

# Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op  
September 2021

## EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT  
DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Calendar of Events:

- Sep 6 - Labor Day  
*OFFICE CLOSED*
- Sep 11 - 911 Remembrance
- Sep 12 - Grandparents Day
- Sep 22 - 1st Day of Autumn

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help families and households struggling to afford broadband internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service.
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if they contribute more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

### **Who is Eligible?**

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Check out [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

1. Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](http://GetEmergencyBroadband.org) to apply online. Or you can call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application and return it along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center, P.O. Box 7081, London, KY 40742.
2. Contact our office to let us know that you have completed an application. We will need your assigned application id # at that time.

If you would like more information about the program, please call 833-511-0311 or visit: [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit).

### Hamilton County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction

In July, Board Director Justin Woodrow attended the Hamilton County 4-H Livestock Auction to represent Hamilton County Telephone Foundation. We purchased animals from 4-H Members Drew Rawls (pictured left) and Gavin Douglass (pictured right). Also, in the pictures are Justin Woodrow and Blu Barrow (4-H Princess).



# Win \$10 Off Your Bill

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by September 10, 2021. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$10 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be three winners in September.

1. What day will our office be closed? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name one criteria that makes you eligible for the EBB monthly discount. \_\_\_\_\_
3. What number do you call before you dig? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name one thing you would like to see more of in this newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Congratulations to August's Winners: Judy Erwin & Elmer & Angela Butler.*