

# McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



Colchester, IL

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## ATTENTION MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS: DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ON SMARTHUB!

The McDonough Telephone Directory is available on SmartHub! We're excited to offer our phone directory on SmartHub to make it even more easily accessible for our customers.

When you log into SmartHub, you'll notice the "MTC Online Phone Book" link in the second grey box in the left column. Click that link to access the directory, and then select "Person," "Business," or "Reverse Phone" to look up a person's phone number or business phone number by name or address, or if you know the phone number that you're wanting to call, select "Reverse Phone."

### Directory Listing

Person Business Reverse Phone

You can also access [MTC'S ONLINE DIRECTORY](https://mdtc.smarthub.coop/DirectoryListing.html) directly through the SmartHub Directory link: <https://mdtc.smarthub.coop/DirectoryListing.html>

If you would like to receive a paper printout of the phone book, please stop by our office at 210 N Coal St., Colchester, IL 62326 to request one, and we will print it for you.

Home **Billing & Payments** ▾

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**Quick Links**

I want to...

- Pay My Bill
- Manage My Registered Accounts
- View Billing History
- Report An Issue/Inquiry
- Get Help

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- Internet Packages
- MTC Online Phone Book
- Busy Line Newsletter

## What's HAPPENING



**First Day of Spring**  
is March 20th.



**"Spring Forward"**  
Daylight Saving time  
starts March 8th.



Don't forget to check  
the batteries in your  
smoke detectors!



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

## Our Board of DIRECTORS



Leroy  
TAPPE  
*Chairman*



Randy  
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*Vice Chairman*



Paul  
BUTTERFIELD  
*Secretary*



Jay  
MORRISON  
*Treasurer*



Jason  
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### SET IT & FORGET IT...FOR A

# BIG CREDIT!



Be entered to win a **\$50 credit** by switching to  
auto-pay & paperless billing, now through Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>!



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3/3: Christine Knize:  
Orchidelirium, 4:30-6pm, WIU Art  
Gallery

3/3: Community Conservation  
with Prairie Land Conservancy,  
4:30-6:30pm, Macomb Country  
Club

3/3: Trivia Night (Every Tues.),  
6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @124

3/4: Wednesday Wine Walk/Run  
(Every Wed.), 6-8pm, The Wine  
Sellers

3/5: The Fred Case & Lola  
Austin Case Visiting Writer:  
Jennifer Egan Reading, Q&A, &  
Book Signing, 5-6:30pm, WIU  
University Union Lincoln Room

3/6: First Fridays, 9am-2pm,  
Lakeview Nature Center

3/7: Maple Syrup Festival, 10am-  
3pm, Argyle Lake State Park

3/7: Lion's Club Pancake  
Breakfast, 7am-12pm,  
Colchester Lion's Club

3/7&28: Farmer's Market,  
8:30am-12pm, American Legion

3/7: Writing Women into History  
Award: Call for Nominations,  
9:30am-Noon, Wesley  
Community Center

3/11: Get Hooked: Shamrock  
Keychain & Lanyard, 4:30-6pm,  
Macomb Park District

3/13: Noticing Nature: A Curious  
Guide for Sprouts, 4-5pm,  
Lakeview Nature Center

3/14: Nature Makers: Virginia  
Bluebells Watercolor, 12-  
1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

3/27: Power of the Purse,  
5-7pm, Spoon River College  
Outreach Center

3/28: YMCA Family Expo Vendor  
Show, 9am-6pm, YMCA of  
McDonough County

3/28: 'First Day of Spring' Hike,  
10am, Argyle Lake State Park



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## Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Pecan Pie Bars



Ingredients:  
Crust  
3 cups flour  
½ cup sugar  
½ tsp salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, cold  
and cubed

Filling  
1½ cups light corn syrup  
1½ cups sugar  
4 eggs  
3 Tbsp butter, melted  
1½ tsp vanilla extract  
2½ cups chopped pecans

Directions:  
Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, and salt. Cut in the cold butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press the crust mixture evenly into a 10x15 jelly roll pan.

Bake the crust for about 15 minutes, until lightly set.

While the crust bakes, mix together: corn syrup, sugar, eggs, melted butter, and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Stir in the chopped pecans. Pour the filling evenly over the partially baked crust. Bake for about 25 minutes, until the filling is set. Allow to cool completely before slicing into bars.

From the kitchen of Bob Bisby