

MID-PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER August 2025

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SUMMER HOURS AND HOLIDAYS

Mid-Plains will begin its Summer Hours on Tuesday, May 27th (following Memorial Day) and continue through Friday, August 29th (the Friday before Labor Day). Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2nd (after Labor Day).

Summer Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Holiday Closures:

Monday, September 1st (Labor Day)



For technical support, our 24/7/365 line is available at 1-888-817-2052.

FUSF REDUCTION FOR JUNE 2025

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved a reduction in the "Federal Universal Service Charge" (FUSC) from 36.6% to 36.0% of your monthly interstate access charges for both residential and business customers, effective July 1, 2025. This charge supports the national Universal Service Fund, which helps make local telephone service more affordable for low-income customers, those in high-cost rural areas, and individuals with disabilities. If you have any questions about this change, please contact Mid-Plains at 806-668-4420. For more details, you can visit the FCC's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/universal-service>.



OCTOBER IS COOP MONTH



Co-op Month is an annual event celebrated in October to raise awareness and highlight the unique benefits of cooperatives. This month is an opportunity to recognize how co-ops, like electric, financial, and food cooperatives, positively impact communities and local economies. Co-ops are known for putting the needs of their members first, prioritizing community well-being over profits.

Our annual Co-op Appreciation Month Luncheon will be October 17, 2025. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY ANNUAL NOTICE

Both the federal government and the State of Texas have adopted telemarketing rules that allow a consumer to revoke or give notice to telemarketing firm that they **cannot** be contacted by the company.

NATIONAL: 1. Online at: www.donotcall.gov
2. Call toll-free: 1-888-382-1222

TEXAS: 1. Online at: <http://www.texasnocall.com>

If calling you must call from the number you are registering.
Registration will take 90 days to become effective. There is no charge to register online.

Website / Registration Issues: **Call:** 1-888-309-0600
Email: customerservice@texasnocall.com

To File a Complaint: **Online:** <http://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/complaint/NoCallForm.aspx>
Write: PUC – Customer Protection Division
P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326
Call: 1-888-782-8477 (TTY 1-800-735-2988)
Email: customer@puc.texas.gov



2025 MID-PLAINS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

For years, Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative has proudly supported the future of our communities by awarding scholarships to students from our co-op member families. In 2025, Mid-Plains Communications expanded this commitment by opening our scholarship program to students from our non-member students customer families as well—because we believe in investing in all our youth.

This year, we were honored to award 48 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students from Tulia, Nazareth, Silverton, Happy, Kress, Canyon, Claude, and homeschool programs. These students represent the promise of tomorrow, and we're proud to play a part in their journey.

We remain dedicated to empowering the next generation and encourage other businesses to join us in supporting local students and schools. Congratulations to all past recipients—and to future students: don't forget to apply!

Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients

JACE ALVARADO
REID BACKUS
DEGAN BARNES
BROOKLYN BIRKENFELD
NAOMI BORCHARDT
TIREY (T.S.) BOW
SOPHIE BRADSHW
MIGUAEL BRESSLER
EMMA BROWN
ALLYSON CHAMBERS
XALAINA CHASCO
NYELI CORTEZ
KAYLEE DUNN
BRANCE FERGUSON
ISRAEL FLORES
LANDON FLOWERS

BRENNIA FRANCIS
SAWYER FRANCIS
CALEB FREELAND
MADISON GAMBLE
BROOK GOSS
MAKLAY GRABBEE
KYLE GUERRERO
JACIE GUERRERO
KLAIRE HILDINGER
AIDAN HILDINGER
CARLEY HUTCHISON
HALEY HUTCHISON
KYTON JOHNSON
CONE JOHNSON
ALYSSA LOVEDAY
BRYLEE MARNELL

KAMRE MASK
CHARLY MASK
TRISTA MIERSMA
TAYLOR MIERSMA
DAVID MOLINA
EMERSON MOORE
BROOKS MYERS
ZADEN ORTIZ
DANIELLA REYES
BELLA SAULAN
VERONICA SHEPHERD
ANNALISE SOLOMON
KASON SPERRY
BENJAMIN TREVINO
JENNA VAN PELT
AIDEN YOUNG

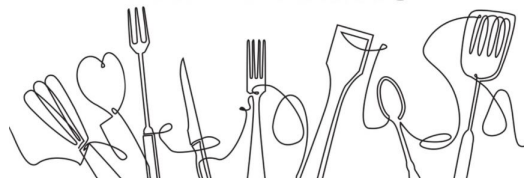
COOKING WITH MPRTC.....

