

MID-PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS

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FUSF DECREASE FOR JANUARY 2026

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved an decrease in the "Federal Universal Service Charge" (FUSC) from 38.1% to 37.6% of your monthly interstate access charges for both residential and business customers, effective

January 1, 2026. 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>.



SAVE THE DATE - MID-PLAINS ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendars for the 76th Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative Annual Meeting. It will be held on Friday, April 10th, 2026. Details will be mailed closer to the date

MID-PLAINS SCHOLARSHIPS

Supporting our community's future leaders is one of our greatest joys! Mid-Plains is proud to invest in the educational success of our local students. We're excited to announce that scholarship applications for 2026 will open in February. Visit <https://midplains.coop/scholarships> to find all the details about qualifications and how to apply once applications are available.



AUTOPAY ENROLLMENT

Never Worry About Due Dates Again!

Life gets busy—we understand! Between work, family, and everything else on your plate, it's easy to lose track of payment due dates. That's why Mid-Plains offers autopay, a simple solution that takes one more thing off your to-do list.

Why Choose Autopay?

When you enroll in automatic payments, you'll enjoy peace of mind knowing your bill is handled every month without lifting a finger. Here's what makes autopay worth it:

Reclaim Your Time – No more writing checks, finding stamps, logging onto your online account every month, or remembering due dates. Your payment processes automatically each month.

Avoid Unnecessary Fees – Late payments happen to the best of us, but with autopay, you'll never face late fees again.

Uninterrupted Service – Keep your internet, phone, and other services running without interruption. Autopay ensures your account stays current.

Ready to Simplify Your Life?

Getting started is quick and easy! You have three convenient options:

- **Online:** Register through SmartHub at <https://midplains.smarthub.coop/Login.html>
- **By Phone:** Call our office at 806-668-4420
- **By Mail:** Complete and return the autopay form

Make the switch today and enjoy one less bill to remember!



Bank Draft Permit (Mid-Plains Copy)

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to draw from my bank account sufficient funds for my monthly services on (or about) the 10th of each month until further notified.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Mid-Plains Account/Phone Number _____

Bank _____

Bank Account Number _____

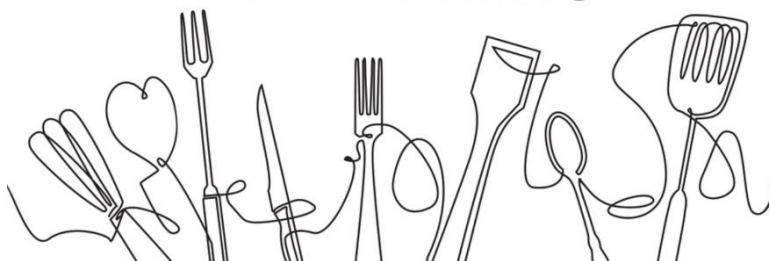
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COOKING WITH MPRTC.....

BAKER'S DOZEN YEAST ROLLS

Cooking with

MID-PLAINS



- 2 - 2 ½ C. All Purpose Flour
- 2 Tbsp. Sugar
- 1 Pkg. Quick-rise Yeast
- ½ tsp. Salt
- ¾ C. Warm Water (100°F / 45°C)
- 2 Tbsp. Butter - Melted
- 4 tsp. Butter - Melted (this is in addition to the 2 Tbsp)
- ¾ C. Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 2 tsp. Honey
- ⅛ tsp. Garlic Salt

In a large bowl, combine 1 ½ cups of flour. Sugar, yeast and salt. Add water and 2 Tbsp. melted butter. Beat on medium speed for 3 minutes or until smooth. Stir in cheese and enough of the remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 4-6 minutes. Cover and let rest for about 10 minutes.

Divide into 13 pieces. Shape each into a ball. Place on a greased 9 inch round baking pan. Cover and let rise in a warm place until it has doubled in size, approximately 30 minutes.

Bake at 375° for 11-14 minutes or until lightly browned. Combine the honey, garlic salt and remaining butter; brush over the rolls. (Brushing sauce is optional)

TIME TO UPGRADE YOUR INTERNET?

Is Your Internet Keeping Up With You?

More devices. More streaming. More video calls. If your internet feels slower than it used to, it might be time for an upgrade.

Signs You Need More Speed:

- Buffering during your favorite shows
- Laggy video calls for work or family
- Slow file uploads and downloads
- Multiple devices competing for bandwidth

The Good News? Upgrading is easy—and affordable!

Choose Your New Speed:

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

Still No Contracts. Still No Data Caps. Just Faster.

Ready to upgrade? Call 806-668-4420 or visit midplains.coop



MID-PLAINS HAPPENINGS

We're truly blessed to serve such vibrant communities across our region! Mid-Plains treasures every chance we get to join in local events and give back to the places we call home. 2025 brought countless wonderful opportunities that kept us engaged and strengthened our connections with all of you.

Mid-Plains wouldn't be the strong, family and community-oriented company we are today without our incredible leaders. They are the backbone that keeps us moving forward and make our work easier every day. We are truly blessed to have four of the best — Lynsey, Cody, Dusty and Josh. "Thank you" doesn't begin to express how much you're appreciated. Happy Boss's Day!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Customer Appreciation Luncheon celebrating National Coop Month!



Mid-Plains hit the streets for some spooktacular fun in Tulia, Happy & Silverton!



For more pictures and information about our community involvement, visit us online at

<https://www.midplains.coop/community-involvement>.