

# Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

June 2019

## Evaluate your Internet Plan

If you haven't adjusted your plan in a few years OR you feel like your internet is slow, you probably just need to consider updating your plan. Occasionally we will have people report slow internet speeds, however, they usually turn out to be on a 1.5 Mbps or 3 Mbps plan trying to connect multiple devices or stream tv. These plans were great at one time, but nowadays are having a harder time keeping up with modern technologies and the bandwidth demands households are expecting of them. These plans are only adequate for 1 device (1.5 Mbps) or up to 3 devices (3 Mbps) and do not meet the requirements set forth with most streaming companies. We haven't offered 1.5 Mbps to customers for a few years and we discontinued offering 3 Mbps to new customers earlier this year because of the plan's inability to meet the majority of consumer needs. If you are still on one of these plans and are unsatisfied with your internet speed, it's probably time for you to consider upgrading your service. With recent developments, we are now able to offer more bandwidth to most people than we were able to a year ago.

Also, with HSBoS (internet only plan) now available, you can get much faster speeds without a phone line. For many, this has been a great solution to get more bandwidth and save a few dollars too. Call us today to see what's available at your location. 736-2211.

## FOUNDATION DONATION

The Hamilton County Telephone Foundation was honored to help out Dahlgren Grade School with \$800 for new LED Lighting. Pictured below is Principal Jay Lentz, Custodian Brandon Reyling, and HCTC General Manager Kevin Pyle.



## Calendar of Events:

- June 7 - HamCo Chamber Music in the Park - NW corner of square of McLeansboro
- June 18 - Hamilton Co. Relay for Life
- June 17 - Father's Day
- June 21 - Summer Begins
- June 21 - HamCo Chamber Music in the Park - DAHLGREN

## New Directory Listings:

Joyce Ann Hamilton 647-2406

*Welcome to Hamilton County Telephone Co-op!*

## PROUD SPONSOR OF:



June 18, 2019 - 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Hamilton Co. Sr. High Gym

Visit their FB page:  
*HamCoRelay*



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## TRAVEL TIPS FOR THE DIGITAL FAMILY...

Vacations can be lots of fun, but for the typical family it also takes lots of planning. Here are some well known apps to help with your planning:

**TripAdvisor:** Great app for reviews on hotels, attractions, restaurants and ideas for things to do at your destination.

**Yelp:** Another great app for restaurant reviews.

**GasBuddy:** This app will help you find the cheapest gas near your location.

**iExit:** Find out if the next interstate exit has helpful resources such as a gas station, campground, restaurant or hotel.

**American Red Cross First Aid:** Step-by-step instructions for dealing with all those unexpected instances, everything from bites to burns, heart attacks to head injuries and more.

**AccuWeather:** Known for its superior accuracy, it delivers minute-by-minute updates including localized live alerts to many destinations across the world.



## 2019 Foundation Scholarships Awarded

For the past several years, the Hamilton County Telephone Foundation awards college scholarships to students yearning to continue their education. This year, the Foundation awarded nineteen scholarships totalling \$10,000. Congratulations to the following recipients: Brooke Biggerstaff, Alison Blades, Skye Braden, Dezaray Brown, Ethan Dahl, Kolby Darnell, Caitlyn Dickey, Kaleigh Dodson, Austyn Downen, Levi Erwin, Kristin Gibson, Raegan Halley, Kaylee Hicks, Jeremiah McDaniel, Anna Miller, Kelly Mosby, Jordan Reyling, Logan Sink, Tim Staley, and Samantha Ziehm. We wish you all the best of luck in your continuing education goals.

Kevin Pyle  
Executive Vice President &  
General Manager

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### Pay your bill by phone:

1-855-386-9912

### Pay your bill online:

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

# WIN \$15 OFF YOUR BILL!

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by June 10, 2018. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$15 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be two winners in June.

1. Name one event or holiday in June? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many scholarships did our Foundation award this year? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name one app that could help you with your next vacation? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What number do you call to pay your bill online? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also email your answers to [support1@hamiltoncom.net](mailto:support1@hamiltoncom.net).

Congratulations to May's newsletter winners: Lewis & Paula Gage and Gary Downen.

Check out our website at [www.hamiltoncom.net](http://www.hamiltoncom.net) for more information about the Co-op.