Okra Salad

5-6 C. Fresh Breaded Okra (Fried and Cooled)
2-3 Fresh Green Onions (Chopped)
1-2 C. Fresh Tomatoes (Diced)
1-2 C. Avocado (Chopped)
2-3 Slices of Bacon (Cooked Crisp & Crumbled)
Salt & Pepper to Taste
Catalina Dressing

Combine all ingredients, except the dressing, and refrigerate until chilled. Just before serving, pour your desired amount of dressing over the salad. You can adjust the quantities of the ingredients to suit the number of people you're serving or according to your personal taste preferences.

Cooking with MID-PLAINS



MID-PLAINS HAPPENINGS

MID-PLAINS WAS VOTED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BY THE TULIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We are honored and humbled to share that Mid-Plains Communications has been named the 2025 Business of the Year by the Tulia Chamber of Commerce! This achievement is a testament to our 28 hard-working, dedicated employees, our supportive Board of Directors, and—most importantly—you, our valued customers. Thank you for trusting us and choosing Mid-Plains. In an industry dominated by giants, we're proud to be the “David” making a difference. Above all, we give thanks to God for His guidance and blessings on our journey. From all of us at Mid-Plains Communications — thank you for your support and vote of confidence!



MID-PLAINS GIVES BACK

Mid Plains Communications: Proudly Supporting Our Communities!

We believe in giving back to the communities we serve. That's why we're excited to announce our recent donations to the Happy, Nazareth, Tulia, Silverton, Kress and Claude Volunteer Fire Departments, which will help in many ways including building a new community meeting room and fire station and additions to the existing fire stations, among other things.

“Our local volunteer fire departments and first responders have been working tirelessly, and they need our support. We encourage everyone to join us in making a difference—every donation helps keep our heroes fueled and their equipment running. Together, let's strengthen our communities!”

