The 54th annual meeting of Members of The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. will be held at the Herington Community Building, 810 South Broadway, Herington, Kansas, on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Meal will be served beginning at 6pm followed by the video presentation of the FRS Youth Tour and the recognition of the TCT scholarship winners; the business meeting starts at 7pm.

All ballots were mailed in advance and must be received by March 14, 2017, or received in person at any TCT office by 5pm, March 14, 2017. There will be no voting at the 2017 Annual Meeting!

Nominees for the Board were:
- District #2: Alona Hedstrom, Lost Springs
- District #4: Monte Dibben, Rural Junction City
- District #5: Ellen DeLay, Council Grove
- District At-Large: Jason Booker, Council Grove

The meeting will be conducted by the President, Dan Reiff, and will consist of the following:
- Meet, Greet and Dinner.
- Foundation for Rural Services Youth Tour presentation.
- Recognition of TCT Scholarship winners.
- Report on number of members present to determine quorum.
- Reading of Notice and Proof of mailing thereof.
- Reading of unapproved minutes of previous Annual Meeting and taking of necessary action, thereon.
- Presentation of Reports of Officers, Directors, and CEO.
- Unfinished Business.
- New Business.
- Announcement of election results.
- Announcement of door prize winners.
- Adjournment.

Make plans to attend the...

54th Annual Meeting of The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. members
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Herington Community Building
Meal at 6:00pm.
Meeting at 7:00pm.

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www.tctelco.net
Getting Social — Twitter Basics!

Twitter is a service that’s similar to blogging, only your posts are limited to 140 characters. These short posts, called “tweets,” are broadcast to everyone that has added you to their friends list. While this 140-character format may sound prohibitive, it has given rise to an all-new type of social networking called “microblogging.” In essence, since you’re forced to say what you need to say in very little space, people get right to the point and don’t mince words. Some readers like this format, and over the recent presidential election, it’s grown into a huge platform.

Twitter itself consists of a large network of people who subscribe to the service. Once you’ve joined, you can add other people to your “friends list.” After you’ve added someone you can read their tweets.

There are several ways you can interact with Twitter. The most popular ways are on the computer through the Twitter website or on your phone using the Twitter App. If you use your cell phone to access Twitter you could get a text message every time someone on your friends list makes a tweet. Those texts can add up so be sure to consider your cellular plan!

Twitter allows you to set up either a public or private account. On a public account, anyone can see your posts at any time, with a private account you can allow specific people to see your tweets. Twitter Support has a tutorial on setting up the different types of accounts. You can change your account from public to private or vice-versa, at any time. Twitter Support has created a list of tutorials to help you learn your way around Twitter. Some useful topics are:

- How to find people on Twitter - What exactly is “following?”
- Making a post, or a “tweet” - How to remove friends or block unwanted followers - Replying to people through @replies - Sending private, direct messages.

Twitter can be valuable in your business’ marketing efforts. Many companies are creating accounts so that their customers can keep in touch. Some people who are trying to establish themselves as a personality use Twitter as a way to connect with their fans. Often professionals use Twitter to share their expertise. Companies like Whole Foods Market uses Twitter to “tweet” specials, media outlets like HGTV use Twitter to promote programming and news channels post current events and news items on their Twitter page.

Like any tool, Twitter can be used inappropriately, so be considerate and careful. Here are some things to remember when using Twitter:

- Watch your Tweet ratio (767-6561) - consider pausing between tweets - keep small conversations private - be vague when tweeting about private social events - try to keep within the character limit - remember everyone can hear you, what’s rude in life is rude on Twitter.

Look for more Getting Social articles about Social Media, in future TCT Teletalk Newsletters!
**Monthly Movies**

**Airing at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. daily**

*Council Grove City Council Meetings will air Thursdays at 8 p.m.*

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<td>Hellfire Austin - On the run, Ken must hide himself &amp; his horse until race day.</td>
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<td>Phantom Cowboy - Bill Collins and his look-alike, Phantom, try to stop a robbery Buck Houston has put into action.</td>
<td>Little Men - Two con men plan to save the school house from foreclosure.</td>
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<td>Songs &amp; Saddles - A foster son must help his dad keep his ranch when it is wanted to make a highway.</td>
<td>Tough to Handle - A young reporter’s grandfather won the lottery but only to find out the ticket was phony. He teams up with his brother to find the gang who made the ticket.</td>
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<td>Trail Riders - The sheriff is killed during a bank robbery in town. The Marshal sends the Range Busters (Dusty King, Davy Sharpe &amp; Alibi Terhune) to restore the order in town.</td>
<td>Below the Deadline - Out for revenge, Joe Hilton takes over his brother’s illegal operation after returning from the war. Can his sweetheart persuade him to change his mind?</td>
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**Nature Adventures**

Experience the outdoors with Terri and Todd from South Dakota. Nature Adventures will air Monday - Friday 9 a.m., 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Saturdays at 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

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**Shop Local by TCT**

For 2017, the TCT Shop Local program will go social!

All nominations for favorite local TCT businesses will be made on Facebook! Find ‘Shop Local by TCT’ at www.facebook.com/TCTshoplocal

Nominations will be taken the first full week of each month on the facebook page. The business with the most “likes” over the entire month will win. Winners will be announced on the first Monday of each month. Businesses can only win one time per year.

