



BUSY LINE

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From left are Osborne, Bostrom, Edwards and Youth Tour Director John Freitag in Washington, D.C.

Bostrom, Edwards, Osborne Tour Washington, D.C.

Christina Bostrom of Dallas City, Abigail Edwards of Monmouth and Tyler Osborne of Bushnell represented McDonough Telephone Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 8-15. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives.

The students met with Senator Dick Durbin and were among 57 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited the White House, Arlington National

Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, George Washington's estate at Mt. Vernon and a number of other historical sites.

Osborne is a junior at Bushnell-Prairie City High School and plans on a career in either finance or agri-business. Bostrom attends Nauvoo-Colusa High School. Her goal is to become involved in the field of health, possibly as a pediatrician. Edwards, a Monmouth-Roseville High School student, will major in agri-business and minor in communication.

Happy Anniversary!

Each month we'll be recognizing those members who are reaching a significant anniversary with the cooperative, based on years of continuous service. The honorees for August are:

40 Years:

Elvin E Hodges, Colchester
Seven & Janet Sowers, Colchester
Harold Prisner, Blandinsville
Eugene V Solot, Colchester

30 Years:

Jack F Pumo, Colchester
Jack L Hopping, Blandinsville
Steven W Stull, Raritan
Robert J West, Lomax
Leonard Jarrett, Colchester
Dennis Little, Colchester

20 Years:

Mike Sullivan, Colchester
Barry Billeter, Blandinsville
S Roush, Industry
Tim Fross, Colchester
Lee & Glenda Unger, Blandinsville
Monte Mason, Blandinsville
Gregg R Randall, Blandinsville

We're Coming To YOU!

**McDonough Telephone
Morning Exchange**

Adair Café

309 W. Main St. • Adair
Wednesday, Aug. 15 • 7 to 9 a.m.
FREE Breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m.

We hope you'll join us!



McDonough Telephone Cooperative

Colchester: 309-776-3211 or 888-640-4334
Lomax: 217-449-3211

120th Blandinsville Farmers' Picnic

Thurs.-Sun., August 23-26 • Theme: "Honoring Area Educators"



Carnival, games, parade, water fight, Vicki Haney bake-off
and auction, Blandin House Museum, food



Entertainment: Friday - The Daddy'Os • Saturday - Poor Rich Man's Band

Committee Selects Candidates

The 2007 nominating committee met June 28 at the Red Ox in Macomb. Present at the meeting were: District 3, Industry – John Patrick and Steve Onion; District 4, Littleton – George V. Runkle and Robert Lantz; District 7, Good Hope – Elizabeth Burton and Kay Morrow; District 10, Colchester – Bob Bunnell and Matt Reynolds. Also attending were legal counsel John McMillan and general manager Bill Buchanan.

The committee acted to select candidates for election to the McDonough Telephone Cooperative board of directors.

Nominated were: District 3, Industry – Roger Barclay; District 4, Littleton – Lyle Vail; District 7, Good Hope – Jim Torrance; and District 10, Colchester – Lanny Carson. Directors are elected to three year terms.

The election will be held at the 2007 Annual Meeting to be held on September 6 at 7 p.m. at the Fellheimer Auditorium in Macomb. All members are urged to attend. Find out what the co-op is planning ... Visit with your neighbors ... Participate in electing your director. One member, one vote – make yours count!

Attention Lifeline And Monitor Users

If you are a Lifeline user or are monitoring an at-risk baby, please notify Tracey Parks, our plant records clerk, by dialing 611. In the event of an outage, persons with Lifeline or a monitoring system are given priority status in having their service restored so it is vital our subscribers keep us informed of such special circumstances. Our records will then accurately indicate the households where an outage might result in an emergency situation. New Lifeline and monitor users will be asked for certification from a physician.

We also request you inform us when a Lifeline or baby monitor is taken out of service so we can update our records.

Your assistance will help us to serve you better. Thank you!

In Brief

• **Effective with the July 1, 2007 billing**, the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) was reduced from 11.7% to 11.3%. The charge to a residence or single line business went from \$.76 to \$.73. The charge to a multi-line business went from \$1.08 to \$1.04.

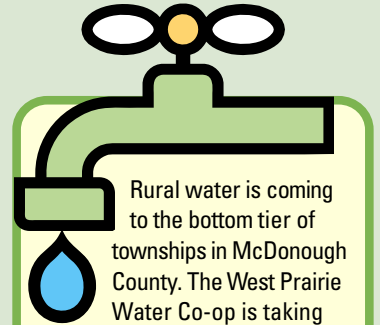
• **The directory cover photo contest** is in full swing. The deadline for entries is November 16, 2007. Three prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$100; 2nd - \$75; and 3rd - \$50. Entrants must be McDonough Telephone members or the children of members and reside within our service area. Call our office for more details.

• **Market Day** is one of the many fund raisers the West Prairie Middle School PTO uses to earn extra money needed to make learning fun. The website is www.marketday.com. The sale dates for the 2007-2008 school year are:

- September 4, 2007
- October 2, 2007
- October 10, 2007
- December 4, 2007
- January 15, 2008
- February 12, 2008
- March 11, 2008
- April 15, 2008
- May 13, 2008

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.



Rural water is coming to the bottom tier of townships in McDonough County. The West Prairie Water Co-op is taking applications for rural water. There will be more meetings to explain the process and to offer sign-ups. Ask your township supervisor or contact the Water Co-op at PO Box 243, Colchester IL 62326.

Directory Additions

Bennett, Lorie	456-3838
Corner Café & Pizza	776-5200
Creasy, Loni	776-4784
Cree, F.	325-7171
Hunter, Chance	325-7207
Lee, Ervin	456-3927
Lee, Levi	456-3765
Mathews, Tawny	776-3671
McIntyre, Sean & Megan	652-3315
Payne, Edward & Melissa	776-3673
Renner, Margaret	254-3721
Robbins, Jeff & Roberta	652-3598
Saxton, L.K.	776-3092
Schmalshof, Dan & Sara	653-2434
Smith, Debby	254-3611
Spinazola, Andrew	652-3385
Sprenger, Bryan & Camie	776-3785
Village Pub	254-3399
Willcock, Crystal	652-3348
Wyatt, Donald	449-3383

Lomax Office Schedule AUGUST 2007

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch 11:30 a.m.-Noon
August 15 - Bills Due • August 27 - Disconnect