



BUSY LINE

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Winners of the Youth Tour join McDonough Telephone manager Bill Buchanan and chaperone/data processing coordinator Les Fowler. Pictured, from the left, are Fowler, Ryan Hagan, Matt O'Hern, Hannah Brown, Luke Sullivan and Buchanan.

Hagan, O'Hern, Sullivan Winners of Trip to Washington

Fourteen students representing McDonough Telephone met with area legislators during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day on Wednesday, April 5, in Springfield. Students had an opportunity to view state government in action, tour the State Capitol, Illinois Supreme Court and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Senator John Sullivan and Representative Rich Myers also met with the students.

The students representing McDonough Telephone were: Matt O'Hern of Rushville, Laura Alexander of Gladstone, Kelli Titus of Biggsville, Stacy Price of Colchester, Ian Clark of Macomb, Luke Sullivan of Rushville, Hannah Brown and Gretchen Blythe of La Harpe, Faith Luder and Mattie Robertson of Dallas City, Wyatt Baxter of Macomb, Kellie Munson and Ashton Clark of Monmouth, and Ryan Hagan of Colchester. McDonough Telephone data processing coordinator Les Fowler accompanied the group as chaperone.

Following the trip to Springfield, the students returned to the Red Ox in Macomb where the winners of the June 9-16

Youth to Washington Tour were to be selected. A panel of judges interviewed the finalists and selected Ryan Hagan, Matt O'Hern and Luke Sullivan as the winners. Hannah Brown was designated as alternate. All four students are active in their schools and in their communities.

Ryan Hagan has been on the high honor roll throughout his years in school. In 2005, he was the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador. He has been a class officer and is in the school band. Matt O'Hern participates in sports, FFA and student council as well as being extremely involved in his family's large-scale cattle operation. Luke Sullivan is in 4-H, FFA and the American Angus Association. He plays football and is consistently on the honor roll. Hannah Brown has been a part of 4-H, Youth Group, the Iowa City Children's Hospital Project and plays volleyball and softball. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

McDonough Telephone is proud to be represented by such outstanding young people. We wish all of these students the best of luck in all of their endeavors.

Date for 2006 Annual Meeting Set

The McDonough Telephone Cooperative 2006 annual meeting of the membership will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, at the Fellheimer Auditorium, Macomb Junior/Senior High School, South Johnson Street, Macomb.

The auditorium is accessible to anyone with disabilities. If you have a concern or a special need, please contact the manager at least three weeks before the meeting so accommodations can be made.

We've streamlined the business portion of the meeting to allow time for refreshments and socializing afterwards. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there.

We're Coming To YOU!

*McDonough Telephone
Morning Exchange*

Adair Café • Wed., June 7 • 7-10 a.m.
WE'LL BUY THE COFFEE!

Throughout the year we will be visiting all of our exchanges. This is a great chance to let us know what's on your mind – questions, compliments, observations and complaints (we hope not to hear too many of those!). We will also be holding a special drawing at the end of the year for those members who attend any of our community events. The prize is a portable flat-panel TV. So, drop by and have a cup of coffee on us!



Barkow Gives Video, DSL an A+

Every business is happy to get a compliment from a customer. When Gary Barkow of Blandinsville stopped in to pay his phone bill, he gave a rave review to our DSL and video services.



Gary was one of the first subscribers to WINS dialup service in 1996. As soon as DSL became available in Blandinsville, he switched to it.

"I would never go back to dialup," he said. "I signed up for the Bronze Package, and I couldn't get over how fast the pages came up."

MTC-TV video service was installed at the Barkow home in February of this year. Previously, the Barkows subscribed

to Dish Network.

"I like your video a whole lot better than what I had," Barkow commented, "and it's a lot cheaper than Dish for that many channels. You have local channels and WB, too."

The price isn't the only reason that Gary prefers MTC-TV.

"The quality of the picture is just as good and

the system doesn't shut down whenever there's a storm like it does with Dish," he remarked.

Gary also observed that other cable companies can't offer service to people living in the country, but we're able to serve a great many of our rural members.

Thanks for your comments, Gary.

Martie Ravenscraft at Your Service in Lomax

Martie Ravenscraft joined the staff of McDonough Telephone as the customer service representative in the new Lomax office.

Martie moved to the area from Iowa in 1993 and currently lives in Terre Haute. A lifelong crafter, she has been a partner in "Riverbend Friends - Folkart and Gifts" for 11 years.

Prior to her involvement in Riverbend Friends, Martie worked at the Bank of Stronghurst and at Hy-Vee.

Martie and her husband Jeff have two grown children, a son Darin and a

married daughter Amber Dickey. Amber is expecting Martie and Jeff's first grandchild. The Ravenscrafts also have two young daughters, Chloe, 7, and Sophie, 5.

"I'm glad to be in the workforce again," said Martie, "and I'm excited to be bringing this new service to the people of Lomax."

The Lomax office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will also be open on bill due dates and disconnect dates if these dates do not fall on regularly scheduled office days. Phone: 217-449-3211.



Lomax Office Schedule - JUNE 2006

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
June 15 - Bills Due • June 26 - Disconnect

Nominating Committee Chosen

Members have been appointed by the Board of directors to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting to be held September 7. The members have been named in accordance with the cooperative bylaws, Article III, Section 5, Nominations.

Appointed to the 2006 Nominating Committee: District 1, Adair/Bardolph - Judy Kerr and Al Cook; District 2, Raritan/Smithshire - Richard Knapp and Brad Arnold; and District 5 - Lomax - Harold Ravenscraft and Robert Willdrick.

The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., July 6, 2006, to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on September 7. The selection of candidates will be in the August newsletter.

Directors whose terms expire in 2006 are: District 1, Adair/Bardolph - Rose Marie Lynn; District 2, Smithshire/Raritan - Larry Thompson; and District 5, Lomax - Dennis Huffman.

Farmers' Picnic

Blandinsville's 119th Farmers' Picnic will be held June 29-July 2. John Connor Amusements will provide rides. Meals will be in the firehouse each night, and concessions will be served in the park area. Activities include games for the kids, a parade, Little Miss and Master Contest, volleyball tournament, water fight, golf outing, an auction and a bake-off. On Friday night, Eternity Road will perform. Saturday night's entertainment is LMNOP.

Directory Additions

- Colchester Cabinet Outlet 776-3300
- Hall, Rick & Andrea 769-5587
- Manning, Donald Robert Sr. 449-3774
- McDonough Tele.-Lomax Office . . . 449-3211
- Norton, David & Cynthia 653-2491
- Potter, Becky 254-3495
- Tellman, Michael 776-4851
- Thomas, P. 769-5267
- Turner, Tonya 254-3291