



BUSY LINE

McDonough Telephone Cooperative • Colchester, IL

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2018 Service Award Recipients



Bobby Bisby
40 years



Marsha Livingstone
35 years



Kenith Beckner
20 years



Sally Kelly
10 years



Fawzyah Boukari
5 years

We're Upgrading Our Internet Speeds

For 67 years, we've been on a mission to provide our communities with the best service. With new devices coming online for consumers everyday, we're committed to offering the fastest speeds paired with the best experience, so our customers can take advantage of the technology available.

We've been working to install Fiber To The Home in more areas, so you have faster internet speeds to do more of what you love.

Take a look at the new residential packages we have to offer:

STANDARD
25mbps **INCREASES** to 50/25

50/25
download/upload
Mbps

- ✓ Good for 5-7 devices at a time
- ✓ Perfect for 2-4 person homes

\$54⁹⁵
PER MONTH

PREFERRED
75mbps **INCREASES** to 150/25

150/50
download/upload
Mbps

- ✓ Good for 8-11 devices at a time
- ✓ Perfect for families, gamers, heavy streamers.

\$64⁹⁵
PER MONTH

PREMIUM
Price **REDUCED** by \$25/mo

250/100
download/upload
Mbps

- ✓ Good for 12+ devices at a time
- ✓ Perfect for large families, heavy bandwidth users, online gaming, security cameras, smart homes

\$74⁹⁵
PER MONTH

What's HAPPENING



Happy New Year! Our office will be closed **Tuesday, January 1st** for New Year's Day.



For prompt attention to any service problems you are experiencing after hours, on weekends or holidays, please call **309-776-3214**.



January 24th is National Peanut Butter Day!

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Holiday Open House in December.

Here's a list of our lucky customers who won a bill credit on their next bill:

\$25.00 Bill Credit
Joanne Arnold

\$10.00 Bill Credit
Jerry & Holly Yocum
William Meriwether
Judy Wisely
Charlotte Dorethy
Maurice Ray Greene



900 Number Consumer Rights

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for pay-per-call 900 services under the Telephone Disclosure Resolution Act of 1992. These rules are designed to protect consumer rights.

Pay-per-call services are those information services that are offered through 900 numbers and carry a fee greater than the cost of simply transmitting a call. Any interstate service that charges consumers for information - other than telephone directory assistance - must be provided through a 900 number. Pay-per-call services must be shown in a portion of the bill separate from local and long-distance charges. Information outlining consumers' rights and responsibilities with respect to payment of information service charges must be included with the bill.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative offers blocking of 900 and collect calls at no charge to the membership on a one-time basis. Members wanting to unblock are assessed the normal service order charges.

Who's Dialing?

Have you ever received a phone call from a number that looks almost exactly like yours? So, you answer the phone... only to get a telemarketer 1,000 miles away. It's called "Neighbor Spoofing," and it's one of the hottest, most annoying trends.

Spoofing with the intent to cause harm is illegal, and in June 2017, the government cracked down on one company for spoofing 96 million homes to sell timeshares. That hasn't slowed the practice.

Now regulators are considering letting phone companies block spoofers. You can take action also by registering your phone at the Do Not Call registry (donotcall.gov) or let your answering machine handle callers you don't recognize.



Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Sweet Potato Casserole

Ingredients:

3 cups peeled, cubed, cooked & mashed sweet potatoes
¾ cup sugar
½ cup butter, softened
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup milk

Topping

½ cup butter, melted
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup flour
1 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Peel, cube, boil and then mash sweet potatoes.

Beat in sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla and milk until smooth and creamy.

Put in 9x13 greased pan.

To make topping, combine topping ingredients together in a small bowl. Stir and mix to combine. Crumble topping over sweet potatoes.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.



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Happy New Year!

Enjoy FREE MTC long distance calling anywhere in the continental US all day New Year's Day!