office staff will be calling you to set up an appointment. To meet with an EBTC tech, to complete a site survey. The site survey is so we know where fiber can be brought to the home and if there is any remodeling or construction work planned.

CONSTRUCTION



03

CONSTRUCTION: West Union Trenching will plow fiber to your home. Using the site survey to know where to plow the fiber.



04

SPlicing: Splicing is focused on connecting – closing the loops – on the various pieces of fiber used to build the network as a whole. These connections are important to ensure data and information flows at the speed of light. R&S Splicing will be completing this step.

After construction is complete, we will return all sidewalks and greenspaces to the way we found them.

SERVICE DELIVERY



05

INSTALLATION: After the previous four stages are complete, we will light up the network and our installation team can connect your home to receive service.

Building a fiber internet network takes time, but
when we're done, you'll be able to enjoy fast, reliable
internet for years to come!

Summer Interns

EBTC is happy to announce that Hunter Canfield and Spencer Jacobsen have been hired as summer interns to assist full-time technicians and to learn about careers *Jordan* in the telecommunications industry. Hunter is a 2023 East Buchanan graduate and lives in Aurora, while Spencer is a 2023 graduate of North Linn and resides near Quasky. Both enjoy fiber-fast Internet from EBTC at their homes. Please give them a big "hello" when you see them.



Hunter Canfield



Spencer Jacobsen

Revolving Loan Fund

EBTC has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) from USDA which originated to assist with the funding of Kids Corner Daycare near EB Schools. The most recent RLF loan was made in February to Fat Chef's Catering to purchase and remodel the Winthrop grocery store. Nick Dennie and Nick Wilgenbusch, the owners of Nicks Family Grocery, are shown below receiving a RLF check for \$140,000 from EBTC General Manager Mike Becker to assist with the purchase. EBTC is happy to support local economic development projects.

