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WINNERS CIRCLE

*Congrats to our
March winner(s):*

Denise Barney

Be sure to look through the newsletter for two phone numbers in parenthesis. If it's your number call our office to claim your prize!

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TCT Celebrates Rural Living, Farming and Family at 51st Annual Meeting of Members



The 51st Annual Meeting of Members for The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. was held Tuesday, March 25th at the Herington Community Building. Attendees enjoyed a meal before learning how TCT's advanced broadband services continue to enhance the economic viability of our patrons and the importance of advanced technology to our communities.

Social media was a big part of the evening and many members stopped at the #ruraliscool

photo booths to have their pictures taken and posted to TCT's Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages. A short presentation about his participation in the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour of Washington D.C. was given by Centre High School Senior, Kevin Lewis. Members also were introduced (767-6446) to a national social media movement, called Rural is Cool, advocating rural living and promoting the great things about living in rural communities.

Board Vice President Kent Rock and Marketing Director Scott Bankes presented the 2014 TCT Scholarship awards. Scholarships are given to graduating high school seniors, who maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a parent or legal guardian with TCT local telephone access. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded for each of the five TCT voting districts in addition to one "at large" scholarship from all remaining applications. 2014's winners were; District #1-Lane Evans, Council Grove High School, son of Jay & Nancy Evans District #2- Austin LeMay, Council Grove High School, son of Floyd & Belinda LeMay, District #3 -Ty Simons, Centre High School, son of Clay & Sharon Simons, District #4- Marcus Cox, Chapman High School, son of Kelli Cox, District #5- Kolby Washburn, Council Grove High School son of Jose & Wendi Washburn, At Large-Eric Blythe, White City High School, son of Duane & Debbie Blythe.



TCT Board of Directors President, Dan Reiff opened the business meeting and Treasurer, Jan Oleen gave the financial report. Reiff then gave the President's report and C.E.O.; Dale Jones gave the manager's report. In his presentation Mr. Jones updated members on the completion of TCT's fiber to the home project, Nu-Vision TV upgrades and important changes at the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Jones spent a

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TCT Celebrates (cont.)

good portion of the presentation informing members about what constitutes Copyright Infringement and the steps that TCT will be taking to address the growing problems related to it. Board of Director candidates for four districts were announced, followed by voting by the membership. President Reiff called for any unfinished business and new business, but there was none.

TCT Marketing Director, Scott Bankes, announced the winners of the prize drawings. Cash prizes totaling \$1,150 were awarded, along with a flat screen HD television. Cash prize winners were Vernetta Hammersmith, Eugene Stika, Mary Alice Waylan, Darrell Swinney, FW Anderson, Shirley Spittles, Rosann Patterson, Floyd Lemay, Jane Valentine, Mary Ruhnke, James Ruhnke, Gertrude Moennich, Ed Landis, Bill Marston, Doris Chase, Delores Svoboda, Mary Jane Laudemann, Nancy Evans, Erma Anderson, Roger Hummel, Mina Miller, Mary Brockmeier, Freddie Worrell, Donald Dean Loe and the TV was won by Robert Makovec.

Entertainment was Greg Peterson of the Peterson Farm Brothers. The Peterson Brothers have had tremendous success on YouTube and other social media venues with their music videos of popular song parodies about farming life in Kansas. The brother's videos have been seen by millions of people around the world. Peterson said he and his brothers would not have been able to do what they do without the technology that independent Telecoms offer to their rural customers.

Election results were tabulated and the members re-elected Alona Hedstrom of Burdick to serve for District 2, Dan Reiff of Abilene to serve for District 4, Ellen DeLay of Council Grove to serve for District 5 and Jan Oleen of Dwight to serve as Member at Large. Following the announcement of election results, Board President Dan Reiff adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.



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Want to put in your 2 cents worth?

Join in a lively discussion about the future of our communities and Morris County!

Help collaborate a strategy for Economic Growth & Development!

Your thoughts and concerns are **IMPORTANT!!!**

- Who: Flint Hills Frontiers and Concerned Community Citizens (That's You!)
- What: Working together to frame our economic future!
- When: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - 6 p.m.
- Where: Council Grove Armory
- Why: To make a positive impact on our future prosperity by developing strong plans and goals today!



Dinner and child care will be provided.

Please RSVP with number attending and/or number of children needing child care to Debi at: debiakajune@hotmail.com or call 620-767-8333.

Please leave message.

"Step Back in Time" — Alta Vista

The Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The Parade of Power will start at 9:30a.m. and the tractor show will run from 10a.m.-4p.m. Also featuring Ron Schultz & Friends jamming at 11a.m. and a Barn Quilt Block "How-to" program at 2p.m. Ag Heritage Park will be open from 8a.m.-5p.m. Lunch on grounds, drinks and snacks available all day. Alta Vista Chamber of Commerce Biscuit & Gravy breakfast will be served from 7-10a.m. at the Baptist Church. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 1p.m. Questions? Call Kirby Zimmerman, 620-767-2714; Chase Kesl, 785-806-3833; Connie Larson, 785-532-8393; or Hazel Zimmerman, 620-767-2715.

Come & Be Amazed! — White City

The Central National Bank White City Relay For Life Team invites you to "Come & Be Amazed!" on Saturday, April 26, 7p.m., at the White City High School Gymnasium. Brad has traveled the country entertaining thousands of people with his UNLEASHED Hypnosis comedy show. It's all real and you have the opportunity to experience the state of hypnosis on stage or from your seat in the audience.

Advance tickets: Adults, \$8; Students K-12, \$5; At-the-Door Tickets: Adults, \$10, Students K-12, \$7; Pre-School Children: Free w/adult. Tickets available at Central National Bank, White City; Town & Country Beauty Shop, White City; Gieswein Insurance Agency, Council Grove; or from any WC CNB Relay For Life team member. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Woodbine Lions Club Pancake Day

On Saturday, April 26, the Woodbine Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Day at the Woodbine Gymnasium. The doors will open at 7a.m and close at 1p.m. (466-2229) On the menu is: pancakes, sausage, omelets, soup, and drinks. Desserts will be served at 10:30a.m. Donations will go to community projects. An eye glass collection box will be available.

Hope Historical Museum — Old Settlers Meal

Join the Hope Historical Museum on Sunday, April 27 from 11:30a.m. — 1:30p.m. for their Old Settlers Meal. The meal includes meat and beans, slaw, bread, corn muffins, potatoes, apple cake and a drink. This event will take place at the FNB Annex in Hope. Free will offering. Carry-outs available.

White City Relay For Life

Silent Auction & Tailgate Party

The Central National Bank White City Relay For Life team will host their 12th annual Silent Auction and Tailgate party on April 5. The Silent Auction items will be on display in the White City Community Building from April 3-5. You may view the items Wednesday — Friday from 9a.m.—4p.m. and 5-7p.m. Final bids will be 2p.m. on April 5.

The Tailgate party is a grilled dinner, complete with homemade ice cream. Serving begins at 11a.m. Saturday, April 5. Funds raised during this event will be combined with the individual donations for luminaries and/or wall of memories at our Relay For Life walk-a-thon to be held on May 3, at Council Grove.

NEW LISTINGS

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..... (620) 767-7285
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We are pleased to serve our local communities and would like to include your Community Events in our newsletter.

Submission for this section is the 10th of the previous month.

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