

### Long-Term EBTC Project

EBTC was approached last Spring by a much larger community to bring Internet service via fiber optic cable to their town because of their unreliable service from current providers. The Board has engaged in lengthy discussions with the community since March, and also has held many internal discussions regarding financial forecasts for EBTC with and without the potential project. The Board will soon make a final decision to proceed or halt the project.

Here are some highlights & reasons:

- A community survey was done which indicated that over 75% of the community was interested in EBTC Internet service.
- The project would more than double the size of EBTC's current customer base and take at least 3 years to build-out.
- Although this is a nice opportunity, there would be no grant funding available and other local Internet providers similar to EBTC throughout Iowa are also looking to expand during this current period of growth.
- Current federal Universal Service Funding that EBTC receives seems to be in jeopardy. The US Supreme Court may rule on the constitutionality of the USF system over next winter. How does EBTC replace that monthly income if USF goes away?
- Once completed and any debt is paid off, the cooperative will be in a much better position for the future.
- The leaders of the potential town will look for another Internet provider if EBTC does not proceed forward.
- The prevailing thought of businesses and leaders of large organizations state that "If you're not growing, you're dying". Which one is EBTC?

These are just some of the reasons that the Board is strongly considering a decision to proceed with the project in October. More details will be provided at the annual cooperative membership meeting in December.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Becker, General Manager, or one of your EBTC Board representatives before October 10th. Your Board members include: Aurora-Stanley: Joe Bahe, Nancy Mosher, Colin Koch; Winthrop: Terry Peterson, Rose Hansen, Daniel Cocking; Quasqueton: Eldon Baragary, Bill Crow, Kenny Gericke

### National Co-op Month

Celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October, National Co-op Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build resilient, inclusive communities. The theme is "The Future is

Cooperative." Some Co-op fun facts are:

- Minnesota was the first stat to declare an official Co-op Month in 1948.
- Co-op Month has been a nationally recognized celebration since 1964.
- The first National Co-op Month theme was "Cooperatives: USDA Helps Build a Better America."
- The U.S. Government sponsored Co-op Month from 1964-1970.
- Every October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture releases its annual Co-op Month proclamation.

### Board of Directors Nominations

If you or someone you know that would like to run to be on the board, we are accepting nominations. Nominations for the board will be accepted via phone 319-935-3011 or via mail sent to PO Box 100, Winthrop IA 50682 until October 15, 2024. Only Cooperative members can be nominated and are eligible to vote in the election. Board member(s) whose 3-year term is ending and have chosen to run for re-election include:

Quasqueton – Bill Crow

Aurora - Joe Bahe

Winthrop - Terry Peterson

Please contact East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative office with any questions.

### Newsletter Highlights

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### October Employee Anniversary



4 YEARS

MATT LEISINGER

### 3 Lucky Winners

To be entered into a drawing on October 25th, to win \$10.00 off your November's Invoice. Call into the office with the locations of the names Matt, Gerald and Daniel.



### Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on November 3rd! Enjoy that extra hour of rest!

### New Board Member

Following the passing of Greg Fawcett, board secretary, we are pleased to announce that Daniel Cocking has filled the opening for the Winthrop exchange on the East Buchanan Telephone board. We are confident that Daniel is the right choice to help us continue our mission. Daniel brings a fresh perspective that will be a great asset to our board. Please join us in welcoming Daniel as he completes Greg Fawcett's 3 year term.



Please be sure to follow East Buchanan Telephone on facebook for the most up to date news.

## Broadband Labels

Broadband labels are required by the FCC to be displayed on all Internet providers' websites by October 10th. Broadband labels are standardized tags or indicators that provide essential information about broadband services. The labels are modeled after the FDA nutrition labels and are intended to help consumers understand the key features and performance of various internet plans.

