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Nick Torrance Awarded Scholarship

McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MDTC) is pleased to announce Nick S. Torrance of Macomb, IL, as the recipient of the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) and MDTC Scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year. Nick, son of Scott and Monica Torrance, Macomb, will receive a cash award of \$2,500 for his outstanding academic achievement and dedication of servitude to the betterment of his rural area. The Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors on a competitive basis of high scholarship, outstanding level of community service, notable leadership, and intention to return to a rural area post-graduation from a secondary school.

A 2018 national and state honors graduate from Macomb High School set to attend the University of Illinois, Torrance is president of his FFA chapter; junior leader for 4-H; treasurer of IJHA; member of the NJHA; member of St. Paul's Catholic Church; member of McDonough County Teen Court; and involved in Macomb High's NHS, SAAD, Science Club, Spanish club, and W.Y.S.E. Torrance has also been a varsity athlete on Macomb High's soccer and baseball teams.

In addition to his academic achievement and community involvement, Torrance works for his family farm and hopes to be a "leader to rural revitalization efforts." Torrance aspires to be an "innovator who helps make a difference in producing more with less... I feel there is nowhere better to live and raise a family than in agriculture in rural America."

McDonough Telephone Cooperative is proud to partner with FRS to award a student who "continues to kindle a lifestyle and passion from one generation to the next and is capable of building upon and expanding that legacy," – Bill Buchanan, MTC Communications President.

FRS is committed to educational achievement in rural communities, recognizing that tomorrow's economic and civic development depends on the involvement and success of today's students.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative serves more than 2,608 members in parts of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, McDonough, Warren and Schuyler counties. For more information visit www.mdtc.net.

What's HAPPENING



Save the Date 67th Annual Meeting, Tuesday, August 28, 2018, The Crossing, Macomb IL

Happy 4th of July!
Our business office closed on Wed., July 4th, 2018



Congratulations to Randy May of Lomax, for winning a \$25 bill credit for attending our Morning Exchange at The Pink in Lomax.

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Attention: LIFELINE & MONITOR USERS

If you are a Lifeline user or are monitoring an at-risk baby, please notify our plant department by dialing 611. In the event of an outage, persons with Lifeline or a monitoring system are given priority status in having their service restored, so it is vital our subscribers keep us informed of such special circumstances. New Lifeline and monitor users will be asked for certification from a physician.

We also request you inform us when a Lifeline or baby monitor is taken out of service so we can update our records. Your assistance will help us to serve you better.

Community
Calendar
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7/1: Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast, Macomb Municipal Airport
7/5,12,19,&26: MDH L.A.T.E. Class, 6-8:15am, McDonough District Hospital

7/6: Park N' Cruise, Macomb Downtown Square

7/7,14,21,&28: Adventures in Clay, 9am-11am, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

7/7: Nature's Fireworks, 7:30-9:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

7/12: Nature Narratives, 4-10pm, Lakeview Nature Center

7/12&19: Clay Sprouts Lab, 4-5:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

7/13: Prairie Walk & Open House, 3:30-5:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

7/15: Ceramics Family Workshop, 1-2pm & 2-3pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

7/16: McDonough County Genealogical Society Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Western Illinois Museum

7/20: #LakeviewPhotoWalk, 5:30-6:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

7/21&22: Burlington Kennel Club Dog Show, 8am-5pm, Spencer Student Recreation Center

7/28: Raising Saints Block Party, 10am-1pm, Lot next to Vitale's

7/29: Lakeview Nature Workshop, 1-2pm & 2:30-3:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

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

MDTC Welcomes New Employee

MDTC would like to welcome our newest employee, Rachel Mencil. Rachel is from Colchester, where she graduated from West Prairie High School in 2014, and she just recently graduated from Webster University with BA's in Advertising and Marketing Communications and Management. We are happy to add Rachel to the team as the Director of Marketing for MDTC. Welcome to the MDTC office, Rachel!



900 Number Consumer Rights



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for pay-per-call 900 services under the Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act of 1992. These rules are designed to protect consumer rights.

Pay-per-call services are those information services that are offered through 900 numbers and carry a fee greater than the cost of simply transmitting a call. Any interstate service that charges consumers for information – other than telephone directory assistance – must be provided through a 900 number. Pay-per-call services are not allowed on toll-free calls, such as 800 numbers, unless services are paid by a prepaid account or credit card. Callers to toll-free numbers may not be transferred to 900 numbers. Local telephone companies must offer consumers the option of blocking access to 900 number services if technically feasible.

Telephone companies may not disconnect local or long distance telephone service for failure to pay 900 number charges. However, all other charges on the bill that are not part of the disputed amount must be paid. Non-payment of 900 number pay-per-call services may result in involuntary blocking of access to the pay-per-call programs. Pay-per-call services must be shown in a portion of the bill separate from local and long distance charges. Information outlining consumers' rights and responsibilities with respect to payment of information service charges must be included with the bill.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative offers blocking of 900 and collect calls at no charge to the membership. Members wanting to unblock are assessed the normal service order charges.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Chicken Taco Salad

Ingredients:

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
2 T taco seasoning
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 T butter
6 T chopped cilantro, divided
2 ears corn, shucked
1 head lettuce, shredded thin
3 Roma tomatoes, diced
1/2 cup grated pepper-jack cheese
2 avocados, diced
3 green onions, sliced
1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves
Tortilla chips, crushed slightly
3/4 cup ranch dressing
1/4 cup salsa

Directions:

Generously sprinkle both sides of the breasts with the taco seasoning. Heat the oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the chicken on both sides until deep golden brown on the outside to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, about 4 minutes per side. Set aside to cool for 5 minutes.

While the chicken is cooking, pour the ranch dressing into a bowl. Add the salsa and 3 Tbls. cilantro and stir to combine.

Place ears of corn in the skillet you used to cook the chicken and roll them around so that the flavorful oil/butter mixture coats the corn. Grill on a grill pan or cook in a separate skillet until the corn is still crisp but has color on the outside. Slice off the kernels and set aside. Dice the chicken into cubes. On a platter, layer shredded lettuce, chicken, tomatoes, cheese, corn, avocados, green onions, remaining cilantro & crushed chips. Drizzle the dressing over the top, saving some to serve on the side if you'd like. Serve the salad in individual bowls.

