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What's HAPPENING



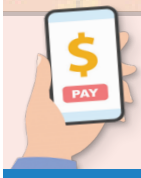
Join us for our Holiday Open House & Food Drive - Friday, December 11th



Happy Thanksgiving! We are closed Thanksgiving Day, November 26th & 27th.



Set your clocks back one hour Nov. 1st



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Fake, Phish, or Fact?

How to spot scams, navigate Ai, and stay safe online.

Please join us on Thursday, November 12th, from 12-1pm in the MTC main office boardroom for an informative presentation focused on recognizing scams, understanding Ai usage, and practicing safe online habits.

The discussion will include real-world examples of common scams, tips for identifying them, and guidance on what to do if you receive a suspicious message, encounter a scam, or become a victim of one.

Our presenter will also be available to answer questions and will provide take-home flyers with helpful information for attendees.

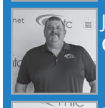
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SMART RURAL COMMUNITIES

Community Calendar

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11/1: Crafternoon by the Arthouse Folk School, 1-4pm, 133 S. Randolph St.

11/3: WIU Women's Basketball vs Clarke University, 6pm, Western Hall

11/4: Wednesday Wine Run/ Walk (Every Wednesday), 6-7pm, The Wine Sellers

11/5: Wheel Throwing & Beyond, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Clay Studio

11/6: First Friday, 9am-2pm, Lakeview Nature Center

11/7: Bowl for the Kids' Sake - Big Brothers Big Sisters, 10am-3pm, Digger's College City Bowl

11/7: Day in Clay: Thankful Jar, 12-3pm, Ceramics Studio

11/9: WIU Men's Basketball vs Simpson College, 6pm, Western Hall

11/10: Trivia Night (Every Tuesday), 6:30-8:30pm, Sports Corner @ 124

11/11: Flags of Love - Veteran's Day, 7am, Chandler Park

11/12: Merry Making for the Holidays, 5:30-7pm, Macomb Park District Clay Studio

11/14: WIU Football vs Gardner Webb Univ. - Serve & Protect Day, 1pm, Hanson Field

11/15: WIU vs. Southeast Missouri State - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day, 1-9pm, Hanson Field

11/17: WIU Women's Volleyball vs Lindenwood - Canned Food Drive Contest, 6pm, Western Hall

11/19: Merry Making for the Holidays, 5:30-7pm, Macomb Park District Clay Studio

11/22: Maple Avenue Christian Church Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets 2026, 1-4pm, Maple Avenue Christian Church

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

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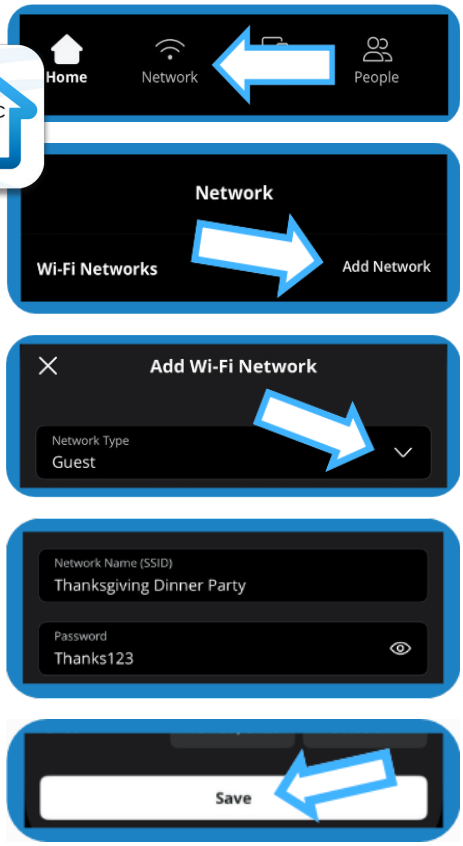
smart hub

Holiday Guests? Set up their Wi-Fi with ease!

Setting up a guest network is quick and easy with the **MTC Wi-Fi App**.

1. Start by opening the app and selecting **Network** from the bottom toolbar.
2. In the top-right corner, select **Add Network**, then choose **Guest**.
3. From there, you can give your guest network a name and create a password.
4. At the bottom of the screen, you can choose whether the network is **Permanent** or **Temporary**.
5. If you're creating a temporary network for holiday gatherings or events, you can set specific dates and times for when the guest network will be accessible.
6. Once you've finished, click **Save.**

Now you can enjoy sharing your connection with family and friends this holiday season.



Recipe Of The Month



Recipe: Slow Cooker Chicken & Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 2 medium carrots, sliced
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 can buttermilk biscuits
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp minced garlic
- chopped parsely for serving

Directions:

Sprinkle the garlic, celery, carrots, and onion into the bottom of a 6 to 8 quart slow cooker. Add the chicken soup, mushroom soup, and broth, and whisk together. Add the chicken, cover, and cook for 2 hours on high. After 2 hours, remove the chicken to a cutting board and when cool enough to handle, shred the meat with a fork. Return the shredded chicken to the slow cooker, and add the peas. Lay the biscuits on a clean surface. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and chives, lightly pressing the cheese and chives into the bicuits to adhere. Cut each biscuit into fourths and place them on the surface of the soup. Cover and cook until the biscuits are cooked through, 20-30 minutes. Serve the soup topped with parsley.