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McDonough Telephone Awards \$2,500 FRS Scholarship to Andrew Hunt!

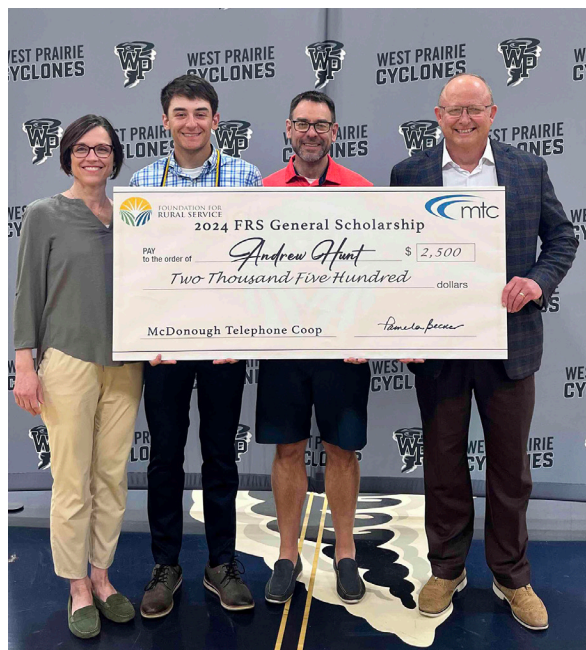
McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MTC) is pleased to announce Andrew Hunt of Colchester, IL, as the recipient of the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) and MTC Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. Andrew, son of Ryan and Stacie Hunt, Colchester, will receive a cash award of \$2,500 for his outstanding academic achievement and dedication of servitude to the betterment of his rural area.

The Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors on a competitive basis of high scholarship, outstanding level of community service, notable leadership, and intention to return to a rural area post-graduation from a secondary school. Out of more than 1,300 applicants nationwide, FRS selected 55 winners.

A 2024 national and state honors graduate from West Prairie High School, Hunt is a Representative on Student Council and the President of West Prairie's NHS, and he was also recognized as an Illinois State Scholar. Hunt has also been a varsity athlete on West Prairie's basketball, scholastic bowl, football, and baseball teams, and is involved band.

In addition to his academic achievement, Hunt volunteers with his church's Vacation Bible school and children's church ministries. Andrew plans to attend the University of Illinois where he will major in Systems Engineering and Design. With this degree, he hopes to combine his interest in science and math with business management, which will utilize his organizational and problem-solving skills. We wish Andrew the best of luck as he pursues his degree.

MTC is proud to partner with FRS to award a student who demonstrates such dedication to his community. It's a privilege for FRS and McDonough Telephone Coop to have a small role in supporting the continued education of students like Andrew through the scholarship program.



L-R: Stacie Hunt, Andrew Hunt, Ryan Hunt, West Prairie Principal Jim Heuer

What's HAPPENING



Happy 4th of July! Our office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.



AARP Driver Safety Course coming in September!



Mark your Calendars! MTC's 73rd Annual Meeting is **Wednesday, August 28th, 2024!**



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7/4-7: Survival Challenge,
Unforgettable Forgottonia HQ

7/4: Farmer's Market, 8am-Noon
(Every Thursday & Saturday),
Chandler Park

7/5: First Fridays, 9-2pm,
Lakeview Nature Center

7/6: Day in Clay: Geode Crystal
Bowl, Noon-2:30pm, Macomb
Park District Ceramic Studio

7/11 & 25: Merry Making for the
Holidays, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb
Park District Ceramic Studio

7/12: Noticing Nature: A Curious
Guide for Sprouts, 10-11am,
Lakeview Nature Center

7/12: Swamp Rats at
Forgottonia, 7pm, Forgottonia
Brewing

7/13-18: McDonough County
4-H Fair, 4-H Fairgrounds

7/13: Sunrise Yoga, 7-8am,
Veteran's Park

7/13: Nature's Fireworks,
7:30am-9:30pm, Lakeview
Nature Center

7/20-21: Raising Saints Block
Party, St. Paul Church

7/20: St. Jude's Macomb
to Peoria Run, 4am-4pm,
Downtown Macomb

7/20: Nature Makers: Lavender
Infused Honey, 12-1pm,
Lakeview Nature Center

7/20: Chris Vallillo's Forgottonia,
7-9pm, Browne Hall Theatre

7/24: Summer Concert Series:
Odd Fellows, Noon, Chandler
Park

7/30: C.T. Vivian's 100th
Birthday Celebration, 5-7pm,
Chandler Park

For more events or details,
visit macomb.com/events/

McDonough Telephone Cooperative

73RD ANNUAL MEETING

August 28 at 6:30pm • Registration Starts at 5pm • The Crossing, Macomb, IL



Maggie Vallillo

Welcome Maggie Vallillo!

McDonough Telephone extends a warm welcome to our new team member, Maggie Vallillo! Maggie joined our Marketing department as a Marketing Specialist in June. Maggie grew up in McDonough County before moving to Chicago for college. Now back in Macomb, in her free time Maggie likes to read, play piano and spend time with her dogs. A fun fact about her is that she bred gerbils for a year.

We are happy to welcome Maggie to the McDonough Telephone Team!



Brady Johnson

Welcome Brady Johnson!

McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our new employee, Brady Johnson, to our Install & Repair team. Brady started as an Install & Repair Tech on May 28th. Back in McDonough County after serving in the Navy, Brady enjoys hunting, fishing, and golfing in his free time. He also has a golden retriever puppy named Hank, after the legendary Hank Williams Jr.

We are happy to welcome Brady to the McDonough Telephone Team!



Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Cherry Coke Jello Salad

Ingredients: _____
20oz. can crushed
pineapple
½ cup water
2 3oz. packages cherry
or black cherry gelatin
21oz. can cherry pie filling
¾ cup cherry coke or
pepsi

Directions: _____
Drain pineapple, reserving juice; set fruit aside.
In a saucepan, bring pineapple juice and water to a boil.
Add gelatin; stir until dissolved. Stir in pie filling and cola.
Pour into a serving bowl. Refrigerate until slightly thickened,
about 15 minutes.
Fold in reserved pineapple. Refrigerate until firm.

