



BUSY LINE

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In front of the Capitol are Powers (left front row), Schock, Marvel, Simonson (left back row) and Hartweg.

MDTC Sends Students to Washington, D.C.

Carl Hartweg of Carthage, Danyelle Marvel of Littleton, Anna Powers of Macomb and Alan Simonson of Good Hope represented McDonough Telephone Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 12-19. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began 50 years ago to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives.

The students met with Congressman Aaron Schock and were among 65 rural

Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined 1,532 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the National Archives, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Nominating Committee Selects Candidates

The 2009 nominating committee met July 7 at the Red Ox in Macomb. Present at the meeting were: District 1, Adair/Bardolph – Karen Smith and Wanda Carson; District 2, Raritan/Smithshire – Jim Kane and Brad Arnold; and District 5, Lomax – Harold Ravenscraft and Robert Willdrick, Jr. 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 1 – Rose Marie Lynn; District 2 – Larry Thompson; and District 5 – Dennis Huffman. Directors are elected to three year terms.

The election will be held at the 2009 Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 3, at 7 p.m. at The Crossing, 1600 West Jackson Street, 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!

In Memory of Don Rings



We are saddened by the death of a long-time member of the McDonough Telephone family. Don Rings, 69, died on June 26, 2009 while farming.

Don served on the board of directors for 22 years, representing District 6, Colusa, and was a past board chairman. In addition to serving on the MDTC board, he was a Rock Creek Township trustee and a member of Colusa United Methodist Church where he was currently the chairman of the board.

Don and his wife Bev were married for 48 years and had two sons: Randall of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Russell of Nauvoo. Don also had three grandchildren.

Don was a staunch supporter of the co-op and the cooperative way. He always acted in the best interests of his exchange and the MDTC membership in general. Don Rings was a conscientious board member, a dedicated family man, an asset to his church and community and a good friend. He will be sorely missed.

We're Coming To YOU!

McDonough Telephone Morning Exchange

The Adair Cafe
309 W. Main Street
Adair, IL

Wednesday, August 12 • 7-9 a.m.

FREE Breakfast from 7-8 a.m.

Come join us!



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Americans' Spare Time is Spent Online

Recent reports from Media-Screen and the University of Southern California's Digital Future Project have revealed that Americans are spending more and more time online. In fact, we're now the biggest consumers of online information in the world—and we spend about half our spare time surfing the Web.

Time spent online is being boosted by broadband connections like those offered through MTC Communications. As of last year, 75% of all Internet users had a broadband connection at home—up from just 25% the previous year. These high-speed Internet users now spend more than an hour and a half online during each workday. About half of that time is spent on activities related to communication and entertainment.

If you'd like to make your online time even more convenient, call our office and ask about the five new high speed Internet

packages from MTC Communications. You'll enjoy an always-on connection plus the ability to make phone calls and surf the Web simultaneously.

What exactly are Americans doing online? Here's what we found:

- 80% of adult Internet users have searched for health topics online—making this one of the most popular activities
- 83% said they researched a product or service before buying it
- 80% of Internet users age 17 and older said the Web is a more important source of information than television, radio, or newspapers
- 71% surf the Web without a specific destination
- 60% search for news
- 35% play games
- 25% read humor-related content

Coming to VOD for August

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
I Love You, Man	Comedy	R	8/25/09
Race to Witch Mountain	Action-Adventure, Kids-Family	PG	8/19/09
17 Again	Comedy	PG-13	8/11/09
Unborn, The	Horror, Thriller	PG-13	8/5/09
Duplicity	Drama	PG-13	8/25/09
Last House on the Left, The	Horror	R	8/18/09
Soloist, The	Drama	PG-13	8/18/09
Delgo	Animation, Kids-Family	PG	8/4/09
Goodbye Solo (Widescreen)	Drama	R	8/25/09
Harvard Beats Yale 29-29	Documentary, Independent	NR	8/4/09
Golden Boys, The (Widescreen)	Comedy, Romance	PG	8/18/09
Naked Ambition: An R Rated Look at an X Rated Industry	Documentary, Independent	R	8/1/09
Beach Kings	Drama	PG-13	8/13/09
Cravings	Horror, Thriller	R	8/4/09
Empress and the Warriors, An	Action-Adventure, Martial Arts	R	8/21/09
Frayed	Horror, Thriller	R	8/25/09
Nature's Grave	Horror	R	8/4/09
Stargate: Children of the Gods (2009)	Science Fiction, Thriller	NR	8/20/09
True True Lie	Suspense-Thriller	R	8/28/09
Wedding Bros.	Comedy	R	8/18/09

In Brief

- The Federal Universal Service Charge increased on July 1 from 11.3% to 12.9%. Residential and single line business customers incurred an increase from \$.73/month to \$.84/month. Multi-line businesses experienced a monthly increase from \$1.04 to \$1.19 per line.



- The 122nd Farmers' Picnic will be held in Blandinsville from August 27-30. The theme is "Healthy Rerun" in recognition of the return of the Walk/Run event on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. There will be a Little Miss and Master Pageant on Thursday night, a parade on Saturday and a carnival daily. Entertainment includes Sequoia Drive and Poor Rich Man's Band. Plenty of good food will be available as usual.

Directory Additions

Balmer, Mike	769-5261
Burton, Glen	776-3181
Douglas, Brenda & G.W.	769-5574
Douglas, Shawn	769-5251
Dowd, Midge	652-3230
Hartley, Nita	449-3381
Hawkins, Kayla	776-3275
Hix, Deborah	774-4174
Hocker, Matt	776-3796
Monroe, Chad & Penny	652-3373
Shannon, Ora	769-5203
Shepler, Rose A.	254-3571
Smith, Karen E.	257-2257
Wever, Josh	449-3724

Lomax Office Schedule AUGUST 2009

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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
August 17 - Bills Due • August 25 - Disconnect Day