

# The Connector

## Expect More. Do More.

Q1 2020 Newsletter



### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Casey's General Store

Famous for breakfast pizza, donuts made fresh daily, hot coffee, and friendly smiles, Casey's General Store in La Porte City is a convenience store and a "whole lot more." Casey's believes they are also uniquely famous for their dedication to customers.

Located at 402 Highway 218 North in La Porte City, Casey's General Store employs 22 team members. Casey's relies on four telephone lines from LPC Connect to keep their business efficient and productive.

Sarah Logan, manager of the La Porte City Casey's General Store, appreciates LPC Connect's local service. "Even when the weather is poor, or our internet is down, we can always rely on our telephone lines," shared Logan. She knows LPC Connect's team will go the extra mile for their team, too. "Anything I have ever needed has been a phone call away. Thank you, LPC Connect, for always going above and beyond for us," said Sarah.



*Pictured are Casey's team members Bobbie Barber, Alex Garrison, Mackenzie Carnaham, Jen Gardner, and Sarah Logan*

**From our team to yours: Thank you, Casey's General Store! We appreciate your dedication to the community and for your business for more than 13 years!**

## Here's To 2020 Vision

LPC Connect wishes you a wonderful 2020. May you stay focused on your goals and look forward with joyful anticipation.

We encourage you to keep an eye on your household's growing internet usage and watch for signs — such as frequent buffering when streaming — that it's time for a speed increase to more fully enjoy your online experiences.

**CALL 319-342-3369 NOW TO UPGRADE YOUR FUSION INTERNET PLAN**

We offer internet speeds up to 1 Gig and unlimited data.





# Aureon Provides Quality Charity Grants To La Porte City Non-Profits

Aureon is pleased to announce that Aureon Charity Grants have been awarded to the Hawkins Memorial Library and the La Porte City Recreation Department in La Porte City, Iowa. The grants were presented in conjunction with LPC Connect, who sponsored the grant application. Upon reviewing an abundance of applications, the Aureon Charity Grant Committee delegated funds to projects committed to the betterment of local Iowa communities.

- **The Hawkins Memorial Library** received a \$450.00 grant to purchase a DVR carousel.
- **The La Porte City Recreation Department** received \$500.00 to purchase a popcorn maker.

"LPC Connect appreciates the efforts of the Hawkins Memorial Library and the La Porte City Recreation Department. Their passion and dedication to advancing our community greatly impacts us all," Chris Hopp, General Manager at LPC Connect. "We are proud to partner with Aureon to make this grant possible."

"Aureon is delighted to support nonprofit organizations that enhance the quality of life for Iowans," said Christy Smith, SVP-HR and Strategic Advisor to the CEO at Aureon. "We look forward to aiding future community-improvement projects and extend our best wishes to your community."

The Aureon Charity Grant Program was created in 1993 to increase service and support to rural independent telecommunications companies and the communities they serve. The Aureon Charity Grant Program awards grants every quarter. Over the course of twenty-five years, Aureon has donated over one million dollars to Iowa nonprofits through the grant program. To learn more, please contact [Giving@Aureon.com](mailto:Giving@Aureon.com).



*Pictured are Heidi Barz, LPC Connect; Jolene Kronschnabel, Hawkins Memorial Library, and Bill Meyer, Aureon*



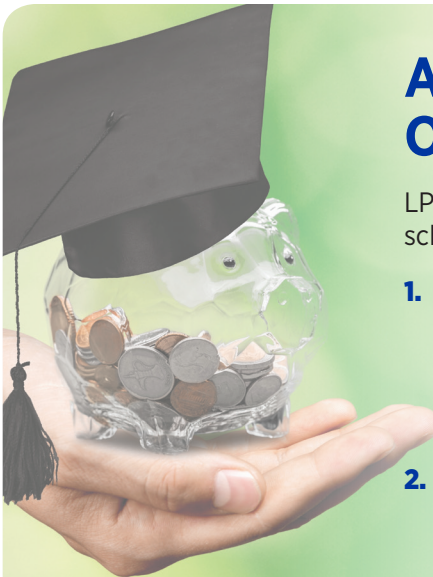
*Pictured are Amanda Stock, La Porte City Recreation Department; Bill Meyer, Aureon; and Barb Bader, LPC Connect*

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## Apply Today For Local Scholarship Opportunities

LPC Connect has teamed up with Aureon and Iowa Communications Alliance to offer two scholarship opportunities to our service areas' high school seniors.

