

BUSY LINE

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What's HAPPENING



Happy New Year! Our office will be closed on 1/2/23 for New Year's



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



24/7 Pay by phone!
833-699-1832



Thank you for all the donations to our MEG School Supplies drive!

2023 FRS Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship Program offers an annual college scholarship to help further higher education among rural youth and encourages these young people to return to rural communities after graduation. FRS awards one-time \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Please view the application for the qualifications and requirements.



FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE

The FRS Scholarship is now 100% electronic, and electronic applications are available on the FRS website at: <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>.

When applying for the FRS Scholarship, please select McDonough Telephone as your local cooperative, and take a screenshot of the submitted application. Send an email to confirm your registration to info@mdtc.net with the screenshot of your submitted application as an attachment. Questions? Call us: 309-776-3211.

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WISHING YOU JOY & HAPPINESS

Happy New Year

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FREE MTC LONG DISTANCE CALLING IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S. ON NEW YEAR'S DAY!

Welcome New Employee

Colton Landi!



McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our new employee Colton Landi to the office! Colton joined our Accounting team as an Accounting Specialist in December of 2022. He received his accounting degree from WIU and stayed in Macomb after graduation. In his free time, Colton enjoys spending time with his cars, watching movies, and spending time with friends and family. Colton provided a Fun Fact: he has purchased and sold over 30 cars since he turned 16.

We are happy to welcome Colton to the McDonough Team!

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.

Get a \$10 Bill Credit!

Sign up for paperless billing and auto-pay and get a **one-time \$10 bill credit!**

*To Qualify for the one-time \$10 bill credit, customers must enroll in paperless billing AND Auto-Pay for the first time.



Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Bang Bang Chicken



Ingredients:

- ½ cup vegetable oil, or more, as needed
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup Panko

For the sauce:

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons Frank's Hot Sauce

Directions:

To make the sauce, whisk together mayonnaise, sweet chili sauce, honey and Frank's Hot Sauce in a small bowl; set aside.

Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium high heat.

In a large bowl, whisk together buttermilk, flour, cornstarch, egg, hot sauce, salt and pepper, to taste.

Working one at a time, dip chicken into buttermilk mixture, then dredge in Panko, pressing to coat.

Working in batches, add chicken to the skillet and cook until evenly golden and crispy, about 2-3 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate.

Serve immediately, drizzled with sweet chili sauce.

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