

BUSY LINE

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MTC Awards Scholarships to 2020 Youth Tour Students

Throughout the month of May, McDonough Telephone Cooperative awarded four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in surrounding communities who would have interviewed for the Youth To Washington trip.

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. Rachel Kerns, Director of Marketing and PR for McDonough Telephone stated, "Youth Day is one of the Cooperative's biggest youth events, recognizing exceptional local students." The annual event brings leadership lessons, tours of historical sites, and a visit to the State Capitol to meet with senators and representatives. 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 to be held in June.



Abbey Donaldson



Kaitlyn Waugh

"Unfortunately, the 2020 Youth Day did not happen, as the event was canceled," Kerns stated. Scheduled for March 31, 2020, Youth Day was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Kerns continued, "COVID-19 has made some drastic impacts on large events; ours was no exception. Keeping everyone safe is the priority. Youth Tour in June was canceled for 2020."

Despite the cancellation, McDonough Telephone Cooperative wanted to honor the top applicants selected by AIEC (the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives) for their high level of achievement and dedication to their communities. These top applicants would have interviewed for the chance to attend the Youth to Washington (YTW) event, had YTW occurred: Abbey Donaldson, Bushnell Prairie City High School; Laine Torrance, Macomb High School; Colby Welch, Warsaw High School; Kaitlyn Waugh, West Central High School.

"We want to acknowledge our junior Youth Tour interviewees selected by AIEC: Kaitlyn Waugh (West Central), Laine Torrance (Macomb High School), Abbey Donaldson (Bushnell P.C.), and Colby Welch (Warsaw) for their achievement and leadership. McDonough Telephone has bestowed each student with 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." – Rachel Kerns

What's HAPPENING



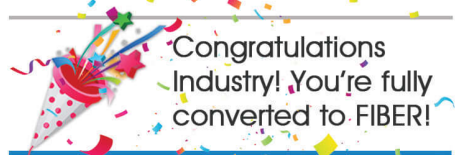
Happy 4th of July!
Our office will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of the holiday.



Breakfast is on us!
Thursday, July 1st at the Lunchbox Cafe in Industry



Mark your Calendars!
The MTC 70th Annual Meeting is Wed. Sept. 1st!



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- 7/2: Park N' Cruise, 6-9pm, Chandler Park
- 7/3: Owls of Illinois, 6:30-8pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 7/10: Day in Clay Workshop, 12-1pm & 1:30-2:30pm, Glenwood Stone Shelter
- 7/15: Free Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30pm, The Crossing
- 7/17: Art in Nature Painting Class, 10-12pm, Argyle Lake State Park
- 7/21: Storytime for Sprouts, 10-10:30am, Lakeview Nature Center
- 7/24: F.O.P Golf Tournament Fundraiser, 8am-2pm, Twin Oaks Golf and Country Club
- 7/24: Nature Makers Workshop, 12:30-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 7/31: Happy Birthday Harry, 10-6pm, The Crafty Coop, LLC
- 7/31: Reptiles & Amphibians of IL, 6-7:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park

For more events or details, visit macomb.com/events/

Welcome Jacob Little!



McDonough Telephone would like to welcome another new employee, Jacob Little, to the office! Jacob joined our Installation/Repair team as an Installation and Repair Technician in May of 2021. Jake resides in the rural Nauvoo area, and he recently completed his Associate's Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology at Indian Hills Community College.

We are happy to welcome Jacob 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 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.

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

Nominating Committee Update: Gayle Harn replaced David Whitman in our District 6 - Blandinsville exchange.



Welcome Waylon Brown!

McDonough Telephone would like to welcome Waylon Brown to the office! Waylon joined our Information Technology team as an IT Specialist in May of 2021. Waylon currently resides in Colchester with his family, and he has several years of work experience as an IT manager. In his free time, Waylon loves to play in his local band, and he's built an observatory in his backyard.

We are happy to welcome Waylon to the McDonough Team!

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe Title: Oven Baked Zucchini Chips

- Ingredients:
- 1 large zucchini, cut into 1/8 inch - 1/4 inch slices
 - 1/3 cup breadcrumbs (or Panko)
 - 1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese reduced-fat
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - Kosher or sea salt to taste
 - 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 3 tablespoons milk low-fat

- Directions:
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- Combine in a small mixing bowl, breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, black pepper, salt, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper. Dip zucchini slices into milk and dredge into bread crumbs to coat both sides. Note: It may be necessary to press crumbs onto zucchini slices to ensure the crumbs stick.
- Arrange zucchini on a non-stick cookie sheet and lightly mist with a non-stick cooking spray.
- If using a rack, place rack on a cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes, turn over and continue baking until golden, approximately 10-15 minutes (being careful not to burn). Allow to cool to room temperature before storing in an airtight container.

TIP: Zucchini Chips will continue to get crispier while cooling.

