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## MTC Expands High Speed Internet Packages

MTC Communications delivered some good news to its High Speed Internet (HSI) subscribers recently. Due to an upgrade of its broadband capabilities, MTC was able to expand the number of its HSI packages from two to five.

The new packages offer options for everyone, from a low cost 128 kbps plan for \$22.95/month to a very high speed 5.0 Mbps plan for \$64.95/month. The 128 kbps plan would be a perfect step up for anyone still using a dial up connection—surf faster, get an “always on” connection and stop busying out your phone line.



Here is a listing of all the new packages:

Package	MTC-Net	MTC-Net + MTC-TV
MTC-Net 128 kbps	\$22.95	\$72.90
MTC-Net 768 kbps	\$39.95	\$79.95
MTC-Net 1.5 Mbps *	\$45.95	\$85.95
MTC-Net 3.0 Mbps *	\$54.95	\$94.95
MTC-Net 5.0 Mbps *	\$64.95	\$104.95

\* Subject to availability. Higher speeds may be possible in some areas. Call our office for details.

The chart also includes pricing for High Speed Internet and TV bundles. Subscribe to both services and save some money!

In conjunction with our expanded High Speed Internet choices, we are offering a new data line telephone service. The data line is only available to members who subscribe to a broadband service—either High Speed Internet or TV. It is a limited use line. Incoming calls can be received but no outgoing calls can be made except to 911, our business office and our repair department. If you're interested in the data line, call our office for more details.

Subscribers who decide to switch from dial up to HSI will have to fill out a new application and make an appointment for an installer to come to their home. There is no installation charge.

Those who already have High Speed Internet and want to move to a different package just need to call our office. There is no service charge to make a change.

## Happy 4th of July

Our business office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day. As you gather with your family and friends this year, we hope you celebrate the many freedoms we enjoy in the United States.

## The Perfect Time for a Perfect Picture

Summer offers 101 different perfect photo opportunities. Blooming flowers, the kids playing baseball, a quiet afternoon fishing at Lake Argyle, a local celebration or a thriving corn field—any one of these sights might find its way on the cover on our 2010 directory. The deadline for entries to the directory cover photo contest is November 20, 2009. Three prizes will be awarded: First Place - \$100 plus photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2009 directory; Second Place - \$75; and Third Place - \$50. Here's a rundown of the rules:

- Submit up to two photographs (either prints or high-resolution digital files) of a person, place or thing in the McDonough Telephone directory coverage area.
- All entrants must be MDTC members or the children of members and reside within our service area. The contest is limited to amateur photographers only and is not open to cooperative employees, directors or their immediate families.
- Photograph(s) and negative(s) become the property of MDTC.
- Send all entries to: Karen Proulx, Public Relations; McDonough Telephone Cooperative; PO Box 359; Colchester, IL 62326. Include your name, address, phone number and information about the photograph.



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# Social Networking Sites: What Parents Need to Know

MySpace is the undisputed leader in social networking website—a place where people can connect with friends and make new ones online. Teens make up a large part of the audience for sites such as MySpace, Friendster, Facebook, and others. Users post a profile which can include photos, contact information and a summary of their interests. It's a quick and easy way to connect with others, free of charge.

This ease of use makes sites like MySpace highly accessible, and that brings both benefits and drawbacks. With reports of online predators making headlines across the country, it's important to help keep your children safe. Here are a few tips:

**Remind children that online profiles are public.** They should never post information, such as phone numbers, address, full name and school, which could be used to find them in real life. They should also be aware of potential long-term results.

Prospective employers and college admissions officers now do online research, and may check out MySpace pages.

**Locate computers in places where there is limited privacy, such as the living room.** Children may be less likely to engage in risky online behavior if others can view their actions.

**Discuss online dangers with your children.** Make them aware of potential dangers, and encourage them to let you know if problems arise.

Monitor their online profiles. On MySpace, this can be done by having your child log on to the site, then clicking on a link called "View My Profile." If your child won't cooperate, you might still be able to find his/her profile. Just go to MySpace.com, click on "Search" under the MySpace logo and type in your child's name or e-mail address. Then check the appropriate "Search By" option.

## Coming to VOD for July

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
Watchmen	Action-Adventure, Science Fantasy	R	7/21
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail	Comedy, Drama	PG-13	7/14
Haunting in Connecticut, The	Horror, Thriller	PG-13	7/28
Confessions of a Shopaholic	Comedy, Romance	PG	7/23
Pink Panther 2, The	Adventure, Comedy	PG	7/23
Defiance	Drama	R	7/1
Observe and Report	Action-Adventure, Comedy	R	7/21
Revolutionary Road	Drama	R	7/1
Jonas Brothers: The Concert Experience	Documentary, Music	G	7/15
Dragonball: Evolution	Action-Adventure, Science Fantasy, Fiction	PG	7/28
Miss March	Comedy	R	7/28
Echelon Conspiracy	Action, Thriller	PG-13	7/21
Horsemen	Drama, Thriller	R	7/28
Super Capers	Action-Adventure, Comedy	PG	7/21
American Affair, An	Drama, Independent	R	7/28
Betrayed, The	Thriller	NR	7/30

## Allocation Ratio for 2008 Announced

**Each year** the cooperative allocates all member revenue in excess of operating costs and expenses to the membership. The allocation figure is arrived at by dividing member operating margins by total payments received. For 2008, the allocation ratio is .418170. To determine each member's capital credit allocation, the dollar amount the member paid to MDTC for services in 2008 has been multiplied by the allocation ratio. Allocation notices were mailed in June. If you didn't receive yours, contact our office.

## Attention Lifeline and Monitor Users

**If you are a Lifeline user** or are monitoring an at-risk baby, notify our plant department by dialing 611. During an outage, persons with Lifeline or a monitoring system are given priority status in having their service restored so it's vital our records be accurate. New Lifeline and monitor users will be asked for certification from a physician.

We also request you inform us when a Lifeline or baby monitor is taken out of service so we can update our records. Thank you!

## Directory Additions

Carson, Erin	456-3526
Crenshaw, Georgianna	254-3648
Curtis, Dan	254-3630
Dudley, Ruth	652-3760
Heaton, B.	254-3716
Mustread, J.	776-5248
Smith, Herb	449-3768
Stierman, Jeanne	254-3630
Switzer, Andrea	776-5231

## Lomax Office Schedule JULY 2009

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed for Lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon  
 July 15 - Bills Due • July 27 - Disconnect Day