



BUSY LINE

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Board President Jim Torrance (left) presents Steve Nelson and his daughter Stephanie with a 15" flat screen TV.

Customer Appreciation Party in Lomax

In May, we hitched up our grill and headed to Lomax for our second Customer Appreciation Party. The sun was out and the temperature was perfect ... although it was windy enough to blow away the tablecloths! The Wheel of Fortune made the trip, and everyone received a prize.

Since our last Customer Appreciation Party in October, we've made stops in Good Hope, Colchester, Industry and Raritan as well as Lomax. At all of these events, members were able to enter a drawing for a flat screen television. Steve Nelson of Good Hope was chosen as the winner.

6 Win \$25 Bill Credits

Earlier this year we were asking members to send in recipes for a cooperative cookbook. We planned to draw for one \$25 bill credit from the names of those who submitted recipes. We received so many great recipes from so many loyal members that we decided to give away six \$25 credits instead.

The winners are: Glen and Marjorie Foster, Colchester; Lois McFadden, Adair; Rita Rochelle, Good Hope; Laurel Blue, Colchester; Roberta Hanger, Raritan; and Linda Peak, Blandinsville.

The cookbooks will be distributed as gifts at this year's annual meeting on September 6. There are a lot of tasty recipes in this book. You won't want to miss it!

Lomax Hours Change

Effective July 1, 2007, the Lomax business office will be closed from 11:30 a.m.-noon for lunch. The office will continue to open on Mondays and Thursdays, on bill due dates and on disconnect days. Opening and closing times will also remain the same: open at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

We hope this change will not cause any inconvenience.

Closed For The 4th

The McDonough Telephone business office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. In the event of service problems, members should dial 611. Happy 4th of July!

Happy Anniversary!

People celebrate on many different occasions – birthdays, Christmas, Fourth of July. We thought we'd give our members yet another reason to celebrate.

Each month we'll be recognizing those members who are reaching a significant anniversary with the cooperative, based on years of continuous service. MDTC can only be as strong as the people who support it, and those folks who have been with us for 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years have demonstrated their confidence in the continued success of McDonough Telephone. This month's honorees:

40 Years:

- Larry Caspall, Adair
- David Whitman, Blandinsville

30 Years:

- George C. Hite, Industry
- Rachel Louderman, Colchester
- Howard Sutton, Lomax

20 Years:

- Marvin L. Gittings, Lomax
- Michael L. Johnson, Blandinsville
- Ronald Rutledge, Industry
- Dan Hamm, Adair
- Steve Woolam, Good Hope

We're Coming To YOU!

McDonough Telephone Lunchtime Exchange

Swan Creek Firehouse
Wed., July 18
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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

A Little Lomax History

Our Lomax branch has been open for over a year now. The office is located at 125 S. Aviston St. at the back of a very interesting brick building here in Lomax. The structure is now an apartment building, but that was not always the case. Our building was once the Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, built in 1913. Since then this building has housed many businesses including a ceramic store, a pizza shop and a church.

Bob and Deb Pflasterer purchased the building in 2000 and totally remodeled the apartments. While doing the re-

modeling, Bob tore out the bank vault that had remained in the basement since the bank had been located there. Then Bob used the bricks to add on a space to the back of the building which has housed a gift store and now is the MDTC branch office.



Grab Those Cameras!

Picture this – you take a great photo and then get to share it with thousands of people. Your photographic skills could receive this kind of recognition if your entry is selected as the winner of the 2008 McDonough Telephone Cooperative directory cover photo contest. The deadline for entries is November 16, 2007. Three prizes will be awarded: First Place - \$100 plus photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2008 directory; Second Place - \$75; and Third Place - \$50. Here's a rundown of the rules:

- Submit up to two photos - either prints and negatives or high-resolution digital files - of a scene in the McDonough Telephone directory coverage area or of

an area resident or family member.

- All entrants must be McDonough Telephone members, or the children of members and reside within our service area. The contest is limited to amateur photographers only and is not open to cooperative employees, directors or their immediate families.

- Both the photograph(s) and negative(s) will become the property of McDonough Telephone Cooperative.

- Send all entries to: Karen Proulx, PR/Marketing Coordinator; McDonough Telephone Cooperative; PO Box 359; Colchester, IL 62326. Include your name, address, phone number and background information about the photograph.

Allocation Ratio for 2006 Announced

Each year, according to its by-laws, the cooperative allocates all member revenue in excess of operating costs and expenses to the membership. The allocation figure is arrived at by dividing member operating margins by total payments received. For 2006, the allocation ratio is .677054. To determine each member's capital credit allocation, the dollar amount the member paid to McDonough Telephone for services in 2006 has been multiplied by the allocation ratio. Allocation notices were mailed in June. If you didn't receive your notice, contact our office. Please read the brochure accompanying your allocation notice for an explanation of the cooperative system of capital credits.

Directory Additions

Bean, Chuck	652-3727
Boehm, Peter	254-3588
Brooks, Robert & Diana	769-5213
Carlson, Glynnis	776-4898
Fritz Family Farm	325-7285
Gipe, Jessica	325-7186
Hamm, Perry F. Jr.	652-3428
Kemble, Trisha	776-4049
Kleinkopf, Doris	456-3640
Lee, Enos	774-4128
Scott, Todd & Lisa	456-3734
The Upper Deck	776-4275
2 Doors Down	652-3611

Lomax Office Schedule JULY 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	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed 11:30 a.m. - Noon

July 16 - Bills Due • July 25 - Disconnect
July 4th - Independence Day



Colchester's 2nd Annual Arts Festival

**SATURDAY, JULY 7
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

*Colchester Business District,
at the Tracks*

All artists are invited to participate
No Entry Fee – No Prizes

Live Music!

9-noon Defenestration
1-4 pm Wave

Food available at local businesses