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MTC Sending Two Students to Washington, D.C.

For more than 60 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. On March 5, approx. 200 high school students from across rural Illinois represented 22 co-ops during Youth Day, including 9 students from McDonough Power and MTC.

"Youth Day offers students from across the state a firsthand experience of democracy in action as they engage with their elected representatives in Springfield," said Brooke Gross, member services manager at the AIEC and facilitator of its youth programs.

In addition to meeting elected officials, the students also learned more about their cooperative's role in their own communities and had the opportunity to tour the Capitol Building and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.



L-R: Ryan Clark, Lupita Borunda Bustamente, Augustus (Gus) Schauble

State Reps Dan Swanson (R-71) and Norine Hammond (R-94), and Senator Mike Halpin (S-36) met with the students representing McDonough Power and MTC. These students included: Deacon Zaehringer and Lupita Borunda Bustamente from Illini West HS, Ryan Clark, Will Phelps, Emanuel Barrientos, and Matt Whitman from WPHS, and Augustus (Gus) Schauble and Cohen Hunt-Twomey from MHS, and Paige Christianson from UHS.

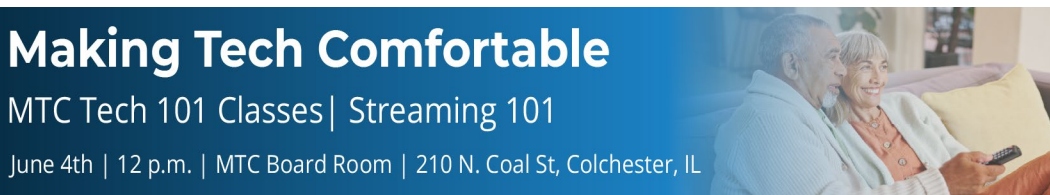
During lunch, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed the students. He shared his journey from a small town in Illinois to his current role, emphasizing the importance of finding interesting and challenging opportunities. He encouraged students to pursue their passions and take risks.

At the end of the day, the attendees were interviewed for the chance to participate in FRS's Youth Tour, an annual trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by MTC. This year's MTC Youth Tour winners are Lupita Borunda Bustamente and Gus Schauble, with Ryan Clark as the alternate.

Making Tech Comfortable

MTC Tech 101 Classes | Streaming 101

June 4th | 12 p.m. | MTC Board Room | 210 N. Coal St, Colchester, IL



What's HAPPENING



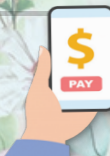
Our office will be closed **Monday, May 26th** for Memorial Day



Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th.



Congratulations Class of 2025!



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**5/1, 8 & 22: Welcoming House
Number Sign**, 5:30-7:30pm,
Macomb Park District Ceramic
Studio

5/2: First Friday, 9am-2pm,
Lakeview Nature Center

5/3: Spring Wildflower Hike, 10-
11:30pm, Argyle Lake State Park

5/3: Stitchin' Time, 10:30am-
12pm, Macomb Public Library

**5/3: Nature Makers: Lilac
Watercolor Painting**, Noon-1pm,
Lakeview Nature Center

5/4: Alpaca Beach Party, 1-5pm,
Little Creek Alpacas

5/4: Legends & Lattes Book Club,
2-3pm, Sullivan Taylor Coffee
House

5/6: Trivia Night (Every Tuesday),
6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @
124

**5/7: Wine Run/Walk (Every
Wednesday)**, 6pm, The Wine
Sellers

5/8: Adult Coloring Club, 2-4pm,
Macomb Public Library

**5/9: Noticing Nature: A Curious
Guide for Sprouts**, 3:30-4:30pm,
Lakeview Nature Center

**5/10: WIU Spring
Commencement Cermonies**,
9am-3pm, Western Hall

**5/10: Spring Market on the
Square**, 10am-3pm, Macomb
Downtown Square

**5/10: Day in Clay: Little Snail
Planter**, 12-2:30pm, Macomb
Park District Ceramic Studio

5/17: Clay Lab for Kids & Teens,
12-2:30pm, Macomb Park District
Ceramic Studio

**5/24: Friends of Argyle Lake
State Park Spring Exotic Plant
Removal**, 1:30-3:30pm, Argyle
Lake State Park

**5/30 & 31: St. Paul Rummage
Sale**, Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 8-11am,
St. Paul School Gym

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

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 Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefits Program
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- 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://cnm.universalservice.org>.

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.

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



Welcome Justin Gast!

McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our new employee, Justin Gast, to the team! Justin joined our IT department as an IT Specialist in February of 2025. He enjoys 3D printing, tinkering with electronics, and spending time outdoors.

Justin and his wife, Cherna, love gardening, canning, and taking care of their chickens. They have three grown children and are adjusting to their empty nest. A fun fact about Justin: He can ride a unicycle! We are happy to welcome Justin to the McDonough Team!

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: **Roast Beef and Cheddar Sliders**

Ingredients:

1 package of Kings Hawaiian Sweet rolls
1 pound of roast beef
1 large yellow onion
12 slices cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons of butter
2 tablespoons BBQ sauce
1 tablespoon of Everything Bagel Seasoning
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Cut yellow onion into thin half moon slices and sauté over medium low heat with olive oil for 20 minutes. Add a pinch of salt and pepper to taste. Once the onions are caramelized remove and set aside. Split your rolls lengthwise with a bread knife and set bottom rolls onto a baking sheet. Add 6 slices of cheddar cheese to the bottom rolls followed by a layer of your favorite BBQ sauce. Add slices of roast beef and caramelized onions on top of that. Add 6 more slices of sliced cheddar cheese followed by the top buns. Brush on melted butter on the top buns and sprinkle on an even layer of Everything Bagel Seasoning. Place fully assembled sliders in your oven at 350°F for 15 minutes or until the cheese has melted through and the bread is golden brown. Slice into individual sliders and enjoy!

