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Meet the Candidates

The following candidates were selected by the nominating committee to be placed on the ballot for four seats on the McDonough Telephone board of directors which are subject to election this year. The election will be held September 4, 2008 at the Annual Meeting.



Dist. No. 6 - Colusa

Donald Rings, R.R. Burnside, was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of director from District No. 6, the Colusa

exchange. Rings, 68, has just completed his seventh three-year term as a director of McDonough Telephone Cooperative.

Rings operates a grain farm in the Colusa area where he has lived most of his life.

Rings graduated from Colusa High School. He is a member of the Colusa United Methodist Church where he sits on the Administrative Council. Rings has been active in township government for many years and currently serves as Rock Creek Township trustee.

Rings and his wife, Bev, are the parents of two sons. Randy and his wife, Danielle, reside in Cedar Rapids with children Abby and Will. Rusty and his wife, Nicole, live in rural Nauvoo with their son Devin.



Dist. No. 8 - Swan Creek

Jerry Payne, Roseville, was selected by the nominating committee for reelection to the position of director from District No. 8, the Swan Creek

exchange. Jerry is completing his seventh term as a director.

Jerry and his wife, Mary Lynn, operate a 600 acre farming operation southeast of Swan Creek. They are the parents of three daughters: Nancy Bower, Linda Fetters, and Sue Payne. They also have four grandsons.

Growing up in McDonough County, Jerry graduated from Macomb High School, attended WIU, and graduated from the University of Illinois as well as from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. He has a lengthy record of working with people in the rural area.

Jerry served as assistant farm advisor in Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois for five years. He was then employed at Union National Bank of Macomb for a period of four years as a farm manager and loan officer. In 1965, one of Jerry's earlier associates hired him to join the staff at Central Trust and Savings Bank, Geneseo, Illinois, to start a Farm Management Department within the bank. After six years, Jerry was

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Be a Part of the 2008 Annual Meeting

Plan to join us at the 57th McDonough Telephone Cooperative Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held September 4 in the Fellheimer Auditorium at Macomb Senior High School, 1525 South Johnson Rd., Macomb. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. All members who register in person before the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. will receive a \$10 credit on their phone bill. A prize drawing will also be held with the grand prize being a gift certificate for services worth over \$500! Second prize is a gift certificate for over \$250 in services. Other prizes include a television, a DVD player, GPS navigation system and service credits. A youth drawing for two portable DVD players will also be held.

After the meeting, co-op employees and directors will serve refreshments in the auditorium foyer.

This year's entertainment is The On Stage Band, playing a variety of country, bluegrass and 50s and 60s rock. The band will perform during registration from 6-7 p.m. and during the after-meeting social hour from 8-9 p.m.

Don't miss out on hearing news and future plans of the co-op, electing directors, enjoying great entertainment, having the chance to win a valuable prize and joining us for cookies and punch - all part of the 2008 Annual Meeting.



McDonough Telephone Cooperative

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57th Annual Meeting September 4, 2008

Fellheimer Auditorium
Macomb Senior High School
Macomb, Illinois
Registration Begins at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Begins at 7:00 p.m.

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ected president of the bank and served as the CEO for two years prior to beginning farming in 1974.

Presently, Jerry and his wife are active members of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Macomb. He also holds memberships in both the American and Illinois Societies of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, the McDonough County Farm Bureau, the Roseville Masonic Lodge, and the Macomb Elks Lodge.



Dist. No. 9 - Blandinsville
The nominating committee named Mitchell S. Welsh as candidate for District No. 9, the Blandinsville exchange.

Welsh, 61, has just completed his eighth three-year term as director of McDonough Telephone Cooperative. He is a graduate of Northwestern High School and Western Illinois University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. Welsh farms in the Blandinsville and Sciota area.

Welsh is a member of the Christian Church of Sciota and currently serves as its treasurer, elder, and as a member of the board of directors.

Welsh and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of two sons: Steve, who is married to Tiffani, and Shannon, who is

married to Renee. Steve and Tiffani have a daughter Kenlee. Shannon and Renee have a son, Carson, and two daughters, Brooklyn and Gracyn. Both Steve and Shannon are involved in the farming operation with Welsh.



Dist. No. 10 - Colchester
R. Stephen Hunt, representing the Colchester exchange, was chosen for reelection to the board of directors by the nominating committee.

Hunt was appointed to the cooperative board on June 30, 1977, to fill the unexpired term of J. Wayne Baumgardner. He has served the cooperative as a director for 31 years and in the capacity of treasurer for 25 years.

Hunt and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Tom and Ryan, and reside on the family farm in the Colchester area. Tom and his wife Karen have a son, Jared. Ryan and his wife Stacie have two sons, Ethan and Andrew. Hunt attended Colchester schools and following graduation attended Western Illinois University where he received a degree in Business Administration.

Today, Hunt, an enrolled agent with the IRS, is associated with March, McMillan, and DeJoode, P.C.

Community Happenings

• The Colchester Lions Club is holding its annual Labor Day Celebration. This five-day festival which begins with armband night on Thursday, August 28, includes a carnival in the business district and a show tent in the park with live entertainment all day and stage shows in the evening. Food vendors and many flea markets are all around the town. A parade will be held on Sunday, August 31, at 2 p.m. Parade rain date is Monday, September 1, at 1 p.m.

• The Village of Lomax is having a Lomax Country celebration on Saturday, September 27, during the Henderson County Heritage Trail Days. A parade will be held at 1 p.m. with kid's games and contests to follow. In addition to activities for the children, there will be contests for the adults and a variety of food, craft and flea market vendors.

Business Office Closed for Labor Day

McDonough Telephone's business office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. In the event of service problems, members should call 611. If calling from outside of the McDonough Telephone service area or from a cellular phone, dial 1-309-776-3214 for service.

Take a Pass on These Passwords

Recently, a list of the most commonly used online passwords was published. If you're using any of these you might want to reconsider. The passwords are all easy to remember, but keep in mind – what you gain in convenience you most certainly lose in security.

1. password
2. 123456
3. qwerty
4. abc123
5. letmein
6. monkey
7. mspace1
8. password1
9. blink182
10. (your first name)

Microsoft offers some excellent tips on creating a strong password and keeping it secure. Go to: www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/password/create.mspx.

Directory Additions

Beachy, Simon	325-7195
Blankenship, Gordon & Jamie	652-3427
Burtalo, William T.	755-4310
Calhoun, Jeff & Melissa	776-3489
Coates, Randy & Heather	776-4080
Dailey, Max	776-3779
DeJaynes, Emily	652-3708
Dorethy, Kayla	776-3585
Franklin, Nora	652-3448
Gregory, Leon	776-3739
Martin, Amanda	456-3489
Mundhenk, Kari	776-3366
Nelson, Nicole S.	776-4082
Renner, Kent	254-3308
Royer, Todd & Krysta	776-3892
Sherwood, Louis	652-3365
Whitlock, Jeannie	776-3810

Lomax Office Schedule SEPTEMBER 2008

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	Closed Labor Day	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
Sept. 15 - Bills Due • Sept. 25 - Disconnect Day