

Welcoming in a New Year with our time-honored mission: **Connecting Your World**

As a new year is upon us, we cannot help but reflect with gratitude for all of you who have been with us over this past year. Whether you are a longstanding, loyal customer or brand new to Hamilton, we appreciate you. We are also grateful for our team of incredibly talented and dedicated employees, working to keep our business and your services up and running all the time.



We strive every day to ensure that we deliver on our promise of Connecting Your World wherever or whatever your world may be. Your family, work, entertainment and success is important to you and providing the connections that make it all possible is important to us.

We had a busy year in 2022. We acquired Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) and continued fiber-to-the-home construction. We have tried to keep you informed in a variety of ways regarding our construction progress and are pleased to announce we have made great strides toward bringing fiber to every home and business throughout our service territories. We are thankful for the patience and excitement of our customers throughout this process.

Transitioning our NCTC customers and employees to Hamilton has been very rewarding, and we are appreciative of the customers, employees, friends and neighbors we have made along the way. We began construction in several of our new customer areas completing fiber construction in Dannebrog and moving right into Burwell.

Today, businesses are more exposed to cybersecurity threats than ever. We have expanded our cybersecurity solutions for businesses to help our clients protect their data from this increased exposure. All businesses need to be assessing their cybersecurity posture, and we are pleased to offer our services in this area.

Through our Relay and Captioned Telephone Services, we remain committed to providing access to telephone connections for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind or have difficulty speaking. We continue to bring many choices to our customers — both in how customers access our services and the technology used to process calls.

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Traveling the Country with TaleGate

We are excited to share that Hamilton Relay®, a division of Hamilton, is a proud sponsor of TaleGate! A mission on wheels, TaleGate consists of a customized 42-foot trailer that is making its way across the country. It is visiting senior living communities and celebrating the remarkable lives of older adults by capturing their stories and recognizing the contributions they have made to their communities.

In addition, TaleGate will be producing a reality show that will brighten up anyone's day and spread the gifts of love and kindness. Episodes will be made available on Saltbox TV, so stay tuned!



From Our Kitchen to Yours



Winter weather is the perfect time to warm up with some delicious soup. This recipe from Hamilton Community Engagement Manager, Bob Krier, is sure to become a new favorite.

Enjoy!

Bob's Award Winning, Super Simple, Creamy White Chicken Chili - Serves 6 Hungry People

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ lb. Skinless, Boneless Chicken Breast Halves
- ½ Onion, Chopped
- 2 Cloves Garlic, Chopped
- 2 (15.5 oz.) Cans Great Northern Beans, Rinsed and Drained
- 1 (14.5 oz.) Can Chicken Broth
- 2 (4 oz.) Cans Chopped Green Chiles
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 tsp. Ground Cumin
- 1 tsp. Dried Oregano
- ½ tsp. Ground Black Pepper
- ¼ tsp. Cayenne Pepper
- 1 c. Sour Cream
- ½ c. Heavy Whipping Cream



DIRECTIONS

1. Grill chicken breast, season to taste.
2. Stir chicken, beans, chicken broth, green chiles, salt, cumin, oregano, black pepper and cayenne pepper in a crock pot. Cook on low for up to 6 hours.
3. Stir in sour cream and whipping cream until incorporated.
4. Thicken with corn starch and garnish with fresh parsley if desired.
5. Serve with cinnamon rolls and/or garlic bread.

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We continue to focus our efforts on innovations, and finding new paths, processes and ways that we can enhance the lives of our customers and better our communities.

We are excited for another year and new opportunities to serve you each day. We thank you for your business and the trust you continue to place in us. Here's to a new year! May it bring new opportunities, health and happiness.

From our families to yours,

John Nelson, CEO
Hamilton Telecommunications



Cobalt TV® is More Than Just TV

Cobalt TV is so much more than just your local programming and live TV. Here are just a few of the additional features Cobalt TV has to offer:

Weather App: Easily view the local weather information and the 5-Day forecast right on your TV at any time, while you're watching any channel. Press the colored buttons for current information, radar and a detailed weather forecast.

What's Hot: Are you wondering about the most popular programs being watched in your area? Check out the "What's Hot" app!

Favorites: You can create up to five customized lists of your favorite channels. No more channel surfing through all the channels to find the kids' favorite shows — set up a channel list specific to their interests.

My Settings: Customize certain aspects of your service like the display, guides, parental ratings and more!

Parental Controls: Set a PIN, lock specific channels so they require a PIN to view, control access to certain shows based on their rating and set time restrictions.

Restart TV: Restart TV allows you to start a show at the beginning, even if you are a few minutes late turning it on. Channels enabled with Restart TV are indicated on the What's Hot app and on the channel guide.

Phone Menu: As a Hamilton telephone customer, you can view Caller ID information, edit your recent calls, and access voicemail messages from your Cobalt TV.

Find helpful video guides of these features and more at CobaltTV.com/guides.



Making Smart Connections

Hamilton was recently recognized as a Smart Rural CommunitySM (SRC) provider by the NTCA — The Rural Broadband Association. The SRC network of providers work tirelessly to keep small-town America connected. They lead and collaborate on broadband-enabled projects that improve economic development, provide technology for advancing education and enhance state-of-the-art health care through telemedicine. These initiatives, among others, help to connect rural communities and keep them advancing towards a future-proof sustainable infrastructure.

