

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.

New Residential Fiber VoIP Service Coming in May!

Attention McDonough Telephone Residential Phone Customers! McDonough Telephone will soon be offering Residential VoIP phone service to our **Fiber To The Home** customers. Watch for more information coming in the mail on how you could save money by switching to our new VoIP service.

VoIP (Voice over IP) phone service works over your **fiber** internet connection, and we will be offering VoIP as a residential option for our **fiber** customers that includes long distance calling in May. Call our office to see if you could save by switching! 309-776-3211.



What's HAPPENING

 We will be closed for Good Friday, Friday, April 2nd.

 APRIL 4 April 4 is Easter Sunday

 **811** Know what's below!

 **New!! 24/7**
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Visit www.watchtveverywhere.com and select McDonough Telephone as your cable service provider from the drop-down menu to start the sign up process!

Phone Number Update

Name:

Account Number:

New Phone Number:

A contact number is as important as your address. Help us update our records by completing the form and returning it with your payment or call our office at 309.776.3211.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Quick Meatloaf Chili

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 onion, chopped
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1-2 jalapeno peppers, minced
 2-3 cups leftover meatloaf
 2 (14oz.) cans diced tomatoes
 1 (8oz.) can tomato sauce
 2/3 cup beef broth
 2 (15oz.) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
 2 tablespoons chili powder
 1 teaspoon cumin
 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
 Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

In large pot heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir for 5 minutes. Add garlic and jalapeno pepper; cook and stir for 3 minutes.

Add meatloaf (crumbled into bite size pieces), diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef broth, black beans, chili powder, cumin, Tabasco, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer; reduce heat to low and simmer for 25 to 35 minutes until slightly thickened.

Serve immediately with sour cream, Parmesan cheese, and more jalapenos.

From Gerald Shoemate

