

# McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



Colchester, IL

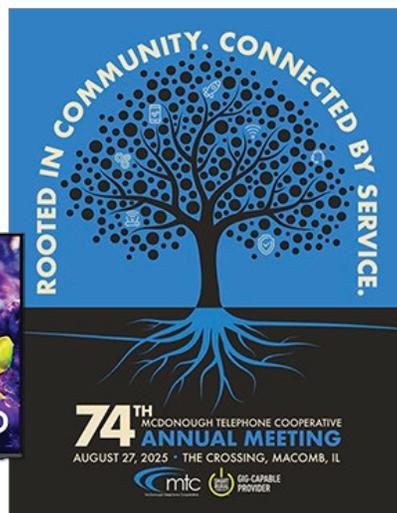
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## Annual Meeting Notice

Watch for your official meeting notice and letter, coming to your mailbox soon!

Our 74th Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at The Crossing in Macomb, IL. Attend our Annual Meeting and get a \$10 bill credit per membership and be entered for a chance to win one of these prizes.

*We hope to see you there!*



## What's HAPPENING



**Happy Labor Day!** Our office will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of the holiday.



Mark your Calendars! MTC's 74th Annual Meeting is **Wednesday, August 27th, 2025!**



Saturday, August 16 is **National Honey Bee Day!**



**NEW NUMBER!!**  
**24/7 Pay by phone!**  
**1-855-940-3852**

## Nominating Committee Selects Candidates

Pursuant to the bylaws, the members of the Nominating Committee of the McDonough Telephone Cooperative met at Park Place in Macomb, Illinois, on June 12, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. to nominate candidates for election as Directors of McDonough Telephone Cooperative, at the next Annual Meeting of Members, to be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

The following members of the Committee were present:

District 3, Littleton/Industry:	Jackie Goddard, George Runkle
District 4, Good Hope:	Michael Harper, Susan Dunseth
District 5, Colchester:	Wes Rhoads and Garrett Sears

The Committee proceeded to select the following nominees to be candidates for Director, to be elected at the Annual Meeting and to serve for a three-year term, as determined in the Bylaws:

District 3, Littleton/Industry:	Jason Chancy
District 4, Good Hope:	Randy Grove
District 5, Colchester:	Paul Butterfield

The election will be held at the 2025 Annual Meeting, Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 PM at The Crossing, 1600 West Jackson, Macomb. All members are urged to attend.

Join us for our meeting and have the chance to elect your board, see what's new in the world of telecommunications, and be entered to win the grand prize! See you there!

## Our Board of DIRECTORS



Leroy TAPPE  
*Chairman*



Randy GROVE  
*Vice Chairman*



Paul BUTTERFIELD  
*Secretary*



Jay MORRISON  
*Treasurer*



Jason CHANCY



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# Community Calendar

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- 8/1: **First Friday**, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 8/2: **Macomb Farmer's Market**, (Every Saturday) 8am-12pm, Chandler Park
- 8/2: **Kayaking at Lake Argyle**, 10am-1pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 8/2: **Stitchin' Time**, 10:30am-12pm, Macomb Public Library
- 8/2: **Park N' Cruise**, 5-8pm, Downtown Macomb
- 8/2: **Owls of Illinois**, 6:30-8pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 8/3: **Community Kickball**, 4-6pm, Veteran's Park
- 8/5: **Open Mic Night**, 5-8pm, Sullivan Taylor Coffee House
- 8/5: **Trivia Night (Every Tuesday)**, 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @ 124
- 8/6: **Wine Run/Walk (Every Wed.)**, 6pm, The Wine Sellers
- 8/8: **The Goldenrods Perform**, 5pm, Western Illinois Museum
- 8/15: **Stargazing at the Park**, 8-10pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 8/22: **Movie in the Park: Inside Out 2**, 8-10:30pm, Veteran's Park
- 8/23: **Parents Night Out**, 5-8pm, YMCA of McDonough County

