



# BUSY LINE

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## Lifeline/Link-up

McDonough Telephone participates in two programs for low-income customers to help offset the cost of telephone and broadband service. Link-Up Assistance provides a one-time credit towards installation of residential phone or broadband service. Lifeline assistance provides a monthly credit on the subscriber's phone/broadband bill. Eligible customers must reside in a household with either a residential phone line or internet service and receive benefits from one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefits Program
- Household annual income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

For information about qualification, visit:

<https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers>

There are several options to apply for Lifeline. You may apply directly through the Lifeline programs National Verifier online portal (<https://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline>). You may also apply for the program by working with a Lifeline service provider either in-person at a store location or online via the service provider's website, if they support that option. To locate a Lifeline provider in your state, go to <https://data.usac.org/publicreports/CompaniesNearMe/Download/Report>.

For any questions regarding the Lifeline application process, call USAC's toll-free number for the Lifeline Support Center at 1 (800) 234-9473, or email [LifelineSupport@usac.org](mailto:LifelineSupport@usac.org).

To find out more about how to apply on your own through the National Verifier, visit [lifelinesupport.org](http://lifelinesupport.org) (click "How to Use It" under "National Verifier").

**Save \$10!**  
**Go Green,**  
 with Paperless Billing & Auto Pay!

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.*

## What's HAPPENING



Our office will be closed **Monday, May 29th** for Memorial Day.



**Call Your Mom!**  
MTC Long distance subscribers can enjoy free calling anywhere within the continental US all day on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th.**



**Congratulations Class of 2023!**



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**833-699-1832**

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## Customers With Disabilities

If you or a member of your family has a hearing or speech disability or condition that limits or prevents your/their ability to communicate over voice networks and wish for us to know about the disability in order to better serve your needs, please call our office at 309-776-3211 or email [info@mdtc.net](mailto:info@mdtc.net).



## Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Connect

### The FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. The ACP is non-transferable and limited to one monthly internet discount per household. Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting [www.fcc.gov/ACP](http://www.fcc.gov/ACP), or by calling 877-384-2575.

## Community Calendar

Brought to you by [macomb.com](http://macomb.com)

5/3: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk, 6pm, The Wine Sellers (Every Wednesday)

5/4, 11, & 18: Studio Ceramics Course, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

5/6: Day in Clay Workshop, 12-1pm or 1:30-2:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

5/6: Performing Arts Society Annual Gala, 5:30pm, WIU Grand Ballroom

5/10-13: Big Brothers Big Sisters Plant Sale, Fortress Bank

5/13: Spring Market on the Square, 3-5pm, Macomb Downtown Square

5/18: Free Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30pm, The Crossing

5/19: Noticing Nature, 3:30-4pm, Lakeview Nature Center

5/20: Nature Makers Workshop, Noon-1pm, Lakeview Nature Center

5/27: Jubilee, 5pm, Chandler Park

5/28: Alpaca Beach Party, 1-5pm, Little Creek Alpaca

For more events or details, visit [macomb.com/events/](http://macomb.com/events/)

## Get on the National Do Not Call Registry

To decrease unwelcome telemarketing calls, register your telephone or cellphone number by calling 1-888-382-1222 (TTY: 1-866-290-4236) or visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).

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## Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Honey Butter Skillet Corn



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 bag (16 oz) frozen corn
- 2 oz. cream cheese, cut into chunks
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

In a skillet pan, over medium-high heat, melt the butter and honey. Once melted add the frozen corn and cook for 5-8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until cooked through.

Add cream cheese, salt, and pepper. Stir together and let it cook, about 3-5 minutes, while stirring occasionally.

Serve immediately. Leftovers keep well, covered in a container, and stored in the fridge.