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Does My Internet Speed Matter?

In the past, the internet mainly served for downloading content, checking emails, and browsing websites. **But today, our internet needs have evolved significantly!** With video calls, gaming, remote work, and online learning becoming the norm, higher internet speeds, particularly upload speeds, are essential. So, the question arises: How much speed do you really need?

Modern online activities demand not only faster *download* speeds, but faster *upload* speeds as well. When choosing an internet package, it's crucial to consider your daily internet usage. There's nothing more frustrating than experiencing a frozen screen during a crucial Zoom call, an intense gaming session, or your favorite TV show. Ensure you have the right internet plan to keep up with your dynamic online lifestyle!

Check out our residential internet packages and their estimated number of supported devices to find the best fit for you:

Standard	Preferred	Premium	Prestige	The Gig
2-5 Devices	4-7 Devices	7-10 Devices	15+ Devices	30+ Devices
 100/100 Mbps Symmetric	 200/200 Mbps Symmetric	 300/300 Mbps Symmetric	 500/500 Mbps Symmetric	 1,000/1,000 Mbps Symmetric
\$64.94/mo	\$74.94/mo	\$84.94/mo	\$104.94/mo	\$124.94/mo

What's HAPPENING



Happy Labor Day!
Our office will be closed Monday, September 4th



Welcome Fall!
Fall begins September 23rd



September 2nd is International Bacon Day



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Mike Grafton's Retirement



After an incredible 26 years of dedication and service to McDonough Telephone, we bid a fond farewell to Mike Grafton, our Network Operations Supervisor.

Throughout his career, Mike's expertise has been instrumental in shaping our network operations department. As Mike embarks on this new chapter of retirement, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for all his hard work and the tremendous impact he's made on our team and customers. We'll miss his wealth of knowledge and experience that he brought to our office every day.

Mike, here's to a well-deserved retirement filled with new adventures and cherished moments with your loved ones. Thank you for being an invaluable part of the McDonough Telephone team!

Welcome Laura Gottwald!



McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our newest employee, Laura Gottwald! Laura joined our front office and accounting department as an Accounting Specialist in July. She's a native of the McDonough County area, and she has 3 kids—two daughters who are in college and a son who is 12 years old. In her free time, Laura likes to travel. She recently took a trip to the Cayman Islands and is looking forward to planning a trip abroad soon. On the weekends, Laura enjoys going to auctions and shopping for antiques with her significant other, Chris.

We are happy to welcome Laura to the McDonough Team!

Customer with Disabilities

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

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Maple Walnut Twice Baked Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients:

4 small sweet potatoes
 ½ cup Greek yogurt or sour cream
 ½ Tbls. pumpkin pie spice
 1 Tbls. maple syrup
 3-4 Tbls. brown sugar
 pinch of salt
 Topping:
 ⅔ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
 2 Tbls. butter
 2 Tbls. light brown sugar

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 400°F. Pierce the potatoes with a fork, place in a large baking pan and bake until soft (time will vary depending on the size of your potatoes, anywhere from 20-45 min.). Cut each potato in half lengthwise. Scoop out the baked insides. Try to keep the skins whole as much as possible! Place the potato skins back in the baking pan. Mash the baked potato flesh in a bowl until smooth. Mix in the Greek yogurt, pumpkin pie spice, maple syrup, brown sugar & salt. Scoop this filling into the sweet potato skins. In a separate bowl, mix all topping ingredients. Sprinkle over the filled sweet potato skins. Bake at 400°F for 12-15 min. Drizzle with extra syrup to serve if you like, and serve hot.



9/1: Randolph Street
Rendezvous, 7-10pm, Glenwood Park

9/2: Macomb Farmer's Market,
8am-Noon, (Every Thursday &
Saturday) Chandler Park

9/2: The Ex-Bombers, 8pm,
Forgottonia Brewing

9/3: Sunday Funday Music
Bingo, 3-5pm, (Every Sunday)
Forgottonia Brewing

9/6: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk,
6pm, (Every Wednesday) The
Wine Sellers

9/8-10: WIU Mega Reunion,
Western Illinois University

9/8: Park N' Cruise, 6-9pm,
Macomb Downtown Square

9/8: Chew Toy, 8-10pm,
Forgottonia Brewing

9/9: Gazebo Art Festival, 9am-
4pm, Chandler Park

9/15: Movie in the Park: Hotel
Transylvania: Transformania,
7:30pm, Veteran's Park

9/16: Walk to End Alzheimer's,
8-11am, Chandler Park

9/23: Alpaca Beach Party,
1-5pm, Little Creek Alpacas

9/29: The Rhythm Circle, 5:30-
6:30pm, Everly Park Pond

9/29: Craig Corzatt, 7:30pm,
Forgottonia Brewing

For more events or details,
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