

## May Events:

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 13 - Outdoor Movie - FREE

"Despicable Me" @ High School Pkg Lot  
8:00 p.m. Concessions Available

May 21 - High School Graduation

May 30 - Memorial Day  
(HCTC Office - CLOSED)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Johnston, Melissa	756-2313
Mast, Herman	756-2456
Mast, Raymond	756-2450
Millenbine, Rusty	773-4428
Roye, Garrett	728-4498
Stull, Vickie	736-2271

Congratulations to Ben Lappin. Ben will be celebrating 10 years with the Co-op on May 29th. Ben serves the Co-op as our Dispatcher, responsible for scheduling and dispatching our Communications Workers.

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Telephone Co-op**

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618-736-2211  
Fax: 618-736-2616  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

## Why keep your landline?

Why keep your landline? That's been a popular question over the last two years or so and many people who use today's modern technologies find themselves examining the importance of the landline. The bottom line is there are many reasons to keep your landline. Here are just a few that our members have expressed in recent years. Safety seems to be at the top of the list. Landlines seem to be the most reliable voice communication available. They do not require electricity to work, do not have to be charged up, do not require any signal to connect AND your landline phone is in the same location at your home making it easy for ALL your family members to find it in case of emergency. Quality seems to be at the top of the reason's list to keep your landlines as well. Landlines are not only reliable, but voice quality tends to be so much clearer than a cellular connection. Other reasons include consistency, dependability, security and a local directory. When you have landline telephone service with HCTC, you are also a member with an organization who provides local jobs and gives back to the community.

We constantly hear about how landline usage is dropping drastically throughout the market, however, 73% of people are still using landline service. WOW! There are many reasons why the landline is still important at your home or business. Whatever your reasons are, we will continue to be here to serve you.

## Annual Meeting Update

Thank you for attending our 50th Annual Meeting on April 2, 2011! We had good food, entertainment and a productive meeting. Congratulations to Dalton Knight on 24 years serving as the Dale Exchange (773) Board Director. We appreciate all the time and dedication he has devoted over the years and wish him the best with his future endeavors. Upon Dalton's retirement, Robert Abbott became the newly elected Board Director from the Dale Exchange. Welcome Robert! Also, the new Officers selected were: David Clark, President; Kelly Woodrow, Vice-President; Russell Allen, Treasurer; Lemuel Gage, Secretary.

### Congratulations to the Grand Prize Winners:

*Laptop:* Eugene & Sarah Parker      *Digital Camera:* Leo & Elizabeth Rapp  
*Luggage Set:* John & Carmela Kiefer      *Digital Photo Frame:* Mark & Irma Karcher  
*Cooler/BBQ Bag:* Cletus & Eunice Karcher



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## Planned for May:

- 1) Upgrading equipment in our Central Offices
- 2) Laying fiber and begin testing fiber to the home
- 3) Installation beginning for IPTV head-end equipment at Co-op office.

As we discussed at our annual meeting last month, May will continue to be a very busy month for us. We will be upgrading some equipment at our CO buildings to provide more services. Also, we will begin burying more fiber. Please watch for our construction crews and communications workers alongside the roads in your area. They will be in trucks that look similar to the picture below and have HCTC or Hamilton County Construction listed on them. This fiber will provide better services with the advancing technologies becoming rapidly available.

Finally, we will begin installing the head-end equipment for the IPTV in May. We hope to be able to announce a launch date later this Fall. As you can see, we are constantly working to build a stronger foundation for you, our members.



**Kevin Pyle**  
*Executive Vice President &  
General Manager*

**Board of Directors:**

647 Exchange

J.C. Pool

648 Exchange

Russell Allen, Treasurer

728 Exchange

David Clark, President

736 Exchange

Lemuel Gage, Secretary

756 Exchange

Rob Kiefer

757 Exchange

Kelly Woodrow, Vice-President

773 Exchange

Robert Abbott



Robert Abbott & Kevin Pyle

"The world's favorite season is Spring. All things seem possible in May." Edwin Way Teale

## Win \$10 Off Your HCTC Bill

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and return to our office by May 10, 2011. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$10 off your next telephone bill with HCTC. There will be two winners in May.

1. Name a reason you keep your landline. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the newly elected Board Director from the Dale Exchange. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which member won the digital camera at our Annual Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What will our construction crews be starting this month? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What holiday will the Co-op office be closed during this month? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you to those who sent their service location address in and Congratulations to the two winners:**

**Clarence Parr & Donald Lueke**

\*If you receive or pay your bill electronically, you may email the answers to [support1@hamiltoncom.net](mailto:support1@hamiltoncom.net).

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