

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
July 2020

From the Manager's Desk:

Many of you have been asking over the past weeks and even months about the status of our Annual Meeting, and I am disappointed at this time to notify you that our 2020 Annual Meeting has been officially canceled. Our meeting was originally scheduled for April 3rd, which we postponed due to the Covid-19 mandates. We have been hopeful these past months that we would eventually be able to hold our meeting. However, with the phases Governor Pritzker has outlined, it does not appear that we will be allowed to hold gatherings with more than 50 people before the end of the year. Additionally, our board feels our members' health and well-being far outweighs the need for this year's meeting.

We will still distribute an Annual Review booklet with information enclosed that will summarize 2019 and other topics that would

have been covered during the Annual Meeting. Since the Directors that were up for re-election were running unopposed, those existing Directors will continue to serve the board until our 2021 Annual Meeting, where they will be officially accepted due to acclamation. Those Board members are Steven Douglass, representing the 647 exchange; Lemuel Gage, representing the 736 exchange; and Robert Abbott, representing the 773 exchange.

At the time of this writing, our region is set to move to Phase 4 of Governor Pritzker's guidelines on Friday, June 26th. If we are indeed moved into Phase 4 as planned, we will open our front lobby to our customers and guests at that time. We ask that you continue to follow the CDC and state social distancing guidelines while in our facility. Our team will keep the front counter sanitized and abide by the guidelines as well.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a trying time for many of us and we appreciate your patience with the many changes we have had to implement over the last few months. We continue to focus our energy on the betterment of our Co-op.

If you have any questions or concerns about your Co-op, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Kevin Pyle
General Manager & EVP

2020 Annual Meeting
CANCELED

Calendar of Events:

- July 2 - Snake Lane Revue & Fireworks at Dahlgren Village Park
- July 3 - Office - CLOSED (Observance of Independence Day)
- July 3 - Music in the Park - JIVE Dahlgren Village Park
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 17 - Music in the Park - Dylan Mitchell w/Kaylene Vineyard NW Corner of McLeansboro Square



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

You can prevent injury and avoid damage by following these five important steps:

- Pre-mark or outline the proposed dig area using white paint or flags
- Call or click JULIE before you dig
- Wait 2 business days
- Respect the marks
- Dig with care

Examples of common projects requiring notification to JULIE first:

- Trees and Shrubs
- Fencing
- Decks and Patios
- Room Additions
- Swing Sets
- Mailbox Posts
- Signs and Sheds
- Gardens
- Fountains
- Swimming Pools
- Landscaping

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PRESENTS:



Christmas
in July

Simply make your purchase at ANY chamber member business (including Hamilton County Telephone Co-op) during the month of JULY, print your name and number on the back of your receipt, and then turn in your receipt at Banterra Bank, Peoples National Bank, or any participating business with a collection box. The Telephone Co-op will have a collection box on our front counter as well! Stop in to pay your bill and leave your receipt with us for your chance to win a \$50 gift certificate! There will be: **6 - gift card prizes of \$50 each.** Winners will be drawn on August 4, 2020.



1. Slip on a shirt - protect your skin with clothing.
2. Slap on sunscreen - sunscreen is a "filter" that blocks out some UV Rays.
3. Slap on a hat - protects the areas exposed to intense sun.
4. Wrap on sunglasses - protect the eyes and skin around them.

Pay your bill by phone:

1-855-386-9912

Pay your bill online:

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

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 July 10, 2020. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$10 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be three winners in July.

1. What day will our office be closed? _____
2. Name one event happening locally in July. _____
3. What number do you call before you dig? _____
4. What is one way to protect yourself from the sun? _____

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to June's Winners: Ruthaleen Hart and Christine Bassinger.

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