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MEG Spreads More Goodwill

MEG – McDonough Employee Goodwill fund – was organized in January to support area agencies that serve those in need. Our board of directors took action to have employee donations be matched \$10 to \$1 by funds in the unclaimed capital credit account. In January, we donated a total of \$11,000.

Two other worthwhile organizations were recently brought to our attention.

The ANGEL (Achieving New Goals through Equestrian Learning) Program is a new undertaking of the McDonough County Special Recreation Association (MCSRA). Riding and interacting with horses in a structured environment acts as a form of therapy for the physically and emotionally disabled. The program is held at Walt Dorethy's Diamond D Deluxe Boarding and Performance Facility south of Colchester under the supervision of Julie Cagle. Sessions are six weeks long.

This activity – which relies heavily on volunteers and donations – had a lot of start-up costs. Saddles, reins, helmets, brushes, veterinary supplies and equipment to enable special needs riders to mount and dismount were all needed. In addition to the start-up costs, MCSRA maintains a scholarship fund to help pay tuition for those who couldn't otherwise afford it.



A check for \$1500 is presented to ANGEL Program supervisor Julie Cagle. Pictured (l to r) are Karen Proulx, Pam Downey, Julie Cagle and Marsha Livingstone.

MEG presented Julie with a check for \$1500 to help defray the ANGEL program's expenses. MCSRA can be reached at the Macomb Park District office, 309-833-4562.

Sometimes we all need a little help, and **The HELP (Humanitarian Efforts for Local People) Center**, 220 E. Adams in Rushville, has been the place to which many have turned with their needs. The coordinator of the program is Sue Woodside.

The program was organized nearly 30 years ago to circulate children's clothing among needy families. Now, in addition to recycled clothing, the center has books, dishware, bedding, drapes, toys and other household items available. HELP has a food pantry and makes up special holiday food baskets for the elderly. Scholarships are offered for college and trade school, and assistance is available to purchase text books.

Working with the sheriff's department HELP hopes to raise funds to purchase tracking devices for Alzheimer's patients and autistic children.

MEG was pleased to hand Sue a check for \$2000 to help the organization in its many worthwhile endeavors. The HELP Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.



Sue Woodside (second from right) receives a MEG donation of \$2000 from Karen Proulx, Pam Downey and Michelle Torrance for The HELP Center.



Lutz Is New IT Man

David Lutz of Sciota joined the MDTC staff on April 23 as the new Information Technology (IT) Technician. His duties include maintaining network security, setting up servers for file sharing, internal network support and repairs and troubleshooting IP based services.

David graduated from Northwestern High School in 2003. He took courses at Spoon River College and received a networking certificate with an emphasis on Cisco systems and networking security. In 2005 David was hired by the West Prairie School District as its computer technician.

David enjoys various recreational activities. He's an amateur photographer specializing in action photography. He likes cars and enters his Mustang in car shows. He DJs occasionally and helps the school district with their theatrical performances.

"I'm going to miss all of the people at West Prairie," said David, "but I'm certainly looking forward to the opportunity of working at McDonough Telephone."



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Date for 2007 Annual Meeting Set

The McDonough Telephone Cooperative 2007 annual meeting of the membership will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, at the Fellheimer Auditorium, Macomb Junior/Senior High School, South Johnson Street, Macomb.

The auditorium is accessible to anyone with disabilities. If you have a concern or a special need, please contact the manager at least three weeks before the meeting so accommodations can be made.

We've streamlined the business portion of the meeting to allow time for refreshments and socializing afterwards. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there.

Nominating Committee Chosen

Members have been appointed by the board of directors to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting to be held September 6. The members have been named in

accordance with the cooperative bylaws, Article III, Section 5, Nominations.

Appointed to the 2007 Nominating Committee are the following members: District 3, Industry – John Patrick and Steve Onion; District 4, Littleton – George V. Runkle and Robert Lantz; District 7, Good Hope – Elizabeth Burton and Kay Morrow; District 10, Colchester – Bob Bunnell and Matt Reynolds.

The Nominating Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., June 28, 2007, to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on September 6. The committee's selection of candidates will be published in the August newsletter.

Directors whose terms expire in 2007 are: District 3, Industry – Roger Barclay; District 4, Littleton – Lyle Vail; District 7, Good Hope – Jim Torrance; and District 10, Colchester – Lanny Carson.

Lomax Hosts Ducks Unlimited Banquet

The Lomax Ducks Unlimited 9th Annual Banquet was held Monday, April 2, at The Pink in Lomax. Doors opened at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a live auction starting at 7:00 p.m.

Harold Ravenscraft, Chairman of the Lomax Ducks Unlimited (DU) Chapter, Zone Chairman and State Committee representative, along with his wife Maude, Co-Chairperson, welcomed over 250 people to the event this year. Those attending enjoyed many raffles for items, including 21 guns and hunting accessories, and a ladies raffle of home décor and jewelry.

Regional Director, Brett Brown, from Princeton, Illinois, opened the auction

by thanking the Lomax DU committee for all the hard work required to put on such a successful event. Sullivan Auctioneers, the Lomax DU Chapter's auctioneers, were presented a framed print for their many years of dedication to the Lomax chapter and to DU.

The auction included framed art, sculptures, flatware, lighting, furniture and, of course, hunting accessories.

The banquet was a great success with good food, a successful auction, and plenty of camaraderie.

All monies raised go to Ducks Unlimited to preserve our nation's waterfowl and wetlands.



We're Coming To YOU!

McDonough Telephone Morning Exchange

Country Corner Café

212 W. Campbell St. • Tennessee
Thursday, June 21st • 7 to 9 a.m.
FREE Breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m.

We hope you'll join us!

Directory Additions

Aldis, Charles	652-3286
Cagle, Kelly & Robert	769-5568
Gagne, Joshua & Michelle	776-3637
Herrick, April	776-4178
Lefler, Lloyd E. (Gene)	776-4738
Lotz, Dan & Cindy	254-3701
Lumino, Joseph	755-4291
McAninch Corp.	776-4774
McCarty, Nicholas	653-2605
Moore, Tim	456-3803
Orris, Jason	776-3551
Patterson, Daniel	776-3452
Phelps, Noel	652-3404
Rotizza, D.	254-3236
Sangamo Construction Co.	776-3531
Schwering, Michael	755-4376
Silva, Kenda	776-3114
Stice, Kimberly	776-3520
Tome, Jessica	456-3928
Toney, Jeremy & Rachel	776-4014
Ussery, E.M.	776-5208

Lomax Office Schedule JUNE 2007

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
June 15 - Bills Due • June 25 - Disconnect