



BUSY LINE

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Annual Meeting Canceled

Due to the restrictions dictated in the Illinois' phased reopening plan, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel McDonough Telephone's 2020 Annual Meeting. We are disappointed that we won't get to see our members at our Annual Meeting this year, but we look forward to seeing you all next year!

We also would like to keep our members informed of the many exciting events that have taken place and progress that we've made over the last year, so watch your mailbox for our annual meeting notice! To see updates of our build progress, follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/followmdtc



What's HAPPENING



Cancel the date! McDonough Telephone Coop will not be hosting an annual meeting this year.

Exciting Changes Happening This Month!

We keep moving forward at McDonough Telephone, and as we work hard to provide our customers with the best service and user experience possible, we've made the decision to change software companies. With these exciting changes, you'll get...

- Better communication
- Easier to use services
- More control over your account

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Rural Industry - Drops

Our construction team is working on finishing up our fiber conversion drops in rural Industry! Once we finish the drops, we'll begin splicing work on the line and configure the box on the side of the home, then we'll be ready to start installations!



Rural Swan Creek - Fiber Build Underway!

We've started mainline construction in our rural Swan Creek area. Watch for our crew in the area!



Welcome Austin Brown!

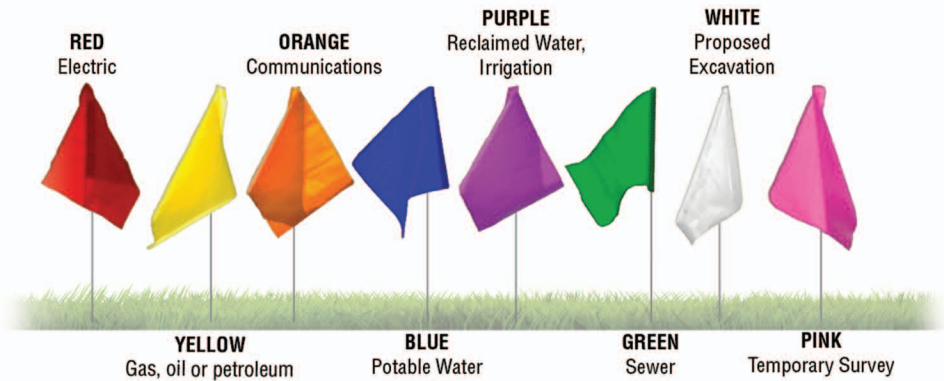
McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our newest employee Austin Brown to the office! Austin joined our construction team as a construction technician in June of 2020. He's a native of Carthage, IL, and his favorite place that he's ever visited is the Fort Worth Stockyards in Texas.

We are happy to welcome Austin to the McDonough team!



811 Call Julie!

You'll know what's below by the different flags, stakes, or paint. Remember to Call Julie before your big yard work projects this summer!



Get Ready to Change the Way you Dial!

The ICC has approved an area code overlay for the 217 area code geographic region. What is an Area Code Overlay? An overlay is an addition of another area code (447) to a current area code region (217) to ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers.

What does this mean for you?

Starting in August, you should start practicing dialing a phone number with the full 10-digit number. For example, when dialing our office, you should dial 309-776-3211 instead of just 776-3211. This will not affect your bill or the way that long-distance areas are charged.

Effective August 29, 2020

Begin using new 10-digit dialing! If you forget, your call will still be completed.

Beginning February 27, 2021

You MUST use new 10-digit dialing! If you forget, your call will NOT be completed, and you'll be prompted to dial again.

Beginning March 27, 2021

You MUST use new 10-digit dialing! New numbers will be added with 447 area code.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Frozen Butterfinger Pie

Ingredients:

Crust:
1.5 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
6 tablespoons butter, melted

Filling:
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 cups heavy cream
1 teaspoon corn syrup
7 full size Butterfinger candy bars, crushed

Directions:

Mix the ingredients for the crust in a small bowl and press into a 9-inch pie plate. Place in freezer while you prepare the filling.

With an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. In a separate bowl, beat heavy cream and corn syrup with an electric mixer until stiff peaks form.

Fold whipped cream into cream cheese mixture until smooth. Reserve 1/2 cup of crushed Butterfinger. Fold remaining Butterfinger into whipped cream and cream cheese mixture.

Spread filling into prepared crust. Top with remaining crushed Butterfinger. Freeze for 3-4 hours, or until firm.