- Dusty George, CEO/General Manager

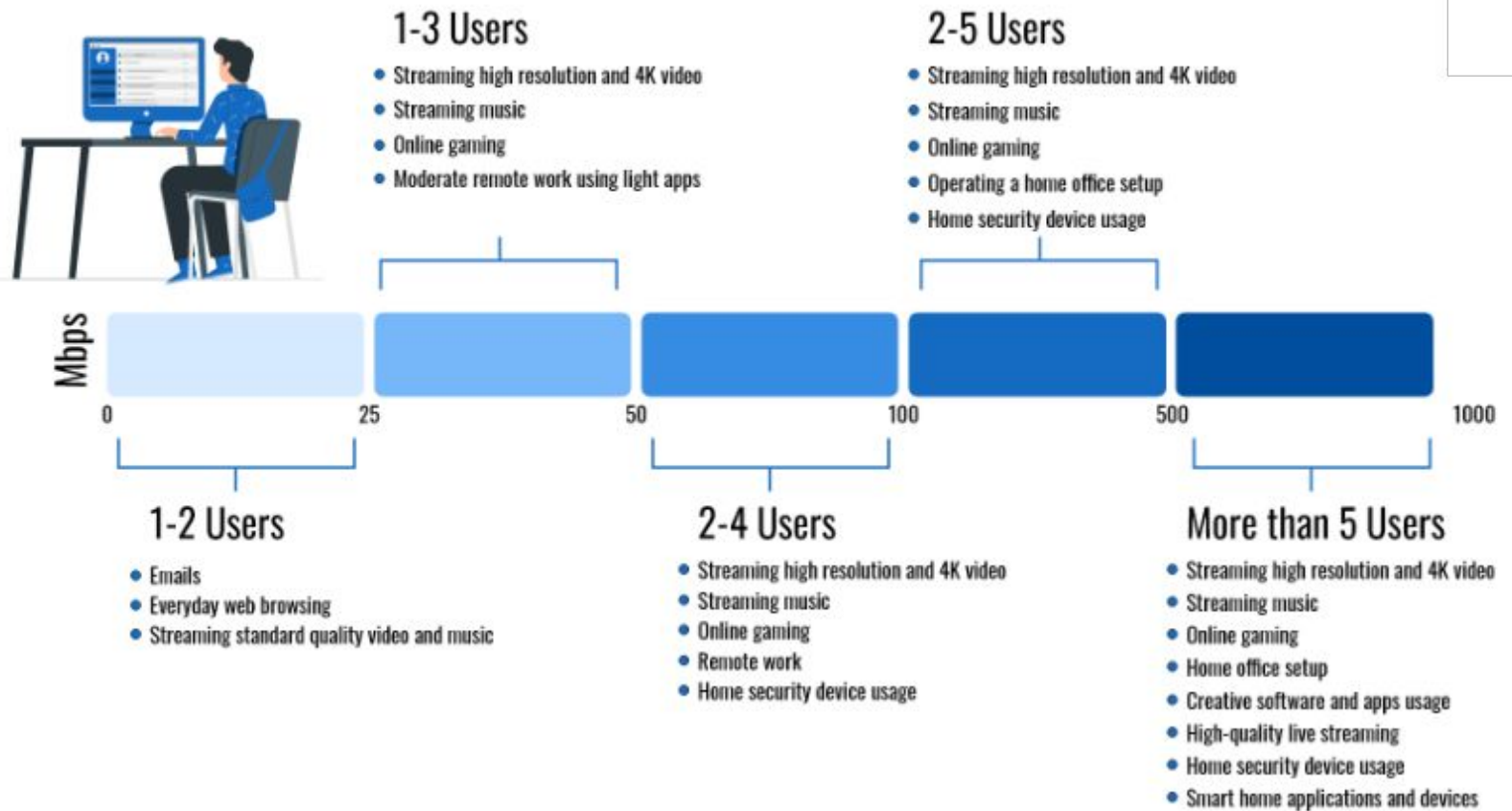


For more pictures and information about our community involvement, visit us online at <https://www.midplains.coop/community-involvement>.

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT INTERNET SPEED

To assess if your internet speed meets your needs, consider your household's usage and requirements. For basic web browsing and streaming, 100 Mbps is usually sufficient. However, if you have multiple users, game frequently, or stream 4K content, you'll need faster speeds. You can check your current internet speed by visiting the Mid-Plains website at <https://www.speedtest.net/apps> or by using the Mid-Plains Wi-Fi app.

The Minimum Internet Speed You Need



Get Speeds That Keep Up With You — Without Breaking the Bank!

Ultra-Fast Fiber Internet Starting at Just \$39.95/Month!

Whether you're streaming, gaming, working from home, or running your smart home — we've got the perfect speed for you:

- 50 Mbps** Download / Upload — \$39.95/month
- 100 Mbps** Download / Upload — \$49.95/month
- 250 Mbps** Download / Upload — \$59.95/month
- 500 Mbps** Download / Upload — \$69.95/month
- 1 Gbps** Download / Upload — \$79.95/month

- ✓ Symmetrical Speeds (Same Download & Upload!)
- ✓ No Data Caps
- ✓ No Hidden Fees
- ✓ Reliable, Buffer-Free Experience

Switch today and experience internet the way it should be! Call Now or Visit www.midplains.coop

MID-PLAINS MANAGED WIRELESS WI-FI ROUTERS

Just \$0.40 per day

Convenient **Smartphone App**

View network activity, equipment, and usage in real-time

Create and name user profiles to monitor devices and usage

Set and manage time controls for internet access

Create guest profiles for visitors

Full-service troubleshooting, both remote and on-site

Enhanced network-level security

Let us handle the setup and management of your Wi-Fi router. Call **806-668-4420** today!

GET MORE BLAST FOR YOUR BUCK.

Switch today and have the ultimate internet experience.

From the world's most powerful Wi-Fi to network security and parental controls, this is as advanced as Wi-Fi gets. Experience fast, consistent service anywhere in your home and control it all. Fully serviced. Fully supported. And now, fully yours. To learn more visit, <https://www.midplains.coop/command-iq-and-experience-iq>

The best Wi-Fi experience is the one that's always connected and managed for you.

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SETTLE FOR MORE.



Advanced Managed Wi-Fi by YourBrand

Direction for your connection

Whether you're a parent, professional, or someone who needs their internet to function at the highest level, ExperienceIQ helps you to manage your home network with purpose from the Mid-Plain Wi-Fi app.

Focus

Eliminate distractions and disruptions by using My Priorities to give preference to devices and set schedules for work and play. Adjust at a moment's notice with our easy to use [your brand] app.

Family

Enforce your house rules quickly and easily while maintaining the family peace with the ExperienceIQ™ Parental Control features. Create profiles for users to filter inappropriate content, block certain sites and categories, and set time limits and downtime.

Freedom

Remain confident that your connection is working for you and keeping you and your family safe.

Maximize your moments

Create work and school hours for your household to limit distractions.

Enjoy uninterrupted and buffer-free quality family time by prioritizing your devices.

Back-up your screen goals with downtime hours, screen time schedules, and time limits on certain apps.

Block inappropriate content to devices on your network.

Optimize your bandwidth where you need it most.

