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Consolidated Communications sponsors recycling drive at Effingham schools
New Effingham area phone book being delivered

MATTOON – Consolidated Communications has partnered with three Effingham schools to help reduce waste going to landfills by recycling old phone books.

Children who attend St. Anthony Grade School, Sacred Heart School and Effingham Junior High School are being asked to bring in old phone books gathered from family members and friends. All three schools will earn cash prizes for their effort based on the number of books recycled in each location. Sanitation Service Inc., of Effingham, is also supporting the effort by gathering and housing recycled books. The recycling drive will end Oct. 5.

Area residents can also recycle their old phone books by dropping them off at any of the three schools above or at Consolidated's Effingham Communication Center 1301 W. Evergreen.

The 2006-2007 Phone Book from Consolidated Communications is being delivered to residents of Effingham and the surrounding area over the next few weeks, so now is the perfect time to recycle older books.

The official directory of Consolidated Communications includes easy-to-read white and yellow page listings, and also features many pages of Effingham and surrounding area community information, city maps, governmental listings and a community calendar.

In addition to the traditional directory that is being delivered to area residents now, The Phone Book from Consolidated is also available in a mini book format. The mini format is ideal for use in tight places such as vehicles or offices. Area residents can request a mini book by visiting Consolidated's Effingham Communication Center.

"Consolidated Communications is providing its customers with a better local directory product and a much higher level of customer service with The Phone Book from Consolidated," said Jim Bristow, vice president, Directory Services.

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The Effingham and surrounding area directory is also available online at the Consolidated Communications Web site at www.consolidated.com . The online directory includes the same information as the printed directory, including white and yellow pages, and is easily searchable by name, address and business classification.

The Phone Book users are encouraged to fill out a comment card found between the white and yellow pages and share their thoughts about the new directory. Simply return the card by mail and all comment cards will be entered into a drawing for a TV.

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