

McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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2025 Annual Meeting Highlights

Board Chairman Leroy Tappe started off the 2025 Annual Meeting with a call to order and gave a quick overview of what happened in 2024 for McDonough Telephone. After the approval of the 73rd Annual Meeting minutes and the treasurer's report, President Jay Griswold explained MTC's growth and highlighted future build plans as well as the current broadband landscape.



What's HAPPENING



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



October 3rd is World
Smile Day! 😊



Happy Halloween!



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- 10/1: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk (Every Wednesday), 6pm, The Wine Sellers**
- 10/2: Macomb Farmer's Market, (Every Thursday & Saturday) 8am-12pm, Chandler Park**
- 10/3: First Friday, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center**
- 10/4: Fallen Soldiers 5K, 9am, Western Illinois University**
- 10/4: Fall Colors Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park**
- 10/4: Kayaking at Lake Argyle, 10am-3pm, Argyle Lake State Park**
- 10/4: Stitchin' Time, 10:30am-12pm, Macomb Public Library**
- 10/4: Touch A Truck, 11am-2pm, Veterans Park**
- 10/7: Trivia Night (Every Tues.), 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @ 124**
- 10/11: Oktoberfest, 12-4pm, Macomb Food Co-op**
- 10/11: Moonlight Meander, 6-8pm, Lakeview Nature Area**
- 10/17: Illinois Bats: Facts & Myths, 6-7:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park**
- 10/18: Troublesome Ridge, 5-8pm, The Wine Sellers**
- 10/18: Western Illinois University vs. Charleston Southern Buccaneers, 6pm, Hanson Field**
- 10/20: Autumn Guided Tour, 10:30-11:15am, Lakeview Nature Area**
- 10/24: Stargazing at the Park, 6:30-8:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park**
- 10/25: Atkinson McCord Cemetery Tour, 10am-12pm, Argyle Lake State Park**
- 10/25: Moon Over Macomb, 10am-12pm, Courthouse Square**
- 10/25: Fall Western Illinois Fiber Festival, 10am-4pm, McDonough County 4-H Center**

For more events or details, visit macomb.com/events/

Coffee & Cones on the Co-Op: Grab a Coffee or Scoop on Us!

 **October 1st**
7:30-9am
Day Drinks Mobile Coffee Trailer
210 N. Coal St, Colchester

 **October 17th**
7:30-9am
County Line Diner
112 State Street, Smithshire

 **October 10th**
4-6pm
The Full Scoop
6567 US Hwy 136, Colchester

 **October 22nd**
7:30-9am
Lunchbox Cafe
109 W Main St, Industry

2025 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

Youth Drawing – Nintendo Switch Lite: Preston Williamson
Adult Grand Prize – 65" Samsung Fire Smart TV: Justin Royer
Adult 2nd Grand Prize – Amazon 10" Fire Tablet: Argyle Bible Church
Adult 3rd Grand Prize – Amazon Echo Show: Randy Coplan

\$50 Tharp Bros Contractor Service Credits: Eleanor Roberts, Kathy Lawyer, Connie J Hobby, Village of Industry, Steven Barnett, Max Cole, Terry Markey, St Patrick's Church, Terry Waugh, Debbie Carman, Lee Ward, United Methodist Parsonage Church, Lonnie Cavett, Lorie Purdy

\$25 McDonough Service Credits: Angela & Scott Hance, Dany Heitz, Marvin's Hair Hut, Donald Conn, Robert Strickler, Gene Chipman, George Coutre, Harlan Baker, Janet Schrek



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Recipe
Of The Month

Recipe: Cherry Cheesecake Puppy Chow

Ingredients:
5 cups rice cereal squares
1 cup white chocolate chips
¼ cup cream cheese, softened
½ cup cherry pie filling
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup graham cracker crumbs

Directions:
Measure out 5 cups of rice cereal squares and place them in a large mixing bowl. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine white chocolate chips and softened cream cheese. Microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring between each, until smooth. Stir in the cherry pie filling and vanilla extract until well combined. Pour the cherry cheesecake mixture over the cereal squares. Gently fold until the cereal is evenly coated. Transfer the coated cereal into a large resealable plastic bag. Add the powdered sugar and shake until the cereal is fully covered. Spread the puppy chow on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper to cool and set. Once cooled, sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over the top for an authentic cheesecake taste. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

