

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
September 2020

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Area Code 618

Including Listings for and Distribution to:
BELLE PRAIRIE | BELLE RIVE
BLAIRSVILLE | BROUGHTON
DAHLGREN | DALE | MACEDONIA

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Also Including Listings for:
CARMi | ENFIELD
MCLEANSBORO | NORRIS CITY

The Telephone Books Are Here!

You should have received your Co-op telephone directory by mail. The book is compiled the same as the last couple of years with all the white page listings being in one section. All listings are still in alphabetical order. For a numerical reference of just our Co-op members and customers, please refer to the back of the White Page Listings section.

Soon, we will have the directory listings of our co-op members listed on our website as well. With listings dwindling, we are uncertain of the future publications of the telephone book. We will continue to have a listing available for print at our office and have listings online as well.

Calendar of Events:

- Sep 7 - Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED
- Sep 13 - Grandparents Day
- Sep 22 - 1st Day of Autumn

New Directory Listings:

Beth Finney 728-4315

*WELCOME TO HAMILTON
COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP!*

Congratulations to Jamie Hart on her milestone five year work anniversary! As part of our accounting department, Jamie processes inventory and purchasing. Thank you Jamie for your continued service!

Foundation Makes Donation to Hamilton Memorial Hospital

The Hamilton County Telephone Foundation recently made a donation of \$16,000 to help towards the installation of negative air pressure environments. This added installation will increase the negative air environments already present at HMHD and further improve existing safety measures at the facility.

Negative air pressure rooms are a type of patient environment that exhausts air from patient areas with potentially infectious illness away from other patients, visitors, and healthcare staff. Negative air pressure helps

prevent transmission of communicable diseases from escaping a room by pulling air out and then filtering the air before moving it outside. Pictured L-R: HMH RN, Alyssa Griesemer; HMH CNO, Patty Blazier; HMH CEO, Victoria Woodrow; HCTC General Manager, Kevin Pyle; HCTC Board President, Chris Sink; and HMH RN, Heather Gunther.



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YOU MATTER

**FILL OUT THE CENSUS.
BE COUNTED FOR ILLINOIS.**

For more information, check out 2020Census.gov
Or text your Census questions to 987-987 for answers in real time!

ABOUT THE CENSUS

Once each decade, the U.S. Census Bureau attempts to count every person in the United States and record basic information about them.

The 2020 Census count began **April 1, 2020** and is scheduled to conclude on **September 30, 2020**.

To ensure everyone is counted, responding to the Census is quick, easy and safe. For the first time in 2020, residents can respond three ways:

By Mail, By Phone at 844-330-2020 or Online using a Smart Phone, Tablet, Laptop or Desktop Computer

Responding online is the easiest and fastest way to complete the 2020 Census, plus it is safe and secure.

You can respond online to the 2020 Census even if you did not receive a letter or paper questionnaire.

Simply go to My2020Census.gov, click on start questionnaire, then select the link that says, If you do not have a Census ID, click here.

During August and September, **Official Census Workers** will canvas people who have not yet responded.

HOW THE CENSUS IMPACTS ILLINOIS

An accurate count of Illinois' population is essential to ensure the State receives the funding needed to properly care for its residents and provide critical services and programs.

In 2015, Illinois received over **\$19 billion dollars or approximately \$1,535 per capita**, in federal assistance for sixteen programs. Failure to count every Illinois resident will have devastating effects on Illinois' ability to meet the needs of its residents. Even a **one-percent undercount would result in the loss of over \$19 million dollar per year for Illinois for the next decade.**

The number of seats Illinois has in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next 10 years will be determined by the census count in 2020. **Illinoisans deserve proportionate representation in the U.S. Congress, and a fair and accurate census count is how we ensure that happens.**

Finally, state and local governments will use census data to redraw electoral maps in order to align with the principle "one person, one vote." **Our own state's legislative maps will be re-drawn, and this will impact the size and make-up of each district in the Illinois General Assembly.**

MORE THAN 100 FEDERAL PROGRAMS ALLOCATE FUNDS BASED ON CENSUS DATA INCLUDING

Medicaid • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Medicare Part B • Federal Pell Grants • National School Lunch Program • Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers • Title 1 Education Grants • Special Education Grants • Head Start • Firefighters Grants
Low Income Home Energy Assistance • Highway Planning and Construction • The Breakfast Program for Schools
Community Development Block Grants • Unemployment Insurance • Weatherization Assistance for Low Income Persons
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities • Emergency Planning, Preparedness & Recovery Efforts
Community Facilities Loans and Grants • The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

Respond for Representation, Federal Funding, Electoral Maps and the Future of Your State