

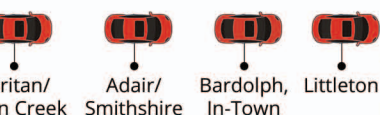
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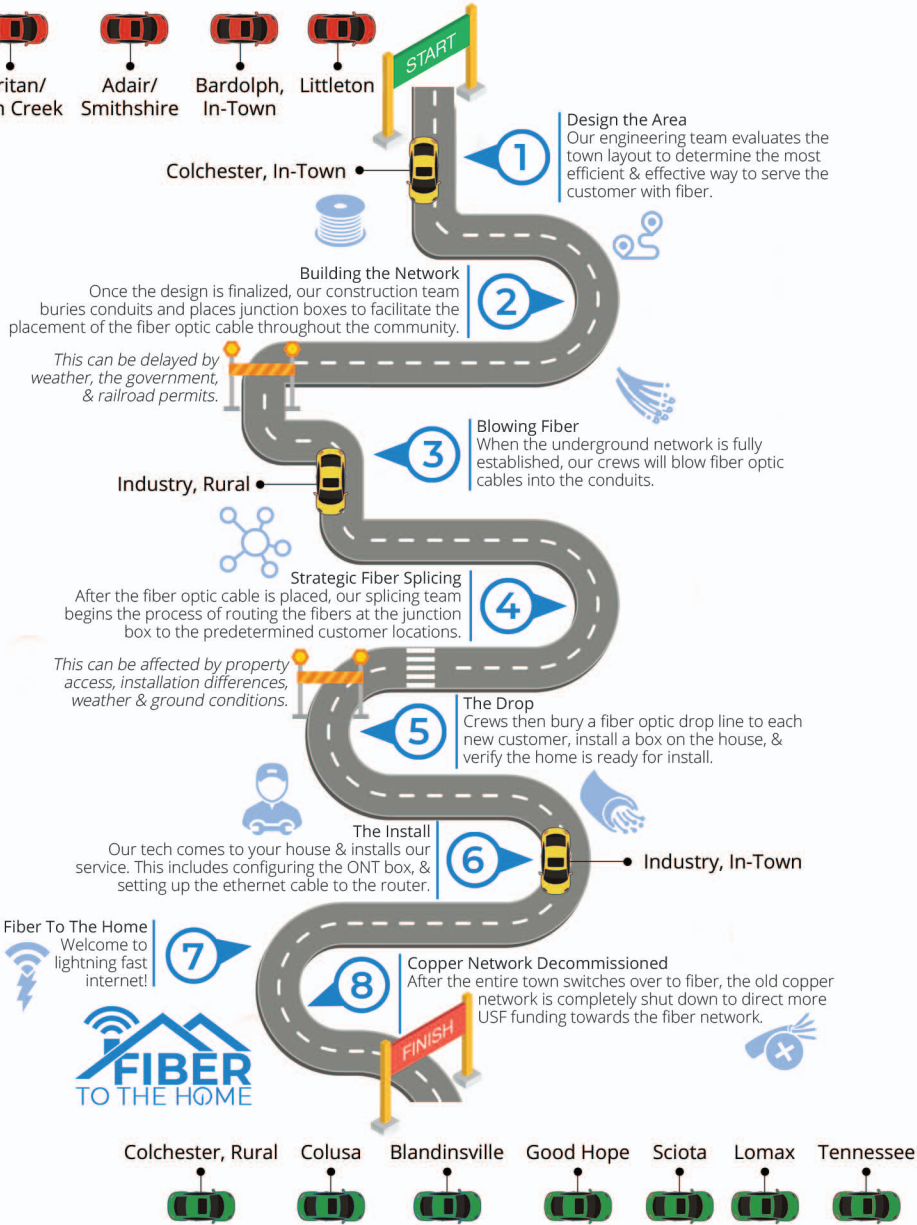
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## 2019 Year in Review

It's been a very busy year for all of us here at McDonough Telephone! We're close to half way done with our fiber conversion process, and we have a full 2020 schedule ahead of us as we get ready to start construction in Colchester and finish up our Industry exchange. Follow us on Facebook to keep up with our progress!



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Smithshire    Bardolph,  
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## What's HAPPENING



**Happy New Year!** Our office will be closing at 3pm New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day



For prompt attention to any service problems you are experiencing after hours, on weekends or holidays, please call **309-776-3214**



**Winnie the Pooh Day** is January 18, the birthday of Winnie's author A.A. Milne



Thank you for a great turnout at our Holiday Open House!

## Our Board of DIRECTORS

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## 2020 FRS Scholarship Program

The FRS Scholarship is live! Applications can be found at: <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>.



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Completed applications MUST be brought to MDTC for finalizations of the Sponsor Certification section and mailed to FRS, postmarked by March 1, 2020. Please allow adequate time for us to complete the certification.

## 900 Number Consumer Rights

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for pay-per-call 900 services under the Telephone Disclosure Resolution Act of 1992. These rules are designed to protect consumer rights.

Pay-per-call services are those information services that are offered through 900 numbers and carry a fee greater than the cost of simply transmitting a call. Any interstate service that charges consumers for information — other than telephone directory assistance — must be provided through a 900 number. Pay-per-call services must be shown in a portion of the bill separate from local and long-distance charges. Information outlining consumers' rights and responsibilities with respect to payment of information service charges must be included with the bill.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative offers blocking of 900 and collect calls at no charge to the membership on a one-time basis. Members wanting to unblock are assessed the normal service order charges.

## Windows 7 Meets End of Life!



Microsoft's Windows 7 operating system reaches the end of its support on January 14, 2020! Computers using Windows 7 will still function, but Microsoft will no longer provide support for the following:

- Technical support for any issues
- Software updates
- Security updates or fixes

Update to Windows 10 to ensure you'll still be able to receive operating system support.

Enjoy FREE MTC long distance calling anywhere in the continental US all day New Year's Day!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Holiday Open House in December.

Here's a list of our lucky customers who won a bill credit on their next bill:

**\$25.00 Bill Credit**  
Jerry & Holly Yocum  
*of Adair*

**\$10.00 Bill Credit**  
Greg Smith  
*of Colchester*  
Wanda Ruebush  
*of Blandinsville*  
William Meriwether  
*of Blandinsville*  
Fran Ruebush  
*of Good Hope*  
Charlotte Dorethy  
*of Colchester*

## Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Slow Cooker Buffalo Chicken Chili

Ingredients: \_\_\_\_\_  
1.5lbs cooked ground chicken  
1 (28oz) can fire roasted diced tomatoes  
1 (15oz) can white beans  
2 tsp chili powder  
2 tsp cumin  
1 cup chicken broth  
4oz. cream cheese  
1/4 cup buffalo wing sauce  
salt and pepper to taste  
parsley and shredded cheddar cheese for topping

Directions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place all ingredients (except salt, pepper, parsley, and cheese) into the slow cooker.  
Cook on low for 5-6 hours.  
Add salt and pepper. Top individual portions with parsley and shredded cheese.  
If chili is too thick for your liking, add a bit more chicken broth.

