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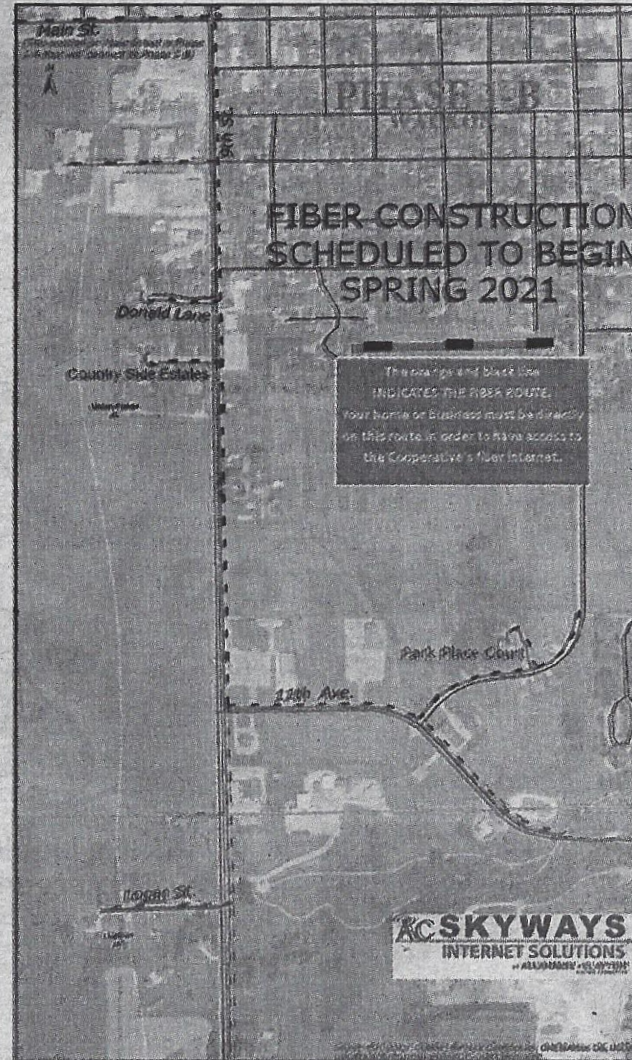
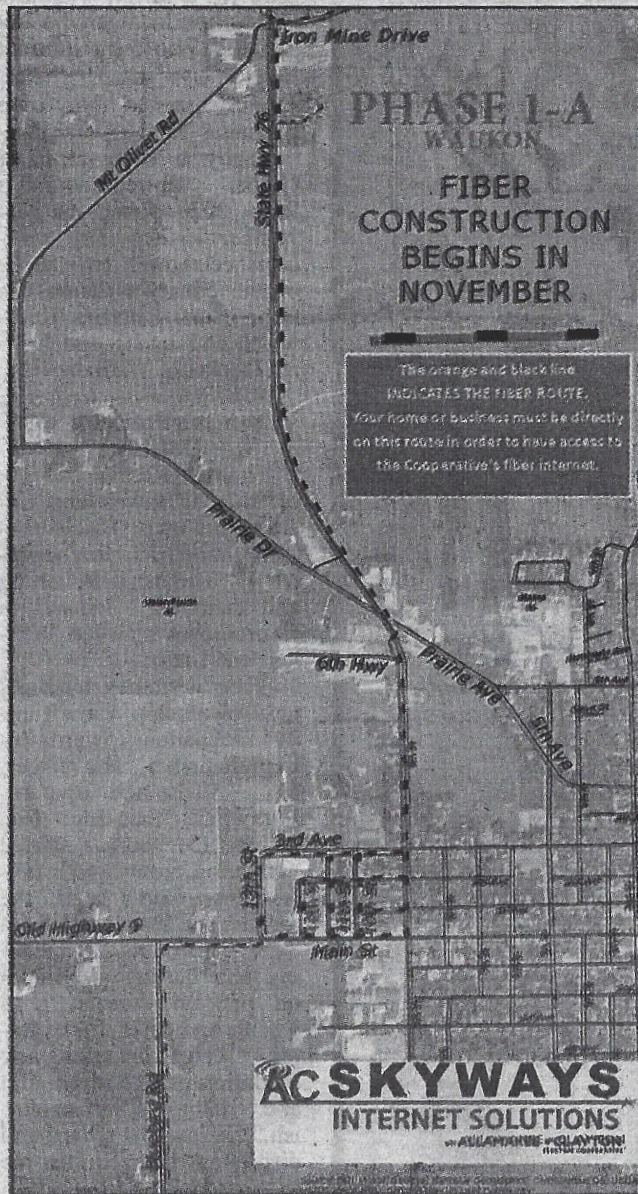
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Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative deploying fiber internet in west Waukon



Fiber-to-the-home project on Waukon's west side scheduled to begin ...

The fiber-to-the-home project being undertaken on the west side of Waukon by AC Skyways, a division of Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, is scheduled to be completed in two different phases over the next year's time. The fiber route for Phase 1-A (highlighted by the orange and black lines in the left map image above) is scheduled to begin next week and be completed by the end of this year. Phase 1-B (highlighted by the orange and black lines in the right map image above) will take place in 2021. Submitted images.

