

McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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Welcome Eric Huffman!

McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our new employee Eric Huffman to the office! Eric joined our Network Operations team as our new Director of Network Operations in December of 2025.

Eric is originally from Mars, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh. He is the proud father of two daughters, Frances and Cora, who are both currently attending college. When he's not at work, Eric enjoys playing and working on guitars, camping, and fishing.

We are happy to welcome Eric to the McDonough Team!



What's HAPPENING



Happy Valentine's Day!



FRS Scholarship DUE by February 14!



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2026 FRS Scholarship Deadline—February 14—Approaching!



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Please send an email to confirm your registration to info@mdtc.net with the screenshot of your submitted application as an attachment. Questions? Call us: 309-776-3211.



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Community Calendar

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2/5: Wheel Throwing & Beyond, 5:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramics Studio

2/6: First Fridays, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center

2/7: Winter's Farmer's Market, 8:30am-Noon, American Legion

2/7 & 8: WIU 54th Annual Ag Mech Farm Expo, Sat: 9am-5pm; Sun: 10am-4pm, Western Hall

2/7: Stitchin' Time, 10:30am-Noon, Macomb Public Library

2/7: Day in Clay Workshop: Cozy Nesting Hearts, 3-4pm, Macomb Park District Ceramics Studio

2/9: Winter Guided Tour, 10:30-11:15am, Lakeview Nature Center

2/9: Conservation Book Club, 6-8pm, The Wine Sellers

2/11: Get Hooked: Valentine's Book Sleeve, 4:30-6pm, Macomb Park District

2/11: Wednesday Wine Walk/Run, 6-8pm, The Wine Sellers

2/17: MCSRA Ceramics Workshop, 5:30-6:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramics Studio

2/19: Wine & Wax!, 5:30-8pm, The Wine Sellers

2/20: Noticing Nature: A Curious Guide for Sprouts, 4-5pm, Lakeview Nature Center

2/21: Nature Makers: Little Felted Winter Landscape, 12-1:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

2/21: Puzzle Wars 2026!, 5:30-7:30pm, Washington Street Gym

2/24: Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @124

2/25: Post 6 Big Band, 7-9pm, Park Place

2/28: 319 to 309 Tour: Macomb Stop!, 6-10:30pm, The Ritz

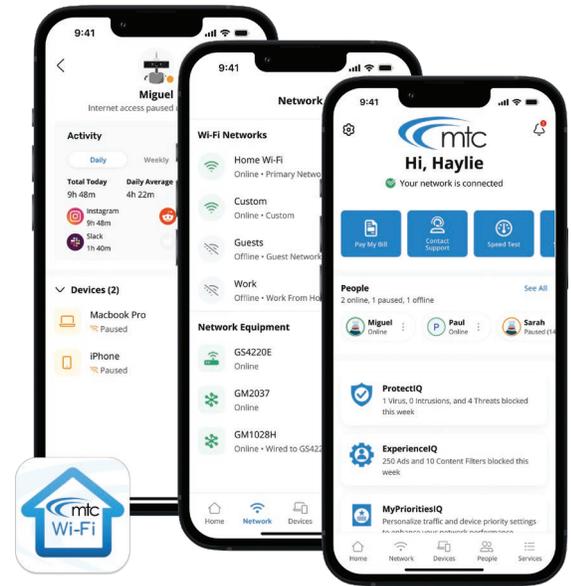
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Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: **Snickerdoodle Cobbler**



Ingredients:

Cobbler:
 1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted
 3/4 cup whole milk
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 1/4 tsp baking powder
 3/4 tsp salt
 2 tsp cinnamon
 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
 1 1/2 cups hot water
Topping:
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions:

Preheat the oven: Set the oven to 350°F (175°C). Pour the melted butter into a 9×13-inch baking pan, ensuring it covers the bottom evenly. Prepare the batter: In a large bowl, whisk together the milk, vanilla extract, and sugar. Add the flour, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon, whisking until just combined. Assemble the cobbler: Spoon the batter evenly over the melted butter without mixing. Sprinkle the brown sugar over the batter. Carefully pour the hot water over the entire mixture—do not stir. Bake: Place in the preheated oven and bake for 30-35 minutes, until the top is golden brown and mostly set. Add the topping: In a small bowl, mix together the sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over the hot cobbler right after baking. Cool and serve: Let the cobbler cool slightly before serving. Best enjoyed warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream!