

BUSY LINE

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Coming Soon...

Watch for our new 2020 Directory. Available in April!

Cover photo submitted by MDTC Customer Ron Ruebush of Good Hope.



What's HAPPENING



Spring Forward! Daylight savings time begins.



Happy Spring! March 19th is the first day of Spring.

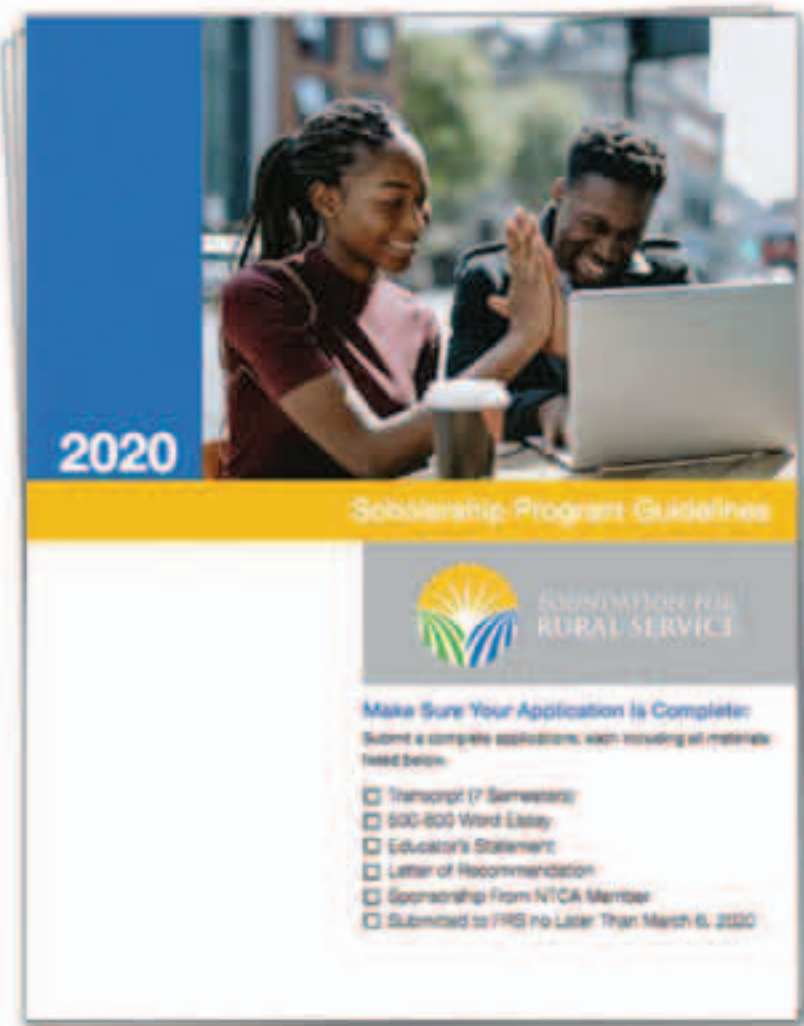


Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke detectors!



Breakfast is on us! Join us on March 18 from 7-8:30am at Tinks in Blandinsville.

2020 FRS Scholarship Deadline Approaching!



The \$2,500 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than March 6, 2020. Applications and guidelines have been mailed to guidance counselors at area schools or they can be downloaded from the FRS website at www.frs.org.

Prior to mailing, the completed application must have the Sponsor Certification section signed by MDTC. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Kerns at 309-776-3211. Thank you and good luck!

Your Security is our Expertise

Missed us at the 2020 Ag Mech Show in February? Don't worry! We'd love to talk to you about our camera and NVR systems. We can also create a custom camera system solution for your home, farm, or business. We've got you covered! Whether you're designing a new security solution or enhancing an existing platform, our dedicated team of technicians is here to help. Call our office at 309-776-3211 for more information!



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Music Choice has discontinued the MC Play channel #900, and it has been removed from MTC-TV's network.

Community Calendar
Brought to you by **macomb.com**

- 3/6: Film Series: Farmsteaders, 7pm, Western Illinois Museum
- 3/7: Colchester Lion's Club Serving Pancakes, 7am-1pm, Colchester Lions Club
- 3/7: Maple Syrup Festival, 10am-3pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 3/7: Lakeview Nature Workshop: Stenciled Canvas Tote, 12:30-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 3/8: Film Series: Farmsteaders, 2pm, Western Illinois Museum
- 3/8: Trivia Challenge Fundraiser, 2-5pm, Good Hope United Methodist Church
- 3/13: Western Illinois Traditional Music Association, 7-11pm, First Presbyterian Church
- 3/18: Breakfast is on us! 7-8:30am, Tinks in Blandinsville, IL
- 3/19: Free Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30pm, The Crossing
- 3/20: Prairie School, 9:30-10:30am, Lakeview Nature Center
- 3/21: First Day of Spring Hike, 10am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 3/21: Art in Nature Painting Class, 1-3pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 3/26: Reception: Ann Coddington "entwine", 4:30-6pm, WIU Art Gallery
- 3/27: Night of Stars, The Crossing
- 3/27: #LakeviewPhotoWalk and Spring Open House, 4-6pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 3/28: YMCA Family Expo, 9am-6pm, YMCA of McDonough County

For more events or details, visit macomb.com/events/

Introducing the new Marquee Sports Network Channel



Cubs fans, we are thrilled to announce that we will soon be carrying Marquee Sports Network, the new home of the Chicago Cubs. On Marquee Sports Network, you'll find every spring training game, extensive pre- and post-game analysis, documentaries, classic games and in-depth conversation from the best analysts and former Cubs you love.

Access Cubs related programming around the clock-all in a single channel. We will keep you updated and let you know what channel the Marquee Network will be on. For more information visit GetMarqueeSportsNetwork.com, or call our office!



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Recipe
Of The Month

Recipe Title: Chocolate Chip Banana Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature (1/2 cup)
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg
- 3-4 very ripe bananas, mashed (frozen bananas are best; they're extra sweet)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Line a 9x5 loaf pan with parchment paper, making sure the parchment is hanging over the sides of the loaf pan. This will help you easily remove the loaf after baking. Spray with nonstick spray and set aside.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar together for about 2 minutes until smooth. Whisk in the egg then add the mashed bananas and vanilla. Mix, scraping down the sides of the bowl, until well combined.

Add the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Mix until just combined. Careful not to over mix. Fold in the chocolate chips.

Pour the mixture into the loaf pan. Bake for 55-65 minutes until a knife inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean. Let cool for at least 30 minutes before serving. Enjoy!

