



# 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 Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 12:00 noon in accordance with the By-Laws.

### 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. Visit [ptmc.net/scholarship](http://ptmc.net/scholarship) for more information on how to access the application. 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 16, 2024.

### STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Piedmont 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.

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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)

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*Richie C Parker, CEO*



### Toy Drive a Success!!

The 2023 Toy Drive was a huge success. Thanks to all of our customers and employees of Piedmont Communications that brought in toys to our store. These toys were distributed to kids in need in our area.



*Let's see what we'll build in the new year*

Thanks to all of you, our loyal customers, we're building our community and making it better. Happy New Year!

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Drive Thru





## Recipe of the Month:



### Melt-in-Your-Mouth Pot Roast

(recipe from tasteofhome.com)

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound medium red potatoes, quartered
- 1 cup fresh baby carrots
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1-1/2 cups beef broth
- Minced fresh thyme, optional

#### Directions

- Place potatoes and carrots in a 5-qt. slow cooker. Cut roast in half. Combine the mustard, rosemary, garlic salt, thyme and pepper; rub over roast.
- Place in slow cooker; top with onion and broth. Cover and cook on low until meat and vegetables are tender, 6-8 hours. If desired, top with minced thyme.



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## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



**Sunny Creek Boutique**  
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Lexington, NC

A great boutique where you will find boutique items without paying boutique prices. Sunny Creek Boutique carries dresses, customer tees, tops, bottoms, outerwear, accessories and much more!

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