

# Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

April 2018

## Please Join Us!

**2018 Annual Meeting**  
Hamilton County Telephone Co-op



**Friday, April 13, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.**  
Hamilton County Sr. High School  
McLeansboro, IL

### HCTC Annual Meeting

Friday, April 13, 2018

Dinner: 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

*Provided by Jim McPeak*

Business Meeting: 7 p.m.

Hamilton County Sr. High School  
Gym McLeansboro

### \*\*Member Event\*\*

We hope you will join us for an eventful meeting this year. It is important that you are aware of our plans to keep us on the right path for our co-op's survival. This year we will be introducing new plans for High Speed Broadband only Service. These plans will be detailed at the meeting, and available

for inquiry the following week. Our team has been working hard over the last couple of months to try and install new equipment in cabinets to prepare for this transition. Although not all areas will be eligible for these new plans, we will continue to work toward upgrading equipment to meet your needs. With this transition, we are also proposing an amendment change to our bylaws that allows membership to be based on landline and/or broadband service. For more information on this, please refer to your annual meeting booklet.

Our prizes this year will include a 50" Sharp Smart television, an iPad, Wifi Digital Picture Frames, gift cards and seven \$20 bill credits. Your attendance is required to be eligible and winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the business meeting. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Co-op and this important annual event. We appreciate each and every one of you and feel so fortunate to have this Co-op in our community.

*We hope to see all of our Members there!*

### Calendar of Events:

- Mar 30 - Good Friday  
Office Closed
- April 1 - Easter  
April Fool's Day
- April 13 - HCTC Annual Meeting @  
Ham. County Sr. High School
- April 17 - Taxes Due!
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 25 - Administrative Professionals  
Day
- April 27 - Arbor Day



### New Directory Listings:

Melesa Allen	757-2233
Bi-Petro Inc.	773-4592
Cary Jackson	736-2840
Allen & Mary Kues	757-2298
Angela Rios	736-5928
Brogan Sims	648-2932
Sheila Thomas-Spence	757-2285

*Welcome to Hamilton County  
Telephone Co-op!*

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Spring has sprung and everyone is anxious to start working on outdoor projects. Please remember, if your project requires any digging, your first step should be to call J.U.L.I.E.

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. That's because most electric, gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies are delivering their utility services underground nowadays.

Calling J.U.L.I.E. has never been easier...simply dial 811 from your telephone or connect online at [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com). Be prepared to provide your contact information and specific location information regarding the site of the dig.

Now, you can even submit your request online at: <http://www.illinois1call.com/>, then click on E-Request.

**THIS PROTECTS YOU!** Locating services are free, but the price can be high if you don't call first to report a dig. It's SAFE, it's SMART, it's SIMPLE - Call JULIE today!

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



From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

In response, Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics. This year's campaign is to End Plastic Pollution, but there are also other initiatives like "Greening our Schools" and "The Canopy Project", which works to reforest our earth. Earth Day is a day for action - a day to show how important the environment is to you. Go on - Celebrate!



Visit: [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for more info.

**Pay your bill by phone:**

1-855-386-9912

**Pay your bill online:**

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>



**ARE YOU PREPARED?**

With storm season upon us, it is always good to be prepared. Here are a couple of sites that give helpful examples of ways to get prepared for numerous disasters:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit)

*Congratulations to March's Newsletter Winners:*

Lila Mae Shelton & Ruthaleen Hart

Check out our website at [www.hamiltoncom.net](http://www.hamiltoncom.net) for more information about the Co-op.