



# BUSY LINE

McDonough Telephone Cooperative • Colchester, IL

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## McDonough Telephone Welcomes New Board Member

In September, Matt Reynolds, one of our Colchester board members, stepped down from his position on the board. Matt joined the board in 2017 because he wanted to support and serve his local community, and McDonough Telephone appreciates his service. The board carried out their new board member selection process, and they appointed Jason Yhnaneck of Colchester to take Matt's open board seat. Jason will serve through McDonough Telephone's next annual meeting, at which point his position will be up for re-election.

We'd like to thank Matt for his three years of service to the cooperative and its members and welcome Jason to our McDonough Telephone Coop board of directors.

## Get on the National Do Not Call Registry

To decrease unwelcome telemarketing calls, register your telephone or cellphone number by calling 1.888.382.1222 (TTY: 1.886.290.4236) or visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).



## What's HAPPENING



Please support our  
**MEG Food Drive!**  
11/01-12/04



Happy Holidays! We  
are closed Christmas  
Day, December  
25th and New Year's  
Day, January 1st



**New!! 24/7**  
Pay by phone!  
833-699-1832



Welcome Winter!  
Winter arrives Monday,  
December 21st.

*McDonough Employee Goodwill*  
FUND

# Holiday Food Drive

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

## Our Board of DIRECTORS



Leroy  
TAPPE  
Chairman



Randy  
GROVE  
Vice Chairman



Rose Marie  
LYNN  
Secretary



Jay  
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- 12/11: Our Front Porch, 5-7pm,  
Western Illinois Museum
- 12/12: Winter Wonderland Wonders  
Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake  
State Park
- 12/17: Free Food Pantry, 5:30-  
6:30pm, The Crossing
- 12/18: Lakeview Nature Area  
Guided Tour, 11-11:45am, Lakeview  
Nature Area & Center
- 12/19: WIU Virtual Graduate and  
Undergraduate Commencement
- 12/20: Storytelling Sundays:  
Celebrating The Family Farm Project,  
1:30-3:30pm, Western Illinois Museum

For more events or details, visit  
[macomb.com/events/](http://macomb.com/events/)



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Enjoy **FREE** MTC  
long distance calling  
in the continental  
U.S. on Christmas  
& New Year's Day!

## 2021 FRS Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship Program offers an annual college scholarship 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, 2021, FRS will award the \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors. FRS funds \$2,000 of the scholarship and the remaining \$500 amount of the scholarship comes from the student's local sponsoring company, McDonough Telephone. Please view the application for the qualifications and requirements.

The FRS Scholarship is now 100% electronic, and electronic applications are available on the FRS website at <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>. When applying for the FRS Scholarship, please select McDonough Telephone as your local cooperative, and take a screenshot of the submitted application. Please send an email to confirm your registration to [info@mdtc.net](mailto:info@mdtc.net) with the screenshot of your submitted application as an attachment. Questions? Call us: 309-776-3211.

## An Important Message About Illinois Relay

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) provides telecommunications relay service in Illinois to people who are Deaf, Hard-of-hearing, Speech-Disabled, or Deaf-Blind and allows them to place and receive calls to standard telephone users via a keyboard or assistive device. Illinois Relay is a free service, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Trained operators type the hearing caller's spoken words to the TTY caller and speak the typed words to the hearing person. Calls are billed at regular telephone company rates. ITAC also distributes TTYs at no charge to qualified Illinois Residents.

For more information or to apply for Illinois Relay service, call ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 or visit the ITAC website at [www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org). To place a call using Illinois Relay, dial 771 or use one of these 10-digit numbers:

- 800-526-0844 TTY Users
- 800-526-0857 Voice Users
- 800-501-0864 TTY Spanish
- 800-501-0865 Voice Spanish
- 877-526-6680 American Standard Code for Information Exchange (ASCII)
- 877-526-6690 Speech-to-Speech (STS)
- 877-826-1130 Voice Carry Over (VCO) Users

For quickest response in an emergency, dial 911 directly rather than using the relay service to complete the emergency call.

## Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: **Garlic Butter Roasted Carrots**

Ingredients:  
2 pounds carrots ,  
diagonally cut into about 2  
to 3-inch pieces  
5 tablespoons butter  
4 garlic cloves , minced  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
chopped fresh parsley ,  
for garnish

Directions:  
Preheat oven to 425F. Grease a baking sheet with cooking spray;  
set aside. Cut up the carrots and set aside.  
Melt butter in medium-heat nonstick skillet. Add garlic and cook for  
3 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring frequently.  
Toss the carrots with the garlic butter either in the pan or pour the  
butter over them in a mixing bowl. Toss until well combined.  
Transfer carrots to previously prepared baking sheet. Arrange in  
one layer and bake for 22-30 minutes, or until carrots are tender.  
Remove from oven and taste for seasoning. Garnish with parsley.

