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MDTC Sends Four Students to Tour Washington, D.C.

Amelia Finch of Sciota, Chloe Li of Colchester, Brittany Pieper of Bushnell and Tim Stein of Colchester represented McDonough Telephone Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 13-20. 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 several of their elected officials in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and were among 66 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, the new Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Amelia Finch will be a senior at West Prairie High School. She plans to major in criminal justice. Chloe Li also attends West Prairie. She is going to pursue a career in medicine. The goal of Tim Stein, who is homeschooled, is to get an undergrad-

uate degree in mechanical engineering and a graduate degree in foreign affairs. Brittany Pieper is entering her senior year at Bushnell-Prairie City High and has plans to get a double major in agribusiness and accounting.



Tim Stein, Amelia Finch, Youth Tour Director John Freitag, Chloe Li and Brittany Pieper visited the U.S. Capitol on their tour of Washington.

Customer Appreciation Party a Hit!



In spite of the threat of rain and some major gusts of wind, the MDTC Customer Appreciation Party went off without a hitch. There was plenty of food, everyone won a prize and good conversation abounded. The lucky winner of the Kodak EasyShare digital camera was Leonard Jarrett of Colchester.

Keegan Eertmoed keeps a tight grip on grandpa Leonard Jarrett's new digital camera. Also pictured are Bill Buchanan, MDTC president, and Karen Proulx, PR/Marketing.

Nominating Committee Selects Candidates

The 2008 nominating committee met July 1 at the Red Ox in Macomb. Present at the meeting were: District 6, Colusa – Richard Douglas and Shane Van Fleet; District 8, Swan Creek – LeRoy Tappe and Harold Anderson; District 9 – Blandinsville – Travis Weaver and Reggie DeSpain; and District 10, Colchester – Miike Hoyt and Gene Parks. Also attending were legal counsel John McMillan and president Bill Buchanan.

The committee acted to select candidates for election to the McDonough Telephone Cooperative board of directors. Nominated were: District 6, Colusa – Donald Rings; District 8, Swan Creek – Gerald R. Payne; District 9, Blandinsville – Mitchell S. Welsh; and District 10, Colchester – R. Stephen Hunt. Directors are elected to three year terms.

The election will be held at the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held on September 4 at 7 p.m. at the Felleheimer 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!



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The Perfect Time for a Perfect Picture

Summer offers 101 different perfect photo opportunities. Blooming flowers, the kids playing baseball, a quiet afternoon fishing at Lake Argyle, a local celebration or a thriving corn field – any one of these sights might find its way on the cover on our 2009 directory. The deadline for entries to the directory cover photo contest is November 21, 2008. Three prizes will be awarded: 1st Place - \$100 plus photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2009 directory; 2nd Place - \$75; and 3rd Place - \$50. Here's a rundown of the rules:

- Submit up to two photographs (either prints or high-resolution digital files) of

a person, place or thing in the McDonough Telephone directory coverage area.

- All entrants must be MDTC 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.

- Photograph(s) and negative(s) become the property of MDTC.

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

Can You Help Us Find These People?

For the next several months we will be printing the names of former members whom we have been unable to locate for capital credit refunds. We are looking for forwarding addresses and new phone numbers, the names of immediate family members still living in the area, or the name, address, and phone number of an executor if the party is deceased. If you have any such information, please contact our business office.

Abdelal, Sam	Atwater, Arnold L.	Booth, Pamela S.
Acker, Dennis	Avery, Walter E.	Borrowman, Tim
Acklin, Joe	Bailey, Sandra J. & James E.	Bovard, Kent
Adair, Carol	Bainter, Sheri	Bowen, Marshall
Adams, Willis	Banser, Ruth	Breckenridge, Jamie
Adkisson, Chris & Nicole	Barnes, Angela	Brent, Michael G.
Alfred, Florence	Barnes, Susan	Bricker, N. Margaret
Allen, Aaron & Alisa	Barnes, William L.	Brinson, Harvey & Tracey
Allen, Murry N. & Mary Lou	Baucom, Greg	Brooks, Gary
Altgilbers, Cris	Beebe, William J.	Brown, James E.
Andersen, Rick	Benavente, Sid	Bucy, Debbie
Anderson, Dennis	Bennett, Vincent D.	Burgess, David W.
Anderson, James	Bently, David	Burnham, Pam & David
Archambo, Steve & Lenore	Booth, Michael & Julie	Butcher, Chris

In Brief

- **The 121st Farmers' Picnic** will be held in Blandinsville from August 21-24. There will be a carnival, daily entertainment and plenty of good food. The theme is Recognizing Area EMS Personnel.

- **The Federal Universal Service Charge** increased July 1 from 11.3% to 11.4%. Residential customers incurred an increase from \$.94/month to \$.95/month. Businesses experienced a monthly increase from \$1.04 to \$1.05.



We're Coming To YOU!
McDonough Telephone Morning Exchange
Tink's Café
 215 S. Main Street
 Blandinsville, IL
Wednesday, August 13 • 7-9 a.m.
FREE Breakfast from 7-8 a.m.
Come join us!

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.

Directory Additions

Apel, Eric & Leslie	254-3786
Bennett, Lorie	456-3838
Bruns, Harold	774-4271
Cassel, Samuel E.	776-3871
Clark, Jeff	776-4559
Cox, Ben & Ashley	776-3219
Downer, Christine	774-4258
Kost E.R.	776-4806
Lattan, David & Janice	653-2395
McMahon, John	652-3474
Nelson, Gayle	776-3554
Plate, Ryon	653-2608
Rogers, Mike	776-3895
Shafer, Tina	652-3415
Smith, Richard D. & Sara E.	652-3304
Taylor, Chad	776-3532
Waddell, Lonnie	456-3916
Western Illinois Iron & Metals	776-4811
Zimmerman, Matt	776-3381
Zimmerman, Michael	776-3381

Lomax Office Schedule AUGUST 2008

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