

BUSY LINE

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April is National Safe Digging Month

April is the month when outdoor digging projects begin in earnest. From small do-it-yourself tasks to large construction jobs, every digging project requires a call to JULIE - it's quick, easy and provides for the safety of excavators and homeowners. Simply call JULIE at 8-1-1 or 1-800-892-0123. You can also enter your locate request via www.illinois1call.com.

Tips for safe digging:

Know what's below. Call 811 or make an online request at least 48 hours before digging to have underground lines marked.

Projects large and small require a call. This includes activities such as planting trees, building decks, and installing a fence or mailbox.

Dig with care. The horizontal location of underground utilities will be marked, but their depth will not be. Any time you suspect unmarked hazards or if you must dig near a marked utility line, hand dig the area carefully. Backfill the soil gently to avoid damaging any utilities.

If an underground facility is struck:

Leave the area immediately and tell others to stay away. Call 911 and then call 811 to report the incident. Report even minor damage; what looks harmless can cause big trouble.

AARP

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 8am-5pm

McDonough Telephone Cooperative, 210 N Coal St, Colchester
To register call 309.776.3211 or email pam@mdtc.net



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Fun Facts

 In 2018, the name April shot up 175 places on the national baby name popularity list. The name was at its peak in 1980, with 6,913 babies per million born named April that year.

In 1996, As an April Fools Prank, Taco Bell Corp. ran a full-page ad in several major newspapers claiming it has purchased the Liberty Bell and is renaming it the "Taco Liberty Bell."



April 13th is Thomas Jefferson's Birthday. Turns out he was a foodie. We have him to thank for some of America's most beloved foods. Ice cream, mac 'n' cheese and french fries were popularized in the U.S. after his interests in them permeated to the rest of the country.

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Community Calendar

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- 4/1-5: Gallery Exhibition: Eun-Kyung Suh, 9am-4pm, WIU Art Gallery
- 4/1-6: Gallery Exhibition: Annual Juried Student, 9am-4pm, WIU Art Gallery
- 4/4: National Cordon Bleu Day, Try out our yummy recipe below to celebrate!
- 4/7: Performing Arts Society Gala, WIU Grand Ballroom
- 4/7: Gardener's Day, 8:30am-2:30pm, Spoon River Macomb Community Outreach Center
- 4/7, 14, & 28: Adventures in Clay, 9-11am, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 4/7 & 21: Spring Wildflower Hikes, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 4/8: Ceramics Family Workshops, 1-3pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 4/10: Chris Vaillio's "Oh, Freedom", 7:30-9:30pm, Hainline Theater
- 4/13: When Patsy Met Hank, 7-9pm, West Central Illinois Arts Center
- 4/14: Run For CASA's Kids, 8am, The Old Dairy
- 4/22: Lakeview Nature Workshops, 1-3:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 4/26: AARP Drive Safety Course, 8am-5pm, McDonough Telephone Cooperative
- 4/28: St. Paul Saints Flapjack 5K, 7:30-10am, St. Paul Church

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

Get Faster Internet and Make Your House a Happy Home

Think about all the devices and Internet activities in your house on a typical day. They probably demand more total broadband usage than you had even a year or two ago. If your speed is no longer adequate, you may be experiencing annoying slowdowns when downloading information or video streaming. A quick way to solve the problem...call our office at 309.776.311 to increase your internet speed.

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To enroll, contact our office at 309.776.3211 and our CSRs will be happy to assist you. Sign up for Auto Pay (ACH) and receive a \$1 credit each month and sign up for online billing and receive a \$2 monthly credit.

Can You Find The Hidden Number?

There is a 2-digit number hidden somewhere in the picture. If this number is the LAST 2 numbers of your landline phone number, call our office for a prize!



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Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Chicken Cordon Bleu Bake

Ingredients:

- 2 pkgs (6 oz) each stuffing mix
- 1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 cup milk
- 8 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1/2 t pepper
- 3/4 pound deli ham, cut into 1 inch strips
- 4 oz shredded swiss cheese
- 12 oz shredded cheddar cheese

*** Note: Ingredients yield 2 casseroles (6 servings each) ***

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350. Prepare stuffing mixes according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine soup and milk; set aside. Divide chicken between 2 greased 13x9 baking dishes. Sprinkle with pepper. Layer with ham, swiss cheese, 1 cup cheddar cheese, soup mixture and stuffing. Sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese.

Cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

Freeze option: Cover and freeze unbaked casseroles up to 3 months. To use, thaw in the refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Uncover; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until heated through and cheese is melted.

