



# EAST BUCHANAN TELEPHONE COOP & COUNTY LINE FIBER

## May Newsletter

### NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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### Exciting News: Faster Speeds, More Value, and a New Multi-Gig Option!

General Manager Mike Becker and the team at EBTC and CLF are excited to share some great new improvements. We've continued investment in our network to deliver more speed and more performance - all designed to better support how you live, work, learn, and stream TV. Best of all, our first two upgrades come at no additional cost to existing customers!

#### Faster Lifeline Plan: Now 25/25 Mbps - Same Affordable Price!

Our Lifeline Plan has been upgraded from 15/15 Mbps to 25/25 Mbps, giving our lowest speed plan households a faster and more reliable internet experience.

What this means for you:

- Faster web browsing
- Improved connectivity for streaming TV
- Reliable upload speeds for emails, forms, and cloud services

#### Basic Plan: Now 200/200 Mbps - Free Speed Boost!

Our popular Basic Plan just got a major speed increase - doubling the plan speed from 100/100 Mbps to 200/200 Mbps at no extra cost.

Why you'll love it:

- Faster downloads and uploads for work and school
- Crystal-clear streaming for two TVs and devices
- Better performance - and twice as fast as before
- Improved speed for smart homes and connected devices

#### Introducing Our New "2 Gig Max" Plan - \$249.95/month

For customers who demand the very best, we're proud to introduce our brand-new 2 Gig Max Internet Plan, delivering blistering-fast symmetrical multi-gig (2000/2000 Mbps) speeds for only \$249.95 per month.

Perfect for:

- Power users and tech enthusiasts
- Large households with many connected devices
- Content creators, remote professionals, and home businesses
- Ultra-HD, 4K and 8K streaming, advanced gaming, and massive file transfers

2 Gig Max speeds - this is internet built for the future!

**Built for the Future. Ready for Anything.**  
 Becker stated "These updates demonstrate our Board's ongoing commitment to providing fast, reliable, and future-ready internet service to all the communities we serve. Whether you're receiving a free speed upgrade or moving into multi-gig connectivity, you'll notice the impact of our continued network investments. And for users Iris who want high performance without stepping into multi-gig quite yet, our 1 Gbps plan remains a very strong option." If you have questions, want to confirm your upgraded speed, or are interested in switching plans, our local team in Winthrop is ready to help. Just give us a call at 319-935-3011 or 319-283-1188.

Internet Plans		
	Monthly Price	"BEST EFFORT" DOWNLOAD/UPLOAD
Lifeline Plan	\$49.95	25/25 Mbps
Basic Plan	\$84.95	200/200 Mbps
Fast Plan	\$114.95	500/500 Mbps
Fastest Plan	\$154.95	1 Gig = 1000/1000 Mbps
2 Gig Max	\$249.95	2 Gig = 2000/2000 Mbps

### Plume to Intellifi transition

We're in the final steps of transitioning over to Intellifi!

If you currently have an Evo device (pictured to the right), you'll need to stop by the office to pick up your new Intellifi device. There is no cost to you for *Tulip* this upgrade.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out—we're happy to help!

What you will need to do



**DO NOT USE PLUME Will not need to do anything.**

**USE PLUME APP WITH NO EQUIPMENT (EVO) You will need to download the new Intellifi app using the QR code to the right.**

**USE PLUME APP AND HAVE EQUIPMENT (EVO) You will need to stop into the office to pick up a new device and you will need to install the new Intellifi app using the QR code to the right.**



## EBTC Gears Up – Three Fiber Projects This Summer

One of the largest efforts this summer focuses on the rural area between Walker and Rowley. This new project recently received a nearly \$1.9 million grant which has a September deadline.

The town of Lamont is next in line for a full fiber upgrade after feedback from the community. EBTC will be placing fiber-optic lines, giving the community access to faster speeds, improved reliability, and all from a local provider instead of an out of state company. The construction phase is expected to begin prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

EBTC is also planning to extend its fiber network in Oelwein – now on the west side of Lilac town. This expansion builds on the previous phase already completed in the southern part of Oelwein.

Together, these projects mark one of EBTC's most ambitious construction seasons yet. By the end of the year, hundreds more lowans will have access to the speed and stability that only fiber can deliver—strengthening local communities, supporting area growth, and helping to ensure EBTC's long-term vitality.

### Open Burn Caution



Last year, we had to replace over 2 dozen fiber markers that were damaged. Already this year, we have noticed that there are fiber markers and/or peds that will need to be replaced due to ditch burning. Keep in mind that the replacement cost will be incurred by the property owner. The burning of ditches and fields does not have to result in the burning or scorching of the fiber markers. If there are fiber markers in the area that you will be burning, clear the vegetation/weeds at least four feet around the base of the fiber markers before beginning to burn. If the fire does get away from you and a fiber marker/post becomes damaged, immediately call East Buchanan Telephone Coop.



## No-Bake Cheesecake Cups (5 Minutes!)

Perfect for busy schedules and sweet cravings—no oven required.

Ingredients (makes 4–6 cups):

1 cup graham cracker crumbs

3 tbsp melted butter

8 oz cream cheese, softened

½ cup powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 cup whipped topping (or whipped cream)

Fresh berries or fruit topping

### How to Make It:

Mix graham cracker crumbs with melted butter. Spoon into small cups and press lightly.

In a bowl, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla until smooth.

Fold in whipped topping until creamy.

Spoon cheesecake mixture over crusts.

Top with berries or your favorite fruit topping. Chill if desired—but it's ready to enjoy right away!

### Quick Tip:

Swap graham crackers for crushed Oreos or add a drizzle of chocolate for an extra treat.

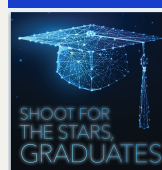
## Holidays for the month of May



### 3 Names- 3 Lucky Winners

To be entered into a drawing on May 26th, to win \$10.00 off your June's Invoice. Call into the office with the locations of the names Lilac, Tulip & Iris

### Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



East Buchanan Telephone Coop and County Line Fiber are proud to recognize our local graduates and wish you all the best in your next chapter.

### Aureon Donation

Danielle Hutchinson from Aureon presents a check for \$1,000 to Leo Dettbarn representing the Stanley Fire Department. The Aureon Charity Grant will assist with purchasing new air systems and packs for the fire dept to increase the safety of their volunteer firemen.

