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2021 Annual Meeting Highlights

Board Chairman Leroy Tappe started off the 2021 Annual Meeting with a call to order and gave a quick overview of what happened in 2019-2020 for McDonough Telephone. After the approval of the 68th Annual Meeting minutes and the treasurer's report, President Jay Griswold explained MTC's growth and the plan to finish our fiber conversion by 2023.

The meeting highlighted Bob Bisby for his 43 years of service as an employee, and Jay Harrison for his 24 years of service and announcement of his retirement; and it concluded with the prize drawings.



What's HAPPENING



2022 Directory Cover Photo Contest
Deadline is October 31. Send entries to Rachel Kerns, PO Box 359, Colchester, IL 62326 or email us at info@mdtc.net



Member Breakfast: Join us **Wednesday, October 6th**, at The Pink in Lomax!



Happy Halloween!



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- 10/1: Chew Toy: Live at Forgottonia Brewing, 7:30pm
- 10/1: WIU Symphony Orchestra, 9-10pm, COFAC Recital Hall
- 10/2: WIU Homecoming, Western Illinois University
- 10/2: Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K, 7am, Western Illinois University
- 10/2: Fall Colors Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/7: Randolph Street Rendezvous, 5:30pm, Glenwood Park
- 10/15: **CANCELLED:** Driver Safety Course, McDonough Telephone Cooperative
- 10/16: Moonlight Meander, 5:30-7:30pm, Lakeview Nature Area
- 10/21: Free Food Pantry, 12:20-1:30pm, The Crossing
- 10/22: Mississippi Dogfish: Live at the Wine Sellers, 5:30pm
- 10/22: Stargazing at the Park, 6:30-8:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/22: Shawn Griffith: Live at Fogottonia Brewing, 7:30pm-10pm
- 10/23: Illinois Bats: Facts & Myths, 6-7:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 10/30: Fallen Soldiers 5K, 8am, Western Illinois University
- 10/30: Atkinson McCord Cemetery, 10am-Noon, Argyle Lake State Park

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2021 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

- 8" Fire HD Kids Edition Tablet: Preston Williamson
- Echo Dot & Echo Glow: Katrina Williamson
- 43" Amazon Smart TV: Roger Marvel
- Roomba: E M Cassel
- Amazon Echo Show & Camera: Jo Ella Williams
- Fire TV Stick w/ Alexa Voice Remote: Max Melvin, Patricia Rankin, Blandinsville Library

\$50 Tharp Bros Contractor Service Credits:

Carroll Hickenbottom, Charles Lewis, L L Peak, Debbie C Chenoweth, Don McCourt, Willie Ray McCoy, Joe Suttles, Penny Williams, Anita Reid, Betty J Nelson, Jim Babcock, Kevin Kleinkopf, Steven R Williams, and Phillip Anders

\$25 McDonough Service Credits:

Hazel Coakley, James Grant, Albert Lemley, Catherine Louderman, Danny C Heitz, Jeff Mahr, Roger Rigg, and William F Sibley



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Jay Harrison's Retirement

At the end of September, we said goodbye to a familiar face as Jay Harrison, our engineering supervisor, retired from the cooperative. After 24 years of service, Jay now gets to enjoy retirement! Jay has been a tremendous asset to the cooperative with his extensive knowledge and experience in his industry and department.

Jay has definitely earned his retirement, and we wish him and his wife Allison the very best in all that is to come for them. He will be deeply missed!

Congratulations to Jay, and enjoy the relaxing years ahead in retirement!

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Low Carb Taco Bake

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can of rotel
- 1 tablespoon Taco Seasoning
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 12 oz frozen cauliflower rice (You can make Cauliflower Rice if you prefer.)
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees & spray a 9x13 casserole dish with no stick spray. In a skillet, saute the cauliflower in 2 tbs. of butter until soft. Season with garlic salt. Mix in the cream cheese until combined & then spread the mixture in the bottom of the casserole dish. In your skillet brown your ground beef & season with taco seasoning. Stir in the can of Rotel. Spoon mixture over the cauliflower. Top with the shredded cheese. Bake for 20-30 minutes until heated through and the cheese begins to brown.

Notes: Instead of making a cauliflower layer and a meat layer you can mix it all in the skillet before adding it to the casserole dish.

