

Taylor, Roy

Roy Taylor retires from Cablevue

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Manager finally gets his cable

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Roy Taylor and Cablevue Quinte Ltd. were pioneers in cable television in Quinte.

Today, Taylor enters retirement and Cablevue continues to beam television images to more than 36,400 subscribers.

But, Taylor, 62, recalls the first.

"William Hurst was the first customer to sign up for cable TV back in 1966," recalls Taylor, who has served as general manager of Cablevue for the past 28 years. "At that time, we offered nine channels and five FM radio signals."

Taylor recalls Cablevue's first installations concentrated on downtown Belleville, "serving the television dealers downtown — there were quite a number of them in those days."

Today, Cablevue's services extend from Belleville to Trenton, Brighton, Cobourg, Wellington and, finally laughs Taylor, "to Melrose."

"Three years ago I finally got cable out to where I live," he said of his previously unserviced



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Roy Taylor with an original newspaper announcement of Cable coming to Quinte.

farm on Shannonville Gravel Road.

Taylor will be succeeded by Virginia Porter as general manager at Cablevue.

Wednesday, employees treated Taylor to a retirement dinner, recounting tales of his years with Cablevue and employment with the Morton family.