

McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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Annual Meeting Notice

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

Our 75th Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 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.

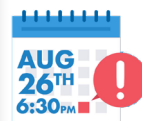
We hope to see you there!



What's HAPPENING



Happy Labor Day! Our office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of the holiday.



Mark your Calendars! MTC's 75th Annual Meeting is **Wednesday, August 26th, 2026!**

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 11, 2026 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 26, 2026.

The following members of the Committee were present:

District 6, Blandinsville: Robert Bauman & Wayne Woolverton
District 7, Colusa/Lomax: Terry Pope & Jack McKinnon

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 6, Blandinsville: Mitchell Welsh
District 7, Colusa/Lomax: Jay Morrison

The election will be held at the 2026 Annual Meeting, Wednesday, August 26th 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!



Saturday, August 15 is **National Honey Bee Day!**



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

Our Board of DIRECTORS

	Leroy TAPPE <i>Chairman</i>		Randy GROVE <i>Vice Chairman</i>
	Paul BUTTERFIELD <i>Secretary</i>		Jay MORRISON <i>Treasurer</i>
	Jason CHANCY		Stacy BAINTER
	Mitchell WELSH		



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Community Calendar

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8/1: Stoneware Swap, 6am - 12pm, Chandler Park

8/1: Macomb Farmer's Market, (Every Saturday) 8am-12pm, Chandler Park

8/1: Stitchin' Time, 10:30am-12pm, Macomb Public Library

8/1: Park N' Cruise, 5-8pm, Downtown Macomb

8/2: Crafternoon, 1pm-4pm, Arthouse Folk School

8/4: National Night Out, 5-7pm, 120 S McArthur St., Macomb

8/4: Summer Family Flicks - Despicable Me, 10am, Rialto Cinema

8/4: Trivia Night (Every Tuesday), 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @ 124

8/5: Wine Run/Walk (Every Wed.), 6pm, The Wine Sellers

8/7: First Friday, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center

8/8: Day In Clay - Pressed Seashell Tray, 12pm, Ceramics Studio

8/12: Wheel Throwing for Teens, 3pm, Ceramics Studio

8/21: Movie in the Park: Zootopia 2, 7-10:30pm, Veteran's Park

8/28: Downtown Block Party, 4:30-6:30pm, Chandler Park

For more events or details, visit 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

EVERY
BOTTLE
& JAR
COUNTS!



McDonough Telephone Celebrates 75 years!



Eldon Snowden & Ferrol Wilson with MTC's first truck, 1955



2,300 attended MTC's Annual Meeting - 1980

In 1951, a group of neighbors looked around their community and saw a problem. Reliable telephone service wasn't reaching many rural families, so they took action.

They pooled their resources, formed a cooperative, and built something that would serve generations to come. Seventy-five years later, that same cooperative still belongs to the people it was created to serve.

Technology has changed dramatically over the past seven and a half decades. We've gone from party lines and switchboards to smartphones, streaming, and fiber optic internet capable of connecting entire homes. But while the technology has evolved, our purpose never has.

The faces have changed over the years, but the values remain the same. From Eldon Snowden and Ferrol Wilson standing beside one of MTC's first service trucks...to the technicians, customer service representatives, engineers, and crews working throughout our communities today... Every generation has carried forward the same commitment: Take care of your neighbors; build for the future; and leave the community stronger than you found it.

We're still here for the same reason we were in 1951: **Connecting our Communities**

Your Network... Your Rules: ProtectIQ & ExperienceIQ

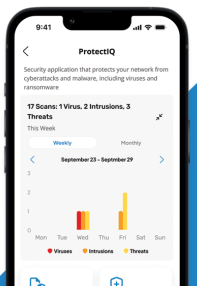
ProtectIQ and ExperienceIQ are built into your MTC GigaSpire Router, giving you network-level security and smart parental controls within the MTC Wi-Fi app:

Network Security with ProtectIQ

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



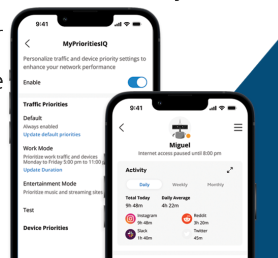
ProtectIQ



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**. *Only in Connected Home & Connected Elite.

ExperienceIQ



Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: **Strawberry Cheesecake Dump Cake**

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh strawberries
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese (softened)
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 box yellow cake mix
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 cup milk (any kind)
1/2 teaspoon salt

Topping
Powdered sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
Prep strawberries — toss sliced strawberries with 1/4 cup sugar; let sit 10 min. to release their juices, which will enhance the flavor of your cake.
Make filling — beat cream cheese, remaining 3/4 cup sugar, and vanilla until smooth.
Mix cake batter — combine cake mix, melted butter, milk, and salt; don't overmix.
Layer — half the batter, then cream cheese filling, then strawberries, then remaining batter in a greased 9x13 dish.
Bake 45-50 min, until golden and a toothpick comes out clean.
Cool 10-15 min, dust with powdered sugar, and serve.

