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2010 FRS Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) College Scholarship Program is intended to offer young people from rural areas a better chance to receive a higher education. Rural Americans are more likely than any other group to cite financial difficulties as one of their major impediments to attending college. It is the goal of the foundation to help alleviate that obstacle.

Another objective of the foundation's College Scholarship Program is to encourage college graduates to return to rural areas after graduation. The scholarship selection committee will favor those indicating plans to return to their rural communities after graduation.

In May 2010, FRS will award thirty \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, \$2,000 directly from FRS and an additional \$500 from the student's sponsoring company. The scholarships are awarded to one student in each of the 10 regions of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA associate member. The remaining 19 awards will be distributed

proportionate to the number of applications received from each NTCA region.

Applicants must:

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

Application forms have been mailed to guidance counselors at all area high schools. They can also be downloaded from the FRS web site at www.frs.org. Completed applications must be post-marked to FRS by March 1, 2010. Prior to mailing to the FRS, the applications must be brought into our office to have the Sponsor Certification completed. PLEASE ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR US TO DO THE CERTIFICATION.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Proulx at 776-3211 or 888/640-4334.



Holiday Closings

The offices of McDonough Telephone will be closed at noon on Thursday, Dec. 24 and all day on Friday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 and all day Friday, Jan. 1 to celebrate the New Year.

Members should call 611 in the event of telephone, DSL or video service problems. If dialing from outside our service area or from a cell phone, dial 309-776-3214.

The directors and staff of McDonough Telephone wish you peace and joy at Christmas and always.

Channel Changes

REMINDER: Effective December 1, several changes will be made to the MTC-TV channel lineup. The four current ESPN channels will each move up a position and a new station, ESPNU, will be added. The station positions will be: 32 – ESPN; 33 – ESPN Classic; 34 – ESPN 2; 35 – ESPNNews; 36 – ESPNU.

Also on December 1, ABC-KHQA Quincy will be added in the channel 15 slot to the Basic Video lineups for McDonough, Fulton, Hancock and Schuyler counties.



Colchester: 309-776-3211 or 888-640-4334
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Holiday Gatherings

Throughout the month of November we've been collecting food to help restock the shelves at local food pantries. On Friday, December 4, we'll be holding an Open House in our Colchester business office. Enjoy homemade cookies, hot holiday cider and coffee and enter the drawing for three \$25 bill credits. In the spirit of the season, we encourage you to bring in canned goods or other non-perishable food items to help bring the MEG food drive to a successful close. We hope to see you here!



Pictured, left to right, are: Pam Downey, MDTC employee and president of the MEG fund board, Cathy Rigg of Samaritan Well and Jennifer Haines, MDTC employee.

MEG Donates to Samaritan Well

MEG, the McDonough Employee Goodwill fund, recently made a \$1000 donation to the Samaritan Well in support of its operations. Samaritan Services offers shelter and assistance to men, women and children who are homeless and wish to improve the quality of their lives.

MEG is supported by MDTC employee contributions which are matched 10 to 1 by funds from the co-op's unclaimed capital credit account.



December Special

20% OFF

ALL TELEPHONES AND ANSWERING MACHINES IN STOCK

Corded, Cordless, Big Button, Amplified & Dual Handset Phones

Coming to VOD for December

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
(500) Days of Summer	Comedy	PG-13	12/22/09
All About Steve	Comedy	PG-13	12/22/09
The Hangover	Comedy	R	12/22/09
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	Family	PG	12/15/09
Julie & Julia	Comedy	PG-13	12/08/09
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian	Comedy	PG	12/18/09
A Perfect Getaway	Horror	R	12/29/09
Star Trek (2009)	Adventure	PG-13	12/16/09
Taking Woodstock	Comedy	R	12/15/09
Terminator Salvation	Action	PG-13	12/01/09
Up	Children	G	12/10/09

Directory Updates

Listings for the 2010 McDonough Telephone directory will be sent to the publisher by mid-January 2010. If you want to make any changes to your listing, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Sales for yellow page advertising will continue in December. Advertising slots are available both in our regular book and in our online directory. Our publisher is Directory Publishing Solutions (DPS). Since several companies are out selling directory advertising at the same time, call our office if you have a question about whether a sales person represents us.

Directory Additions

Baker, Linden	776-4735
Down to Earth	776-4747
Foster, Ronald	449-3420
Gaither, Mark	776-3490
Green, Gary F.	254-3449
Hagan, Orval & Evelyn Farm	776-3814
Hunt Farm Dryer	652-3640
Hurst, Curtis	776-4354
Husband, Kylie	456-3708
Lemley, Christi	769-5289
Livingston, Shad & Michelle	769-5277
McCormick, Brandy	769-5224
McGrew, Blake	456-3425
Spencer, Rose	653-2390
Teel, J.	652-3267
Thompson, Karl	449-3703
Thompson, Staci	776-4370
Wheeler, Steve & Tressa	254-3260
Williams, Anthony	776-4576
Williams, Steve	776-4013

Lomax Office Schedule DECEMBER 2009

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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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. to noon
 Dec. 15 - Bills Due • Dec. 28 - Disconnect Day
 Closed at noon on 12/24 and at 4 p.m. on 12/31