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2008 Directory Goes Electronic

Most subscribers should have already received their 2008 McDonough Telephone Cooperative Regional Directory. Our office staff and our publisher, Directory Publishing Solutions, Inc., have worked hard to produce an accurate, useful and attractive book.

The 2008 directory boasts all of the great features found in the 2007 book: easy to read listings, colorful and informative preliminary pages, a handy reverse telephone number-to-name lookup and the blue-tabbed government section which contains all local, county, state and federal government listings in one spot. For your convenience, we've expanded the section of video troubleshooting hints and set top box diagrams in the preliminary pages.

If you've never used the reverse number look-up in our directory, be sure to check it out. It is the section tabbed in black. Every number contained in our directory is listed in numerical order followed by the name associated with the number.

Have an area number on your phone bill that you don't recognize? The reverse look-up can solve the mystery.

And what's the most exciting update to this year's directory? Our book is available in its entirety online at www.411mdtc.com.

You have to check this out. White page listings can be searched by clicking on the first letter of the last name and narrowing the search from there. The yellow pages offer more bang than ever to advertisers. Click on a message that says "See Our Display Ad," and

the ad opens up in a separate window. Click on any message that refers you to a different section of the yellow pages, and you're automatically taken to that spot. If a business lists a website in its ad, you just click and you're there! Some businesses also list their email addresses so you can easily write and get your questions answered.

We are always anxious to get your input about the directory. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact us.



Internet Safety for Kids Presentation

The Macomb Online Safety Team (M.O.S.T) and the Hancock/McDonough and Adams/Pike Regional Offices of Education will be hosting their 2nd annual Internet Safety Parental Event, April 1, 2008, 6:30-7:45 p.m., in the Macomb High School Gymnasium.

The event is titled "Grab the CyberBully by the Horn ... Keeping Kids Safe from Internet Bullies" and will focus on the growing problem of cyberbullying. Electronic bullying is a rapidly growing concern worldwide. Tina Meier, a nationally known presenter, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Tina's daughter, Megan, committed suicide in 2006 due to being bullied online. Tina will share her compelling and powerful story. Tina has been featured on CNN, Dr. Phil, The Today Show, Tyra Banks and other news venues.

Parents and community members in and around Macomb are encouraged to attend this informative evening, as it is crucial to educate the community regarding cyberbullying issues. Free babysitting services will be provided for children 2 to 7 years of age. OLDER children are encouraged to attend with parents (some information discussed may be of a sensitive nature). <http://most.macomb.com/modules/news/>



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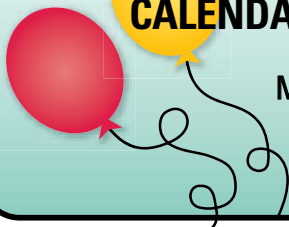
Customer Appreciation Party

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, June 6, 2008
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

MDTC Parking Lot & Warehouse in Colchester
Food! Prizes!

Enter to Win a Digital Camera!



Calling JULIE Has Never Been Easier

Spring is here, and you're anxious to launch all of those outdoor projects you've been planning over the winter. Whether you want to build an addition to your home, add a deck, plant a tree or surround your yard with a fence, the first item on your project plan should be to call JULIE.

Last April, JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators), also known as the "Illinois One-Call System," joined over 1,400 other interested agencies and organizations across the country to form the Common Ground Alliance. The members of the alliance are working together to produce strategies for damage prevention.

One of the results of this collaboration is the designation of a national 811 "Call Before You Dig" number. The 62 One-Call Centers across the country each have their own number for reporting a dig. By developing a single number – 811 – that can be used anywhere in the country, contractors

and homeowners will have an easy job of it when they need to place a call.

The stakes are high if you fail to place the call to JULIE, and a cable or gas line or water main is cut. In addition to the danger in which you place yourself and your neighbors, you will be fined and billed for the damage to utility property.

When you call JULIE, be prepared to provide the following information: name, address and a phone number at which you can be reached, a fax or a pager number; county and city or county and unincorporated township name where you will be digging; location at which the excavation will take place; section and quarter-section numbers from your plat of survey if available.

Locating services are free, but the price can be high if you don't call first to report a dig. It's safe, it's smart, it's simple – call JULIE at 811. More information is available at www.illinois1call.com.

Check Out These Websites

Rotten Tomatoes (www.rottentomatoes.com): Going to see a movie is not an inexpensive proposition – especially if you're a big popcorn fan like I am. When you go to the theatre, you'd like to know that the movie is worth the investment. This website gathers movie reviews from several different sources to give you a good sampling of opinions.

FlightStats (www.flightstats.com): Flight schedules can sometimes be unpredictable and, living as far away from airports as we do, a delayed flight can mean a lot of time hanging around the airport. The next time you have friends or family to pick up at the airport, check this site before you leave the house. FlightStats checks the status of flights from a number of different carriers.

TripIt (www.tripit.com): When you're planning a trip, you get swamped by email as the confirmation notices, itineraries and receipts flood in. Don't you wish there was someplace to send all of this stuff to be put in order? TripIt is just what you've been looking for. As those emails roll in, send them along to TripIt where all of your travel plans will be organized.

March Anniversaries

40 Years:

Wayne Calvert, Blandinsville
Richard R. Wilson, Sciota
Larry & Catherine Louderman, Colchester
Richard Lacy, Colchester

30 Years:

David Wilson, Blandinsville
Ronald Wetzel, Colchester
Randall Hamilton, Sciota

20 Years:

Todd & Susan Dixon, Plymouth
Rick Jones, Littleton
Harlan T. & Elizabeth R. Baker, Good Hope
Harold Carlock, Blandinsville
Mason's Mounts Taxidermy Service, Colchester
M.L. Byers, Swan Creek
Gerald C. Thrapp, Jr., Blandinsville

April Anniversaries

40 Years:

Donald L. Porter, Blandinsville
Kenneth Standard, Industry
Donald McSperritt, Adair

30 Years:

Rick Abernathy, Littleton
Marshall Brewbaker, Macomb
Danny F. Todd, Lomax
Lonnie Cavett, Macomb
West Prairie Presbyterian Church, Adair

20 Years:

Marilyn Jean Naylor, Blandinsville
Farr Property Services Inc., Adair
Timothy K. McDanel, Smithshire
Donna Frakes, Roseville

Directory Additions

Caldwell, Jon	254-3541
Craig, Kenith	776-3620
Delgado, Maria	449-3457
Dimmitt, Chris	456-3476
Eertmoed, Karen	776-5233
Hacker, Tim	776-5229
Klein, Shane	769-5551
Konkler, Dustin	776-3748
Lubash, Randall	456-3868
Paul, Nicole	776-5245
Pool, Don & Tiffany	652-3302
Raleigh, Loren	776-3864
Rowland, Vincent & Desiree	776-3839
Taylor, Natalie	456-3758
Todd, Tina	449-3770
Trotter, Lee	653-2526
Turnbull Supply	653-2505
Wall, Bob & Alice	652-3513
Western Grain Marketing	257-2222

Lomax Office Schedule APRIL 2008

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13	14	15	15	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. - noon
April 15 - Bills Due • April 25 - Disconnect Day