



BUSY LINE

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Make Mi Cellular Your Cellular!

We'd like to make an introduction. Meet Mi Cellular, the newest service from MTC Communications. Mi Cellular has all the features, all the extras, all the coverage of any major cell phone company with one big difference.

"Cell phone bills have so many hidden costs that your monthly bill can end up being a lot more than you expect," said Bill Buchanan, MDTC president. "We're very straightforward with our pricing."

Buchanan added, "We're getting new billing software next year, and we'll be able to offer plans which share minutes between landline long distance calling and cellular calling. This will be a very

unique capability."

Anyone can subscribe to Mi Cellular.

For MDTC members, Mi Cellular charges will appear on your McDonough Telephone bill and count towards your capital credit allocation.



Mi Cellular service is available at McDonough Telephone business offices in Colchester and Lomax and at Infobahn Outfitters in Macomb. We have a full line

of phones in stock, and our accessories are priced to beat the competition.

Stop in and check out our plans and our inventory. If your current cell phone plan is about to run out, give Mi Cellular a try.

Photo Contest Winners Chosen

Wow—do we have a lot of talented photographers in our area! This year we had the biggest directory cover photo contest yet. With 30 photographers submitting a total of 56 pictures, our judging job was monumental.

After the ballots were counted, the winners were as follows:

- **First Place** (\$100 and placement on the directory cover) – Tonya Woods of Industry won with a photo of railroad tracks surrounded by fall foliage taken from the vantage point of a bridge.
- **Second Place** (\$75) – Lauren Sims of Macomb, daughter of Scott and Renee Sims. Lauren submitted a black and white photo of a swing at an old school house.
- **Third Place** (\$50) – Sauni Mourning of Colchester entered a photo of a climbing belt and pole.

Seven more photographers were selected as Honorable Mention winners and will receive a check for \$10. Honorable Mentions winners are: Joy Pollack, Colchester; Linda Wilson, Colusa; Maddie Link, Sciota; Julie Terstriep, Industry; Wanda Carson, Bardolph; Sierra Allen, Littleton; and Cori Dill, Colchester.

Congratulations on all of the excellent entries, and thanks to everyone who participated. Keep an eye out for details of the 2011 contest.



Colchester: 309-776-3211 or 888-640-4334
Lomax: 217-449-3211

SINGLE LINE PLANS			FAMILY LINE PLANS Pricing Includes 2 Handsets	
Nationwide Calling Min	SMS Text	Package Price	Nationwide Calling Min	Package Price
300	0	\$33.95	500	\$68.95
450	250	\$44.95	1000	\$85.95
575	250	\$51.95	1500	\$98.95
900	250	\$61.95	2100	\$109.95
1350	250	\$78.95	3000	\$149.95
Unlimited	250	\$106.95	4000	\$198.95
· All plans include unlimited nights & weekends			· All plans include MTM	
· All plans include MTM EXCEPT the 300 minute plan			· All plans include unlimited nights & weekends	
· Overage per minute is \$0.45 except for Unlimited plan			· Only unlimited SMS allowed with Family Plans	
SMS Texting Services			· Overage per minute is \$0.35	
# Text Msgs	Package Price	Overage Cost Per Text	· Additional handsets (3rd to 6th) cost \$14.95/mo.	
0	-	\$0.25	SMS Texting Services - Family Line Plan	
250	\$5.95	\$0.25	Unlimited	\$29.95
500	\$9.95	\$0.25		
Unlimited	\$21.95	\$0.25		

* Please contact MDTC for information on additional voice fees, smartphone data services, and data card services.

The Key to Outsmarting Spammers

The amount of spam e-mail you receive can get overwhelming, so fight back with these strategies:

Spam filters. Most e-mail software comes with filters you can set up to dump the majority of unwanted mail into one folder.

Anti-spam software. Using a third-party anti-spam utility gives you additional protection against spam and lets you customize which types of messages you do and don't want to receive.

Alternate address. To register at websites and get information from companies that you actually want, you must provide an e-mail address. Instead of handing over your primary address, have a second address you use solely for activities such as website registrations and online shopping. That way, any spam these activities generate goes to this second address without junking up the inbox of your primary address.

Avoid "unsubscribing." If you open spam e-mail with instructions on how to unsubscribe from their mailing list, avoid the temptation to do so. All this does is let spammers know that you are reading your spam e-mail and the e-mail address is valid. The so-called "unsubscribe" feature actually opens you up to receiving even more spam.

Keep it private. Avoid placing your e-mail address in the public domain, such as on websites, newsgroups, and Internet directories. Spammers often employ "spider" and "bot" software that can scour millions of web pages looking for e-mail addresses to harvest for their mailing lists.

Privacy policies. Before you divulge your e-mail address to a website, read its privacy policies. It's some pretty dry reading, but it will let you know if the organization plans on selling or sharing your e-mail address with other entities. If you read phrases such as "we may share your e-mail address with our partner companies," you might want to think twice.

Don't respond. This may seem obvious, but spammers only spam if they are making money in some way. If everyone would ignore their messages, the spam attacks would eventually end. Don't ever respond to spam messages, as they usually attempt to defraud you.



Happy New Year

The offices of McDonough Telephone will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2010, in celebration of the New Year's holiday. The office will also be closing at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 31. Members may call 611 to report telephone, video or High Speed Internet service problems. If calling from outside of our service area or from a cellular phone, dial 309-776-3214.

A new year is a reminder to celebrate all of the things that are good in your world. We wish you a year full of happy days.

Directory Additions

Baker, Harry	774-4193
Bland, M.L.	769-5270
Edgington, Ferlin	755-4377
Harman, Courtney	776-5250
Hopper, William	769-5297
Jackson, Gary & Shannon	776-4745
Mayhugh, James	776-4768
Mesick, Devin	776-3705
Meyer, Ryan	755-4384
Mohr For You	449-3311
Raleigh, Mike	652-3569
Russell, Chad & Dorvea	653-2421
Smith, Duane	653-2567
Trading Post	776-3434
Wiley, Mike	449-3341

Coming to VOD for January

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
The Final Destination	Horror	R	1/05/10
Public Enemies	Drama	R	1/06/10
The Hurt Locker	Action	R	1/12/10
The Invention of Lying	Comedy	PG-13	1/12/10
Whiteout	Thriller	R	1/12/10
Fame	Musical	PG	1/12/10
Inglourious Basterds	Action	R	1/13/10
G-Force	Family	PG	1/14/10
Extract	Comedy	R	1/21/10
District 9	Sci-Fi	R	1/26/10
Surrogates	Sci-Fi	PG-13	1/26/10
Paranormal Activity	Horror	R	1/27/10

Lomax Office Schedule JANUARY 2010

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Closed for Lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon
 Jan. 15 - Bills Due • Jan. 25 - Disconnect Day
 Closed January 1 - Happy New Year!