

# Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

January 2020

## The Year Ahead

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas!!!

While 2019 is once again appearing in the rearview mirror and while we survived the challenges that was 2019, we look forward to 2020 with great optimism.

I hope you will attend the annual meeting this year in April to hear more about the co-op and how we are doing. We always look forward to seeing everyone and providing you information on the past year as well as what is to come.

Also, this year we have three exchanges up for reelection at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The Exchanges are Broughton 647, Dale 773, and Dahlgren 736. The nominating committees have recently met and made their nomination(s) known. If you live in one of these exchanges and are interested in serving as a director, please contact us for more information.

We wish you all a safe and Happy New Year!

May God bless you...

Sincerely,  
Kevin Pyle  
GM/EVP

### 10 Years of Service

Congratulations to Dan Ashcraft on 10 years of service with our organization. Dan started as a Wireless Technician serving our fixed wireless communities. Today, Dan still serves our remaining wireless communities, but also helps with networking/IT. Thank you Dan for your continued commitment to our community.



### Calendar of Events:

Jan 1 - New Years Day - Closed

Jan 20 - MLK Day - Open



### 10 Tips for Setting New Year's Resolutions:

1. Be Realistic (*goal must be attainable*)
2. Plan ahead (*don't wait til New Year's Eve to think about your goal*)
3. Outline your plan (*how will you deal with temptation?*)
4. Make a "Pros" and "Cons" List (*a list will motivate and remind you*)
5. Talk About It (*share to hold accountable*)
6. Reward Yourself (*reward progress*)
7. Track your progress (*track small successes*)
8. Don't beat yourself up (*do your best*)
9. Stick to it (*experts say it takes 21 days for a new activity to become a habit and six months to become part of your personality!*)
10. Keep trying (*if you fail, start over again and keep trying!*)

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## Board of Director Announcement:

The Annual Meeting will be held in April at the Hamilton County Senior High School Gym in McLeansboro. This year Broughton 647, Dahlgren 736, and the Dale 773 exchanges will be up for Director Elections.

According to the HCTC By-laws, the nominating committees for Broughton (647), Dahlgren (736), and the Dale (773) 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 for the 647 exchange consisting of Joe Kimmel, Donald Randolph and Jeremy Short met on December 14th. During this meeting the committee made the nomination for their exchange for nominee, Steven Douglass, to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. The nominating committee for the 736 exchange consisting of Rodney Trotter, Mike Belangee and David Goins also met on December 14th. During this meeting the committee made the nomination for their exchange for nominee, Lemuel Gage, to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. The nominating committee for the 773 exchange consisting of Greg Muehlenbein, Kent Darnell and Roger Knight met on December 10th. During this meeting the committee made the nomination for their exchange for nominee, Robert Abbott, to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. 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.

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 \$10 OFF YOUR BILL!

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

1. What three exchanges are up for Board re-election? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What employee is celebrating 10 years with the Co-op this month? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What day will the office be closed in January? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you making a New Year's Resolution this year? (Circle One) YES NO

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

Congratulations to December's winners: Robert E & Jewell A Wilson, Betty Reyling, and Fred Gholson.  
They each received \$10 off their telephone bill.

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