

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

June 2021

2021 Foundation Scholarships Awarded

For the past several years, the Hamilton County Telephone Foundation awards college scholarships to students yearning to continue their education. To qualify for a scholarship, recipient must be a member of the Co-op or a child of a member of the Co-op. This year, the Foundation awarded thirteen scholarships to recipients who applied directly to us or through the Rend Lake College Foundation totaling \$6,500. Congratulations to the following recipients: Austin Capps, Landree Gage, Laban Hunt, Emily Jukes, Alyssa Karcher, Ashley Karcher, Kate Miller, Madison Miller, Ashtyn Morgan, Cole Mosby, Hayley Sink, Kaylee Stewart, and Jaxson Youngblood. Best of luck in your continuing education goals.



Pictured Left:
Hamilton Co High
School Scholarship
Program: Laban
Hunt, Alyssa
Karcher, Ashley
Karcher, Madison
Miller, Kate Miller,
Cole Mosby and
Presenter Mindi
Kolts.



Pictured above from the Wayne City
High School Scholarship Program is
Presenter Mindi Kolts with recipient
Jaxson Youngblood.

Pictures were not
available from
Benton Consolidated
High School's
Program, nor Mt.
Vernon Township
High School's
Program.



Pictured above from Hamilton
Co High School Scholarship
Program is Kaylee Stewart. Her
scholarship was through the
RLC Foundation.

Calendar of Events:

- June 4 - HamCo Chamber's Music
in the Park, NW of Square,
6 - 8 pm, Meghan Barrow &
Whitney Hopfinger
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 20 - Summer Begins
- June 20 - Father's Day

Pay your bill online:

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

Pay your bill by phone:

1-855-386-9912

Kevin Pyle
Executive Vice President &
General Manager

Board of Directors:

647 Exchange
Steven Douglass

648 Exchange
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728 Exchange
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736 Exchange
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756 Exchange
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757 Exchange
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773 Exchange
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UPDATE FROM YOUR CO-OP

2020 was quite a year. Although we can see the light at the end of the tunnel this year, there are still some uncertainties. The Board of Directors met on May 24th and determined that it would be best to wait until 2022 to hold our next Annual Meeting. Although the guidelines seem to be lessening, there are still some restrictions that would make it difficult to hold our normal dinner and meeting.

With that being said, we are currently working on the annual report that is normally distributed prior to the meeting. We will be mailing every member a booklet with the report and other updates to keep you informed. We hope to have this out in the next two months.

INFO ABOUT J.U.L.I.E.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Planning to dig soon? Here are some useful tips about contacting J.U.L.I.E.

Locate Request Checklist: You will need to provide your name, address, phone number, email address; the location where the excavation will take place, including county, city or unincorporated township, section and quarter section numbers if available, address, cross street (within 1/4 mile), subdivision name, etc.; start date and time of planned excavation; type and extent of excavation involved; whether the dig area has been outlined with white paint, flags or stakes.

How much does it cost to use JULIE? There is no cost.

Who marks the underground utility lines? Member utility companies (NOT JULIE) mark their own lines.

Should I pre-mark the work site? Yes.

Do I really have to notify JULIE for every project? Yes. Illinois state law requires that anyone planning an outdoor project that requires digging, regardless of the depth or the size of the project, must notify JULIE at least two business days before putting a shovel in the ground. Even if you have notified JULIE for a previous project in the same area, you must notify JULIE again (every project, every time). It's a free service.

WIN \$15 OFF YOUR BILL!

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by June 10, 2021. 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/holiday in June? _____
2. How many scholarships did our Foundation award this year? _____
3. How much does it cost to use JULIE? _____
4. What number do you call to pay your bill online? _____

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

You can also email your answers to support1@hamiltoncom.net.

Congratulations to May's newsletter winners: Lawrence Schilling and Jennifer Dagg.

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