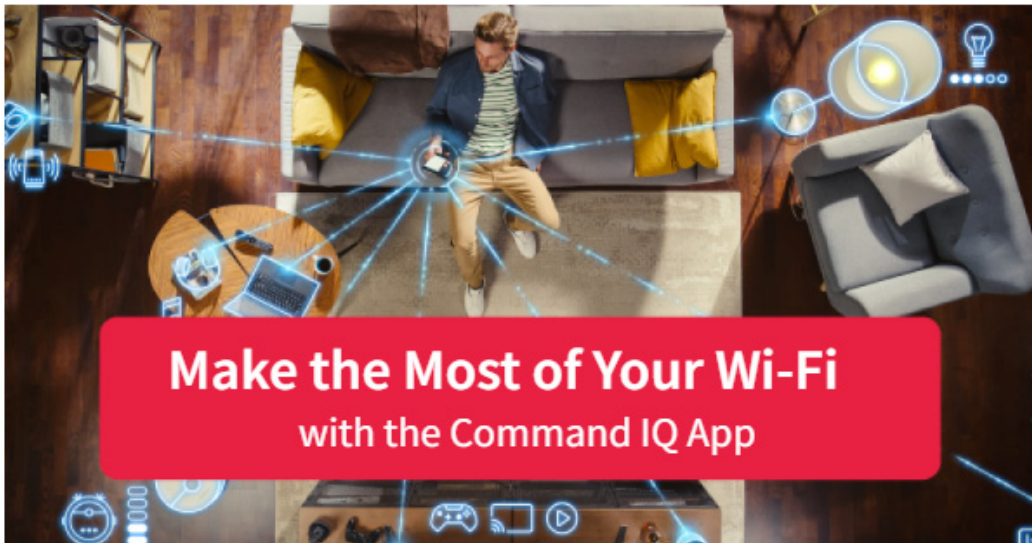


Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
September 2024

At the Co-op, we want you to have the best Internet and Wi-Fi experience possible. This is why we offer Managed Wi-Fi. Included in this plan, the Command IQ app is one way to make that happen. Our FREE and easy-to-use app allows you quick access to manage your home Wi-Fi network. You can view connected devices, set up a guest network, change your password, run a speed test, and set basic parental controls.

Even better, we include Experience IQ & Protect IQ features in your app at no additional cost. These features allow you to easily create online rules for users and devices in your home network. You can prioritize Wi-Fi access to certain devices, protect children from inappropriate content, and set time limits. The protection features include a network-level security application that proactively keeps malicious websites, viruses, and intrusions away from your homes 24/7. Download the app today! The app is available in the Apple store or Google Play store.



Calendar of Events:

- Sep 2 - Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED
- Sep 8 - Grandparents Day
- Sep 11 - Patriot Day
- Sep 22 - 1st Day of Autumn



VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

1. You are a voting member.
2. You have a stake in our future and the future of our membership.
3. Eligible for all member deals, including co-op appreciation deals/drawings, scholarship eligibility, installation discounts, service order fee discounts, free paper statements and other member deals.
4. Receive allocations, which are eventually paid back through capital credits checks.
5. Membership fees help us to continue to build our fiber network and upgrade our plant facilities.

If you would like to be a member, please call our office!

2024 McLeansboro Fall Festival Schedule of Events

Thursday, 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: Gospel Night
Ten Mile Church Praise Band
Perry Case Band

Friday, September 6
6:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
6:00 p.m. Little Miss Fall Festival
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Show, Courthouse Basement
7:00 p.m. Stage Entertainment:
Girls Next Door
John Berry

Saturday, September 7
1:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
1:00 p.m. Pet Parade
6:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Close during Parade
6:00 p.m. Fall Festival Parade (Theme: Service Brings Freedom)
7:00 p.m. Stage Entertainment
Twisted Road
Sammy Kershaw

Community Festivals:

- September 5 - 7 McLeansboro Fall Festival Parade - 7th @ 6 pm
- September 18 - 21 Eldorado Town & Country Days / Parade - 21st @ 1 pm
- September 27 - 28 Norris City Dairy Days / Parade - 28th @ 5 pm
- October 3 - 6 Enfield Mule Days Parade - 5th @ 1:30 pm

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Back to School Safety Tips:

In addition to the normal safety tips for children such as, make sure your child is getting adequate sleep at night, don't overpack their backpack, and eat a healthy breakfast, there are many tech safety tips to consider as well.

1. Create a central charging station. So your child will plug in their devices there overnight, rather than having easy access in a bedroom at bedtime.
 2. If there is an app or program your child likes to use, have them show you how it works. They will like the idea that they know something you don't, and you get insight on where they are spending their time.
 3. Talk with your children about online scams and the permanence of social content. Explain to them that poor online decisions can have severe or sometimes devastating consequences.
 4. Consider screen time rules and unplugged time with your family. Leave room for exercise, outdoor play, hobbies and one on one time with family/friends.
 5. Set tech rules early on with small children. They will adapt to the rules easier as they get older. Such as, only using devices in an open, family space.
 6. Stay connected to your children's school by accessing their google classroom, or other apps used by their teachers.
 7. Consider an app like Life 360, that allows you and your child to know where the other is at any time.
 8. The best tip of all: Be a good role model. The biggest influence in a child's life is often their own family. Everyone, including parents, should practice kindness and good manners online and regularly limit their own exposure to media use.
- Moderation is key. Technology can be a great asset when it's used effectively. Take precautions, limit daily exposure and be diligent when setting boundaries for your children's tech habits to develop a healthy tech relationship. This will be great for both you and your child.

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Win \$10 Off Your Bill

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by September 10, 2024. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$10 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be three winners in September.

1. What day will our office be closed? _____
 2. Name one value of co-op membership. _____
 3. What number do you call to pay your bill? _____
 4. Name one community event happening in our area. _____
- Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Congratulations to August's Winners: Richard & Cindy Morton and Donnie & Cheryl Millenbine.

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