

# BUSY LINE

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## 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://data.usac.org/publicreports/CompaniesNearMe/Download/Report>.

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](mailto:LifelineSupport@usac.org).

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

## SIGN UP FOR MTC'S SMARTHUB!

Get the most out of your MTC Internet with our FREE SmartHub App! Manage your MTC account anywhere you go, and enjoy the ease of controlling your home network.

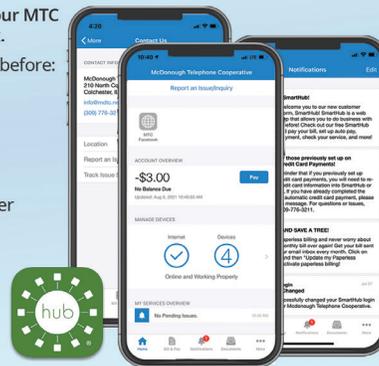
SmartHub is a web & mobile app that allows you to do business with us like never before:

- Manage your account
- Report service issues
- View and pay your bill
- Receive important notices
- Set up Auto-Pay
- Manage your Wi-Fi connection

...All in the palm of your hand and online. Visit [mdtc.smarthub.coop](http://mdtc.smarthub.coop) to register your new member account with your account number and email!

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Download the SmartHub app:



## What's HAPPENING

MAY 30  
Our office will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day

**Call Your Mom!**  
MTC Long distance subscribers can enjoy free calling anywhere within the continental US all day on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th.

**Congratulations Class of 2022!**

**24/7 Pay by phone number: 833-699-1832**

## Our Board of DIRECTORS

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5/14: Nature Makers Workshop,  
12:30-1:30, Lakeview Nature  
Center

5/1: Prairie Egg Hunt, 9am-6pm,  
Lakeview Nature Center

5/1: Wildflower Hike, 1:30-  
3:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park

5/4 (Every Wed.): Wine Run,  
6pm, The Wine Sellers

5/5: Cinco De Pio: Pie & Cake  
Auction, 6-8pm, American Legion

5/6: Park N' Cruise, 6-9pm,  
Chandler Park

5/6: Craig Corzatt, 7:30-9:30pm,  
Forgottonia Brewing

5/7-8: Bluegrass Music Festival,  
Argyle Lake State Park

5/7: Day in Clay Workshop,  
Noon-1pm or 1:30-2:30pm, MPD  
Ceramic Studio

5/7: A Little Gala Never Killed  
Anyone!, 5:30-11pm, Lowderman  
Auction Center

5/13-15: WIU Graduation  
Weekend, WIU

5/13: Sequoia Drive, 9pm,  
Blandinsville Farmer's Picnic

5/14: Market On The Square,  
10am-4pm, Macomb Downtown  
Square

5/14: Nature Makers Workshop,  
12:30-1:30, Lakeview Nature  
Center

5/14: WCAZ Planter Series:  
County Music Concert, 4pm,  
Hancock County Fairgrounds

5/19: Free Food Pantry, 5:30-  
6:30pm, The Crossing

5/20: Noticing Nature, 3:30-4pm,  
Lakeview Nature Center

5/21: Ultimate Elvis, 2-5pm, The  
Legacy Theater

5/22: Alpaca Beach Party,  
1-5pm, Little Creek Alpacas

5/26:-28 Jeep Blitz, 5-9pm,  
Bushnell

## Customers With Disabilities

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



**Affordable Connectivity Program**  
Helping Households Connect

### The FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from **participating** providers. The ACP is non-transferable and limited to one monthly internet discount per household.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting [www.fcc.gov/ACP](http://www.fcc.gov/ACP), or by calling 877-384-2575.

## McDonough Telephone Welcomes New Employee



McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our newest employee, Scott Shupe, as our new Financial Controller. Scott has a bachelor's degree in both accounting and finance. He joins us from the Quincy area, where he previously serviced as the Financial Controller at RL Brink Corporation. In his free time, Scott enjoys hunting, sports, and spending time at his farm.

We are happy to welcome Scott to the McDonough Telephone Team!

## Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Easy Greek Pasta Salad

### Ingredients:

1 pound short cut pasta  
1 cucumber chopped  
1 cup grape tomatoes, halved  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
1/2 red onion, sliced thinly  
4 oz Feta cheese, cubed  
1/2 cup black olives, halved  
Dressing:  
1/4 cup olive oil  
3 tbsp red wine vinegar  
1/2 tsp dried oregano  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1/4 tsp kosher salt  
1/8 tsp ground black pepper  
2 tbsp fresh dill finely chopped

### Directions:

In a large pot of boiling water, cook the pasta according to the instructions.  
Drain and place in a large bowl.  
Add the cucumber, tomatoes, bell pepper, red onion, feta and olives to the bowl.  
To make the dressing, combine all the dressing ingredients in a small bowl and whisk.  
Pour over the bowl of pasta salad ingredients and toss together carefully.  
The Easy Greek Pasta Salad can be served cold or at room temperature.

