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Youth to Washington Tour Announcement – Scholarships awarded to Students

Each year, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives hosts Youth Day, bringing together more than 300 students in Springfield from across the state representing their local electric and telephone cooperatives. Youth Day is one of the Cooperative's biggest youth events, recognizing exceptional local students. For a few lucky students, this day is just the beginning; interviews at the conclusion of the day determine who represents their local cooperative on the Youth to Washington Tour held in June.

Unfortunately, the 2020 Youth Day did not happen, as the event was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Despite the cancellation, MDTC would like to acknowledge the eleven students selected by their school districts to attend Youth Day (in no particular order):

- Abbey Donaldson & Sheradyn McAvoy** – BPC High School
- Hayden Roberts & Yoanny Espinoza** – Illini West High School
- Anna Inman & Laine Torrance** – Macomb High School
- Colby Welch & Kyler Grant-Leonard** – Warsaw High School
- Adrian Waugh & Halee Porter** – West Central High School
- Colby Rivera** – West Prairie High School

Even though Youth Day has been canceled, the Cooperative would still like to recognize the top applicants for the 2020 group. The top sophomore student applicants as selected by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) have been given the option of going on the 2021 Youth to Springfield trip and interviewing for the 2021 Youth to Washington trip, and AIEC's top junior applicants will be awarded monetary scholarships from McDonough Telephone Coop.

We want to acknowledge our sophomore Youth Tour interviewees: Anna Inman (Macomb High School), Hayden Roberts (Illini West), and Yoanny Espinoza (Illini West) for their efforts in applying for this opportunity and being recognized by AIEC for their outstanding scholarship and community involvement.

We also want to acknowledge our junior Youth Tour interviewees selected by AIEC: Adrian Waugh (West Central), Laine Torrance (Macomb High School), Abbey Donaldson (Bushnell P.C.), and Colby Welch (Warsaw) for their achievement and leadership. As seniors are not usually able to attend YTW, these outstanding students will each receive a one-time \$500 scholarship for their academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership. We hope that these students continue to develop their leadership skills and appreciation for rural community advancement.

What's HAPPENING



Happy 4th of July!
Our office will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of the holiday.



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2020 Annual Meeting CANCELED

Due to the restrictions dictated in Illinois' phased reopening plan, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel McDonough Telephone's 2020 Annual Meeting. Board members up for re-election in 2020 will remain on the board until the next annual meeting, at which the 2020 and 2021 board members up for re-election will have a joint election. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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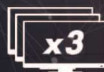
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900 Number Consumer Rights

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: Chicken Bacon Ranch Sloppy Joes

Ingredients:

- 1/2 pound bacon
- 1 pound ground chicken
- 1/2 yellow onion chopped
- 1 ranch packet
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk (2% is okay too)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1 cup chopped cheddar cheese

Directions:

Heat a large cast iron skillet on medium high heat.

Cook the bacon until crisp then remove the bacon to cool and drain all but two tablespoons of fat.

Add the chicken and onion and cook for 5-7 min. or until cooked through.

Whisk the ranch packet, milk and cornstarch together and add it to the pan, cooking until slightly thickened and bubbling (about 3-4 mins).

Add in the shredded mozzarella and stir to combine, chop the bacon and sprinkle it and the cheddar cheese on the mixture just before serving.

