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2018 FRS Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) College Scholarship Program offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth and encourages these young people to return to rural communities after graduation. FRS awards one-time \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school.

By May 1, 2018, FRS will award the \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors. FRS funds \$2,000 of the scholarship and \$500 will come from the student's local sponsoring company, McDonough Telephone.

Applicants must: 1) Be a graduating high school senior; 2) Be a United States citizen; 3) Be sponsored by a current NTCA member (MDTC); 4) Be accepted by an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational/technical school; 5) Have at least a C grade point average; and 6) Express an interest to work in a rural community following graduation.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors or can be downloaded from the FRS website at <http://www.frs.org>. Completed applications must be brought to MDTC for finalization of the Sponsor Certification section and mailed to FRS postmarked by March 1, 2018. Please allow adequate time for us to do the certification.

What does December have that other month's don't have?

(answer on back)

Please join us for our
Holiday Open House
- and -
Food Drive

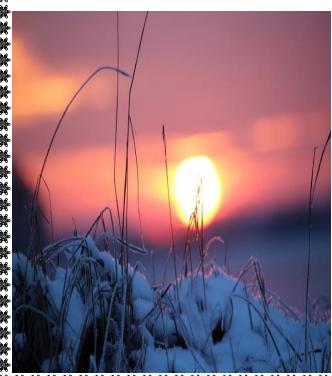
December 1st
10am to 3pm

210 North Coal St.
Colchester, Illinois

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Winter arrives
Wednesday,
December 21
at 10:28 a.m.



Happy Holidays
McDonough
Telephone business
office will be closed
on December 25th
& January 1st

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Chocolate, Peanut & Pretzel Toffee Crisps

40 saltines	2c chocolate chips
3/4 c butter, cubed	1 c cocktail peanuts
3/4 c packed brown sugar	1 c broken pretzel sticks
1 t vanilla	3/4 c M&M's minis



Preheat oven to 350. Line 15x10x1 inch baking pan with foil; grease foil. Arrange saltines in a single layer on foil.

In a large heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Spread evenly over crackers.

Bake 8-10 minutes or until bubbly. Immediately sprinkle with chocolate chips. Allow chips to soften 2 minutes, then spread over top. Sprinkle with peanuts, pretzels and M&M's minis; shake pan to settle toppings into chocolate. Cool.

Refrigerate, uncovered, 1 hour or until set. Break into pieces. Store in airtight container. Yields: 2 1/2 pounds

**Free MTC long distance calling
Christmas & New Years Day**



December 18th

National Bake Cookies Day



Bake Cookies Day occurs in the middle of the holiday season, and is a great excuse to bake some delicious cookies to help you get through the cold, winter days! Bake Cookies Day is your excuse to indulge in the art (and eating) of cookies of every stripe and measure, especially those that remind you of the season.

Answer: The letter "D"

Community Calendar

Dec 1 MDTC Holiday Open House & Food Drive, 10am-3pm, MDTC Office
Dec 1-2 Dickens on the Square, 8am-5pm, Macomb Downtown Square
Dec 1-4 Festival of Trees, 8am-5pm, West Central Illinois Arts Center
Dec 1-8 Biennale WIU Faculty Exhibition, 9am-4pm, WIU Art Gallery
Dec 1-8 WIU BA Group Show, 9am-4pm, WIU Art Gallery
Dec 4 Game Night, 7-9pm, Kozmic Game Emporium
Dec 5 Board Game Night, 7-9pm, Kozmic Game Emporium
Dec 11 Game Night, 7-9pm, Kozmic Game Emporium
Dec 12 Board Game Night, 7-9pm, Kozmic Game Emporium
Dec 16 WIU Graduate/Undergraduate Commencement, WIU
Dec 16 Winter Woodland Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park
Dec 17 Soup & More Free Dinner, 3-5pm, Macomb First Presbyterian Church
Dec 18 Game Night, 7-9pm, Kozmic Game Emporium
Dec 19 Board Game Night, 7-9pm, Kozmic Game Emporium

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



See the number?



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