



# The Buzz

Piedmont Communications

April 2026 • 191 Reeds Baptist Church Rd. • Lexington, North Carolina • 336.787.5433

**Our office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd,** in observance of the Easter holiday.

## DIRECTV

### Lock in your price.

Get a 2-year price guarantee with DIRECTV, no annual contract required.

**gemini AIR**

©2016 DIRECTV. DIRECTV and all other DIRECTV marks are trademarks of DIRECTV, LLC. All other marks are the property of their respective owners.

**SURRY COMMUNICATIONS**  
by STMC

**DIRECTV AUTHORIZED DEALER**

**PIEDMONT COMMUNICATIONS**  
by STMC

**Elevate Your Subscriber's Experience with CommandIQ**

CommandIQ & Edge Suites (Protect IQ & Experience IQ) are **FREE** with our new plans.

### ProtectIQ™

- Malicious website, anti-virus and anti-ransomware protection
- Traffic monitoring that automatically blocks suspicious activity
- Notifications when content is blocked through CommandIQ - and you'll receive the credit for keeping your home protected

### ExperienceIQ™

- Enhanced parental controls to enforce household rules
- Family profile tools to manage content and screen time for each device or person
- Easy management through the CommandIQ mobile app

## CELEBRATE 75 YEARS with \$75 OFF Internet

Limited-time anniversary discount on our 750 Mbps Internet plan or higher.

Disclaimer: Offer valid on new internet plan 750 Mbps or higher or upgrade to 750 Mbps or higher. The \$75 credit will be applied as three \$25 bill credits over three consecutive months of active service. Not available in all areas. All speeds are offered as a "best effort" service. Surry Communications does not guarantee speeds. Some restrictions may apply.

## April is National Safe Digging Month

Ready to begin your outdoor DIY projects?

Call 811 before any digging begins to protect your underground utilities and yourself.

**North Carolina 811**  
www.nc811.org

### Follow Us

For contests, promotions, photos & video from community events, news and tech tips, follow us on Facebook to be in the know!

facebook.com/piedmontcommunications

### 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:



### Slow-Cooker Chicken Alfredo

(tasteofhome.com)

#### Ingredients

- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound uncooked penne or rigatoni pasta
- Shredded Parmesan cheese, optional

#### Directions

1. In a large skillet, brown chicken in butter in batches. Transfer to a 5- or 6-qt. slow cooker. In a large bowl, combine the broth, heavy cream, onion, garlic, Italian seasoning and pepper; pour over chicken. Cover and cook on low for 4-5 hours or until chicken is tender.
2. Remove chicken to a cutting board. When cool enough to handle, shred with two forks. Keep warm.
3. Meanwhile, add pasta to slow cooker. Cook on low until pasta is tender, 20-25 minutes. Add chicken back to slow cooker, stir to combine. Serve with shredded Parmesan cheese.

## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



4394 S North Carolina Hwy 150 | Lexington, NC  
336.867.1300

This great little trading post has just about everything you need! They specialize in fresh, local produce, quality meats, and delicious baked goods. Stop by and check them out—you won't be disappointed!

#### Business Hours:

Tuesday & Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Want your business spotlighted in "The Buzz?" This is a free service to our customers. Contact Melanie Senter: senterm@surrytel.com 336.787.5433

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

##### PIEDMONT-REEDS EXCHANGE

336-787-4021 Janet Freeman  
336-787-2230 Darlene Gabbard  
336-787-5981 Larry W. Hoover  
336-787-5229 Mae M. Houck  
336-787-4114 Barbara McCrary

##### PIEDMONT-CHURCHLAND EXCHANGE

336-752-2905 Wendell F. Shoaf  
336-752-4337 Richard Thomas

##### SHOALS EXCHANGE

336-325-2425 Kathy F. Hamby  
336-368-5559 Trails End Grill

##### WESTFIELD EXCHANGE

336-351-0681 Leigh Ann Cannon-Alonzo  
336-351-8025 Halford Debra

##### CLEC - MOUNT AIRY EXCHANGE

336-648-8833 The Updraft Kitchen LLC

#### Make Paying Your Monthly Bill Worry-Free!

Have you ever been out of town on vacation and realized you haven't paid your Piedmont Communications bill for the month? Did you know that Piedmont Communications offers several options to preclude this from happening?

**Online Bill Pay** - log into our website, ptmc.net and conveniently pay your bill online from your smart-phone, tablet, laptop or any other computer device, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Pay by phone** - use your credit/debit card to pay through our automated payment center by calling 336-787-2PAY (2729).

**Bank Draft** - set up your account on bank draft where your payment will be automatically deducted each month.

