

# McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



Colchester, IL

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## What's HAPPENING



Donate to our MEG Food Drive! Ending December 6th



Happy Holidays!  
We are closed for Christmas, December 25th.



Happy New Year! We are closed for New Year's, January 1st.



Holiday Open House – Friday Dec. 6th 10am-3pm



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

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**McDONOUGH EMPLOYEE GOODWILL FUND**  
*Holiday Open House & Collection Drive*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM - 3PM**  
Come in and chase away the chill with homemade treats, hot beverages, and good company! Please bring an item or two for the collection drive.



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### Directory Available on SmartHub!

The McDonough Telephone Directory is available on SmartHub! We're excited to offer our phone directory on SmartHub to make it even more easily accessible for our customers.

When you log into SmartHub, you'll notice the "MTC Online Phone Book" link in the second grey box in the left column. Click that link to access the directory, and then select "Person," "Business," or "Reverse Phone" to look up a person's phone number or business phone number by name or address, or if you know the phone number that you're wanting to call, select "Reverse Phone."

You can also access [MTC'S ONLINE DIRECTORY](https://mdtc.smarthub.coop/DirectoryListing.html) directly through the SmartHub Directory link: <https://mdtc.smarthub.coop/DirectoryListing.html>

If you would like to receive a paper printout of the phone book, please stop by our office at 210 N Coal St., Colchester, IL 62326 to request one, and we will print it for you.

### 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	877-526-6680 American Standard Code for
800-526-0857 Voice Users	Information Exchange (ASCII)
800-501-0864 TTY Spanish	877-526-6690 Speech-to-Speech (STS)
800-501-0865 Voice Spanish	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: Puppy Chow Chocolate Truffles

**Ingredients:**

**Puppy Chow Mixture**  
4 cups rice Chex  
1 cup peanut butter  
½ cup powdered sugar


**Coating**  
2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips  
½ cup powdered sugar

**Directions:**

Add peanut butter & powdered sugar to a bowl. Microwave in 10 second intervals, stirring in between each one, until melted & smooth. Place cereal in a large bowl. Crush it into small pieces, leaving some bigger pieces as well. Pour the peanut butter mixture into the cereal. Combine. Put the mixture in the fridge for 30 min.

Add the chocolate chips to a double boiler. Melt. Remove the cereal mixture from the fridge. Roll the mixture into about 1 ½ tbs sized balls. You should be able to make about 18 truffles. Coat the balls in the melted chocolate. Then place in the refrigerator for the chocolate coating to harden.

Add the powdered sugar (½ cup) to a bowl. Once the chocolate has hardened, roll the truffles in the powdered sugar. Enjoy!



- 12/5: Merry Making: Porcelain & Luster Edition, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 12/6: First Fridays, 9-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 12/6: MTC Holiday Open House & Food Drive, 10am-3pm, McDonough Telephone Cooperative
- 12/6-9: Festival of Trees & Teddy Bear Drive, F: 4-7pm; Sat:9am-4pm; Sun:12-4pm; M: 9am-12pm, Macomb Arts Center
- 12/6: Pinkmas: Holiday Shopping Event, 5-9pm, The Small Towner Event Venue
- 12/6 & 7: Dickens On The Square, 6-9pm; 9am-6pm, Courthouse Square
- 12/7: St. Paul Cookie Walk, 8am-Noon, Macomb City Hall Community Room
- 11/2: Day in Clay: Winter Treat Dish, 12-2:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 12/7: Holiday Festival of Choirs, 2-4pm; 7:30-9:30pm, Wesley United Methodist Church
- 12/7: Performing Arts Society Wine Tasting, 6:30-8:30pm, Park Place
- 12/11: Post 6 Big Band, 7-9pm, Macomb American Legion
- 12/13: Noticing Nature, 3:30-4:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 12/14: Nature Makers: Watercolor Holiday Cards, 12-1pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 12/14: Winter Farmer's Market, 8:30am-12pm, Macomb American Legion
- 12/15: Legends & Lattes Book Club, 2-3pm, Sullivan Taylor Coffee House
- 12/21: Winter Solstice Lantern Walk, 4-5:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center