

McDonough Telephone Cooperative BUSY LINE



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Exciting News! New Residential Packages Launch July 1!

We're excited to let you know that your MTC internet experience is getting a powerful upgrade—giving you stronger Wi-Fi and better protection for your connected life.

Our new residential internet packages launch **July 1**. We've updated our plans to bring you more speed, smarter Wi-Fi, and built in network protection and control features that make staying connected easier and safer than ever before.

Here's what you can expect from our new packages:

- MTC's Wi-Fi 6 GigaSpire Router – Call us to check your equipment, if you aren't sure!
- Access to the MTC Wi-Fi App - 24/7 Wi-Fi Network Control
- ProtectIQ - Network Security, Virus & Malware Threat Protection
- ExperienceIQ – More advanced parental controls for our *Connected Home* and *Connected Elite* packages

What's HAPPENING

Happy 4th of July!
Our office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

Mark your Calendars!
MTC's 74th Annual Meeting is **Wednesday, August 27th, 2025!**

July 31st is National Avocado Day!

NEW NUMBER!!
24/7 Pay by phone!
1-855-940-3852

Connected Essentials
\$64⁹⁴/MO

For simple, reliable connection and peace of mind.

- 100/100 Mbps Fiber Internet
- Wi-Fi 6 Router included
- 24/7 Tech Support
- ProtectIQ

Connected Home
\$84⁹⁴/MO

For families who stream, game, and stay safe online.

- 500/500 Mbps Fiber Internet
- Wi-Fi 6 Router included
- Cybersecurity + Parental Controls
- ProtectIQ ExperienceIQ

Connected Elite
\$104⁹⁴/MO

For high-tech homes and serious online users.

- 1 Gig Symmetric Fiber Internet
- Wi-Fi 6 Router included
- Enhanced Gaming Control
- ProtectIQ ExperienceIQ

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Introducing ProtectIQ & ExperienceIQ

We're excited to introduce two powerful new features included with our new internet packages — *ProtectIQ* and *ExperienceIQ*!

Introducing ProtectIQ
- Network Security

Built-in virus, malware, and threat protection at the network level—so every connected device in your home stays protected.

ProtectIQ

Smarter Parental Controls with ExperienceIQ

Advanced parental controls made easy. Set screen time limits by device or profile, filter content by app or website, set up device prioritization, and monitor usage right from our **MTC Wi-Fi app**.

ExperienceIQ



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- 7/1: Open Mic Night, 5-8pm, Sullivan Taylor Coffee House
- 7/1: Trivia Night (Every Tuesday), 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @ 124
- 7/2: Wine Run/Walk (Every Wednesday), 6pm, The Wine Sellers
- 7/3-6: Survival Challenge, 10889 E 950th St, Macomb, IL
- 7/4: Park N' Cruise, 5-8pm, Downtown Macomb
- 7/5: Stitchin' Time, 10:30am-12pm, Macomb Public Library
- 7/10 & 24: Little Lunchers, 12-1pm, Chandler Park

- 7/11: First Friday, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 7/12: Nature Makers: Coneflower Watercolor Painting, 12-1pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 7/12: Nature's Fireworks, 7:30-9:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center
- 7/16: Clay Lab for Sprouts, 1:30-3pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 7/16: Teen Wheel Throwing, 3-4:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 7/17, 24, & 31: Merry Making for the Holidays: Porcelain & Luster Edition, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio

- 7/18: Noticing Nature: A Curious Guide for Sprouts, 10-11am, Lakeview Nature Center
- 7/19: Day in Clay: Summer Lemon Dish, 12-4pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 7/19: Parents Night Out, 5-8pm, YMCA of McDonough County
- 7/25: Western Illinois Junior, 10am-7pm, Macomb Country Club

- 7/26: Clay Lab for Kids & Teens, 12-1:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramic Studio
- 7/26: Art Club, 1-4pm, Create Art Studio for Kids

For more events or details, visit macomb.com/events/

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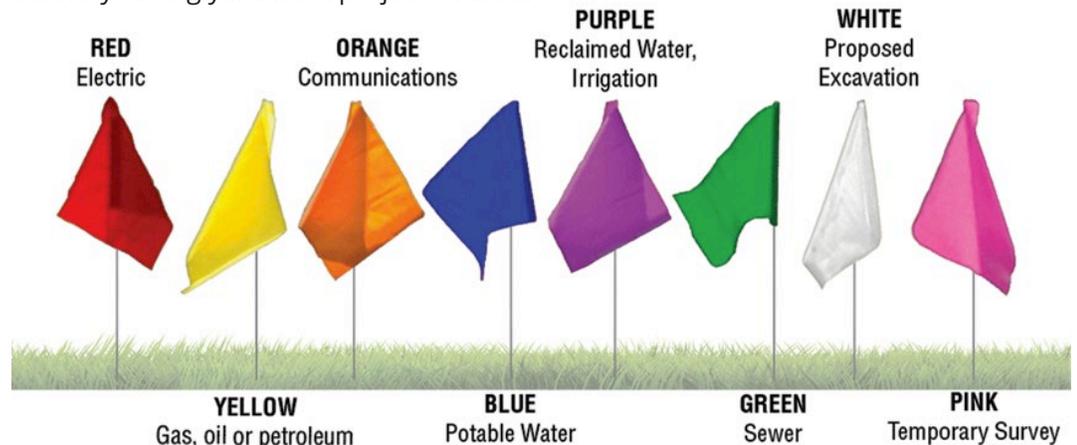
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74TH MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
ANNUAL MEETING
 AUGUST 27 AT 6:30PM • REGISTRATION STARTS AT 5PM
 THE CROSSING • 1600 W. JACKSON ST., MACOMB, IL

811 Call Julie!

You'll know what's below by the different flags, stakes, or paint. Remember to Call Julie before your big yard work projects this summer!



Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Peach Cobbler Cheesecake Fruit Salad

Ingredients:

- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 4 tbs. unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 9 graham cracker sheets, crumbled into little pieces
- 2 tsp. granulated sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3.4 oz. instant cheesecake pudding mix
- 1 cup liquid vanilla creamer
- 8 medium peaches, pitted & cut into bite-size pieces

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium-sized microwave-safe bowl, combine the brown sugar, butter, vanilla extract, cinnamon, salt, & nutmeg. Stir well & microwave in 30-second intervals until the mixture is bubbly & the sugar has melted. Stir in the crumbled graham crackers until they are well coated. Spread the mixture evenly on the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake 10-12 min. or until golden brown. Let cool. While the topping is baking, use a mixer to whip the cream cheese in a bowl until smooth. Continue even if the cream cheese binds up in the beaters, it will loosen eventually. Gradually add the dry pudding mix to the cream cheese, mixing at high speed until well combined. Reduce the speed to low & slowly add the vanilla creamer, about a tbs. at a time, until the mixture is smooth. Gently fold the bite-size peach pieces into the cheesecake mixture.

