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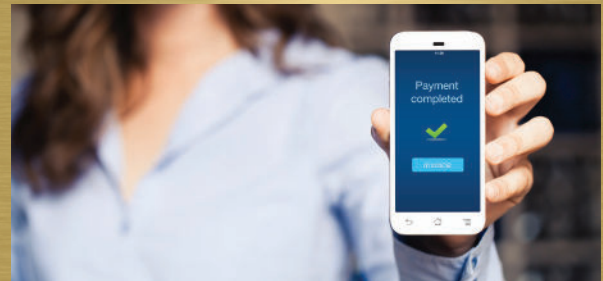
## CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS ARE NOMINATED

The nominating committee met on Monday, January 9, 2023 at the Cooperative's Headquarters in Dobson and nominated the following members to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of Members. Date of meeting to be announced at a later time.

**Red Brush Exchange – Chris A. Younger**  
**Zephyr Exchange – Imogene "Jean" Hardy**



## SAVE TIME AND MONEY

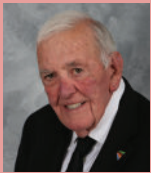


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## IN MEMORY OF GARY LEE BROWN



Gary Brown, President of the Surry Telephone Membership Corporation Board of

Directors passed away on December 3, 2022.

Gary was elected to the board of directors in March 1976. Gary served as President of Board for the last 20 years. Richie Parker, Chief Executive Officer of Surry Telephone, commented: "Gary was a dedicated member of the Cooperative and to his position as President on the Board of Directors. His leadership while on the board was instrumental in the current direction of the Cooperative. He was a true believer in the cooperative

way, always wanting what was best for the members and the employees. Gary's dedication was an inspiration to all who knew him. His friendship, wisdom and caring smile will be missed."

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Marion Brown, his father, Alton Brown, and mother Kate Kiger Brown. He is survived by his daughter Melody Brown, son Chris Brown and wife Mary Jo. Mr. Brown leaves behind several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gary will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at Surry Communications. To the family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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# Recipe of the Month: Red Velvet Fudge

*(Recipe from southernliving.com/recipes)*



## INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 1 cup white chocolate morsels
- 2/3 cup milk chocolate morsels
- 1 (1-oz.) bottle red liquid food coloring
- 1 cup toasted chopped walnuts

## DIRECTIONS:

**Step 1** - Line an 8-inch square pan with parchment paper, extending over sides; coat with cooking spray.

**Step 2** - Beat cream cheese and next 3 ingredients with an electric mixer until creamy. Beat in powdered sugar, 1 cup at a time. Beat at high speed 3 minutes.

**Step 3** - Melt white chocolate according to package directions; beat into cream cheese mixture. Reserve one-third of cream cheese mixture. Melt milk chocolate according to package directions. Stir milk chocolate and food coloring into remaining two-thirds of cream cheese mixture. Fold in walnuts. Pour into prepared pan; tap pan on counter to remove air bubbles. Freeze 10 minutes.

**Step 4** - Spread reserved cream cheese mixture over fudge; chill 4 to 24 hours. Remove fudge from pan. Cut into rectangles, rinsing and wiping knife clean between each slice. Chill until ready to serve.

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336-374-3321 Gilbert R. Hooker

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