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Consolidated Communications Directories representative Laura Connerly recently presented checks to representatives from three area schools. Back row: Laura Connerly; Mary Lynn Byers, principal of St. Anthony Grade School; Brian Hayes, of Sanitation Service Inc.; Kathy Utz, of Effingham Junior High School; and Judy Luchtefeld, principal of Sacred Heart Parish School. Back row: Zach Wilson of St. Anthony School; Alex Beesley, Mary Perkins and Kimberly Perkins, all of Sacred Heart Parish School.

Phone book recycling drive nets 16,888 books

Effingham students gather books, earn money from Consolidated Communications

MATTOON – Consolidated Communications recently awarded a total of \$2,200 to three Effingham schools for their participation in the 2006 phone book recycling drive.

Children who attend St. Anthony Grade School, Sacred Heart School and Effingham Junior High School participated in the program by gathering old phone books from family members and friends from Sept. 5 through Oct. 5. In all, the students gathered 16,888 books.

St. Anthony Grade School earned top honors and a check for \$1,000 from Consolidated Communications by gathering 9,960 books. Sacred Heart School students gathered the second highest amount with 5,524 books and earned a \$700 check from Consolidated. Students at Effingham Junior High School earned a check for \$500 for gathering 1,404 old phone books.

The books were picked up and housed by Sanitation Service Inc., of Effingham before being delivered for recycling.

Effingham residents who still have old phone books to recycle can take them to the Effingham Communication Center at 1301 West Evergreen Avenue. Additional phone books and mini phone books are also available at the center.

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 and business classification.

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