

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

May 2023

Annual Meeting Update:

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to join us and help make this year's Annual Meeting another success! It seems that each year we talk about the importance of your participation, and that holds true for this year as well. We appreciate members genuine interest in the well-being of our Co-op. We saw many new faces this year as well!

This year we updated our members on our current status of memberships and customers. Although we have lost many landline users over the recent years, we have gained many new customers with our HSBoS (High Speed Broadband only Service).

We had 115 members present this year and an awesome fish dinner provided by Jim McPeak's team. This was only down 6 members from 2022 Annual Meeting.

Additionally, Steven Douglass from the Broughton exchange, Lemuel Gage from the Dahlgren exchange, and Robert Abbott from the Dale exchange were re-elected to the Board of Directors. The board officers will remain the same: Chris Sink, President; Lemuel Gage, Vice-President; Rob Kiefer, Treasurer; and Alan Monroe, Secretary.

Every member who attended received a rain gauge and a chip clip. We also gave away 27 additional prizes at the conclusion of the meeting. Prize Winners: 50" Samsung Smart TV - Charles & Sandra Taylor; 40" Vizio Smart TV - Kenneth Darnell; (3) Ring Doorbells - Lawrence Unfried, James M & Joyce A Brown, and Tommy L & Retha E Rawls; (3) Roku Stick - Debra L Knight, Clark & Clark Farms, David & Sharon Knight; (4) \$25 Cracker Barrell Gift Cards - Harry & Mona Buchanan, Kiefer Insurance Agency, Pam Neff, and Albert T & Patricia Anselment; (3) \$25 Kroger Gift Cards - Mel & Dorothy Heil, Albert & Ruth Ann Wuebbels; \$20 Bill Credits - Vernon Waller, John Wellen, Leonard Rapp, Rosalie Tennyson, Joe & Janet Anderson, Louis & Linda Hammersley, and Roy Clark; Umbrella & Canvas Bag - Gale & Judy Hastings, Jeff Bowling, Norman & Linda Rubenacker, and Robert & Barbara Heck; \$70 bill credit recognize the longest membership present - Rosalie Tennyson. Congratulations to all the lucky winners.



Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces. Our office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.



Calendar of Events:

- May 1 - May Day
- May 2 - National Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 21 - Armed Forces Day
- May 29 - Memorial Day - Office CLOSED



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1-855-386-9912

WIN \$15 OFF YOUR BILL!

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

1. What day will our office be closed in May? _____
2. What day is Mother's Day this year? _____
3. What number do you call BEFORE you dig? _____
4. Have you setup a Smarthub account to pay your bill online? Yes No

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to April's Newsletters Winners Marty Suits and Larry Rich!
You can also email your answers to support1@hamiltoncom.net.

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