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## Deadline Nears for FRS Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) is currently seeking applications for its 2010 college scholarship program. Thirty scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded to rural high school seniors across the country.

McDonough Telephone partners with FRS in making the scholarship program available to high school students in our area, with the FRS awarding \$2,000 and McDonough Telephone adding another \$500 if one of our sponsored students is selected as a scholarship winner.

### To be sponsored by McDonough Telephone, a student must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Receive service from McDonough Telephone
- Be accepted at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school

- Have at least a C grade point average
- Express an interest in returning to a rural community to work
- Be sponsored by a supporter of the Foundation for Rural Service

Applications and guidelines have been mailed to guidance counselors at all area schools. They can also be downloaded from the FRS website at [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org). Please read the requirements carefully to see if you qualify. **Completed applications must be postmarked to the FRS office by March 1, 2010.** Prior to mailing to the FRS the applications must be brought in to our office to be signed by president Bill Buchanan. PLEASE ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR US TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Proulx at 776-3211 or 1-888-640-4334.

## MEG Food Drive a Big Success

Through the combined efforts of MDTC's employees and customers, a truckful—plus a trunkful—of food was donated to the Colchester First Christian Church's food pantry. Throughout November, hundreds of non-perishable food items were delivered to our Colchester and Lomax offices as well as to collection spots at Infobahn Outfitters in Macomb, Industry State Bank, Colusa State Bank and Main Street Salon in Blandinsville. In addition to the groceries, a \$750 cash donation was made to the food pantry from the MEG (McDonough Employee Goodwill) fund.

To cap off the food drive, an open house was held at our Colchester office featuring homemade cookies and other treats and hot cider. Many of the sub-

scribers who stopped by brought items for the food drive. A drawing was held for three \$25 bill credits. Winners were Debbie Coutre, Judith Martin and Jack Nelson, all of Colchester.

The food pantry was very grateful for all of the donations. We want to thank the community for its support and compassion.



MDTC employees Pam Downey and Les Fowler help unload some of the bounty from the MEG Food Drive at the Colchester First Christian Church.

## We're Coming To YOU!

**McDonough Telephone Morning Exchange**

### Tink's Café

215 S. Main  
Blandinsville, IL

Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 7-8:30 a.m.

FREE Breakfast

We hope you'll join us!

## FUSC Increase

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) increased from 12.3% to 14.1 % effective with the January 1, 2010 billing. The FUSC for residential and single line business customers increased from \$.80 to \$.92. For multiline businesses the charge increased from \$1.13 to \$1.30.

## 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.



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

## Keeping Healthy

What could that pain in my stomach be? Is the swine flu virus under control in Illinois? Why did the doctor give me these pills? These kinds of medical questions often keep us awake at night. The Internet has many sites that address issues just like these. Keep in mind—reading an article on a medical website does not make you a doctor. These sites are useful for guidance and information, but you should always consult your physician if a problem is chronic.

**www.mayoclinic.com** – The Mayo Clinic website offers advice from over 3,300 health professionals. One valuable function on the site is a Symptom Checker. Click “Symptoms” in the left column of the Mayo homepage. A section titled “Symptom Checker” opens in the center of the page. Click on “Start Symptom Checker.” If you’re suffering some particular discomfort, you select the symptoms you’re experiencing and receive suggestions as to what might be ailing you.

**www.pdrhealth.com** – For years the Physicians’ Desk Reference has been the desktop bible for doctors prescribing medication for their patients. This site gives you a place to go for any information



you might want about a prescription medicine. It also offers insight into over the counter meds, herbals and supplements.

**www.health.gov** – This is a portal to the websites of a number of health initiatives and activities of various Federal departments and agencies.

**www.cdc.gov** – The Center for Disease Control will keep you updated on the status of swine flu or any other pending health threat. You can also find advice for healthy living.

## Coming to VOD for February

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
Bruno: Special Edition	Comedy	R	2/1/10
Amelia	Drama	PG	2/2/10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Adventure	PG	2/2/10
Love Happens	Drama	PG-13	2/2/10
Tyler Perry’s I Can Do Bad All By Myself	Drama	PG-13	2/2/10
Saw VI	Horror	Unrated	2/9/10
The Stepfather	Horror	PG-13	2/9/10
The Time Traveler’s Wife	Drama	PG-13	2/9/10
The Box	Thriller	PG-13	2/16/10
Pandorum	Science Fiction	R	2/17/10
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire’s Assistant	Science Fiction	PG-13	2/23/10
The Informant	Comedy	R	2/23/10
Sorority Row	Horror	R	2/23/10

## Employees Recognized for Service

One McDonough Telephone Board member and one employee achieved significant anniversaries in 2009.

Mitchell Welsh, director from District 9-Blandinsville, has served on the co-op board for 25 years. Area technician David Shields received recognition for 35 years of service.

Mitchell and David are to be commended for their loyalty and commitment to a job well done.

## Directory Additions

- Lehnhausen, Jack & Brenda 769-5461
- Meyer, Ken 254-3693
- Pershing, Mike 776-3499
- Pflasterer, Tom 449-3346
- Pinney, Steven 774-4215
- Schertz Snow & Lawn 653-2601
- Schrock, Mark 776-4839
- Slup’s Bar & Grill 652-3822
- Teegan, Victoria 652-3878

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### Lomax Office Schedule FEBRUARY 2010

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
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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  
Feb. 15 - Bills Due • Feb. 25 - Disconnect Day