



BUSY LINE

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Youth Tour Winners (l to r) Bradley Buss, Christina Bostrom and Tyler Osborne with Youth Day chaperone Les Fowler, MDTC data processing supervisor.

Buss, Bostrom, Osborne Win Trip To Washington, DC

Fourteen students representing McDonough Telephone met with area legislators during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day on Wednesday, March 28, in Springfield. Students had an opportunity to view state government in action, meet with Secretary of State Jesse White and tour the State Capitol, Old State Capital and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Senator John Sullivan and Representative Rich Myers also met with the students.

The students representing McDonough Telephone were: Christina Bostrom of Dallas City, Kimberly Litchfield of Nauvoo, Alyssa Swanson of LaHarpe, Bradley Buss of Media, Brian Dimmitt of Blandinsville, Zac Doscher of Colchester, Tyler Osborne of Bushnell, Mackenzie Ourth of Carthage, Chianne Hartman of Oquawka, Alyssa Almaguer of Monmouth, Abigail Edwards of Monmouth, Mary Hinman of Macomb, Alexis Fulkerson of Macomb and Logan Woods of Industry.

Following the trip to Springfield, the winners of the June 8-15 Youth to Washington Tour were to be selected. A panel of judges interviewed the finalists and selected Tyler Osborne, Bradley Buss and Christina Bostrom as the winners. Abigail

Edwards was designated as alternate. The students are all active in their schools and in their communities.

Tyler Osborne is the son of Tim and Becky Osborne of Bushnell. He attends Bushnell-Prairie City High School where he is Greenhand President of FFA and has played in the school band for seven years. He is an All-American Scholar and appears in the Who's Who of American High School Students. He has spent seven years in the Boy Scouts and is working toward Eagle Scout.

Bradley Buss is a junior at West-Central High School. His parents are Dale and Donna Buss of Media. He has been active in the Boy Scouts for 10 years and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Bradley has lettered in football, track and basketball. He is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend West Point after high school.

Christina Bostrom lives in Dallas City and attends Nauvoo-Colusa High School. Her parents are Brad and Jan Bostrom. Her interests at school include FFA, FBLA, prom committee, National Honor Society, volleyball and softball. She has been a member of Girl Scouts and attended the Hancock County Youth Leadership Academy.

Memorial Day Dedication

The Colchester Veterans Memorial Committee will dedicate the newly constructed Veterans Memorial and Park on Saturday, May 26. Activities are planned from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day with the ceremony scheduled at 1 p.m. The park is located at the corner of East Market and South Fulton in Colchester.

The National Guard Bravo Battery from Macomb will display its vehicles. The Army is sending an H3 Humvee with an Xbox system set up in back. The Colchester Fire Department will have the fire trucks set out for the kids to play on. The dedication ceremony will include speeches by local dignitaries and a rousing performance by a 30-piece military band. After the ceremony, the Lions Club will serve lunch at the Lions Den.

These Memorial Day activities will launch a host of events planned to mark Colchester's Sesquicentennial. The Sesquicentennial celebration will continue throughout the summer and into the fall.

We Remember

The McDonough Telephone office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. To report a service problem, dial 611. If you're calling from outside our service area or from a cellular phone, dial 309-776-3214.



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

In Brief

- The Federal Universal Service Charge increased from 9.7% to 11.7% effective with your April billing. A single line home or business will see an increase in the FUSF from 63¢ to 76¢. The charge will increase from 89¢ to \$1.08 for multiline businesses. The FCC and Congress recognize that telephone service provides a vital link to emergency services, government services, and surrounding communities. The Universal Service Fund is the source of funding for programs that help low income families get and retain phone service.
- The Illinois Telecommunications

Access Corporation (ITAC) has petitioned the Illinois Commerce Commission to lower the Deaf Surcharge from 8¢ to 6¢. The decrease will become effective June 1, 2007.

- On Tuesdays, we come early and stay late! Our Colchester business office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Call or stop in and we can handle any telephone, video or DSL business you wish to transact. While we can take payments for WINS during the extended hours, new services and reconnects won't be processed until the following day.

MDTC Member Applauds Co-ops

Nealy Wallick, an MDTC member from Colchester, recently sent a letter to the editor of The Macomb Journal in which he points up the benefits of belonging to a cooperative. With Mr. Wallick's permission, we're reprinting the letter here.

Co-op Utilities Give Users Better Deal

To the Editor,

I believe we will find that the utility companies will go from being almost bankrupt to new heights in profitability. This will help pay for the excessive salaries of CEOs and guarantee a good return for shareholders.

I live in Colchester and have McDonough Telephone Cooperative as my phone provider. Since it is a co-op, I have been receiving a capital credits check in the fall of each year.

This represents the excess they charged and was not needed for expenses, or in other words, it was their profit. I have received a check for \$280 for each of the last two years.

I think a co-op type of utility cuts down on excessive overhead and would give people a better deal. Each user would receive a percentage of excess profits, if any, depending on the amount they spent for services.

Nealy Wallick, Colchester

We're on the Move!



Visiting with the morning crowd at the Main Street Café in Industry.



Pam Downey discusses the MTC-TV channel line-up with Debbie and Rex Goodpasture at the Home and Lifestyle Show in Macomb.

Directory Additions

Beckner, Alex	776-3746
Clay, Charlene	449-3821
Dew's II	325-7272
Fowler, Barb	254-3664
Fox, Arthur & Joyce	254-3712
Guarin, Jay	776-3849
Morgan, Bryan	257-2378
Rhea, Arlo	652-3753
Stevenson, Andy & Scarlett	746-6102
Timmerman, M.S.	449-3785
Troutman, Leon	774-4126
Willetts, Brad	449-3345

Lomax Office Schedule MAY 2007

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*Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 15 - Bills Due • May 25 - Disconnect
May 24 - Customer Appreciation Party*

We Appreciate YOU & We Want To Show It!



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PARTY!

Date: Thursday, May 24

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Place: Village of Lomax Park

Food

Prizes

**Join us for free hot dogs and hamburgers!
Enter the drawing for a portable flat screen TV!**