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A Phone For Every Farm. Broadband For Every Barn.

Happy Easter!

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Payment Options

In a world that is going paperless, Eastex brings this convenience to our customers in several paperless payment options.

1. **CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENT**
   As easy as it gets. Contact your local office and pay your telephone bill with your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card.
2. **CHECK BY PHONE**
   Simply call Eastex, and we will promptly assist you with this payment option.
3. **BANK DRAFT**
   Want to pay your bill without even having think about it? Simply draft it from your selected bank account.
4. **PAY / VIEW ONLINE**
   You can pay and view your telephone bills online! To activate this service please contact your local Eastex Telephone business office and provide a username and password for your account. You will then be able to access your bill online at www.eastex.com/paybill

These services are provided to our customers at no extra cost.

Smartphone Safety Tips for Parents!

With technology on the rise, your children have become extremely savvy with electronics. Follow these simple steps to make sure your child is ready for their own smartphone.

1. SET UP RULES & EXPECTATIONS

Have a conversation to inform children of the rules and expectations of cell phone use. Be sure there are clear expectations for use of the phone and clear consequences if they abuse this. Set up time limits for phone use and set a rule around data usage.

Luckily when you are connected to WiFi through Eastex, you are not using the data from your wireless carrier!

Make all rules clear! Do not assume that children "should have known" something. Have your children turn in the phone to you at night to ensure they are getting proper sleep and not getting messaged by friends through the night.

2. TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT CYBERBULLYING & NOT TO DO IT

A cell phone means 24/7 access to everyone. With 24/7 electronic access a bully is now hard to escape. Inform children on steps to take if they are bullied. Know your childs passwords for their phone, Instagram, Facebook, twitter, Snapchat, Kik, and any other social media apps they are using. Know who is sending your children direct messages and the type of messages they are sending to others.

3. USE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH RESPONSIBILITY

When children have a smart phone, they now have a major responsibility. Smart phones are an expensive item. No matter which device your child has, there are a costs associated with having a smart phone.

4. ALWAYS REMEMBER IT IS YOUR PHONE, NOT YOUR CHILDS

If you buy a phone for your child, then you are allowing your child to use your phone. No matter what your child tells you, the phone is your property, you own it.

5. TEACH & MODEL PUTTING THE PHONE DOWN

Have a set time each day for the family to unplug from electronic devices. You know your child best. Do your best to monitor, protect, and prepare your children so they can use their smart phone in a manner that is both safe and responsible.

PROUDLY SERVING YOU AT THREE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

LIVINGSTON	HENDERSON	WASKOM
P.O. BOX 1510	P.O. BOX 150	P.O. BOX 1691
1704 US HWY 59 LOOP N	3675 US HWY 79 S	705 SPUR 156
LIVINGSTON, TX 77351	HENDERSON, TX 75653	WASKOM, TX 75692
936.327.5224	903.854.1000	903.687.3600
1.800.732.7839	1.800.232.7839	1.800.232.7839

National Volunteer Week is April 15-22, 2018.

Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. proudly supports its communities and encourages its customers to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism this year by participating in one or more of the many volunteer projects in your area.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Junior Achievement
- Children's Advocacy
- American Cancer Society
- United Way
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Holiday Programs
- School Programs

Many other opportunities exist in each community, so check with your local volunteer organizations and schools and find where you can best serve and get involved in making a difference in the lives of those who could use a helping hand!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 7:30 P.M. • Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. • 3675 US Highway 79 S • Henderson, Texas 75654

Notice is hereby given of the Nominating Committee Meeting of the members of the above Cooperative called by the Board of Directors to be held at the Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. office at 3675 US Highway 79 S in Henderson, Rusk County, Texas at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 to nominate Directors, as provided, Article 4, Section 4 of the By-Laws.

SECTION 4. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than forty (40) nor more than seventy (70) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven members who shall be selected from different sections so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the Board may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of geographical representation, shall prepare and post at the principle office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting a list of nominations for Directors which shall include at least two candidates for each Director to be elected. Any fifteen or more members acting together may make nominations by petition not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the committee and the nominations made by petition, if any. The ballot to be used at the election shall list the names of the candidates nominated by the committee and the names of the candidates nominated by petition, if any. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor and nominations shall not be closed until at least one minute has passed during which no additional nomination has been made. No member may nominate more than one candidate.

Randy Ross, Secretary