

Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
August 2025



to unwanted telemarketing calls.

Are you tired of those unwanted telemarketing calls? Then get your number on the National Do Not Call Registry List. It's easy, here's how:

1) Call 1-888-382-1222. Choose your language (English = 1; Spanish = 2). To add your number to the registry, press 1. When prompted, enter your 10-digit telephone number.

OR

2) Go to www.donotcall.gov; click on Register Your Phone button and enter your ten digit telephone number.



Register Your Phone



Verify Your Registration



Report Unwanted Calls

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at this website. You can register your home or mobile phone for free.

There are a few calls however, that are not protected by the Do Not Call Registry. Political organizations, charities, debt collectors and surveys are a few callers that are still permitted.

To report unwanted calls, visit donotcall.gov. If you've lost money to a phone scam, or if you have information about the company or scammer who called you, report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. You will be asked to report the number that received the call, the number that appears on your caller ID - even if you think it might be spoofed or faked - and any number you're told to call back. Also, they will ask for the exact date and time of the call, if you are able to provide that information.

Once you add your number, it can take up to 31 days for sales calls to stop. Your registration will NEVER expire. The only reason your number will be removed from the Registry is if it's disconnected, reassigned, or if you ask to remove it. You can also add your cellular phone number to the Do Not Call Registry. Companies can call you if you've recently done business with them, or if you've given them written permission to call. However, if you ask them to not call you, they are required to stop. Robocalls are not permitted.

DOES NOT STOP CALLS FROM:



- Political Organizations
- Charities
- Debt Collectors
- Informational Calls
- People Taking Surveys

Calendar of Events:

Aug 8-9 - Piopolis Co-Ed Softball Tournament

Aug 11 - Hamilton Co Unit #10 Return to School

Sept 1 - Labor Day
(Co-op Office CLOSED)

Kevin Pyle
Executive Vice President &
General Manager

Board of Directors:

647 Exchange
Steven Douglass

648 Exchange
Alan Monroe, Secretary

728 Exchange
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2025 McLeansboro Fall Festival

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 4

5:30 p.m. Little Miss Fall Festival

6:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Open

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Show, Courthouse Basement

7:00 p.m. Stage Entertainment - Dale Community Church

Chuck Wagon Gang

Friday, September 5

6:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Open

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Show, Courthouse Basement

7:00 p.m. Stage Entertainment - John Spicer

Saturday, September 6

1:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Open

1:00 p.m. Pet Parade

6:00 p.m. Fall Festival Parade

7:00 p.m. Stage Entertainment - Bias and McBride & The Ride



Bill Update:

The Illinois State Tax rate increased on July 1, 2025 from 7% to 8.65%. This is the state telecommunications excise tax. This increase is designated to support the state 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. This rate fluctuates quarterly. This tax increase was provided to us after the July statements had been distributed. You will notice this increase on your August statement.

Pay your bill online:

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

Pay your bill by phone:

1-855-940-3828

Back to School Time!

It may be time for you to evaluate your internet needs. Today's learning environment requires a lot of time spent on and interacting through technology at school. This means there will also be assignments at home that require them to login to websites, applications to complete homework or even online projects. If you feel like your internet needs have increased, it may be time to move to a faster plan. Call our office at any time to determine if your plan best fits your needs.

Now, with the Command IQ App with our Managed Wi-Fi, it is easier than ever to determine the plan that best fits your household. The App also allows you to see firsthand what devices are utilizing bandwidth, the signal strength of each device, and so much more!

Win \$15 Off Your Bill

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

1. Name one event happening in August: _____
2. What number can you call for the Do Not Call Registry? _____
3. What is the name of our App that is included in our Managed Wi-Fi plan? _____
4. Name one thing that you like or is important to you about our Co-op: _____

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to July's Winners: Fred Gholson, Joseph & Beverly Stewart, and Eric Thomas.

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