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Ethan Hunt Awarded \$2,500 FRS Scholarship

McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MDTC) is pleased to announce Ethan J Hunt of Colchester, IL, as the recipient of the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) and MDTC Scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. Ethan, son of Ryan and Stacie Hunt, Colchester, will receive a cash award of \$2,500 for his outstanding academic achievement and dedication of servitude to the betterment of his rural area. The Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors on a competitive basis of high scholarship, outstanding level of community service, notable leadership, and intention to return to a rural area post-graduation from a secondary school. Out of more than 1400 applicants, FRS selected 54 winners, only one of whom was from the state of Illinois.



A 2019 national and state honors graduate and 2018-2019 Valedictorian from West Prairie High School set to attend the University of Illinois, Hunt is a member of Student Council and Editor of his high school yearbook; and is involved in West Prairie's NHS, Band and Choir, Science club, and Drama club. Hunt has also been a varsity athlete on West Prairie's basketball, scholastic bowl, and football teams.

In addition to his academic achievement, Hunt volunteers with his church's AWANA and Vacation Bible ministries, participated in a mission trip to Haiti, and acted as an IFCA National Youth Convention Delegate and praise and worship leader. Ethan hopes to "one day return to (his) rural community and continue to help rural communities progress" through pursuing a career in teaching and "pushing to further integrate technology into the education process."

McDonough Telephone Cooperative is proud to partner with FRS to award a student who demonstrates such dedication to his community. It's a privilege for FRS and McDonough Telephone Coop to have a small role in supporting the continued education of students like Ethan through the scholarship program.

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What's HAPPENING



Happy 4th of July! Our office will be closed Thursday, July 4th for the holiday.



Watch for our next coop exchange breakfast! Coming in September!



The MDTC 68th Annual Meeting is Wednesday, August 28th



Hey Industry! Fiber is coming your way! Tell your friends and neighbors!

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Attention:

LIFELINE & MONITOR USERS

If you are a Lifeline user or are monitoring an at-risk baby, please notify our plant department by dialing 611. In the event of an outage, persons with Lifeline or a monitoring system are given priority status in having their service restored, so it is vital our subscribers keep us informed of such special circumstances. New Lifeline and monitor users will be asked for certification from a physician.

We also request you inform us when a Lifeline or baby monitor is taken out of service so we can update our records. Your assistance will help us to serve you better.

Community Calendar

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- 7/4: Independence Day Celebration, 7-10pm, WIU Q Lot
- 7/4: Farmers Market, 7am-1pm, Chandler Park (Every Thurs. & Sat.)
- 7/5: Park N' Cruise, 6-9pm, Chandler Park
- 7/5&19: The Blind Swine Speakeasy, 4:30-7:30pm, Western Illinois Museum
- 7/6: Nature's Fireworks, 7am-3pm, 4-H Center
- 7/8-12: 4-H Fair, 7am-3pm, 4-H Center
- 7/10: Summer Concert, 12-1pm, Chandler Park (Every Wednesday)
- 7/11&25: Wheel Throwing & Beyond, 6-8pm, MPD Ceramics Studio
- 7/12&26: Breakfast and Birding, 10-11am, Argyle Lake State Park
- 7/13: Paddling Tours of Lake Argyle, 10am-1pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 7/13: Oliver, multiple days and times, WIU Hainline Theater
- 7/13: Reptiles & Amphibians of IL, 6-7:30pm, Argyle lake State Park
- 7/20: Ceramics Family Workshop, 12-1pm & 1:30-2:30pm, MPD Ceramics Studio
- 7/20-21: BKC Dog Show, 8am-5pm, Spencer Student Rec Center
- 7/20: After Glow Party, 9-11:30pm, Ball Fore
- 7/23: Blood Drive, 3-6pm, Wesley United Methodist Church
- 7/27: Lakeview Nature Workshop, 12:30-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

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900 Number Consumer Rights

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for pay-per-call 900 services under the Telephone Disclosure and Dispute 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 are not allowed on toll-free calls, such as 800 numbers, unless services are paid by a prepaid account or credit card. Callers to toll-free numbers may not be transferred to 900 numbers. Local telephone companies must offer consumers the option of blocking access to 900 number services if technically feasible.

Telephone companies may not disconnect local or long-distance telephone service for failure to pay 900 number charges. However, all other charges on the bill that are not part of the disputed amount must be paid. Non-payment of 900 number pay-per-call services may result in involuntary blocking of access to the pay-per-call programs. 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.

MDTC offers blocking of 900 and collect calls at no charge to the membership. Members wanting to unblock are assessed the normal service order charges.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Taco Ring

Ingredients:

1 pound ground beef
 1/3 cup chopped onion
 1 (1oz.) packet taco seasoning
 1/3 cup water
 2 oz. cream cheese, softened
 2 (8oz.) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
 1 cup shredded cheese (cheddar, Monterey Jack, or Mexican blend)
 shredded lettuce, salsa, sour cream, black olives, jalapeños

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Brown ground beef along with onion in a large pan. Add water and taco seasoning and cook until thickened, about 2 minutes.
3. Add cream cheese to pan, and stir until melted and mixed in evenly. Remove from heat.
4. Unroll cans of crescent roll dough and separate into triangles.
5. On a lightly greased cookie sheet, arrange them overlapping in a sun pattern with a 5 to 6 inch opening in the center. The short ends will form the center in the middle with the pointy ends facing out.
6. Spoon taco mixture over wide section close to center. Sprinkle cheese on top.
7. Bring each tip of crescent roll dough up and over toward the center and tuck underneath.
8. Bake 20 to 25 minutes, until golden brown. Serve with taco fixings.

