

# McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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## *Holiday Open House & Collection Drive*












*Collection Drive*  
NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup> - DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>

*Open House*  
DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM - 3PM

## What's HAPPENING

Join us for our  
Holiday Open House  
& Food Drive -Friday,  
December 12th



Happy Thanksgiving!  
We are closed  
Thanksgiving Day,  
November 27th and  
the 28th.



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## 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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**11/1: Intro to Pastel**, 10am-1pm, Macomb Arts Center

**11/1: Stitchin' Time**, 10:30am-12pm, Macomb Public Library

**11/3: Conservation Book Club**, 6-8pm, The Wine Sellers

**11/4: Trivia Night (Every Tues.)**, 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @ 124

**11/5: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk (Every Wednesday)**, 6pm, The Wine Sellers

**11/7: First Friday**, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center

**11/8: 60th Annual Altrusa Holiday Bazaar**, 9am-3pm, Macomb High School

**11/8: Woodland Wonders Nature Hike**, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park

**11/8: Bowl for Kids' Sake**, 10am-2pm, Digger's College City Bowl

**11/8: Pumpkin Smash**, 10am-1pm, Veterans Park

**11/8: WIU vs. Lindenwood - Serve and Protect & Military Appreciation Day**, 1-9pm, Hanson Field

**11/14: PAS Wine Tasting**, 7-9pm, Park Place

**11/15: WIU vs. Southeast Missouri State - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day**, 1-9pm, Hanson Field

**11/15: Sally Weisenburg and Don Berbaum**, 6-9pm, The Blind Swine Speakeasy (Western Illinois Museum)

**11/20: Wine & Wax!**, 5:30-8pm, The Wine Sellers

**11/21: Noticing Nature: A Curious Guide for Sprouts**, 4-4:45pm, Lakeview Nature Area

**11/22: Nature Makers: Pressed Flower Beeswax Candle**, 12-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Area

**11/30: Annual Art & Gift Market**, 10am-3pm, Macomb Arts Center

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

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## McDonough 411

If you need to update your Directory Listing, updates need to be submitted by December 31, 2025. Please call the business office at 309-776-3211, and one of the CSRs will assist you in correcting your listing in the 2025 McDonough Directory.

**Enjoy Free Calling**

FREE MTC Long Distance calling anywhere in the continental U.S., Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th.

## McDonough Telephone Board Election 2025

At its September meeting, the McDonough Telephone board held elections for officers for the 2025-2026 business year.

Leroy Tappe, director from the Smithshire/Swan Creek/Raritan exchanges, was elected to remain as the Board Chairman. Leroy joined the McDonough board in 2011.

Randy Grove, representing the Good Hope exchange, was elected to remain in the office of Vice Chairman. Grove has been a member of the board since 2010.

Jay Morrison, representing the Colusa/Lomax exchanges, was elected to remain in the office of Treasurer. Morrison has served on the board since 2010.

Paul Butterfield serving on the McDonough board since 2023, representing the Colchester exchanges was elected to remain in the position of secretary.

## Recipe Of The Month

### Recipe: Apple Pie Thumbprint Cookies

**Ingredients:**

- 1 lb. apples, peeled, cored & cut into ¼ in. dice
- 1 Tbls. lemon juice
- ½ tsp. apple pie spice
- ¼ tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup sugar
- 10 Tbls. unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. fine salt
- 1 large egg

**Directions:**

Combine apples, lemon juice, apple pie spice, vanilla & ½ cup of sugar in a bowl. Melt 2 Tbls. of butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add apple mixture & stir. Cover & cook, stirring occasionally, until apples are tender, about 20 min. There should be some liquid left in the skillet; if not, add ¼ cup water. Mix cornstarch with 1 tsp. water in a bowl & pour into the apple mixture. Stir & bring to a boil. Cook until thick & bubbly. Transfer to a bowl & refrigerate 15 mins. Whisk together the flour & salt in a bowl. In another bowl, beat 8 Tbls. butter & ¾ cup sugar with a mixer until fluffy. Beat in the egg until just combined. With the mixer on low, gradually beat in the dry ingredients in 2 additions, until just mixed. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment. Scoop 1 Tbls. portions of dough & roll to form 1 in. balls. Place about 2 in. apart on the baking sheets. Gently press a thumbprint into the center of each ball about ½ inch deep, being careful not to crack the edges. Fill each indentation with 1 tsp. of the filling. Chill cookies 15 min. in the freezer. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake, rotating the baking sheets about halfway through, until the cookies are set, about 30 min.