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Meet the Candidates for Your Board of Directors

Four seats on the MDTC Board of Directors are subject to election this year. The following candidates were selected by the nominating committee to be placed on the ballot:



Jay D. Morrison
District 6, Colusa



Leroy Tappe
District 8, Swan Creek



Mitchell S. Welsh
District 9, Blandinsville



R. Stephen Hunt
District 10, Colchester

District 6, Colusa

The nominating committee has chosen Jay D. Morrison as candidate from District 6, the Colusa exchange. Morrison joined the board in April 2010 to fill the unexpired term of the late Donald Rings.

Morrison, 50, graduated from Nauvoo-Colusa High School and received his Bachelor of Business degree in Ag Business from Western Illinois University. He has worked for State Bank of Colusa and First State Bank of Illinois as vice-president and loan officer for 27 years. Morrison currently farms full-time and works at the Colusa branch of First State during the winter months. He also serves on the board of directors of the bank. In addition, Morrison is a director of Western Illinois Electrical Cooperative in Carthage and serves as a volunteer fireman for the Colusa Fire Department.

Morrison and his wife, Lisa, reside near Colusa. They have two children:

Rachel who is a junior at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, and Ryan who is a junior at Warsaw High School.

District 8, Swan Creek

Leroy Tappe is running for his first term on the board to fill the seat vacated by Jerry Payne who is retiring.

Tappe, 55, has been a grain/live-stock farmer in Pt. Pleasant Township since 1977. He attended Quincy High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business from Western Illinois University.

Tappe is a trustee of St. Patrick's Church in Raritan and the township supervisor for Pt. Pleasant Township. He has previously served on the boards of Farmer's Grain in Roseville and of Stockland FS.

District 9, Blandinsville

The nominating committee named

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COMING UP – The 2011 Annual Meeting

MDTC has reason to celebrate this year.

For 60 years we've been keeping people in west central Illinois connected, and we're ready to party!

Our 60th Annual Meeting and Celebrating 60 party will be held on Thursday, September 1, at The Crossing, 1600 West Jackson in Macomb. There will be hot dogs, cupcakes, music, an inflatable fun house, attendance gifts, door prizes, news from the cooperative and an all-around good time. Registration and the cookout begin at 5:00 p.m. Area favorites, the OnStage Band, will play from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All members who register in person before 7:00 p.m. receive a \$10 credit on their October phone bill. A prize drawing will be held with the grand prize being a 42" television. Kids can look forward to a prize drawing for a Nintendo Wii.

Join us for our Celebrating 60 party at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

MDTC ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATING 60 PARTY

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.**

Location: The Crossing
1600 West Jackson St., Macomb
Registration & food service
begin at 5:00 p.m. The OnStage
Band performs from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

*Our office will close
at 3:00 p.m. so we can
prepare for the meeting.*



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Mitchell S. Welsh as candidate for District 9, the Blandinsville exchange.

Welsh, 64, has just completed his ninth three-year term as director of McDonough Telephone Cooperative. He is a graduate of Northwestern High School and Western Illinois University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. Welsh farms in the Blandinsville and Sciota area.

Welsh is a member of the Christian Church of Sciota and currently serves as its treasurer, elder, and as a member of the board of directors.

Welsh and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of two sons: Steve, who is married to Tiffani, and Shannon, who is married to Renee. Steve and Tiffani have three children - Kenlee, Kendrick and Kenson. Shannon and Renee have a son, Carson, and two daughters, Brooklyn and Gracyn. Both Steve and Shannon are involved in the farming operation with Welsh.

District 10, Colchester

R. Stephen Hunt, representing the Colchester exchange, was chosen for reelection to the board of directors by the nominating committee.

Hunt was appointed to the cooperative board on June 30, 1977, to fill the unexpired term of J. Wayne Baumgardner. He has served the cooperative as a director for 34 years and in the capacity of treasurer for 28 years.

Hunt and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Tom and Ryan, and reside on the family farm in the Colchester area. Tom and his wife Karen have a son, Jared. Ryan and his wife Stacie have two sons, Ethan and Andrew. Hunt attended Colchester schools and following graduation attended Western Illinois University where he received a degree in Business Administration.

Today, Hunt, an enrolled agent with the IRS, is associated with March, McMillan, and DeJoode, P.C.



Saving Rural Broadband

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) could impact your access to broadband Internet service.

In the 1950s, the federal government created the Universal Service Fund (USF) to ensure that all Americans—including those in rural areas—have access to affordable communications services. Like many rural companies, McDonough Telephone has been the recipient of USF and invested millions of dollars to build advanced networks to meet the needs of customers. Without receiving federal support, this would have been impossible.

The FCC wants to do away with USF and other financing methods that support rural, high-cost telephone and broadband services. It wants to create something called the Connect America Fund which could seriously impact rural broadband service.

Rural consumers need to communicate to members of Congress and the White House the negative impact this could have. The current FCC proposal would penalize rural broadband providers such as our company, and put affordable, high-quality broadband service for rural areas in serious jeopardy.

Your contact with policy-makers will ensure that the FCC makes the right changes to USF so rural communities remain connected to the global world.

To support this effort, send a letter to your members of Congress and the White House by visiting www.saveruralbroadband.org. Click either "Send the Letter" button. Fill in your information, and click "Send the Letter" again. Thank you for your help.

Directory Additions

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| Chang, Eddy | 652-3570 |
| Grotts, Marsha | 456-3921 |
| Hite, William | 254-3546 |
| Raymond, Cliff | 776-4097 |
| Shannon, Amy | 769-5598 |

Business Office Closed for Labor Day

McDonough Telephone's business office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. In the event of service problems, members should call 611. If calling from outside of the McDonough Telephone service area or from a cellular phone, dial 1-309-776-3214 for service.

Coming to VOD for September

| Title | Genre | Rating | Start Date |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Red State | Thriller | R | 9/01/11 |
| Hanna | Adventure | PG-13 | 9/06/11 |
| Thor | Action | PG-13 | 9/13/11 |
| X-Men: First Class | Action | PG-13 | 9/16/11 |
| Bridesmaids | Comedy | R | 9/20/11 |

FREE SHOWTIME WEEKEND

September 9-11



Be sure to check out the coupon in your Annual Meeting Notice for a FREE Video on Demand Rental!

