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Front row: Senator Sullivan, Julie Ann Canter, Rushville; Chelsea Hadsall, Macomb; Justine Dillard, Stronghurst; Taylor Stevenson, Dallas City; Kelly Johnson, LaHarpe; and Representative Myers. Center row: Danyelle Marvel, Littleton; Anna Powers, Macomb; Cassie Yager, Dallas City; Bahader Singh, Bushnell; and Emiliano Vera, Bushnell. Back row: Cody Crouse, Monmouth; Carl Hartweg, Carthage; Wade O'Neal, Stronghurst; Alan Simonson, Good Hope; and chaperone Les Fowler, MDTC.

## Four Students Headed to Washington, DC

Senator John Sullivan and Representative Rich Myers met with 14 students representing McDonough Telephone Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 1, 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.

Following the trip to Springfield, the winners of the June 12-19 Youth to Washington Tour were chosen. A panel of judges selected Carl Hartweg, Cassie Yager, Danyelle Marvel and Alan Simonson to represent MDTC at the Youth Tour. Anna Powers and Justine Dillard were designated as alternates. Yager later determined she would be unable to participate in the trip, and Powers stepped in to take her place.

Hartweg, a student at Illini West is the son of John and Linda Hartweg. Carl participates in band, theatre, FFA, football, basketball and track and is a member of

the National Honor Society. He plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Powers, daughter of Donald and Kathy Powers, is a student at Macomb High School and is in color guard, Interact, math team, Scholastic Bowl and band. She has been on the honor roll for five years. Anna plans to attend WIU.

Marvel is the daughter of Roger and Melody Marvel. She attends Rushville/Industry High School and is a member of the French Club, golf team and band. Danyelle plans to continue her education at Spoon River College.

Simonson, a student at West Prairie High School, is the son of Alan and Linda Simonson. Alan has been involved in Scholastic Bowl, Science Club, Drama Club and track team. After high school, Alan hopes to attend a military academy and then serve in the military.

Yager attends Warsaw High School and is the daughter of Dick and Carla Yager. Dillard attends West Central High School and is the daughter of Scott and Joni Dillard.

## New Location for 2009 Annual Meeting

The McDonough Telephone Cooperative 2009 annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, at The Crossing, 1600 West Jackson Street, Macomb.

Please note that we have changed locations. If you have a concern or a special need, contact our office prior to the meeting so accommodations can be made.

In addition to the business portion of the meeting, there will be prize drawings, entertainment and refreshments. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there.

## Nominating Committee Chosen

In accordance with the cooperative bylaws, Article III, Section 5, Nominations, members have been appointed by the board of directors to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Appointed to the Nominating Committee are: 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.

The Nominating Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., July 7, 2009, to nominate candidates for election to the board. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on September 3. The committee's selection of candidates will be published in the August newsletter.

Directors whose terms expire in 2009 are: District 1, Adair/Bardolph – Rose Marie Lynn; District 2, Smithshire/Raritan – Larry Thompson; and District 5, Lomax – Dennis Huffman.

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# The Perils of Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

Peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing is a popular way for Internet users to exchange music, movies, photos or documents. If you are sharing materials online using P2P applications you may be putting yourself at risk for computer viruses, stolen personal data or broken copyright laws.

P2P networks allow you to share files by connecting to computers running the same file-sharing software. Because the software is convenient and free, it is easy to forget there are risks involved in opening up your computer to millions of unknown users. Unless you take some precautions, when you are connected with a file sharing program you might well reap some of these consequences:

### Lost personal data

When you use a P2P application you are giving others access to your hard drive. If you have personal information such as your Social Security number, birth date, address or checking account number

stored on your computer, you are setting yourself up for identity theft or a drained bank account.

### Spyware

Hackers and other cyber crooks hope you'll use P2P applications so they can install spyware and adware onto your computer when you download files from the Internet. Once installed, spyware monitors your online activity and even records your key strokes, making your account numbers and passwords all too easy to decipher.

### Viruses

Like spyware, viruses are commonly spread through P2P applications. Downloading a file can infect your computer with a virus resulting in deleted files or a crashed, inoperable computer.

### Unwanted exposure to objectionable or illegal material

You don't always get what you bargain for when downloading files. Instead of

vacation pictures, you may actually be downloading hate propaganda or even child pornography. Sometimes, this type of download can result in serious legal action even if you weren't aware of the content at the time you downloaded the file. Think before exposing yourself to images and content that is offensive and unlawful.

### Wasted bandwidth

Because P2P networks are so frequently used for illegal file sharing, copyright holders seed the network with junk files. Downloading these files consumes your bandwidth.

### Diminished performance of your computer and the university network

Constant use of P2P applications and file transfers, spyware and adware can all affect the performance of your computer.

*Source: United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and the On-Guard Online Web site.*

## Coming to VOD for June

Title	Genre	Studio	Start Date
Gran Torino	Drama	Warner Home Video	6/9
Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The	Drama	Paramount	6/3
He's Just Not That Into You	Comedy, Romance	New Line	6/2
Valkyrie	Action-Adventure, Drama, Suspense-Thriller	MGM Home Ent.	6/18
Role Models (Unrated Special Edition)	Comedy	Universal	6/1
Friday the 13th (2009)	Horror	New Line	6/16
My Bloody Valentine	Horror	Lions Gate	6/16
Inkheart	Kids-Family, Science Fantasy	New Line	6/23
New in Town	Comedy, Romance	Lions Gate	6/9
Fanboys	Comedy	Warner Home Video	6/18
Garfield's Pet Force	Animation, Comedy	Twentieth Century Fox	6/16
Labou	Action-Adventure, Family	MGM Home Ent.	6/18
Silent Venom	Action-Adventure, Horror, Thriller	Twentieth Century Fox	6/2
Tommy and the Cool Mule	Comedy, Kids-Family	Universal	6/16
Simon Says (Widescreen)	Horror, Thriller	Lions Gate	6/23

## Directory Additions

Angell, Jim & Joyce	776-4816
Augugliaro, Teri	776-4239
Bowman, W.J. & Carolyn	456-3676
E.F. Express	449-3757
Hartney, Gary	449-3873
King, Jeff & Tracy	769-5443
McEntire, Ken & Connie	652-3719
Moyers, C.	254-3513
Prendergast, Jason	456-3831
Smith, Corrie	776-3645
Sullivan, Ryan	776-4539
The Upper Deck	776-4275
Western Grain Marketing-Adair	653-2650

## Lomax Office Schedule JUNE 2009

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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 15 - Bills Due • June 25 - Disconnect Day