

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op


February 2025

February Update

What a challenging year 2025 has been so far! All the ice and extremely cold temperatures have been hard on our construction crews and their ability to work thus far. With that being said, we are looking forward to the days ahead. We anticipate a lot of work being done within our co-op to bring fiber to our members and customers. Already this year, we are in the process of installing over a half million dollars worth of equipment in our Central Office to prepare for this improved roll out of services. We are very excited to see all the roadblocks disappear, finally, and be focused on moving our Co-op forward towards a complete fiber network.

This year you will likely notice more crews working throughout our areas, so please be patient with them. When we are able to convert your location to fiber, we will contact you about how to move forward. Meanwhile, this new installed equipment may be able to provide some improvements with our DSL customers until the fiber can arrive. If you have questions or concerns, please call us!

Calendar of Events:

- Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
- Feb 9 - Superbowl Sunday
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day 
- Feb 17 - President's Day
(Office Open)

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

Save the Date

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Annual Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025

Hamilton County Jr./Sr. High School

New Directory Listing:

Wyatt & Bryli Mischke 756-2753

*Welcome to Hamilton County
Telephone Co-op!*

College Scholarship Applications 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 14, 2025. Please see application for requirements and eligibility. This is another benefit of being a Co-op Member.



Apply Today!

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

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Board of Director Announcement:

At this time, we are already underway planning for our 2025 Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 4, at the Hamilton County Senior High School Gym in McLeansboro. This year the Belle Rive (756) and Blairsville (757) exchanges will be up for Director Elections.

According to the HCTC By-laws, the nominating committees for the Belle Rive (756) and Blairsville (757) 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 756 exchange made the nomination for their exchange for nominee Rob Kiefer to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board. The nominating committee for the 757 exchange made the nomination for their exchange for nominee Justin Woodrow to serve another three year term on the HCTC Board.

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. If you are not the nominee selected by the committee and would like your name printed in the annual meeting booklet, you will need to file your petition by February 15th due to the printing lead time requirements.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in 2025.

Clean Out Your Computer Day - February 10th

- Start by running a virus checker.
- Next, delete all apps you no longer want.
- Then, consider deleting all old files that are no longer of use to you.
- Is cleaning out your computer beyond your area of expertise? Sometimes, these tasks are best performed by the tech gurus of the world. Consider hiring these tasks out.
- After you clean out the inside of your computer, give the outside a good cleaning. When was the last time you even dusted your computer? I thought so. And, don't forget your keyboard too. A can of spray air can work wonders on that keyboard!

Pay your bill by phone:

1-855-386-9912

Pay your bill online:

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

WIN \$15 OFF YOUR BILL!

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by February 10, 2025. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$15 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be two winners in February.

1. Do you hope the Groundhog sees its shadow or not? Yes No
2. What two exchanges are up for re-election? _____
3. What is the deadline to file your certified petition to run for the director position? _____
4. What is the deadline for college scholarship applications? _____

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to January's winners: Melvin & Denise Hopfinger and Linda Rubenacker.
They each received \$15 off their telephone bill.

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