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Photo Contest Deadline Just Ahead

So you're a procrastinator. You keep meaning to submit a photo for the 2009 McDonough Telephone Directory Cover Contest but you just haven't gotten around to it. Well, time is just about up.

The deadline for the MDTC 2010 Directory Cover contest is November 20. Prizes are: 1st - \$100; 2nd - \$75; and 3rd - \$50. The winning photo will be used on the cover of the 2010 Directory. Here's what you need to do:

1. Submit up to two photos (either prints or high resolution digital files) of

a scene in the McDonough Telephone directory coverage area. This includes all of the towns listed on the front of the directory.

2. All entrants must be McDonough Telephone members or the children of members and reside within our service area.

3. Drop your entries off at our office, mail them to MDTC, % Karen Proulx, PO Box 359, Colchester, IL 62326 or email them to karen@mdtc.net. Be sure to include your name, phone number and some information about the photo(s).

An Important Illinois Relay Message

People who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech disabled and use a teletypewriter (TTY) to communicate with hearing people who use a standard telephone can take advantage of an easy-to-use service offered by Illinois local exchange telephone companies like McDonough Telephone. The service is called Illinois Relay which is administered by the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) and is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Illinois Relay's trained operators type the hearing caller's spoken words to the TTY caller and speak the typed words of the TTY caller to the hearing person. There is no charge for the use of Illinois Relay. Calls are billed at regular telephone company rates. ITAC also distributes TTYs at no charge to qualified Illinois residents.

For more information or to apply for Illinois Relay service, call the ITAC at 1-800-841-6167. You can also visit the ITAC website at www.itactty.org.

To place a call using Illinois Relay, dial 711. Or, use one of these 10-digit numbers:

1-800-526-0844	TTY Users
1-800-526-0857	Voice Users
1-800-501-0864	TTY Spanish
1-800-501-0865	Voice Spanish
1-877-526-1130	VCO Users
1-877-526-6670	Telebraille Users
1-877-526-6680	ASCII Users
1-877-526-6690	Speech to Speech

For quickest response in an emergency, dial 911 directly rather than using the relay service to complete the emergency call.

Business Office to Close for Holiday

McDonough Telephone business office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, for Thanksgiving Day. To report a service problem from any of our exchanges, dial 611. From outside of our service area or from a cell phone, dial 309-776-3214.



Join In • Stop By Help Out

We will be holding a food drive for local food pantries throughout the month of November. The food drive will wrap up on Friday, December 4, with our Holiday Open house. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off at our Colchester and Lomax business offices, at Infobahn in Macomb, Raritan State Bank, Industry State Bank and at the Main Street Salon in Blandinsville.

Thanks for your help, and we'll see you December 4!



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

MTC-TV Rolls Out Changes

MTC-TV is on the move, and new technology is spearheading the changes.

Many subscribers have asked for High Definition (HD) and Digital Video Recorder (DVR) services. To be capable of offering these services, MTC-TV had to make software and equipment upgrades which affected all video subscribers. Most of our exchanges have already been switched over to the upgrade with very little trouble. The balance should be done by the middle of November. Once everyone has been turned up to the new Minerva system, the next step will be to develop the HD and DVR offerings. Plans are to have both services available in the first quarter of 2010.

The other changes affecting MTC-TV involve the channel line-up—channel name changes, channel position changes and the addition of one new channel.

Channel Name Changes:

Channel #	Original Name	New Name
61	Tech TV	G4
81	Sci-Fi	Scyfy
116	The N	TEENick
117	Noggin	Nick Jr.
121	Toon Disney	Disney XD

In order to make room for another channel in the ESPN family, all of the ESPN channels have been moved up one notch. The new addition is ESPNU, a channel that specializes in college sports. Effective December 1, the ESPN channel line-up will be as follows:

32	ESPN	35	ESPNNews
33	ESPN Classic	36	ESPNU
34	ESPN 2		

Coming to VOD for November

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen	Action-Adventure, Science Fiction	PG-13	11/18/2009
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs	Kids-Family	PG	11/24/2009
Four Christmases	Comedy	PG-13	11/24/2009
Bruno	Comedy	R	11/17/2009
Funny People (Unrated)	Comedy	NR	11/24/2009
Land of the Lost	Adventure, Comedy	PG-13	11/11/2009
My Sister's Keeper	Drama	PG-13	11/17/2009
Drag Me to Hell	Horror	PG-13	11/11/2009
Aliens in the Attic	Action-Adventure, Kids-Family	PG	11/3/2009
I Love You, Beth Cooper	Comedy	PG-13	11/3/2009



Lights! Camera! Action!

MDC employees, family and friends manned the "Lights! Camera! Action!" float in Colchester's Labor Day Parade.

MDTC Board Elects Officers

At its September meeting, the McDonough Telephone board of directors held elections for officers for the 2009-2010 business year. All of the incumbents were re-elected.

Roger Barclay, director from the Industry exchange, was once again elected to fill the position of chairman. He has served on the board for 23 years.

Mitchell Welsh, representing the Blandinsville exchange, was re-elected to the office of vice-chairman. Welsh has been a board member for 25 years.

The office of treasurer was filled by incumbent R. Stephen Hunt, a representative of the Colchester exchange. Hunt is a 32-year board veteran.

Rose Marie Lynn, serving her fifteenth year on the board as the representative of the Bardolph and Adair exchanges, retained the position of secretary.

Directory Additions

Brown, Donald & Kathy	776-4372
Dorethy, Melissa K.	776-3915
Flannigan, Michael	254-3579
Gas & Go Radio	652-3502
Gittings, Verda	449-3896
Hale, Angela	257-2367
Hulett, Jason	449-3843
Huston, Dan	774-4167
Johnson, Margaret L.	776-4177
Lehnhausen, Mary	769-5403
Lindsey, Amanda	776-4723
Swisher, Becky	449-3888
Winters, Travis & Shanna	746-6231

Lomax Office Schedule NOVEMBER 2009

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
 Nov. 16 - Bills Due • Nov. 25 - Disconnect Day
 Closed November 26 for Thanksgiving