1. The Aureon Scholarship makes \$10,000 in funds available to students pursuing a STEM-related course of study (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) and residing in a home with service from an Iowa Independent Telecommunications Company (ITC). The application and additional information is available online at [Aureon.com/Scholarship](http://Aureon.com/Scholarship). The scholarship deadline is March 1, 2020.
2. The Iowa Communications Alliance will award two scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Eligibility requirements and the application can be downloaded from the Iowa Communications Alliance website at [www.iacommunicationsall.org/scholarships](http://www.iacommunicationsall.org/scholarships). The application deadline is March 11, 2020.





# Joy Was Abundant At Annual Customer Appreciation Celebration

There was no shortage of holiday cheer, community fellowship, and sweet treats at LPC Connect's Annual Customer Appreciation Celebration held on December 6, 2019. It is the most joyful time of year when we can share an afternoon with customers, both old and new. Congratulations to Bob Burkgren of La Porte City, who won the Google Mini.



## Making A Difference In The Cedar Valley

There is one thing you should know about LPC Connect and our customers – we are committed to caring for the community. This belief, this core human value, is manifested through the generosity of our hometown neighbors and organizations.

As we enter a new year, we reflect on the kindness and generosity that poured out from customers, employees, and friends. Through your donations of food, personal care items, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and aluminum cans, LPC Connect was able to provide a helping hand to the neighbors in our community.



From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our sincere gratitude for your donations. Together we are better as a community.

**LPC Connect was able to help these organizations in 2019 through the support of our customers and communities.**

- Bremwood Lutheran Services
- Catholic Worker House
- Cedar Trails Partnership
- Hawkins Memorial Library
- La Porte City Food Pantry
- La Porte City Lions Festival of Trails
- La Porte City Police Department
- La Porte City Preschool
- La Porte City Recreation Center
- Union Community School District
- Waterloo Schools
- Numerous individuals in our community



## With Warm Gratitude, We Say “Thanks”



*Pictured is Rose Adams and her grandkids who dropped off hats and mittens she made for the Giving Tree.*



*Pictured is Shirley Bagenstos made and donated 51 scarfs for our Giving Tree this year.*



# Switch To FusionTV And Experience The Local Difference

Traditional satellite and cable TV both come with their share of issues: fuzzy picture quality, signal loss, and no local support.

LPC Connect's FusionTV delivers crystal-clear picture and sound quality over our 100% fiber-optic Fusion Network. With FusionTV, you'll never miss a minute of the big game or your favorite show due to inclement weather or an obstructed satellite dish - LPC Connect's underground fiber-optic network will provide a clear signal in every kind of weather.



## SWITCH TO FUSIONTV TODAY AND ENJOY THESE SPECIAL FEATURES AND SAVINGS:

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- Bundled Savings
- Local Service and Support
- Packages starting at \$39.95/month

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## Lifeline Support For Affordable Communications

Lifeline is a federal program to help low-income subscribers stay connected by providing a monthly discount of \$9.25 on their wireline phone, wireless phone, or broadband internet service.

FCC rules prohibit more than one Lifeline service per household. Lifeline is available to eligible low-income subscribers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on Tribal lands.

You can get Lifeline if your income is 135% or less than the federal poverty guidelines. The guideline is based on your household size and state.

You can also qualify for Lifeline if you or someone in your household participates in one of these federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)
- Tribal Programs (and live on federally-recognized Tribal lands)

You can check eligibility with the National Verifier on the Universal Service Administrative website at [www.CheckLifeline.org](http://www.CheckLifeline.org). Or call LPC Connect at **319-342-3369**.



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