

McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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'Tis the season for devices!

Ensure all your connected holiday gifts are protected with state of the art network security from MTC's Advanced Wi-Fi service.



CONNECT MORE!

What's HAPPENING



Happy New Year! Our office will be closed on 1/1/25 for New Year's.



Thank you for all the donations to our MEG Food drive!



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

2025 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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SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

<https://988lifeline.org/>

Keep Your Kids Safe Online with the FREE MTC Wi-Fi App!

Did your kids get new devices this Christmas? With the MTC Wi-Fi app, you can keep them safe while they explore their new tech. Our app includes easy-to-use parental controls that let you:

-  Set screen time limits
-  Pause internet access during family time
-  See what's connected

Give your kids the gift of a safe online experience—and give yourself peace of mind. Download the MTC Wi-Fi app today and take control of your home network!

Providing more kids staying kids.



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.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Hot Cocoa Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 1/4 cups flour
- 4 packages Hot Cocoa Mix
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup Marshmallow Bits (or freeze dried marshmallows)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a mixing bowl, mix butter until light and fluffy. Add in sugars and mix until well combined. Add eggs and vanilla, mixing until just combined.

Combine dry ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine. Add to wet ingredients and stir to combine.

Scoop onto baking sheets lined with silicone baking mats or parchment paper, approximately 2-3 tablespoons of dough per scoop, and bake for approximately 9-11 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool at least ten minutes prior to transferring to a wire rack to finish cooling. Enjoy!