For more events or details, visit [macomb.com/events/](http://macomb.com/events/)

## Glass Recycling Now Available in McDonough County

Ripple Glass accepts all colors of food & beverage glass. Labels can stay on. If you can see through it, we can likely recycle it! **Look for the purple bin!**



**Find the purple bin at the Farm King parking lot.**  
1620 E. Jackson St., Macomb, IL



## MTC Donates \$11,000 to Support Local Community Organizations with help of CoBank Grant



MTC is proud to announce that we have received \$5,500 in matching grant funds from CoBank, resulting in a total of \$11,000 to benefit our local community. Through our partnership with CoBank's Sharing Success grant program, we are able to make a larger impact.

A portion of the matching funds was used to support the Colchester Library, helping enhance its programming and building for children and families in the community. Whether it's story time, technology access, or summer reading programs, the library continues to be a valuable resource and gathering place for residents of all ages.

Additionally, MTC received matching funds on behalf of the McDonough Employee Goodwill Fund (MEG), which contributed over \$36,000 to MTC's service area organizations in 2024. MEG is an employee-led initiative that supports local organizations making a difference, including Loaves & Fishes, the Salvation Army, Samaritan Well, The Crossing Food Pantry, WIRC CAA Victim Services, Hometown Kids, Project Santa, Giving Gardens, and more.

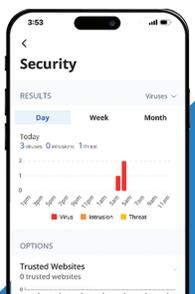
MTC remains committed to giving back to the communities we serve, and partnerships like these allow us to make a meaningful difference.

## Check out ProtectIQ & ExperienceIQ

ProtectIQ and ExperienceIQ launched with our updated internet packages in July! Check out the powerful upgrades now included in your internet service:

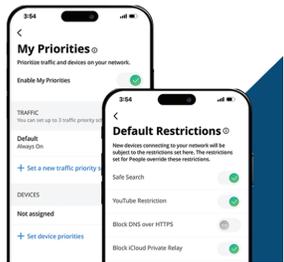
### Network Security with ProtectIQ

Built-in virus, malware, and threat protection at the network level—so every connected device in your home stays protected.



### Smarter Parental Controls with ExperienceIQ

Advanced parental controls made easy. Set screen time limits by device or profile, filter content by app or website, set up device prioritization, and monitor usage right from our MTC Wi-Fi app.



## Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: S'mores Cobbler

- Ingredients:**
- Chocolate Filling**
  - 2 ½ cups heavy cream
  - 1 tsp espresso powder
  - 2 cups chocolate chips
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
  - Cobbler**
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - ½ cup finely ground graham crackers
  - ½ cup sugar
  - 1 tbsp baking powder
  - ½ tsp salt
  - 1 tsp cinnamon
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
  - 6 tbsp cold butter
  - ¾ cup buttermilk
  - Topping**
  - 3 cups large marshmallows

- Directions:**
- Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter a 12" round or 9x11" baking dish (at least 2" deep). In a double boiler or heatproof bowl over a simmering pot, combine heavy cream, espresso powder, chocolate chips, & vanilla. Stir until fully melted & smooth. Pour into the prepared baking dish. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, graham cracker crumbs, sugar, baking powder, salt, & cinnamon. Cut in the butter using a pastry cutter or your fingers until mixture resembles pea-sized crumbs. Stir in vanilla & buttermilk until just combined (do not over mix). Scoop cobbler topping over the chocolate layer using a spoon or scoop, leaving space between for expansion. Tuck half the marshmallows in between the cobbler topping. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until cobbler topping is golden brown. Remove, top with remaining marshmallows, & bake for an additional 2-3 minutes until marshmallows are golden & gooey. Let cobbler rest for 10 minutes to allow the chocolate to thicken. Serve warm and enjoy!