### Broadband Facts

EAST BUCHANAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE BASIC INTERNET FIBER-CBOL Fixed Broadband Consumer Disclosure	
<b>Monthly Price</b>	<b>\$84.95</b>
This monthly price is an introductory rate	No
Time the introductory rate applies	N/A
Monthly price after the introductory rate	N/A
Length of contract	N/A
Link to Terms of Contract	N/A
<b>Additional Charges &amp; Terms</b>	
Provider Monthly Fees	N/A
One-time Fees at the Time of Purchase	
STANDARD INSTALL	\$50.00
Early Termination Fee	N/A
Government Taxes	Varies by Location
<b>Discounts &amp; Bundles</b>	
Visit the link below for available billing discounts and pricing options for broadband service bundled with other services like video, phone and wireless services, and use of your own equipment like modems and routers.	
<a href="https://eastbuchanan.com/bundles/">https://eastbuchanan.com/bundles/</a>	
<b>Speeds Provided with Plan</b>	
Typical Download Speed	100 Mbps
Typical Upload Speed	100 Mbps
Typical Latency	8 ms
<b>Data Included with Monthly Price</b>	N/A
Charges for Additional Data Usage	N/A
<b>Network Management Policy</b>	
<a href="https://eastbuchanan.com/internet/network-management">https://eastbuchanan.com/internet/network-management</a>	
<b>Privacy Policy</b>	
<a href="https://eastbuchanan.com/about-us">https://eastbuchanan.com/about-us</a>	
<b>Customer Support</b>	
Phone:	(319) 935-3011
Website:	<a href="http://eastbuchanan.com">http://eastbuchanan.com</a>
Learn about the terms used on this label. Visit the Federal Communications Commission's Consumer Resource Center.	
<a href="http://fcc.gov/consumers">fcc.gov/consumers</a>	
Unique Plan Identifier: F0002557627BASICFIBERCBL1	

Common elements found on broadband labels include:

- Speed:** Information on download and upload speeds, typically presented as a range (e.g., 50-100 Mbps).
- Latency:** The time it takes for data to travel from the source to the destination, usually measured in milliseconds.
- Data Caps:** Any limitations on data usage, including details on overage charges if applicable (EBTC has no data caps).
- Pricing:** The cost of the service, including promotional rates and any long-term commitments.
- Contract Terms:** Information on the length of the contract and any penalties for early termination.
- Availability:** Areas where the service is offered.
- Equipment Fees:** Any additional costs for renting or purchasing equipment like routers or modems.

These labels aim to enhance transparency and help consumers make informed decisions when selecting broadband services.

### Donations

Sara Connolly was honored to present the Aureon charity grant check for \$500.00 to Gerald Dennie, mayor of Winthrop. This donation will help with building the new pavilion in the Winthrop park.



### Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 8 graham crackers, broken into small pieces
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

### Pumpkin S'mores Cookies

### Directions

- Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a large bowl, cream together the softened butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar until light and fluffy.
- Beat in the pumpkin puree, egg, and vanilla extract until well combined.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice, and salt.
- Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing until just combined. Do not over mix.
- Gently fold in the chocolate chips, mini marshmallows, and graham cracker pieces.
- Using a 1/2 inch cookie scoop or spoon, drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 2 inches apart.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 12 to 14 minutes.

## Your Rural Internet Provider & Neighbor



East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative is proud to be your local rural internet provider! We're dedicated to delivering fast, reliable fiber service to keep you connected.

As harvest season approaches, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our farmers for their hard work and long hours ahead. Wishing you a safe and bountiful harvest! You can count on us to support you every step of the way.

### Dean Jacobs



- DREAM BIG
- LIVE TALL
- MAKE THE WORLD BETTER



Dean Jacobs, a native of Nebraska, left a secure job with corporate America to pursue a dream: a dream to travel around the world and to understand the world we share. The experience of exploring in over 50 countries has exposed Dean to the goodness of humanity and the magnificence of the natural beauty throughout the world.

Dean brings his experiences to children and adults everywhere through school presentations and keynotes that focus on the goodness of humanity and the awe of nature. By offering his audiences the opportunity to see these qualities in others and themselves.

East Buchanan Telephone is excited to have helped bring Dean to East Buchanan Community School! His recent visit captivated grades K-12, along with staff and community members. Dean's engaging presentation, filled with incredible stories, truly inspired the students and broadened their perspectives on life. It was wonderful to see the spark in their imaginations as they absorbed his unique experiences. We're proud to support such an inspiring event!