



The Buzz

Piedmont Communications

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OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023



Customer Privacy Safeguards



Piedmont Communications is committed to maintaining customer confidentiality. In order to do this, we follow the following procedures.

- Account information is only discussed with the member of record
- To obtain copies of statements a valid government issued picture id is required
- Duplicate copies of bills may only be mailed to the address of record.
- We can only discuss accounts with the person who owns the membership or their power of attorney

These safeguards are in place to protect your privacy. For more information, please call 336-787.5433.

Nominating Committee Named

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, the Surry Telephone Board of Directors appointed the following members of the cooperative to serve on a nominating committee to propose candidates to serve as directors.

Nominating Committee

Beulah	Danny R. Hodges
Level Cross	Terry Pratt
Red Brush	Jimmy Draughn
Shoals	Van Tucker
Westfield	Jerry Atkins
Zephyr	Avery Branch
Churchland	Danny Snider
Reeds	Gene Klump
At Large	Clarence Cropps, Jr.

Nominating Committee to Meet

The nominating committee will meet on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters building located at 819 E. Atkins St., Dobson, NC. The committee will nominate at least one member as a candidate to serve a three-year term from the Beulah Exchange, Churchland Exchange and Shoals Exchange.

The list of nominations will be posted at the headquarters business office in Dobson and in all branch offices.



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Recipe of the Month:

Yummy Sweet Potato Casserole



(Recipe from allrecipes.com)

SWEET POTATOES:

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| 4 cups peeled, cubed sweet potatoes | ½ cup milk |
| 2 large eggs, beaten | 4 tablespoons butter, softened |
| ½ cup white sugar | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |
| | ½ teaspoon salt |

PECAN TOPPING:

- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- ½ cup chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS:

- Step 1:** Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
- Step 2:** Prepare sweet potatoes: Put sweet potatoes in a medium saucepan and cover with water. Cook over medium-high heat until tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and transfer to a large bowl.
- Step 3:** Mash drained sweet potatoes with a fork. Add eggs; mix until well combined. Add sugar, milk, butter, vanilla, and salt; mix until smooth. Transfer to a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- Step 4:** Make topping: Mix brown sugar and flour together in a medium bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry cutter until mixture is coarse and looks like peas; don't overmix. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle topping over sweet potato mixture.
- Step 5:** Bake in the preheated oven until topping is lightly browned, about 30 minutes.
- Step 6:** Enjoy!

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Curran-Alexander Vineyard
 1697 S NC Highway 150
 Lexington, NC
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So be sure to visit! Bring friends and family. Explore the vineyards. Delight in the wine. Visit them online at www.curranalexander.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

CHURCHLAND EXCHANGE 336-752-0101	Caudill Tara
DOBSON EXCHANGE 336-386-1072	Neaves & Gillespie, P.A
LEVEL CROSS EXCHANGE 336-374-5623	Laura A. Metts
LEXINGTON EXCHANGE 336-853-6087 336-853-7719 336-853-8003	Lois Y. Perryman Elva Payne Hannah Hairston
REEDS EXCHANGE 336-787-3107	Michael Nickles
SHOALS EXCHANGE 336-325-1277	Brenda H. Laprade
WESTFIELD EXCHANGE 336-351-0440 336-351-4203	Barbra Hood Susan C. Manuel
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