

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

February 2019

Board of Director Announcement:

The Annual Meeting will be held in April at the Hamilton County Senior High School Gym in McLeansboro. This year Belle Rive 756 and Blairsville 757 exchanges will be up for Director Elections.

According to the HCTC By-laws, the nominating committees for Belle Rive (756) and Blairsville (757) exchanges have been selected by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the nominating committee to select at least one certified nominee for Director to represent their exchange for a three year term.

The nominating committee consisted of Alfred Brookman, Donald Williamson, and Christopher Johnson for the Belle Rive exchange. This committee chose to nominate Rob Kiefer for the Director position representing the 756 exchange for another three year term. The nominating committee for the 757 exchange consisting of Steve Becker, Jeff Thomas and Brad Miller met on December 15th. During this meeting the committee made the nomination for their exchange for a nominee to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. The candidate nominated was Justin Woodrow. The Co-op thanks the nominating committees for their time and service, making certain that we continue to have representation from these exchanges for the next three years.

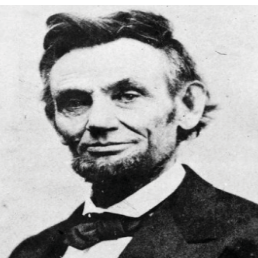
Although the nominees as candidates are selected by these committees, the by-laws also allow for any other certified member of these exchanges the same right in running and serving a three year term as Director for their exchange. If you are interested, you can pick up a petition (required to be signed by 10% or 15 certified members, whichever is less, of your exchange) at the co-op from the General Manager, along with the specific details and requirements of serving as a Director.

You will have until March 15 to file your certified petition with the Co-op for your name to be placed on the ballot at the annual meeting. If you are not the nominee selected by the committee and would like your name printed in the annual meeting booklet, you will need to file your petition by February 15th due to the printing lead time requirements.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in April.

**“The best way
to predict
the future
is to
create it.”**

Abraham Lincoln



Calendar of Events:

- Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
- Feb 2 - Hamilton Co. Chamber of Commerce Dinner - 5:30 pm
- Feb 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
(Office Open)
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 18 - President's Day
(Office Open)
- Feb 22 - George Washington's B'day
(Office Open)

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Hamilton County Sr. High School on Friday, April 12th. We hope to see you all there!

What: HCTC Annual Meeting

When: April 12, 2019

Where: Hamilton County Sr. High - McLeansboro

More details to follow.

New Directory Listings:

- Deborah Phillips 736-2295
- Frank Razor 773-4345

*Welcome to Hamilton County
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Illinois Winter Weather Facts:

Winter Storms: On average, Illinois experiences five severe winter storms each year. The winter and spring of 2017-18 there were eight severe winter storms, one of which occurred on April 1st. There has not been a winter in Illinois without at least one winter storm in the past century.

Snowfall: Average annual snowfall ranges from 6 to 10 inches at the southernmost part of Illinois.

Winter Storm Watch: potentially significant winter weather, within a day or two. Time to prepare!

Winter Storm Warning: indicates heavy or blowing snow, sleet or a combo expected to cause impact to life or property.

Winter Weather Advisory: snow, blowing snow, ice and/or sleet is expected to produce potentially dangerous travel conditions with the next 12 to 36 hours.

Ice Storm Warning: heavy accumulations of ice are expected to cause a significant impact to life or property.

SCHOLARSHIPS

College Scholarships Now Available:

College scholarship applications for Hamilton County Telephone Foundation are available online at:

www.hamiltoncom.net/foundation.php

or you can request a copy from your high school guidance counselor. Deadline to submit application is March 1, 2019. Please see application for requirements and eligibility. This is another benefit of being a Co-op Member.

Family Emergency Supply Kit:

Some important things to have...

- 1) Battery-powered weather radio and a battery-powered commercial radio and extra batteries.
- 2) Foods that do not require cooking or refrigeration are best. Include high energy foods such as dried fruit and granola bars.
- 3) Extra medications and special items for babies, disabled, or elderly.
- 4) Extra water in clean containers, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- 5) A first aid kit, non-prescription drugs and personal sanitary items.
- 6) Pet supplies.

Kevin Pyle
Executive Vice President &
General Manager

Board of Directors:

647 Exchange
Steven Douglass

648 Exchange
Alan Monroe, Secretary

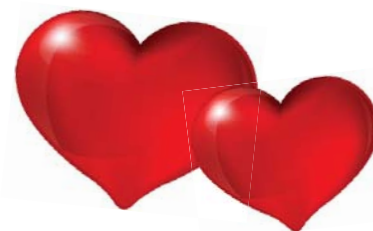
728 Exchange
Chris Sink, President

736 Exchange
Lemuel Gage, Vice-President

756 Exchange
Rob Kiefer, Treasurer

757 Exchange
Justin Woodrow

773 Exchange
Robert Abbott



WIN \$15 OFF YOUR BILL!

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by February 10, 2019. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$15 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be two winners in February.

1. What day will the 2019 Annual Meeting be held? _____
2. What two exchanges are up for re-election? _____
3. What is the deadline to file your certified petition to run for the director position? _____
4. What is the deadline for college scholarship applications? _____

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to January's winners: Fred Gholson and Gerald Mayberry.
They each received \$10 off their telephone bill.

Check out our website at www.hamiltoncom.net for more information about the Co-op.