

BUSY LINE

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MEG Food Drive a Big Success

Through the combined efforts of MDTC's employees and customers, 714 items were donated to the Colchester First Christian Church Food Pantry. In November, hundreds of non-perishable food items were delivered to our business office as well as to collection spots at Infobahn Outfitters in Macomb, Industry State Bank, Colusa State Bank and Main Street Salon in Blandinsville. In addition to the groceries, a \$1,500 cash donation was made to the food pantry from the MEG (McDonough Employee Goodwill) fund.

To cap off the food drive, an open house was held at our Colchester office featuring homemade cookies and other treats and hot cider. Many of the subscribers who stopped by brought items for the food drive. A drawing was held for four \$25 bill



The counters at the First Christian Church were piled high when the MEG food donations were sorted.

credits. Winners were Vicky Shepler, Sharon Phelps, Larry Rickard and Connie Weinreich.

The food pantry was very grateful for all of the donations. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Deadline Nears for 2012 FRS Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) is currently seeking applications for its 2012 college scholarship program. Thirty scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded to rural high school seniors across the country.

The FRS program has recently been expanded to include an additional four \$5,000 awards provided by the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships which will give preference to students with an interest in science, math, medicine or engineering.

McDonough Telephone partners with FRS in making the scholarship program available to high school students in our area. To be sponsored by McDonough Telephone, a student must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Receive service from McDonough Telephone Cooperative
- Be accepted at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school
- Have at least a C grade point average
- Express an interest in returning to a rural community to work
- Be sponsored by a supporter of the Foundation for Rural Service

Applications and guidelines have been mailed to guidance counselors at all area schools. They can also be downloaded from the FRS website at www.frs.org. **Completed applications must be postmarked to the FRS office by March 1, 2012.** Prior to mailing to the FRS the applications must be brought in to our office to be signed by President Bill Buchanan. **PLEASE ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR US TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION.** If you have any questions, contact Karen Proulx at 776-3211 or 1-888-640-4334.

Employees Receive Service Awards

Four MDTC employees and three MDTC directors were recognized for achieving significant anniversaries in 2011.

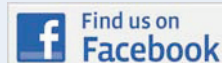
Area Technician Ben Cox has been with the cooperative for five years. CSR Joyce Faxon, Construction Crew member Daryl Sidwell and Billing Office Manager Michelle Torrance were all recognized for 15 years of service.

Director Larry Thompson from the Raritan/Smithshire exchange was a 20 year honoree. Roger Barclay, director from the Industry exchange, has logged 25 years on the board. Littleton director Lyle Vail received recognition for his 30 years of service.

**We're Coming to You—
McDonough Telephone
Morning Exchange
Wednesday, Feb. 8
7-8:30 am
Beck's Snack Bar
134 E. Market, Colchester
Breakfast is on us!
SEE YOU THERE**



McDonough Telephone Cooperative
309-776-3211 or 888-640-4334



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In Brief

- Looking for a phone number? You have a couple of options for getting that information from directory assistance. You can dial **411** to get both local (\$.75) and national (\$.95) directory assistance. If you want to use your own long distance carrier to get the information, dial **1+area code+555-1212**. For MTC long distance subscribers, the charge is \$1.50. Most companies permit up to two listing requests per 411 call.
- For complete television listings and much, much more, you just need to Zap2It. You can access this great site from the video page of the McDonough Telephone website (www.mdtc.net). Click on the Zap2It icon, and enter your zip code. Select "McDonough Telephone Cooperative" as your video service provider, and you'll be able to browse complete listings for the next two weeks of programming. Zap2It also offers entertainment news, movie openings, DVD new releases and reviews, photos and episodes of popular TV shows.
- Channel 26 WBQD My-TV has been added to the basic programming lineup for Warren and Henderson Counties.
- Did you know that anyone using MTC Communications as their long distance carrier can call any other co-op member for free?? All intra-cooperative calls will be listed individually on your phone bill with a zero charge in the amount column.

Coming to VOD in February

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas B4	Comedy	R	2/7/12
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1	Drama	PG-13	2/11/12
Rum Diary	Adventure	R	2/14/12
Tower Heist B4	Comedy	PG-13	2/21/12
J. Edgar B4	Drama	R	2/21/11

B4 = Title is available before Netflix and/or Redbox.

FREE VOD movies for February: Flatliners, All the Pretty Horses, Guarding Tess, Real Genius, The Swan Princess and Devil in a Blue Dress

Use *67 to Block Caller ID

McDonough Telephone wishes to remind its members that their telephone numbers will be identified to called parties with Caller ID capabilities. You may protect your privacy and block your number from being transmitted by dialing *67 on a call-by-call basis. This service is free to all of our subscribers. All telephone numbers, whether published or non-published, will be delivered to a called party unless *67 is dialed prior to making each and every call.



Spread the Love . . .

MTC Communications long distance subscribers call FREE anywhere in the continental U.S. on Valentine's Day, February 14!

FUSC Increase

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) increased from 15.3% to 17.9% effective with the January 1, 2012 billing. The FUSC for residential and single line business customers increased from \$.99 to \$1.16. For multiline businesses the charge increased from \$1.41 to \$1.65.

Directory Additions

Alsbrook, Michael	755-4386
Derry, Dustin	456-3717
Gingerich, Bethany	755-4244
Lawrence, Carl	456-3848
Neff, Josiah	755-4272
Ramos, Nathan	776-3241
Ruebush, Jared	652-3762
Shults, Tiffany	776-4376
Waters, Terri	254-3531

FREE VIDEO ON DEMAND RENTAL

Thanks for being a loyal MTC-TV customer!

Watch a Video on Demand Movie on MTC-TV, complete this form and return it to us. You can also email the information to info@mdtc.net. You'll receive credit for the movie on your next bill.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Movie Purchased: _____

Date Purchased: _____

Good for one (1) free movie or program on MTC-TV Video on Demand. Maximum rental amount is \$4.99 per movie/program. Not redeemable for cash. Maximum of two (2) free movie credits per account. Expires March 31, 2012.

