



The Buzz

Piedmont Communications

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Happy New Year

from all of us at Piedmont Communications!

Thank you for allowing us to serve you with all of your communications needs.

NOMINATIONS BY PETITION



Seventy-Five (75) members residing in a district for which an election of a director is to be held may nominate, by written petition, a nominee for Director from that District. Each petition is subject to verification. These nominations must be filed in the Cooperative

on or before Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 12:00 noon in accordance with the By-Laws.

TOY DRIVE A SUCCESS!

The 2022 Toy Drive was a huge success. Thanks to all of our customers and employees of Surry Communications that brought in toys to our stores. These toys were distributed to kids in need in our area.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Apply for \$2,500 Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS awards a one-time \$2,500 scholarship to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by Surry Communications, an NTCA member company. The FRS College Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to return to their rural communities upon completing their education. Applications may be downloaded from www.ptmc.net/scholarship. Click Download, then click FRS.org/student, to set up your account to begin the application process. Be sure to select Surry Telephone Membership Corporation as your telco provider. Information can also be obtained from your Guidance Counselor at your local high school. Scholarship must be submitted by February 8, 2023.



Happy NEW GEAR!

THE MORE DEVICES YOU HAVE,
THE MORE INTERNET SPEED
YOU NEED

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It's Easy to Pay Your Bill



Bank Draft or Credit Card



Payment Box



Mail



Automated Phone Pay



Online ptmc.net



Drive Thru

Recipe of the Month: Potato Cakes



INGREDIENTS:

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 yellow onion
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, or more as needed
- 1 cup vegetable oil for frying, or as needed

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1 - Finely grate potatoes and onion into a large bowl. Drain off any excess liquid.

Step 2 - Mix in egg, salt, and pepper. Add enough flour to make the mixture thick, about 2 to 4 tablespoons all together.

Step 3 - Preheat the oven to low, about 200 degrees F (95 degrees C).

Step 4 - Heat 1/4 inch oil in the bottom of a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Drop two or three 1/4-cup mounds of batter into hot oil, and flatten with back of a spatula to make 1/2-inch-thick pancakes. Fry, turning pancakes once, until golden brown.

Step 5 - Transfer pancakes to a plate lined with a paper towel to drain. Keep warm in the oven until serving. Repeat until all potato mixture is used.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Cook Motor Sports
6810 US-64, Lexington, NC
336.225.3828



18, Gates is one of the youngest car dealers in the triad. Visit Cook Motor Sports today!

Want your business
spotlighted in
"The Buzz?"

This is a free service
to our customers.

Contact Melanie Senter
at senterm@surrytel.com
or 336-787-5433

Help support local businesses! If you are looking to trade, sell or buy a vehicle, you may want to stop by Cook Motor Sports and speak with Gates Cook. At age

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Surry Communications is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Services, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write:

USDA, Director
Office of Civil Rights
Room 326-W, Whitten Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410
or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD)

Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Washington, D. C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Richie C Parker, CEO

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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**Our team at Piedmont Communications
appreciates you, our customers.**