



# BUSY LINE

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## MDTC Supports McDonough County CEO Program

We at McDonough Telephone are excited to support the very first McDonough County CEO Program and offer our boardroom as a meeting place for their class sessions for the beginning of the year. The CEO Program, which is a class to “prepare local youth to be responsible, enterprising individuals who become entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial thinkers,” offers local students the chance to meet business owners, leaders, and influential community members and learn from their experiences.

We’re proud to have played a part in helping these students reach their goals and learn how to make an impact in their communities in the future. For more information on the class and to follow them as they develop their class business, look for their Facebook page: [facebook.com/mcdonoughcountyceo/](https://facebook.com/mcdonoughcountyceo/)



## What's HAPPENING



Join us for our **Holiday Open House & Food Drive** on December 6



**Happy Holidays!** We are closed Christmas Day, December 25th



**Happy New Year!** We are closed New Year's Day, January 1st



**Welcome Winter!** Winter arrives Saturday, December 21st.



Please join us for our  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
 - & -  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
 December 6, 10am-3pm

## Our Board of DIRECTORS



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**Merry Christmas**  
and happy new year!

**Enjoy FREE  
MTC Long Distance  
Calling on Christmas  
& New Year's Day!**

**Community  
Calendar**  
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**macomb.com**

12/5: Citizens Bank Community & Seniors Day, 8:30-10:30pm, Citizens Bank Downtown Macomb  
12/5: Jingle n' Mingle, 6:30-8:30pm, Macomb Arts Center  
12/5-8: Winter Danceworks Concert, Hainline Theatre  
12/6: MDTC Holiday Open House, 10am-3pm, McDonough Telephone Cooperative Office  
12/6: Hallmark Gift of Memories Ornament Event, 10am-6pm, Nostalgia  
12/6&7: Letters to Santa, Western Illinois Museum  
12/6&7: St. Paul Cookie Walk, Taylor's Hall  
12/6-9: Festival of Trees, Macomb Arts Center  
12/6&7: Dickens on the Square, Macomb Downtown Square  
12/7: Friends of the Library Book Sale, 11am-2pm, Macomb Public Library Annex  
12/1: Ceramics Family Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm/2:30-3:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio  
12/13&14: WIU Graduation, Western Illinois University  
12/13: Repeal Party at The Blind Swine, 4:30-7:30pm, Western Illinois Museum  
12/14: Woodland Wonders Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park  
12/14: Lakeview Nature Workshop, 12:30-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

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

## GET ON THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

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## 2020 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, 2020, 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.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors or can be downloaded from the FRS website at <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>. Completed applications MUST be brought to MDTC for finalizations of the Sponsor Certification section and mailed to FRS, postmarked by March 1, 2020. Please allow adequate time for us to complete the certification.

## 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: Christmas Sugar Cookie Truffles

### Ingredients:

2 cups (200 g) or 12 sugar cookies<sup>1</sup> about 2 1/2 in diameter  
4 tablespoons (2 oz or 57 g) cream cheese, room temperature  
2 cups white chocolate melting wafers, or candy melts  
Sprinkles for decoration

### Directions:

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and set aside.  
Place sugar cookies in a food processor and process until cookies turn into fine crumbs. Add cream cheese and process again until well-combined and mixture can be pressed into a ball, 1 to 2 minutes.  
Shape cookies into balls about 1-inch to 1 1/2-inches in diameter. Place on prepared cookie sheet and place in the freezer for 15 to 20 minutes.  
While the truffles freeze, melt white chocolate in a medium bowl according to instructions.  
Remove the cookie truffles from refrigerator. Using two forks, dip and roll chilled truffles, one at a time, in chocolate coating. Return to lined cookie sheet and immediately top with sprinkles. Repeat process for remaining truffles. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week or in the freezer for up to 1 month.

