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2023 Annual Meeting Highlights

Board Chairman Leroy Tappe started off the 2023 Annual Meeting with a call to order and gave a quick overview of what happened in 2022 for McDonough Telephone. After the approval of the 71st Annual Meeting minutes and the treasurer's report, President Jay Griswold explained MTC's growth and highlighted how we finished our fiber conversion in 2022, a whole year ahead of schedule, as well as the importance of expanding fiber into our surrounding areas, as well as our Grant awards.

The meeting highlighted Bobby Bisby for his 45 years of service as well as Kenith Beckner and Mike Grafton for their retirement from the Coop this summer; and it concluded with the prize drawings.



What's HAPPENING



Join us for our
Holiday Open
House & Food
Drive: Friday,
December 1st



October 7th is
World Smile Day



Happy
Halloween!



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10/1: Sunday Funday Music Bingo, 3-5pm, (Every Sun.)
Forgottonia Brewing

10/4: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk, 6pm, (Every Wed.) The Wine Sellers

10/5: Macomb Farmer's Market, 8am-Noon, (Every Thurs. & Sat.)
Chandler Park

10/5&19: Wheel Throwing & Beyond, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramics Studio

10/7: Unforgettable Lincoln Day, Downtown Macomb

10/7: Touch a Truck, 11am-2pm, Veteran's Park

10/7&8: Perfect Pumpkin: Day in Clay Workshop, 12-1pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

10/7: Kris Wingo 1-Man Show, 7:30-9:30pm, The Wine Sellers

10/14: Old Stompin' Ground Runaround, 7am, WIU Alumni House

10/14: Spiced Honey: Nature Makers Workshop, 12-1pm, Lakeview Nature Center

10/14: Fallen Soldiers 5K, 12pm

10/14: WIU Homecoming Game-Missouri State Bears vs. Western Illinois Leathernecks, 3-5pm, WIU Hanson Field

10/20: Stargazing at the Park, 7-9pm, Argyle Lake State Park

10/20: Craig Corzatt, 7:30pm, Forgottonia Brewing

10/21: Illinois Bats: Facts & Myths, 6-7:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park

10/27: The Ex-Bombers, 8pm, Forgottonia Brewing

10/28: Atkinson McCord Cemetery Tour, 10am-12pm, Argyle Lake State Park

2023 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

8" Fire HD Kids Edition Tablet: Alex New

50" Amazon Smart TV: Jerry Schisler

Alexa Echo Show: Joy Sowers

10" Amazon Fire Tablet: Beverly Rings-Dorch

\$50 Tharp Bros Contractor Service Credits: Teri Waugh, Gene Chipman, E. J. McFarland, Nicholas McClelland, Mike Grafton, Argyle Bible Church, Chris Fentem, Matt Mencil, Eleanor Roberts, Brian Beck, Pooh's Daycare, Ronald Graham, Danny Powel, A Lee Unger

\$25 McDonough Service Credits: Blandinsville Library, Lonnie Bartlett, Richard Krohe, Mark Ebert, Marilyn Phelps, Tina Martin, Rachel Louderman, Diane Sayers

MTC Welcomes New Employee Aaron Cowley



McDonough Telephone extends a warm welcome to our new employee, Aaron Cowley! Aaron joined our Information Technology team in August as our new IT Helpdesk Technician. A few years ago, Aaron moved all the way from Idaho to Colchester with his wife Sierra. Aaron is currently attending Brigham Young University in Idaho with their Online program, and he's working on a Bachelors of Applied Science in Software Development. When asked what he likes to do in his free time, he said he enjoys studying genealogy, playing video games, and spending time with his wonderful wife Sierra. We are happy to have Aaron as part of the McDonough Telephone team.

MTC Welcomes New Employee Zach Romero



McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our new employee, Zachary Romero, to our Network Operations team. Zach joined MTC in August as a Network Engineering Specialist, returning to the area after his time in the US Army as a Paratrooper.

Zach continues to serve in the Army Reserves. When not working, his life consists of spending time with his wife, Alicia, and their two kids, Gage and Landon, camping out of his Jeep, or finding new Mom and Pop shops to go to. We are happy to welcome Zach to the McDonough Telephone team!

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: French Toast Muffin Cups

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups milk
2 Tbls. granulated sugar
5 eggs
2 Tsp. vanilla extract
1 Tsp. ground cinnamon
6 cups cubed bread
powdered sugar, if desired
maple syrup, if desired
Streusel Topping
¼ cup unsalted butter, cold
¼ cup light brown sugar
¼ cup all purpose flour
⅓ Tsp. ground cinnamon
pinch of salt

Directions:

French Toast Muffin Cups: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a regular sized muffin tin with non stick cooking spray. In a large bowl combine the milk, sugar, eggs, vanilla and cinnamon. Gently toss in the cubed bread. Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin cups. There should be about 1/3 cup in each cavity. Prepare the streusel topping & sprinkle on top of the muffins. Bake for 25-30 min. or until golden brown. Allow the muffins to cool in the pan for 5 minutes before removing. Serve immediately with maple syrup & powdered sugar if desired.

Streusel Topping: Add butter, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt to a food processor. Pulse for a few seconds till the mixture begins to crumble. Alternately you can use a pastry blender or your fingers to combine the mixture. Sprinkle mixture on muffins.

