



Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

March 2023

JULIE = Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators

E-Request is also available on their website: www.illinois1call.com.



Call before you dig
It's a free service

As Spring time rapidly approaches, you may be planning to do some digging in your landscaping, yard or around your property. Please remember that it is now the law in Illinois to call J.U.L.I.E. a minimum of two days before you dig. Here is a list of information you will need to provide:

- Your name, address, and a phone number at which you can be reached. An email, phone number and a fax number, if available.
- 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.
- State 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.

College Scholarships Now Available:

College scholarship applications for the Hamilton County Telephone Foundation are available on our website: www.hamiltoncom.net, under About Us. You can also request a copy from your high school guidance counselor. Deadline to submit application is March 15, 2023. Please see application for requirements and eligibility. This is another benefit of being a Co-op Member.



Apply Today!

<https://www.hamiltoncom.net/scholarship>

Pay your bill online: <https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

Pay your bill by phone: 1-855-386-9912

Calendar of Events:

Mar 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day 

Mar 20 - Spring Begins

Apr 14 - HCTC Annual Meeting

HCTC Annual Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2023

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Provided by Jim McPeak

Business Meeting: 7 p.m.

Hamilton County Sr. High
School Commons Area -
McLeansboro



Five Year Work Anniversary

Congratulations to Jasmine Harrowood this month as she celebrates five years with the Co-op on March 6. Jasmine is on our customer service team and does a great job! Thank you, Jasmine, for your continued dedication to our organization.



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Board of Director Announcement:

At this time, we are already underway planning for our 2023 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on April 14 at the Hamilton County Senior High School Gym in McLeansboro. This year the Broughton (647), Dahlgren (736), and Dale (773) exchanges will be up for Director Elections.

According to the HCTC By-laws, the nominating committees for the Broughton (647), Dahlgren (736), and 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 nominated Steven Douglass to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. The nominating committee for the 736 exchange nominated Lemuel Gage to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. The nominating committee for the 773 exchange nominated 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 15th to file your certified petition with the Co-op for your name to be placed on the ballot at the annual meeting. The deadline has passed to have your name printed in the Annual Meeting booklet.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in 2023.

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

New Directory Listings:

Lachrista Donahoo 618-728-4419

*Welcome to Hamilton County
Telephone Co-op!*

WIN \$15 OFF YOUR BILL!

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by March 10, 2023. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$15 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be two winners in March.

1. What number do you call before digging? _____
2. What number can you call to pay your bill over the phone? _____
3. What is the deadline to file a petition for a director position? _____
4. Will you be attending our annual meeting? Yes No

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to February's winners: Robert & Carla Anderson and James Frey.
They each received \$15 off their bill.

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