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Shawnee Perrine, Brittany Pieper, Tim Stein, Chloe Li, and Amelia Finch

## Four Students Headed to Washington, DC

Senator John Sullivan and Representative Rich Myers met with 15 students representing McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MDTC) during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 9, in Springfield. Students had an opportunity to view state government in action and tour the State Capitol, Illinois Supreme Court, Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

The students representing McDonough Telephone were: Sarah Miller of Rushville; Katie Hogan of Niota; Brittany Pieper of Bushnell; Justin Allaman of Oquawka; Kira Jacobs of Nauvoo; Chloe Li of Colchester; Jessica Boyle of LaHarpe; Amelia Finch of Sciota; Shawnee Perrine of Roseville; Tim Stein of Colchester; Joseph Deveraux of Macomb; Jake Mahr of Colchester; Kristopher Kurdi of Monmouth; Ben Hawk of Stronghurst and Nathaniel Marshall of Bushnell. Les Fowler, MDTC data processing supervisor, served as chaperone.

Following the trip to Springfield, the winners of the June 13-20 Youth to Washington Tour were selected. A panel of judges interviewed the finalists and selected Chloe Li, Brittany Pieper, Shawnee Perrine and Tim Stein to represent McDonough Tele-

phone Cooperative at the 2008 Youth Tour. Perrine later determined that she would be unable to make the trip. As a result, Amelia Finch, who was the designated alternate, will accompany the other students to Washington.

Chloe Li is the daughter of Virginia Byland of Colchester and attends West Prairie High School. Chloe has participated in many activities both at school and in the community during her high school years: class president, scholastic bowl member, student council representative, cheerleader, drama club, Project Linus, vacation bible school instructor and library volunteer. She has won the HOBY award, been on the high honor roll for seven years and was a delegate to the Illinois Association of Student Councils. She plans to follow a career in medicine.

Brittany Pieper, daughter of Tom and Rose Pieper, attends Bushnell-Prairie City High School. Brittany has been in FFA throughout high school and served as vice-president. She was also active in softball, volleyball, scholastic bowl and Interact Club. Outside of school, she volunteered at the Bushnell Horse Show, at the community Halloween party and at Cornerstone and participated in the St. Jude Run for six years. Brittany is in the National

## Community Events

### June 6

- MDTC Customer Appreciation Party

### June 6, 7, 8

- Good Hope Sodbuster Days  
Good Hope City Park

### June 13, 14

- Colchester All-Town Yard Sale

### June 13, 14, 15

- Industry Pinhook Celebration

## May Anniversaries

### 40 Years:

William R & Debbie Smith,  
Blandinsville  
Summerwind Corp, Sciota

### 30 Years:

Steven Ruebush, Blandinsville  
Scott Pollock, Blandinsville  
Kathryn Ballard, Blandinsville  
Patrick L Sullivan, Colchester  
Jan Pendell, Plymouth

### 20 Years:

Eileen M Logan, Lomax  
Robert P Randolph, MD, Macomb  
Charles & Evelyn Neidy, Colchester  
Carol J & Robert Sargeant,  
Blandinsville

## June Anniversaries

### 40 Years:

George M Salrin, Colusa  
B G Miller, Adair

### 30 Years:

Jon Schaefer, Lomax  
Richard D & Judy Martin, Macomb  
Dwayne Magee, Raritan  
David Ruebush, Blandinsville  
Mary Margaret Day, Blandinsville

### 20 Years:

Jean Pygott, Colchester  
Karen Jack, Smithshire  
Tom & Denise Vogel, Blandinsville



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## Washington, DC (Continued)

Honor Society and in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Amelia Finch, daughter of Owen and Kelly Finch, attends West Prairie High School. She has been active in Girl Scouts, Student Council and softball. Amelia has been a Kids Count Scholar of the Week as well as the Student of the Month. Her future plans include majoring in criminal justice at a four-year university.

Tim Stein, son of Barbara and John

Stein, is homeschooled. He is consistently on the honor roll and was a division winner in the American Legion Americanism essay contest in both 2006 and 2007. He is a cadet with the Macomb Fire Explorers and volunteers at his church where he assists in putting together care packages to send to soldiers in Iraq. Tim's goal is to obtain an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and a graduate degree in foreign affairs.

## Date for 2008 Annual Meeting Set

The McDonough Telephone Cooperative 2008 annual meeting of the membership will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 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 2008 Annual Membership Meeting to be held September 4. The members have been named in accordance with the cooperative bylaws, Article III, Section 5, Nominations.

Appointed to the 2008 Nominating Committee are the following members: 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 – Mike Hoyt and Gene Parks.

The Nominating Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., July 1, 2008, to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on September 4. The committee's selection of candidates will be published in the August newsletter.

Directors whose terms expire in 2008 are: 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.

## VOD Now Available!

Video on Demand (VOD) is now available to MTC-TV subscribers who live in town and receive their service from the central office in their exchange. At this time the service is not available to subscribers who live in the country and receive their connection through a node site.

Over 125 movies in a variety of genres are in the VOD library with new releases being added constantly. Movies cost from \$2.99 to \$4.99 for a minimum rental period of 24 hours.

Movies cannot be rented without a PIN which gives parents full control of the movies rented in their homes. Another control is setting the MPAA ratings (MPAA ratings control movie content and VCHIP ratings control regular television content). Press MENU on your remote. Select Account Info/System Settings, and then Parental Controls. Enter your PIN, choose "MPAA ratings" and then enter your preference for the default rating setting: G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17 OR NR. Press exit and the rating setting goes to its new default. To override the default rating, enter your PIN on the override screen to temporarily lift the rating controls.

## Directory Additions

Alexander, Lorie	652-3864
Beiner, Tim & Chlora	774-4283
Brooks Miller, Anna	456-3529
Brown, Susan & Kevin	776-3141
Cookie's Café	776-3700
Dorethy, Melissa K.	776-3607
Keithley, Randy J.	456-3911
Kern, Cheryl	449-3424
Neubauer, Timothy	652-3364
O'Neal, Ray	746-6220
Taft, Matt	652-3199
Wilson, Jack	776-3342

## Lomax Office Schedule JUNE 2008

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	28
29	30					

Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon  
June 16 - Bills Due • June 25 - Disconnect Day



WE WANT YOU!

## Customer Appreciation Party

Friday, June 6, 2008  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Colchester City Park on Rt. 136

We'll be serving up lunch & giving away prizes!  
Equipment Display, Demonstrations