



# BUSY LINE

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## 2009 Directory Online and In Hand

Most subscribers should have already received their 2009 McDonough Telephone Cooperative Regional Directory. Our office staff and our publisher, Directory Publishing Solutions, Inc., have worked hard to produce an accurate, useful and attractive book.

The 2009 directory boasts all of the usual great features: easy to read listings, colorful and informative preliminary pages, a handy reverse telephone number-to-name lookup and the blue-tabbed government section which contains all local, county, state and federal government listings in one spot. For your convenience, we've included a section of video troubleshooting hints and set top box diagrams in the preliminary pages.

If you've never used the reverse number look-up in our directory, be sure to check it out. It is the section tabbed in black. Every number contained in our directory is listed in numerical order followed by the name associated with the number. Have an area number on your phone bill that you don't recognize? The reverse look-up can solve the mystery.

Our book is also available in its entirety online at [www.411mdtc.com](http://www.411mdtc.com). White page listings can be searched by



clicking on the first letter of the last name and narrowing the search from there. The yellow pages offer more bang than ever to advertisers. Click on a message that says "See Our Display Ad," and the ad opens up in a separate window. Click on any message that refers you to a different section of the yellow pages, and you're automatically taken to that spot. If a business lists a website in its ad, you just click and you're there! Some businesses also list their email addresses so you can easily write and get your questions answered.

We're always eager to get your input about the directory. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact us.

## Calling JULIE Has Never Been Easier

Spring is here, and you're anxious to launch all of those outdoor projects you've been planning over the winter. Whether you want to build an addition to your home, add a deck, plant a tree or surround your yard with a fence, the first item on your project plan should be to call JULIE.

JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators), also known as the "Illinois One-Call System," is one of 1,400 members of the Common Ground Alliance. The members of the alliance are working together to produce strategies for damage prevention.

One of the results of this collaboration is the designation of a national 811 "Call Before You Dig" number. The 62 One-Call Centers across the country each have their own number for reporting a dig. By developing a single number – 811 – that can be used anywhere in the country, contractors and homeowners will have an easy job of it when they need to place a call.

The stakes are high if you fail to place the call to JULIE, and a cable or gas line or water main is cut. In addition to the danger in which you place yourself and your neighbors, you will be fined and billed for the damage to utility property.

When you call JULIE, be prepared to provide your contact information as well as specific locational data regarding the site of the dig.

Locating services are free, but the price can be high if you don't call first to report a dig. It's safe, it's smart, it's simple — call JULIE at 811. More information is available at [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).



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

# Digital TV Transition Delayed

After being told for over a year that the transition to all digital television would take place on February 17, 2009, Congress passed the DTV Delay Act which extended the deadline for full-power broadcast TV stations to complete the DTV transition to June 12, 2009.

If you have one or more analog televisions that receive free over-the-air TV programming with an outdoor antenna or rabbit ears, you need to be prepared. You have three options: 1) purchase and connect a digital-to-analog converter box to your analog TV; 2) purchase a TV with a built-in digital tuner; or 3) subscribe to a paid service such as cable or satellite TV. Each U.S. household is eligible to receive two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of two digital-to-analog converter boxes.

Even though the DTV transition has



been pushed back, local broadcast stations may complete the transition before June 12. Broadcast stations are required to notify their viewers before shutting off their analog channels.

For more information on the Converter Box Coupon Program or to apply for coupons, visit [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or call 1-888-388-2009. For more information about the DTV transition, go to [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov).

# Coming to VOD for April

Title	Genre	Studio	Start Date
Quantum of Solace	Action-Adventure	MGM	4/23
Marley & Me	Comedy, Drama	20th Century Fox	4/29
Bedtime Stories	Adventure, Comedy, Family	Walt Disney Pictures	4/22
Yes Man	Comedy, Romance	Warner Home Video	4/7
Slumdog Millionaire	Comedy, Drama, Romance	20th Century Fox	4/29
Beverly Hills Chihuahua	Comedy, Kids-Family	Walt Disney Pictures	4/2
Role Models	Comedy	Universal	4/23
Bride Wars	Comedy	20th Century Fox	4/28
Transporter 3	Action-Adventure	Lions Gate	4/1
Wrestler, The	Drama	20th Century Fox	4/21
Frost/Nixon	Drama	Universal	4/21
The Boy In The Striped Pajamas	Drama, Independent	Miramax Films	4/9
Punisher: War Zone	Action-Adventure, Thriller	Lions Gate	4/7
House	Horror, Thriller	Lions Gate	4/28
Dark Matter	Drama	Universal	4/14
Good Dick	Comedy, Romance	Warner Home Video	4/1
Barney's Top 20 Countdown	Animation, Children, Family	Lions Gate	4/7
Bob the Builder On Site: Skyscrapers	Animation, Kids-Family	Lions Gate	4/14

**We're Coming To YOU!**  
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*Valid through April 30, 2009*

# Directory Additions

Bigger, Travis	746-6130
Crenshaw, Jamie	776-3979
Gerdom, Sharla	449-3375
Hunter, Chance	325-7207
Leech, Jamie	449-3753
Todd, Jeff	449-3398
Utter, Adam	254-3378

# Lomax Office Schedule APRIL 2009

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed for Lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon  
 April 15 - Bills Due • April 27 - Disconnect Day