

McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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MTC Sending Three Students to Washington, D.C.

For more than 60 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. On March 20, more than 200 students from across rural Illinois represented 25 co-ops during Youth Day, including 10 students from McDonough Power and McDonough Telephone cooperatives.

"Youth Day gives students across the state an up-close look at democracy in action as they meet their elected representatives in Springfield," said Baylee Flowers, legal and government relations coordinator at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. "State senators and representatives have the opportunity to inspire and encourage the leaders of tomorrow during this annual event."



Backrow, L-R: Celena Mangalaraj, Lily Hintze, Kaylee Hulett, Scott Cousins, Kaden Little, Lorelai Mangold; Front row, L-R: Ella Bernhardt, Sara Avalos, Norine Hammond, Abby Starbuck, Adriana Eveland

In addition to meeting elected officials, the students also learned more about their electric or telephone cooperative's role in their own communities and had the opportunity to tour the Illinois State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

State Representatives Dan Swanson (R-71) and Norine Hammond (R-94) met with the students representing McDonough Power and McDonough Telephone. These students included Scott Cousins of Macomb High School, Adriana Eveland and Sara Avalos of Rushville-Industry High School, Ella Bernhardt and Lily Hintze of United High School, Lorelai Mangold of Rushville-Industry High School, Celena Mangalaraj of Macomb High school, and Kaden Little and Abby Starbuck of West Prairie High School.

At the end of Youth Day, the top students applicants were interviewed and selected to participate in Youth Tour, an annual trip to Washington, D.C. This year's trip will be held June 14-21. Celena Mangalaraj, Kaden Little, and Abby Starbuck will represent McDonough Telephone on the week-long trip and meet their elected officials, see historic sites, learn firsthand how cooperatives work and gain valuable leadership skills.

What's HAPPENING



Our office will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.



Congratulations Class of 2024!



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5/1: Rocky's Great Leatherneck Block Party, 11:30-1:30pm, Western Illinois University Union

5/1: Tiny Dances, 7pm, WIU Theatre & Dance Dept.

5/1: WestFest 2024, 7-10pm, WIU Grand Ballroom

5/2 & 5/16: Bubbling Garden Fountain, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

5/3: "First Fridays", 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center

5/3: Noticing Nature: A Curious Guide for Sprouts, 3:30-4:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

5/4: Day in Clay: Strawberry Cupcake Plate, Noon-1pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

5/8-5/11: Annual Big Brother, Big Sister Plant Sale, Fortress Bank

5/9: World's Largest Monopoly Game, 11:30am-5pm, Macomb Downtown Square

5/10: WIU Graduate Commencement Ceremony, 5-7pm, Western Hall

5/10: Sista & The Mistrs, 7pm, Macomb Elks Lodge

5/11: WIU Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, Western Hall

5/11: Nature Makers: Blossom Bath Salts, Noon-1pm, Lakeview Nature Center

5/11: Spring Market On The Square, 10am-3pm, Macomb Downtown Square

5/18: Clay Lab for Kids & Teens, Noon-1:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

5/26: Alpaca Beach Party - 2024 Grand Opening, 1-5pm, Little Creek Alpacas

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://cnm.universalservice.org>.

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.

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

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: No Bake Peanut Butter Oat Cups

Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
¼ cup almond flour
1 cup natural peanut butter
½ cup maple syrup (or honey)
1 tsp vanilla extract
½ tsp salt

Chocolate Topping:

½ cup chocolate chips
2 tbs peanut butter
flaky salt

Directions:

In a medium bowl, mix together the oats, almond flour, peanut butter, syrup, vanilla and salt. Transfer to a muffin tin lined with liners evenly amongst 10 slots. Flatten out as best as possible. Freeze the tray for at least 2 hours.

Chocolate topping: In a small pot over low heat, melt the chocolate chips and peanut butter, stirring constantly until smooth and melted. Remove the tray from the freezer and drop about 1-2 tbs of chocolate on the tops of each and smooth it out flat. Sprinkle with the flaky salt and freeze for another hour.

Store in an airtight container in the freezer.

