



BUSY LINE

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On Tour in Washington, D.C. From left are Whitney Phillips, Kayla Winbigler, O'Hern, Hagan and Brown.

Hagan, O'Hern & Brown Tour Washington, D.C.

Ryan Hagan of Colchester, Matt O'Hern of Vermont and Hannah Brown of LaHarpe represented McDonough Telephone Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 9-16. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives.

The students were among 63 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, the Native American Indian Museum and a number of other historical sites.

The students expressed their appreciation to the cooperative, its board of directors and, most of all, its members. Hannah said, "I

made lots of great friendships that will last a lifetime. Thanks again for allowing me to enjoy this amazing experience."

Ryan praised all aspects of the trip. "Now, after this trip, textbook reading about much of our government has become a reality to me. I also learned a great deal about how cooperatives operate. I was selected to serve on the "Chip-n-Pop" board of directors, where I helped select a manager and contribute thoughts on the actions of the co-op ... The people were great, the hotel was great, the food was great and the sites were all excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed this trip and I thank you so much for giving me, and other students, the opportunity to make memories in our nation's capital that will last a lifetime."

The students are pictured with two students representing McDonough Power Cooperative. From left are Whitney Phillips, Kayla Winbigler, O'Hern, Hagan and Brown.

In Brief

• Going out of town? Did you know you can check your WINS email account no matter where you are as long as you have access to the Internet? Go to the WINS homepage at www.winco.net. Click on "Check Your Email" on the left side of the page. Enter your username and password and click "Login" or hit enter. Any email messages you haven't downloaded to your home computer will be available. You can view your messages, reply to them, delete them and compose and send new messages.

• Effective with the July 1 billing, the Federal Universal Service Charge decreased from 10.9% to 10.5%. For the residential or single line business subscriber, the charge will go from \$.71 to \$.68.

• Effective with the August 1 billing, the Federal Excise Tax on toll calls has been eliminated. The 3% Federal Tax is still applicable to all other charges connected to your local service.

• October is Co-op Month and we're planning a big Customer Appreciation event on October 6 to celebrate. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more details.

We're Coming To YOU!

McDonough Telephone Morning Exchange

The Littleton Café

111 S. Main • Littleton

Thurs., Aug. 17th • 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

WE'LL BUY THE COFFEE!

Free Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.





The McDonough Telephone nominating committee meets to select candidates. Left to right: Dan Caldwell, Brad Arnold, Judy Kerr, Richard Knapp, Harold Ravenscraft, Robert Willdrick and Al Cook.

Nominating Committee Selects Candidates

The 2006 nominating committee met July 6 at the Red Ox in Macomb. Present at the meeting were: District 1, Adair/Bardolph – Judy Kerr and Al Cook; District 2, Raritan/Smithshire – Richard Knapp and Brad Arnold; and District 5, Lomax – Harold Ravenscraft and Robert Willdrick. Dan Caldwell, District 4, Littleton, was present to discuss the search for a candidate to complete the unfinished term of Charles Bainter who is moving out of the district. Also attending were legal counsel, John D. McMillan, and McDonough Telephone general manager, Bill Buchanan.

The committee acted to select candi-

dates for election to the McDonough Telephone Cooperative board of directors. Nominated were: District 1, Adair/Bardolph – Rose Marie Lynn; District 2, Smithshire/Raritan – Larry Thompson; and District 5, Lomax – Dennis Huffman. Directors are elected to three-year terms.

The election will take place at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the members to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, at the Fellheimer Auditorium in Macomb. All members are urged to attend. Find out what the co-op is planning . . . Visit with your neighbors . . . Participate in electing your director. One member, one vote - make yours count!

MTC-TV Available in Smithshire!

With the addition of Smithshire to the list of towns with video availability, members in all McDonough Telephone exchanges can now subscribe to MTC-TV. While distance limitations will still effect members living over 18,000 feet from a central office or node site, anyone living within the city limits of our exchanges is fully able to receive service.

Basic video is \$44.95 month and includes 105 video channels and 45 digital music channels. Premium channel packages are available for an additional cost. Installation charges and wiring charges for two video outlets are being waived.

To realize even bigger savings, choose a bundle of basic video and high speed ADSL Internet service. The \$75 application fee for ADSL is being waived through September 30.

Basic Video + Bronze ADSL - \$78/Month (save \$202.80 per year!)

Basic Video + Gold ADSL - \$93/Month (save \$262.80 per year!)

More good news – Channels 7 CBS-KHQQA Quincy and 10 NBC-WGEM Quincy are now being broadcast in Warren and Henderson counties.

Call for a channel guide and a more detailed price list. We'll be glad to answer any questions.

Use *67 to Block Caller ID

McDonough Telephone wishes to remind its members that their telephone numbers will be identified to called parties with Caller ID capabilities. You may block your number from being transmitted by dialing *67 on a call-by-call basis. This service is free to all of our subscribers. All telephone numbers, whether published or non-published, will be delivered to a called party unless *67 is dialed prior to making each and every call.

Lomax Office Schedule AUGUST 2006

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	31		

Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
August 15 - Bills Due • August 25 - Disconnect

Directory Additions

A2Z Home Improvements	653-2400
Beckman, Michael L.	755-4439
Brown, Mitch & Leann	776-4005
Brown, Peggy J.	776-4253
Camp, Richard & Tammy	774-4244
Campbell, Dustin	652-3110
Cloninger, Amy	456-3983
Colchester Cabinet Outlet	776-3300
Daniels, Justine	254-3640
Flamingo Bowl	652-3222
Hampshire, Rusty	449-3787
Heerboth, Jonathon & Christine	776-3152
Hernandez, Josef	652-3585
Herndon, Christine	257-2306
Irish, Charles	652-3575
Jewell, Eldon & Vicki	776-4117
Jones, Angie	769-5509
Kimbell, Steve & Viola	456-3792
Klockenga, J.	776-4121
Lawson's Auto Detailing Shop	776-4141
McCarty, Daniel K. & Pegi	653-2400
McCulloch, Justin	254-3779
Randall, Olivia	257-2289
Rusher, Kenneth Sr.	449-3865
Smith, Carrie	776-4712
Stewart, Max L.	652-3169
Taylor, Crawford & Michelle	653-2328
White, Breann	653-2315