



BUSY LINE

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
**HOLIDAY
 OPEN HOUSE**
 - AND -
FOOD DRIVE
 December 7th, 10am to 3pm



What's HAPPENING

DEC 7 Join us for our Holiday Open House & Food Drive on December 7th.



Happy Thanksgiving! We are closed Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd.



Congratulations! George Hite, of Industry, for winning our \$25 bill credit for coming to our Morning Exchange at The Lunch Box Cafe, Industry.



Fall Back! Sunday, November 4th. Remember, the time change is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

Is Your Internet Getting Slower?

Technically, your internet speed hasn't changed! Your bandwidth usage has increased, and your router and bandwidth might not be able to keep up!

What's Bandwidth?

Bandwidth is the amount of information your connection can handle at a given time. Think of bandwidth like your water pressure. The more appliances, showers, and faucets using your water, the lower your water pressure will be. Bandwidth works the same way!

The more devices connected to your internet, the slower your connection will be because your bandwidth is stretched too thin. A lower quality router paired with low bandwidth makes for a terrible internet connection.



How Do You Fix Your Bandwidth Speed?

Just like you can increase your water pressure capacity by increasing the pipe size coming into your home, you can increase your bandwidth capacity by increasing your internet speed package. A typical home has 5 to 8 devices that use the internet. For the best connection, a home with this number of devices should have a 25 to 75 mbps internet package. Not sure what your speed is or what router you have? Give us a call at 309-776-3211!

Our Board of DIRECTORS



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- 11/1: Citizens Bank Community & Senior's Day, 8:30-10:30am, Citizens Bank
- 11/2: Breakfast & Birding, 10-11am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 11/2: Partners in Possibilities, 12-1pm, Wesley United Methodist Church
- 11/2&3: "Distracted", 7:30pm, Simpkins Theatre
- 11/2: WIU Steel Band Concert, 7:30pm, COFAC Recital Hall Hall Community Room
- 11/3&17: Adventures in Clay, 9-11am, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 11/3: Lakeview Nature Workshop, 12:30-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 11/5: WIU Jazz Band Concert, 7:30pm, COFAC Recital Hall
- 11/7-10: "Drowsy Chaperone", 7:30pm, Hainline Theatre
- 11/8: Vietnam...Through My Lens, 7:30pm, Horrabin Theatre
- 11/9: WIU Fall Choirs Tour Concert, 7:30pm, COFAC Recital Hall
- 11/10: Altrusa Holiday Bazaar, 9am-3pm, Macomb High School
- 11/10: Woodland Wonders Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 11/10: Ceramics Family Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm/2:30-3:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 11/13: Let Us Play: Cribbage, 1-4pm, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 11/13: Badass Beauty Queen, 6-8pm, WIU Multicultural Center
- 11/13: WIU Percussion Ensemble, 7:30pm, COFAC Recital Hall
- 11/14: WIU JSO Tour Concert w/ Guest Donnie Norton, 7:30pm, COFAC Recital Hall
- 11/15: Celebrating Town & Gown 2018, 5:30-7:30pm, The Macomb Dining Company
- 11/16: "Crowns & Sounds Music Trivia", 4-10pm, Macomb VFW
- 11/17: VIBE Auction Fundraiser, 5-9pm, The Forum
- 11/22: Turkey Trot, Good Hope, IL
- 11/27: Dickens on the Square "A Magical Holiday", 6-9pm, Macomb Downtown Square

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Deadline for the 2019 MDTC Directory is approaching. Updates need to be submitted by December, 31, 2018. If you would like to make a listing change in next year's directory, please call the business office at 309.776.3211, and one of the CSRs will assist you in correcting your listing in the 2018 MDTC Directory.



MDTC Board Officer Election 2019

At its October meeting, the MDTC board held elections for officers for the 2018-2019 business year.

Leroy Tappe, director from the Smithshire/Swan Creek/Raritan exchanges, was elected to remain as the board chairman. He just finished his seventh year on the board.

Randy Grove, representing the Good Hope exchange, was elected to remain in the office of vice chairman. Grove has been a member of the board for eight years.

Jay Morrison, representing the Colusa/Lomax exchanges, was elected to remain in the office of treasurer. Morrison has served on the board for eight years.

Rose Marie Lynn, serving her twenty-fourth year on the board representing the Bardolph/Adair exchanges, was elected to remain in the position of secretary.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title:

Roasted Red Pepper, Tomato and Smoked Gouda Bisque

Ingredients:

- 2-4.5 oz cans fire roasted tomatoes
- 12 oz jar roasted red peppers
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp butter
- 8 oz smoked gouda cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Directions:

1. Heat slow cooker on low setting.
2. To the slow cooker, add tomatoes, roasted red peppers, chicken stock, tomato paste, basil, sea salt, oregano, and black pepper.
3. In a medium sauté pan, over medium heat, sauté onion and garlic in butter until soft and translucent. - About 10 minutes.
4. Add Sautéed onions to the slow cooker, cover and cook on low for 4 hours.
5. After 4 hours, transfer soup to a blender and puree until smooth. This can also be done using an immersion blender. Pour the pureed soup back into the slow cooker.
7. To the slow cooker, stir in heavy cream and Gouda cheese. Cover and cook for 1 additional hour.

