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Griswold Named CEO/President

McDonough Telephone Cooperative board of directors has chosen a new man to take up the reins of leadership. Jay Griswold was promoted to the position of Chief Executive Officer and President of MDTC and Chief Executive Officer of MTC Communications effective January 1, 2017.

A graduate of the WIU Department of Accounting, Griswold began his career with MDTC on January 2, 1997 where he has held the positions of Accountant and VP of Finance. Jay has also been very active in the Colchester community during this time serving on the Colchester Fire Department for 13 years (2002 - 2015), on the Colchester City Council May 2003 - May 2007 and on the Colchester Township Board April 2005 - May 2014. Jay is married to Lisa and is father to three daughters, Jenna, Heather and Sydni.

“MDTC will continue to focus on its members and customers across western Illinois, providing the very best telecommunications and broadband services we can offer,” Griswold said. “We have an incredible staff with a diverse set of talents that make us able to serve even the largest of customers, while maintaining a personal approach.”

We congratulate Jay on his promotion and look forward to an exciting, productive future and opportunities ahead for the cooperative.

And The Winner Is:

Directory Cover Winner:

Joy Pollock, Colchester

Second Place:

Linda Wilson, Colusa

Third Place:

Diana Kreps, Colchester

Honorable Mention:

Wanda Carson, Colusa

Grace Martens, Colusa

Shirley Galloway, Colchester

Amy Chambers, Blandinsville

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who participated!

Welcome New Members

Broadhead, James & Crystal	776-4348
Burton, Terry	776-3808
DeMartelaere, Lea	776-4587
Dixon, Tasha	746-6169
Moore, Sam	652-3197
Worthington, Carol	776-4569

We're Coming to You

McDonough Telephone
Morning Exchange
Wednesday, February 8
7:00 - 8:30 am
Tink's Café
215 E Main St.
Blandinsville, IL

Breakfast is on us!



Board of Directors

- Lanny Carson, Chairman
- Leroy Tappe, Vice Chairman
- Jay Morrison, Secretary
- R. Stephen Hunt, Treasurer
- Randy Grove
- Dennis Huffman
- Rose Marie Lynn
- Lyle Vail
- Mitchell Welsh



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Perfect Pancakes

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| 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
(Pillsbury or Gold Medal) | 2 cups buttermilk |
| 2 T granulated sugar | 1/4 cup sour cream |
| 1 t baking powder | 2 eggs |
| 1/2 t baking soda | 3 T unsalted butter, melted & cooled slightly |
| 1/2 t salt | 1-2 t vegetable oil for greasing the pan |



Whisk the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda & salt together in medium bowl. In second medium bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, sour cream, eggs & melted butter. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients & pour in the wet ingredients; gently stir until just combined (batter should remain lumpy with a few streaks of flour). Do not overmix. Allow the batter to sit for 10 min before cooking.

Heat 1 t vegetable oil in a nonstick skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Using a paper towel, carefully wipe out oil, leaving a thin film of oil on the bottom of the pan. Using 1/4 cup measure, portion batter into pan in 4 places. Cook until edges are set, first side is golden brown, & bubbles on surface are just beginning to break, 2-3 min. Using a thin, wide spatula, flip pancakes & continue to cook until second side is golden brown, 1-2 min longer. Serve pancakes immediately. Repeat with remaining batter, using remaining oil as needed.

Buchanan President of MTC Communications

The MDTC board has announced that **Bill Buchanan**, previously MDTC President/CEO, will assume the role of President of MTC Communications. In this role, Buchanan will expand the success of the company beyond its current footprint and develop new growth opportunities for the company in new markets.



HAPPY DAY PANCAKE



Tuesday, February 28

Pancake Day, also called Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday & Mardi Gras, is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It's called so due to the tradition of eating pancakes on the day. This tradition comes from a time where any rich foods were eaten on the day before Lent, and fasting begins. The date can vary from as early as February 3 to as late as March 9.

Coming to VOD in February

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
Almost Christmas	Comedy/Drama	PG-13	02/07/17
The Edge of Seventeen	Comedy/Drama	R	02/14/17
Moonlight	Drama	R	02/14/17
Hacksaw Ridge	Biography/Drama	R	02/21/17
Allied	Drama/Romance	R	02/21/17
Dr Strange	Action/Adventure	PG-13	02/28/17

B4 = Title is available before Netflix and/or Redbox

DEADLINE approaching

2017 FRS Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2017**.

Applications and guidelines have been mailed to guidance counselors at area schools or they can be downloaded from the FRS website at www.frs.org.

Prior to mailing, the completed application must have the Sponsor Certification section signed by MDTC. If you have questions, please contact Pam Downey at 776-3211.



See the number?



There is a 2-digit number embedded somewhere in the picture. If this number is the **LAST 2** numbers of your landline phone number, call our office for a prize!