AC Skyways, a division of Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, has announced it is the recipient of an Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion grant to expand on an already planned fiber-to-the-home project on the west side of Waukon, with the construction of the first phase of the project to start later this month. The routes of the two planned phases for the project are outlined by orange and black lines in the two map images to the left of this article.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, it became evident how vital reliable, high-speed internet is for telelearning, telehealth and teleworking. "We received overwhelming inquiries from people desperate to find a reliable internet service for their children to learn remotely and for them to telework," said Hollee McCormick, general manager of Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative. "Our Skyways staff, who have been offering wireless broadband internet to rural Allamakee and Fayette counties since 2014, responded quickly to navigate the unexpected challenge. Many people discovered that the internet service in their home did not have the speed and reliabil-

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to keep up, so Skyways staff worked hours to install internet and the technician continued throughout the summer expanding the structure to increase width, allowing more mers to access uninter- d internet."

addition to satellite wireless internet, the creative will soon be ing its toes into fiber let, with a fiber-to-the-

"The Cooperative had to build a fiber-optic tion between a vault Iron Mine Drive, of Waukon, to our w substation, south of Waukon, and the fi- nute went right through west Waukon," ex- d McCormick. "We

want to pass up an tunny to utilize that and offer fiber-optic e to 95 homes and sses along the fiber Allamakee-Clayton orked closely with the of Waukon since 2016 y've explored ways to reliable, high-speed et to the town, and this ular fiber project is st step to an answer to all."

Iowa Governor Reynolds announced ly that Iowa would \$50 million in federal 5 Act funding avail- or Broadband internet sion, the Cooperative already planned fiber t. Internet service pro- were given a short w of time to apply for g to expand broad-

staff at Upper Exploretland Regional Planning Commission were instrumental in writing two grants on behalf of Allamakee-Clayton," commented McCormick. "The Cooperative was ultimately notified by the Broadband Grants Program-Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program that it was awarded nearly \$535,000 to expand the planned fiber-to-home project, which will be split into two phases due to the availability of supplies and contractors' schedules."

"Although a second application via the Economic Development Authority for a proposed project involving the installation of fiber optic cable to downtown Waukon was not selected for funding, we are hopeful we can reapply with the assistance again from Upper Exploretland staff with a more favorable application that is selected for funding," McCormick explained. "Connected communities become thriving, future-ready communities, and deploying technology is necessary for growth and success, and now, more than ever, homes and businesses need high-speed, reliable internet."

Homes and businesses along the planned fiber route for both phases of the fiber internet project should have recently received a letter from Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative explaining the construction and service activation timelines. For additional information, visit <https://www.wa.gov>. actec.com or call 563-864-7611 or toll free 1-888-788-1551.

tion of *The Standard* is scheduled to begin the week of Thanksgiving and will involve installation of fiber from Iron Mine Drive south along State Highway 76 into Waukon to West Main Street, as well as all City streets both north of West Main Street and west

"Click It or Ticket" seat belt campaign now underway through November 29 through local law enforcement

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Region 7 State Highway Safety Offices are joining law enforcement nationwide for the "Click it or Ticket" campaign, running now through November 29. Efforts seek to increase seat belt use by coordinating highly visible seat belt law enforcement in the Region's states of Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Every time someone travels in a vehicle, whether driver or passenger, they should have their seat belt buckled. Buckling seat belts should be a habit - done without exception. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2018, there were 9,778 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. Nearly 69,000 lives saved from 2013-2017 from seatbelt usage are proof that it's important to keep these efforts going.

"The Click It or Ticket" campaign is so important because it raises awareness about seat belt safety and reminds people that seat belts aren't optional," said Susan DeCourcy, NHTSA Region 7 Administrator. "We're heading into the busiest travel season of the year. Families will be heading out for the holidays, so it's imperative we get the word out about the importance of seat belts."

The campaign is targeted to all drivers, but especially the hard-to-reach young adults ages 18 to 34 killed in crashes in 2019. More than half (58%) of those victims were completely unrestrained - one of the highest percentages for all age groups.

One of the safest choices drivers and passengers can make is to buckle up. "Click It or Ticket" is a multi-pronged campaign that combines on-street enforcement with a national

of State Highway 76/Ninth Street NW, and extending further west on West Main Street from its intersection with Ninth Street NW to and along Bluebird Road southwest of Waukon.

Phase 1-B of the project (highlighted in the right map on Page 1 in this edition of

The *Standard*) is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021 and will be along the southwest edge of Waukon, connecting with the West Main Street portion of Phase 1-A and heading south along Ninth Street SW toward State Highway 9. The fiber will also be deployed along

the industrial and residential developments on the west side of Ninth Street SW, as well as along Eleventh Avenue SW toward Waukon City Park and along the most southern portion of Second Street SW to the current Park Place residential development.

media campaign to convey the message that officers are out enforcing seat belt laws to protect members of the community.

Thousands of Americans are alive today thanks to strong state laws, "Click it or Ticket" efforts, and the year-round Buckle Up America campaigns. Many Americans understand the lifesaving value of the seat belt. NHTSA has been working with the States on "Click It or Ticket" since 2003. Since that time, national seat belt use has increased from 79 percent to 90.7 percent (2019).

For more information on the "Click It or Ticket" mobilization, visit www.nhtsa.gov/ctot.

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