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Hello, Fellow CCTC Members!

I hope all is well with you and yours, and you are having a great 2019 so far. Here at CCTC, we are wrapping up the Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project in the Rockwood exchange and beginning the planning stages for the Mozelle and Valera exchanges.

Member broadband usage continues to grow. To meet demands, we have taken on many projects including continued fiber expansion, electronic upgrades, and new broadband service plans that were launched last December. We will continue to evaluate service plans to bring you the best rural broadband available.

We are only able to continue meeting customers' expectations with the help of the Universal Service Program which is designed to ensure that consumers in rural and high-cost areas have access to broadband service at rates that are affordable and reasonably comparable to those in urban areas. We will continue to work as hard as possible to provide all of our members, no matter how rural, with the best and highest quality services available.

On behalf of everyone at CCTC, I thank you for your business. We know you have a choice in providers, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue serving you.

God Bless!
Tim Humpert





Greg Mobley Retires from CCTC

Greg started his telecommunications career in 1978 with GTE in Brownwood, installing and servicing residential and business key systems. After the GTE labor strike in 1980, he resigned from GTE and moved to Austin, where he installed and serviced business key phone and PBX systems for Business Telephone Systems Inc. Greg was promoted to installation and service manager in a few months' time. In 1984, Greg left BTS Inc. and worked for Communication Services Inc. in Austin. He moved to Rolm Inc. in 1986, and when it was purchased by IBM in 1988, Greg continued working at IBM's Austin R&D plant in telephone and computer network service. In 1999, he moved to Dell Computers in Round Rock.

In 2004, Greg and his wife Shirley decided they were done with the big city and its traffic and moved to Santa Anna. CCTC hired Greg in Oct 2004, and he was a vital part of our networking staff for the last 14 years. He served with an unwavering commitment to excellence, and we are so grateful for his many contributions to CCTC throughout the years. His retirement in November 2018 marked 40 years of service in the telecom/data service industry.

Congratulations, Greg!
We miss you!



Voting on Directors is a Component of Cooperative Principals

Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CCTC) began in 1953 to provide low-cost, quality telephone service to our members. Since then, we've expanded our range of communications services to include broadband Internet.

As a cooperative, CCTC is guided by these seven principles:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

The second principal, "Democratic Member Control" will be in action at our 66th Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2019. At this time, CCTC members will be able to vote in the Board of Directors election. Please take a few minutes to review the profiles of this year's candidates.

Candidates for Director – Mozelle Exchange



Mike Stephenson

Mike has served on the CCTC Board of Directors since 2007. Since being elected, Mike has attended several conferences and workshops to expand his knowledge of rural telecommunications issues to better serve cooperative members. He is proud of the direction the cooperative is headed in, and of all of the employees that are part of the team.

Mike is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is a retired Ag Instructor and County Commissioner. He currently manages a ranch in southern Coleman County and raises cattle. Mike and his wife Cindy live in Gouldbusk and enjoy spending time with their six kids and nine grandchildren.



Kathy Yarbrough

Kathy was born and raised in Coleman County. Her parents were Randolph and Marian Wilson. Kathy attended Mozelle I.S.D. in Mozelle and also TSTC in Brownwood. Kathy has worked in the banking industry in Andrews and for the United States Postal Service as a Postmaster Relief for most of the Post Offices in Coleman County.

Kathy and her husband Charles currently reside in Mozelle and own Wes Grable Company, a gymnasium wood flooring specialist company.

Candidates for Director – Lake Coleman/Burkett Exchange



Danny Kellar

Danny was born in Brownwood, Texas and raised in Cross Cut. He graduated high school in Cross Plains and earned a business degree from Howard Payne University. Danny has been married to Jean Kellar for 51 years, and they have two children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

He has served as mayor of Santa Anna and was president of the Santa Anna School Board for three years. Danny has also served on the National Telephone Cooperative Industry Committee, and on the Board of Directors of the Texas Lone Star Network, Texas Telephone Association, and Texas Statewide Telephone Association. Danny has made numerous trips to Austin and Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress and the FCC on matters relating to rural telecommunications.

Danny worked in the telephone industry for over 40 years, including for GTE, Hill Country Telephone, and Mid Plains Rural Telephone. He served as General Manager of Coleman County Telephone and retired as General Manager/CEO of Etex Telephone in 2014. He then moved back to Burkett, where he and his wife Jean now reside. He was elected to the CCTC Board of Directors in 2016 and looks forward to serving another term.



Bill Webb

Bill is a lifelong resident of Coleman County. He graduated from Cross Plains High School and resides in Burkett with his family on Webb Ranch. He is married to Crystal, an elementary teacher at Coleman ISD, and has two young daughters, Addie and Heidi.

Bill is a successful, self-employed farmer and rancher. He also owns and operates Webb Ranch Trucking, established in 2011. Both of Bill's businesses rely on modern telecommunications and technology.

He is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and is also active in the Coleman County Rodeo Association. He enjoys being with his family and tending to land and livestock. Bill states, "I would welcome the opportunity to serve my community on the CCTC Board of Directors."

Candidates for Director – Valera Exchange



Glenda Gassiot

Glenda has lived in Coleman County all of her life and in the Valera area for 61 years, where she has farming and ranching interests. She graduated from Coleman High School. Her parents were Alfred and Thelma Cullins, longtime residents of Santa Anna. She was married to the late Maurice Gassiot for 29 years.

Glenda was the Postmaster Relief for over 32 years for the Valera Post Office and is now retired. She is a member of the Valera Baptist Church and teaches Sunday School there. She is also a member of the Valera Fire Department and is currently serving as secretary-treasurer. Glenda is blessed with five daughters and one son, and enjoys 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She served on CCTC's Board of Directors for 22 years.



Ken Smith

Ken and his wife Helen moved to Valera in 1973. He worked for Superior Cable in Brownwood for 30 years, retiring in 2003. He began farming when he moved to Coleman County and continues today. Ken's wife Helen, who taught special education for many years, passed away in 2013. He is a proud Veteran of the United States Air Force and member of the Coleman Masonic Lodge. Ken is also a member of Valera Baptist Church and served on the school board at Talpa-Centennial and Panther Creek for a total of 25 years.

Ken enjoys spending time with his children, Melinda and Jason Wynne and Mark and Teresa Smith, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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Notice of 66th Annual Membership Meeting

Mark Your Calendar! Friday, May 3, 2019

- Santa Anna Civic Center (Armory Building)
- Registration and voting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Drawings for Door Prizes! \$500 Grand Prize

Door prizes will be given to members as they register and members must be present to vote, receive door prizes, and win prizes.

Refreshments will be served

Action will be taken on the following:

- Report of Officers
- Election of three directors of CCTC

All other business, which may come before the meeting

You must be a member of CCTC and attend the meeting in order to vote.

The nominees are as follows:

- Mike Stephenson
7681 FM 1026 Gouldbusk, TX 76845 (Mozelle)
- Kathy Yarbrough
6058 FM 1026 Coleman, TX 76834 (Mozelle)
- Danny Kellar
5502 CR 411 W Brownwood, TX 76801 (Lake Coleman/Burkett)
- Bill Webb
5101 CR 176 Burkett, TX 76828 (Lake Coleman/Burkett)
- Glenda Gassiot
399 CR 368 Valera, TX 76884 (Valera)
- Ken Smith
294 1st Street Valera, TX 76884 (Valera)

