



## 2019 Annual Meeting Recap

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc's (Poka Lambro) 68th Annual Membership Meeting was held March 28, 2019 at Poka Lambro's main location. Prior to the business meeting attendees received a courtesy stadium blanket, visited with friends and Poka Lambro employees, and enjoyed lunch catered by Danny's Fins and Hens.

The business meeting was called to order by Board President Randy Hensley at 12:30. Hensley introduced and welcomed guests, then turned the meeting over to Board Vice President Randy Simpson. Mr. Simpson announced the twelve 2019 Poka Lambro Scholarship winners (See the following page). President Hensley then presented General Manager David McEndree with an engraved crystal clock commemorating his upcoming retirement and 25 years with the cooperative. Attorney Don Richards was introduced and served as moderator for the meeting. The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved. Next on the agenda was the election of Directors. Congratulations to Ricky Mills of District 2 and Randy Hensley of District 6 on their re-elections. Each will serve a 3-year term. The next item on the agenda was the presentation of the financial report by Jason Miller of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P. Mr. Miller summarized the balance sheet and income statement for 2018.

After the business session, attendees enjoyed the much-anticipated door prize drawings. Many lucky members went home with great prizes -- including a 55" smart TV, a Skybell video doorbell, an iPad, an Amazon Echo, an iRobot Roomba, and cash. Thanks to everyone who attended the 2019 Annual Meeting! We look forward to seeing all of you again next year!



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REFER A  
FRIEND

We know that a lot of you are happy to tell your friends and family about Poka Lambro when the topic of Internet providers comes up. Now, we're rewarding you for it!! Refer a friend for new Internet service and receive a \$25 credit on your Poka Lambro bill. Just have them give your name and number when they sign-up. It's that easy! Some restrictions apply. Call for details.

## 2019 Scholarship Recipients

The Poka Lambro Scholarship Program began in 1990. Our scholarships are awarded each year to students graduating from local high schools whose parents or legal guardians are customers of Poka Lambro. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and educator recommendations. This year we were able to award twelve \$3,000 scholarships. We are proud to introduce the 2019 Poka Lambro Scholarship recipients...



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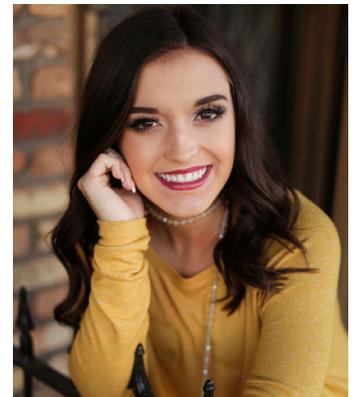
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**JACY ROWDEN**  
WELLMAN-UNION ISD



**CELEE SMITH**  
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## Network Updates

Once fiber has been installed in an area, customers located in that area will need to upgrade to the new fiber facilities to experience the added benefits. There is no cost to the customer to transition to fiber facilities, however, we do need to enter the home or business to install a small piece of equipment.

**Aten:** Fiber-splicing is now underway.

**Fletcher-Carter:** Customer conversions are underway. If you have not been upgraded, please give us a call to schedule an appointment.

**New Home:** Customer conversions are underway.

**Patricia:** Customer conversions are underway.

**Punkin Center:** Construction is now underway.

**Union:** Customer conversions are underway. If you have not been upgraded, please give us a call to schedule an appointment.

**If you are unsure whether you are in an area that has been upgraded, or need to schedule an appointment, please call us at 806-924-7234 or 800-422-2387.**

## Social Media



Social media is an amazing tool for interacting with people around the globe. However, with all this power and technology comes risks. Here are a few tips to making the most of social media securely and safely.

Be careful and think before posting. Anything you post will most likely become public at some point. Most schools and employers now check your social media profiles during the application process. If you don't want your family or boss to see it, you probably shouldn't post it. Be sure to get your supervisor's permission before posting anything work-related. Also, be aware of what others are posting about you. You may have to ask them to remove what they share.

Almost all social media sites have a wide array of privacy options. You can enable or disable functions to make them work for you. For example, does this specific app really need to be able to track your location? In addition, privacy options can change often. Make it a habit to check and confirm they are working as you expect them to.

Secure your social media account with a long, unique pass-phrase. A pass-phrase is a password made up of multiple words, making it easy for you to type and remember, but hard for cyber attackers to guess. Even better, enable two-factor authentication on all of your accounts. This adds a one-time code with your password when you need to log in to your account. It is very simple and one of the most effective ways to secure your account.

Just like with email, criminals will attempt to trick or fool you using social media messages. For example, they might try to trick you out of your password or credit card info. Be careful what you click on. If a friend sends you an odd message or one that does not sound like them, it could be a cyber attacker pretending to be your friend. Delete the message and do not send them personal information.

## New Connects

### Aten

Jae Kelley ..... (806) 439-6342

### Fletcher-Carter

James Holdren ..... (806) 327-5373  
Dora Montez ..... (806) 327-5400  
Justin & Shana Walkup ..... (806) 327-5534

### Nelms

Peter Friesen ..... (806) 924-7210

### New Home

Kirby Adams ..... (806) 924-7256  
Ryan Hitt ..... (806) 924-7210  
Levi Schaffer ..... (806) 924-7292

### O'Donnell

Carmen Mendieta ..... (806) 428-3463

### Patricia

Ashleigh Degraffenreid ..... (806) 462-7799  
Diamondback E&P LLC ..... (806) 462-7994  
Lonny Sherrill ..... (806) 462-7483

### Punkin Center

White Rock Oil & Gas ..... (806) 489-7413  
White Rock Oil & Gas ..... (806) 489-7496  
White Rock Oil & Gas ..... (806) 489-7695  
Shelly Moore ..... (806) 489-7548  
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## Tech Tip: Why More Speed?



Internet speed, or bandwidth, is one of those things people don't think about much unless it becomes a problem. Buffering and slow downloading are the first signs that you need more. People often want to know, "Why do I need more speed when what I have used to be more than enough?" The reason is simply that people do not do the same things online that they used to.

The typical website in the past was primarily text with a few pictures and links. We surfed the web mostly for information. Today, most online activities involve large amounts of data and video, which use far more bandwidth than text or pictures. Social media apps like Facebook and Twitter feature large volumes of video, and most people stream video regularly with apps like Netflix, Hulu, and Youtube. We also have more devices accessing our home network these days. In the past, most homes had a computer or two online at any given time. Today, the average household has multiple computers, smart phones, tablets, TVs, gaming systems, smart devices, and even toys that are all accessing the Internet at once and using their own bandwidth. All of these factors increase how much speed the average internet customer needs.