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Enjoy MTC's All New SmartTown Wi-Fi

Your MTC Connection Just Got Bigger...

MTC has always been committed to keeping our community connected, and now, that commitment is stepping outside. We're thrilled to introduce **MTC's SmartTown Wi-Fi**, a free, secure Wi-Fi service included with your MTC service.

We're launching **SmartTown** for vendors and people attending Colchester's Labor Day festival this year, free to use.

SmartTown isn't your average public hotspot. It's backed by the same trusted MTC network you rely on at home, featuring enterprise-grade security so you can browse, stream, and stay connected without worrying about unsafe open networks or sketchy connections. **SmartTown** is already live in Colchester park, with more locations on the way. Watch for more information coming soon about where SmartTown is headed next and how to get connected!



MTC Summer Recap

Summer at MTC kicks off our Summer Step Challenge, a friendly 8-week competition to build healthier habits.

Together, our participants logged an incredible **15,390,106** steps over the 8-week challenge—that's the equivalent of 7,286.98 miles. To put that into perspective, that's approximately the same distance as walking from Colchester, Illinois, to the Taj Mahal in India (if you could walk there in a perfectly straight line)!

A huge shoutout to our Network Specialist, Craig Bishop, who took an impressive 1,308,407 steps during the challenge, earning the coveted title of our Top Stepper.



Employees also got to enjoy an evening out at Gold Hills Golf Course for a round of golf, card games, darts, and dinner on the patio. Our winning team, finishing 6-under-par: (L-R) Brody Cordell, Aiden Percy, and Lisa and Jay Griswold!

What's HAPPENING



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



Welcome Fall! Fall begins September 22nd.



Happy National Coffee Day! Celebrate with a cup (or two) on September 29th.



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

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

The McDonough Telephone Directory is available on SmartHub! We're excited to have 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. If you know the phone number of the location 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>

Customers with Disabilities

If you or a member of your family has a hearing or speech disability or condition that limits or prevents you/their ability to communicate over voice networks and wish for us to know about the disability to better service your needs, please call our office at 309-776-3211 or email info@mdtc.net.



*Recipe
Of The Month*

Recipe: Reece's Pieces Peanut Butter White Choc. Bark

Ingredients:

16 oz white chocolate, chopped and divided in half
1 tsp vegetable oil, divided in half
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1/4 cup unsalted butter (softened to room temp.)
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup chopped Reece's Pieces candies

Directions:

Line a 9x13-inch pan with parchment paper, leaving overhang on the sides. Melt 8 oz white chocolate with 1/2 tsp oil in the microwave in 20-second intervals, stirring after each until smooth. Spread evenly in the pan and refrigerate 10-15 minutes until just set. Beat the peanut butter and butter until smooth (about 2 minutes). Add the confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and salt; beat 1 more minute until combined. Spread the mixture evenly over the chilled white chocolate layer. Refrigerate while melting the remaining chocolate. Melt the remaining 8 oz white chocolate with 1/2 tsp oil the same way. Spread over the peanut butter layer and sprinkle with chopped Reese's Pieces. Refrigerate, uncovered, for 30-60 minutes until fully set. (If chilling longer than 1 hour, cover loosely after the first hour. The top layer may crack when cut if very cold—this is normal.) Lift the bark out using the parchment overhang, place on a cutting board, and cut into pieces with a sharp knife. Store covered in the refrigerator for up to 1 week or freeze for up to 3 months.



9/2: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk
(Every Wednesday), 6pm, The Wine Sellers

9/4: First Friday, 9am-2pm,
Lakeview Nature Center

9/4: Thorpe Park Ribbon Cutting,
11:30am-12:30pm, 1200 E. Pierce
St., Macomb, IL

9/5: Macomb Farmer's Market
(Every Saturday), 8am-12pm,
Chandler Park

**9/5: Western Illinois University
vs Illinois State**, 6pm, Hanson
Field

9/6: Crafternoon by The
Arthouse Folk School, 1-4pm,
133 S. Randolph St., Macomb, IL

9/6: WIU Women's Soccer vs
Northern Iowa, 2pm, John
MacKenzie Alumni Field

9/8: Trivia Night (Every Tuesday),
6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @
124

9/11: Park N' Cruise, 5-8pm,
Chandler Park

9/16: Chicken Wire Empire,
7-9:30pm, Goldfarb Center for the
Performing Arts

9/18: Movies in the Park: Jurassic
World Rebirth, 7-8:30pm,
Veterans Park

9/19: 8th Annual WIU Family
BBQ Day, 2-5pm, WIU Q-Lot

9/19: Western Illinois University
vs. Morehead State, 6pm,
Hanson Field

9/20: Gravity, 7-9:30pm, Goldfarb
Center for the Performing Arts

9/24: Macomb Municipal Band,
6pm, Macomb City Hall lawn

9/25 & 26: WIU Women's
Volleyball vs SEMO, 6pm,
Western Hall

9/26: Flag Football Tournament,
11am, Veterans Park

