



# BUSY LINE

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## WINS Discontinues Dial Up

The board of directors of Western Illinois Network Services (WINS) has decided to discontinue dial-up service effective May 30, 2011. The decision was based on the rapid decline in the number of dial-up customers.

MDTC subscribers who currently use WINS dial up are encouraged to look at the high speed Internet (HSI) plans offered by MTC Communications. HSI has a number of advantages over dial up:

- Pricing is comparable for much faster service. The entry level HSI plan is \$22.95/month—only \$3 more than the cost of dial up—and the speed is more than twice as fast.
- HSI doesn't busy out your phone line. No more missed calls!

- HSI is an always-on connection—no waiting to dial in and no dealing with busy signals.
- Internet applications are getting more and more sophisticated and require a connection that can handle large bundles of data. Sending pictures of the grandkids or embedding a video in an e-mail can bog down a system with a dial-up connection and take hours for the data to be sent or received.

Call our office today for information on MTC's five high speed Internet packages, and make the move to a faster, more rewarding Internet experience.

### MARCH SPECIALS:

Apply for High Definition during March and we'll waive the activation fee (a \$20 value)!

Here's a great entertainment deal: sign up for the HBO premium channel package before March 31 and get Cinemax premiums for \$5 until April 30.

*Cinemax premiums will appear on bills at regular pricing on May 1 unless subscriber contacts our office to cancel.*



## Do-Not-Call Notification

A national Do-Not-Call Registry has been established to address unwelcome telemarketing calls. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are now sharing responsibility for enforcing the list. The FCC requires an annual notification to subscribers of their right, by way of the national do-not-call registry, "to give or revoke an objection to receiving telephone solicitations."

The registry applies to all telemarketers, with the exception of businesses with whom you have an existing relationship and certain nonprofit and political organizations. Commercial telemarketers are not allowed to call you if your number is listed on the registry.

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the Internet. To register by telephone, call 1-888-382-1222. For TTY, call 1-866-290-4236.

If registering by telephone, you must call from the telephone number you wish to register. You also may register, or obtain additional information about the registry, on the Internet at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov). Inclusion of your telephone number on the national Do-Not-Call Registry will be effective one month following your registration. Your number remains on the registry permanently unless you choose to remove it.



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

# Protect Your Safety and Privacy on Facebook

While Facebook is a wonderful way to connect with family and friends, you probably don't want many people to know too much about you. Review these four basic steps to ensure an acceptable level of safety and privacy:

- 1. Do not use your full birth date.** It's fun to have people wish you happy birthday on Facebook, but potential identity thieves can use your full birth date to find out other information about you, and eventually access online accounts. Under "Edit My Profile," select the option to show only the month and day of your birthday.
- 2. Use the privacy controls.** Just about everything on Facebook is subject to privacy controls, including who can write on and see your wall, who can view photos and videos, and who can see status updates. Go to the "Privacy Settings" section to choose who can see what.
- 3. Use lists.** You can set up lists like "close friends," "acquaintances," "family," and



"work colleagues" and adjust your privacy controls differently for each group. To set up a new list, go to your friends list and click on "Create New List."

- 4. Be careful when posting travel information.** Potential thieves are only too glad to hear about your empty house. If you announce that you are going somewhere, be vague about the dates. Better yet, wait until you get back, and then share.

## Coming to VOD for March

Pop the popcorn and get comfortable. Here's a list of some of the hottest hits coming to Video on Demand in March:

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
Burlesque	Musical	B4 PG-13	3/1/11
127 Hours	Drama	B4 R	3/1/11
Love and Other Drugs	Drama	B4 R	3/1/11
The Next Three Days	Action	PG-13	3/8/11
Jackass 3D	Comedy	R	3/8/11
Morning Glory	Comedy	PG-13	3/8/11
Megamind	Animation	PG	3/11/11
Hereafter	Drama	B4 PG-13	3/15/11
The Switch	Comedy	PG	3/15/11
The Fighter	Drama	R	3/15/11
How Do You Know	Comedy	B4 PG-13	3/22/11
The Tourist	Thriller	B4 PG-13	3/22/11
Tangled	Animation	PG	3/29/11

B4 = Title is available prior to Netflix and/or Redbox

## Foundation for Rural Service Offers Job Opportunity for Rural Students

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the quality of life throughout rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications issues, seeks applicants for its Summer Internship Program, which provides an educational opportunity and work experience for individuals who were raised in or currently reside in a rural community.

The Summer Intern will gain working knowledge of nonprofit business practices and FRS programs as well as the rural telecommunications industry while working at the Foundation's headquarters in suburban Washington, DC.

The Internship is a 12-week summer program from May/June through August/September, with flexible start and end dates.

Additional information and a downloadable application are available on the FRS website, [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org). Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2011.



## Directory Additions

Coates, Russell	652-3167
Haas, Kenny & Kayla	755-4385
Leenerts, Jay	652-3512
Leighty, Jessica	254-3248
McDonald, Stacy	776-3539
Perry, Janell	254-3760
Rittenhouse, Jaci	653-2454
Roberts, Margaret	652-3293
Rodriguez, Lori	776-4767
Tisdale, Jacqueline	776-3832