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2018 Annual Meeting Highlights

Board Chairman Leroy Tappe started off the 2018 Annual Meeting with a call to order and gave a quick overview of what happened in 2017 for McDonough Telephone. After the approval of the 66th Annual Meeting minutes and the treasurer's report, President Jay Griswold explained MDTC's growth and the plan to expand the fiber network to all exchanges over the next five years.




The meeting concluded with the announcement of capital credit disbursements later this year, which the board voted on \$80,000 of the remaining 1997 allocation, a preview of MDTC's new website, and the prize drawings.



What's HAPPENING

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

 **Caramel Apple Day** is October 31st

 The **Elite Assurance Winner** of the Google Home Mini is....**Mark Jackson** of Colchester!

 **2019 Directory Cover Photo Contest**
Deadline is Oct. 31. Send entries to Rachel Mencil, PO Box 359, Colchester, IL 62326 or email us at info@mdtc.net

Our Board of DIRECTORS

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- 10/1: Chronic Pain Management Group, 1-2pm, McDonough District Hospital
- 10/1: Suicide Support Group, 7-8pm, McDonough District Hospital
- 10/4: Farmer's Market, 7am-1pm, Every Thursday & Saturday, Macomb Downtown Square
- 10/5 & 19: Breakfast & Birding, 10-11am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/5: LGBT+ Empowerment Group, Every Friday, 2-4pm, Macomb City Hall Community Room
- 10/5: "Spectrum" Silvan Negrutiu, 7:30pm, CoFAC Recital Hall
- 10/6: Out of the Darkness Walk, 9-11am, Glenwood Park
- 10/6: Paddling Tours, 10am-1pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/6: Ceramics Family Workshop, 1:30-2:30/2:30-3:30, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 10/6: Party on the Square, 6-11pm, Macomb Downtown Square
- 10/9: Community CPR Class, 6pm-9:30pm, McDonough District Hospital
- 10/13: Adventures in Clay, 9-11am, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 10/13: Fall Colors Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/13: Beerfest, 12-6pm
- 10/13: Lakeview Nature Workshop, 12:30-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 10/13: Moonlight Meander, 5:30-7:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 10/15: McDonough County Genealogical Society Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Western Illinois Museum
- 10/19: Stargazing at the Park, 6-9pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/20: Superhero Blue Light Fun Run/Walk, 9-11am, Sherman Hall, WIU
- 10/20: Moon Over Macomb, 10am-1pm, Macomb Downtown Square
- 10/26: #LakeviewPhotoWalk, 5-6pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 10/27: Fallen Soldiers 5K Run/Walk, 8:30-11:30am, WIU
- 10/27: Atkinson McCord Cemetery Tour, 10am-12pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/27: Illinois Bats, 6:30-8pm, Argyle Lake State Park

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If you prefer paying your monthly bill via online banking, please check with your bank about their payment process. Some online payments are sent to a processing center, who then mails the check to our office. Please make sure your payment date allows enough time to reach our office by the 15th to avoid late fees.

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Sign up for Auto Pay (ACH) and receive a \$1.00 credit each month



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From our MDTC website, you can login to your account and pay with your credit card



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2018 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

- Echo Dot Kids Edition: Kate Beck (Brian Beck), Good Hope
- 55" Roku Smart TV: Robert & Marilyn Baxter, Colchester
- Acer Chromebook: Carl Raleigh, Colchester
- Fire TV Stick with Alexa Voice Remote: Jack Swearingen, Littleton
- ROKU Express: Kathleen/Emma Markey, Colchester

\$25 McDonough Telephone Service Credits: J Ray Danielson, Colchester; Clarence Martin, Colchester; Randall F. Carson, Colchester; Sandra L. Auten, Colchester; Ila Robb, Industry; Tina Creasy, Colchester; Harold Anderson, Good Hope; Lester Fowler, Colchester

\$100 Service Credits from Tharp Brothers Contractors: Gerald L. Dean, Industry; Harlan T. & Elizabeth R. Baker, Good Hope; Donald Conn, Colchester; Frances E. Ruebush, Good Hope; Carol Lawson, Colchester

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Caramel Apple Dump Cake

Ingredients:

2 cans of apple pie filling (you can also use cherry, blueberry, etc...)
1 box yellow cake mix
2 sticks of butter (1 stick melted)
1/2 cup caramel (like the caramel sauce that you'd put on ice cream)

Optional Toppings

Cinnamon
Chopped Pecans
Whipped Cream

Directions:

In a greased 9x13 dish, mix apple pie filling and caramel sauce.

You may add in the 1/2 tsp cinnamon if desired.

Spread evenly in pan.

Pour dry cake mix directly on top of the pie filling and spread evenly.

Top with melted butter and pecans (optional).

Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until top is golden brown and apple filling is bubbly around the edges.