No matter where they provide service, SRC providers are committed, community-based providers offering high-speed broadband to the farthest reaches of the country and are committed to providing the highest-quality service.



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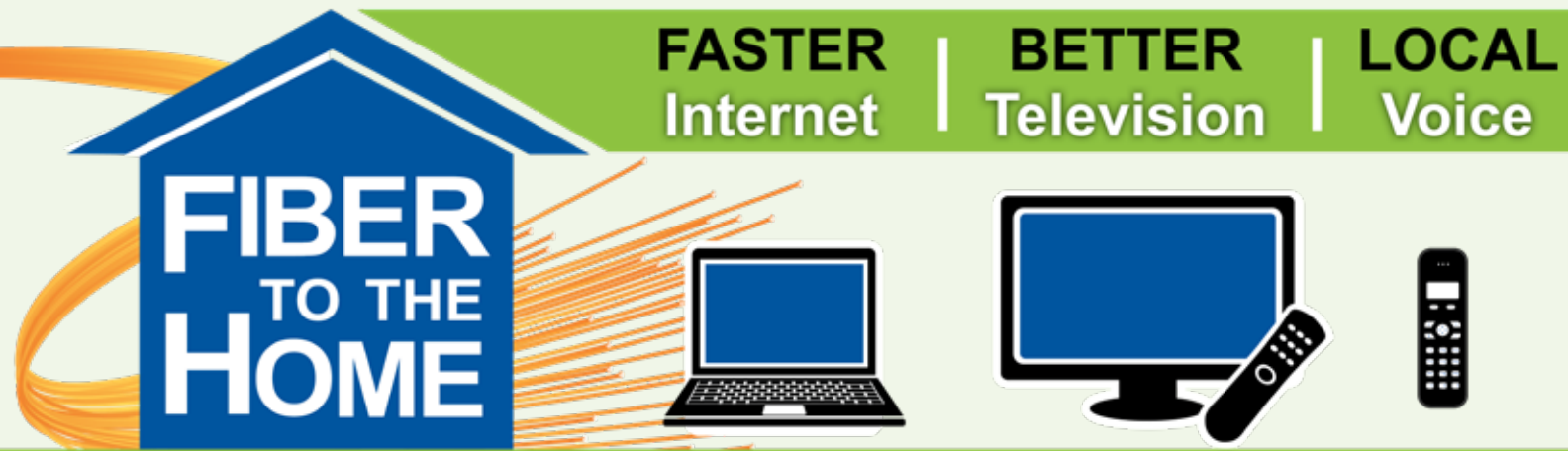
Fiber to the Home **Construction Update**

We are thankful for the many opportunities to expand fiber-to-the-home service throughout Central Nebraska. The mild start to winter allowed us to continue working to get even more customers connected to the fastest, most reliable internet service available as quickly as possible.

We are pleased with the progress of all our construction projects. At this time, most of our customers within the city limits of Aurora, Doniphan, Hampton, Central City, Giltner, Hordville, Marquette and Dannebrog have

been connected to fiber-to-the-home internet service. We have also been working toward getting many rural customers connected.

Once the weather permits and the ground thaws this spring, we look forward to resuming in-ground construction and will continue to work neighborhood-by-neighborhood and house-by-house until every Hamilton customer in our local exchange areas is directly connected to fiber.

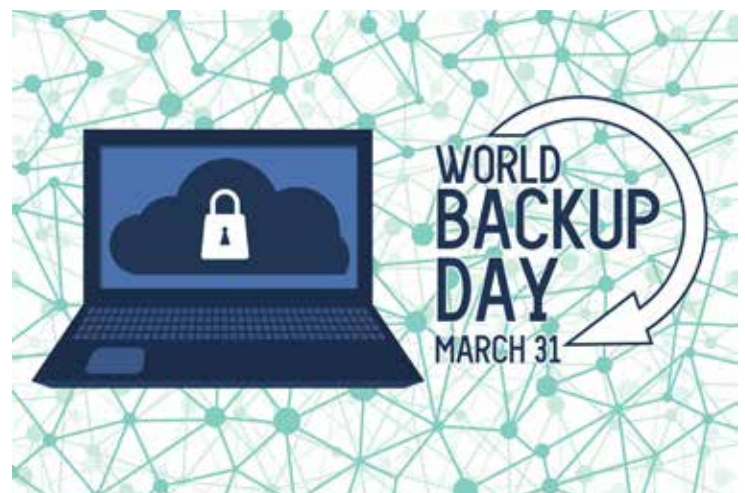


Mark Your Calendars for **World Backup Day**

While backing up your computer and its data regularly is always a good idea, we often get so busy we forget to take the time to do it. March 31, 2023 is World Backup Day — a day where you are encouraged to take some time to back up your computer so that, in the event of a computer or hardware crash, you can get back to using your documents in no time.

Two recommended ways to back up your data:

- 1. Copy your data to an external hard drive.** External hard drives can be purchased at any major technology or computer store and are a great way to have your entire computer physically backed up. In the event you need to access it, you simply plug the hard drive into your computer and access your files.
- 2. Utilize Cloud Storage.** If you prefer to have your data digitally backed up and stored online, there are several companies that provide that service as well. Be sure to research to find a company that you trust and has credible reviews.



Whether you back up your computer and devices regularly or need a reminder here and there, make sure you take the time to do it as we start the new year. If you need help with your backup or have questions, give us a call at 308.381.1000.