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TCT Commemorates 49 Years of Service to Members

Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. held the 49th Annual Meeting of Members, Tuesday, March 27th at the Herington Community Building. TCT provided a meal prior to the business meeting, where over 260 voting members re-elected Randy Parker, of White City to serve for District 1, Larry Johnson, of Council Grove, to serve for District 2 and Kent Rock, of Hope, to serve for District 3. Entertainment was provided by Keith Leff of Magiccreations, and the meal was catered by Kathy's Herb & Spice.

The evening began with a film presentation by Council Grove High School Senior, Zach Bomberger, son of Kim and Scott Bomberger of Dwight, Kansas. In June of 2011 Bomberger represented TCT at the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour of Washington D.C. The film featured commentary by Bomberger about his trip, as well as photos of the places he visited and events he attended. Each year TCT sponsors the son or daughter of a cooperative member to attend The Foundation for Rural Service Youth Washington D.C. Youth Tour. The tour brings together over 100 high school juniors and seniors, from rural America, to participate in an educational and entertaining tour of the nation's Capital.

TCT Scholarship winners were then presented. TCT Scholarships are only awarded to graduating high school seniors, who maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a parent or legal guardian with TCT local telephone access. One scholarship is awarded for each of the five TCT voting districts in addition to one "at large" scholarship from all remaining applications. This year's winners were:

- Dwight Davidson, a student at Hope High School, the son of Dale & Emma Davidson;
- Whitney Krause, a student at Hope High School, the daughter of Chris & Pamela Krause;
- Ty Larson, a student at White City High School, the son of Tad & Gayle Larson;
- Alexis LeMay, a student at Council Grove High School, the daughter of Floyd & Belinda LeMay;
- Derron Reddick, a student at Council Grove High School, the son of Bobby & Dana Reddick;
- Danielle Spohn, a student at Centre High School, the daughter of Daniel & Barbara Spohn.

TCT Board of Directors President, Dan Reiff then addressed the audience. Reiff spoke about the current state of TCT and noted that the company is in a positive place and well positioned for future progress. Reiff acknowledged that the success of the company had a great deal to do with the Employees, Management and Board, however, Reiff especially recognized the cooperative members for their support. According to Reiff, "It is the support of the coop members that has made TCT such a success."

C.E.O., Dale Jones, followed Reiff by welcoming the members. Jones presented a power point presentation recounting TCT's accomplishments in 2011. Jones touched on TCT's various



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undertakings during the past year, including the effects of the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) implementation of the National Broadband Plan (NBP) on TCT and the rural telecommunications industry in general. Jones assured members that the Board of Directors, the employees and he, himself have been vigorously speaking out against the current NBP legislation. Jones noted that the company will continue to oppose the NBP until the plan supported sensible reforms for the deployment and maintenance of broadband services for rural Americans. Jones also asked for the member's support TCT's opposition of the NBP by contacting their elected officials and letting them know they do not support the FCC's current legislation. Jones informed the members that TCT has postcards to each elected official, with a message in opposition to the NBP reforms, that members can sign and that TCT would be happy to mail.

TCT Marketing Director, Scott Bankes, announced the winners of the prize drawings. Cash prizes totaling \$1,250.00 were awarded, along with a flat screen HD television. Winners were, Kay Hutchinson, Mildred Guthals, Lorna Morgan, Charles Riedy, Carla Hajek, Jon Comp, Kim Bomberger, Dana Reddick, Eugene Eckland, Robert Linder, Ken Barrett, Edna Lorei, Mary Ryhnke, Robert Neuwirth, Debbie Sanford, Louis Kaiser, Gloria Martin, Sylvia Bezdek, Dan Young, Robert Krause, Jim Peterson, Gertrude Moennich, Sheryl Pauley, Mary Boyce and Warren Fike.

Election results were announced and Board President Dan Reiff closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. TCT's 50th Annual Meeting of Members will take place in 2013.

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