The business will win a computer clean up OR $50 to Solutions Center! More information & details to follow online. Questions? Call 620-767-8288.
TCT and the Great Plains Theatre are offering an opportunity to win Patron Passes to the Symphony in the Flint Hills on June 10th, 2017 at Deer Horn Ranch.

Symphony in the Flint Hills will bring the Chisholm Trail to life this year at its iconic annual prairie event. For the event’s finale, the sunset concert will feature the Kansas City Symphony with country western singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphey, who will share his passion for cowboy culture and grasslands conservation.

All donations will go toward Great Plains Theatre Projects. To obtain tickets please stop by the TCT Solutions Center 120 NE 14th or the Great Plains Theatre 401 Cottage Ave. Abilene

* **DONATION** - $10 for one ticket or $40 for 5 tickets

Patron Passes include 2 tickets for reserved seating, parking passes for reserved section, pre-concert reception & dinner, retail tent gift certificate & onsite hospitality tent access.

Please write checks to the Great Plains Theatre.

**Patron Passes Valued at $1,500 - DRAWING IS JUNE 8TH**

For more information please email publicrelations@tctelco.net

*Symphony in the Flint Hills Patron Pass Donation Tickets: No purchase necessary. A participant can request a Symphony in the Flint Hills Patron Pass Donation Ticket, while supplies last, by mailing a legibly handwritten, self-addressed, stamped envelope, with sufficient postage and a return address, including first and last name, street address, city, state, and ZIP code to: TCT attn.: PR, PO Box 299, Council Grove, KS 66846. Mail-in requests, including both outer envelope and self-addressed, stamped envelope, must be handwritten. Outer envelope must include a return address in the upper left hand corner that matches the requestor’s street address, and must be postmarked no sooner than Thursday, May 25th, 2017 and no later than Monday, June 5, 2017 and must be received, via US Postal service, by Wednesday, June 7, 2017 to be eligible to win. Requests are limited to one request per address. Request ONLY accepted via the US Post service.*
Friday, March 24th, by 5pm

All entries must be received by the Broadband Crossword Puzzle entry form. These clues to complete the TCT Broadband Solution Centers will be posted to TCT's Social Media pages. Winners will be announced through TCT Solution Centers.

To Win: You may bring in your completed Crossword Puzzle entry form. Each M-F from March 6th to March 16th.
The First Congregational United Church of Christ of Council Grove will host their Special of the Month... from an area pastor and concludes by 1pm. The menu includes a choice of two soups, dessert, relishes and drink. A list of speakers will be announced on TCT TV channel 2 and in the Council Grove Republican. There is a free-will offering that is used for local mission projects of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

White City Trunk Sales are starting up again! Beginning in March, on the first Saturday of every month we will have our downtown sales from 8am to 3pm inside the City Building. Several wonderful vendors will be there: homemade foods, jellies, soaps, craft items, gunsmith, tag sale items, and each month new and different items will be available. For more info, call Ciri at 785-349-2411.

The Council Grove/Dunlap United Methodist Women will be serving a Potato Bar lunch on Sunday, March 12. The meal will be served from 11am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. Proceeds from a free-will offering will be used to help fund special needs in the community and United Methodist Women’s mission projects. The menu will include: a variety of toppings, an assortment of yummy desserts, and drinks. Take out orders will be available. For more information contact the Council Grove/Dunlap UMC office at 620-767-5019. All are welcome!

Bingo and Soup Supper Benefit for Pam Ackley
Stop by the Burdick Legion Hall in Burdick, KS on Saturday, March 18, for Bingo and Soup Supper. Soup will be served at 5:30pm with an auction to start at 6:30pm. Bingo and Texas Hold’em will be served at 7pm. Soup and Bingo by donation with lots of prizes!!! Sponsored by Friends of Pam Ackley. Contributing funds by Thrivent (349-5574). For more information: Jim & Marilyn Peterson, 785-983-4421 or 785-983-4844; Bruce & Alona Hedstrom, 785-983-4349; Dan & Linda Peterson, 785-983-4353.

Pancake Day in Woodbine
The Woodbine Lions Club invites you to join them for Pancake Day on Saturday, April 8, from 7am – 1pm at the Woodbine Gymnasium. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, omelettes, soup, and drinks; dessert will be served after 10:30am. Donations for community projects. Eye glass collection box will be available.

White City Senior Center Casino Trip
The White City Senior Center is sponsoring a bus trip to the Prairie Band Casino on March 23. Cost is $20 (receive $10 back for gambling and lunch is included). The bus will leave the White City Senior Center at 7am with stops at Dwight, Alta Vista, and I70. Reservations and money need to be in by March 15. Call Stella Roediger, 785-349-2901, or the White City Senior Center, 785-349-2813.

We are pleased to serve our local communities and would like to include your Community Events in our newsletter.

Lenten Luncheons — Council Grove
The First Congregational United Church of Christ of Council Grove will host their annual Lenten Luncheons beginning Thursday March 2 in Fellowship Hall at 400 W. Main St. They are held each Thursday through April 6. Serving begins at noon and is followed with a devotional time from an area pastor and concludes by 1pm. The menu includes a choice of two soups, dessert, relishes and drink. A list of speakers will be announced on TCT TV channel 2 and in the Council Grove Republican. There is a free-will offering that is used for local mission projects of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TCT invites you to support area schools by participating in the RunShunga 5K held during the Washunga Days Festival, Saturday, June 17, in Council Grove!

Categories - Female/Male: 12 and under, 13-17, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 & over.

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*Some restrictions may apply.

**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!**