



**SPRING FORWARD!**

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 12!

# The Buzz

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## 2023 TELEPHONE BOOKS ARE HERE!



If you have not received your 2023 Surry Communications book or need additional copies, please drop by one of our business offices which are located in Mount Airy, Dobson or Elkin.

## FOUR STEPS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR SENSITIVE INFORMATION

In a world where so many things can be accessed online, we must be very careful to protect our personal information just as we would protect our bank accounts. But where do we start? Check out these four tips on how to protect yourself online:



**1. Create Strong Passwords Using at least 12 characters.** You should combine letters, numbers and

symbols to create strong passwords. Avoid using any passwords that can be easily guessed like your birthday or your pet's name. You should also not be using the same password for all your devices.

**2. Be Cautious When Opening Emails.** Be very careful responding or clicking on any email that requires urgent action, especially when these relate to sensitive topics. Most scam emails will use scare tactics to try to compel you to give up your personal information. Be cautious of clicking on any links or attachments, and of any spelling errors

in the email. If you have any doubts at all about an email being real, you should contact the company directly, by phone.

**3. Keep Your Devices Clean and Up-to-date.** Make sure to keep all frequently used apps up to date. Delete apps that are no longer in use, as they can collect personal information like your location while sitting idle on your phone.

**4. Take Charge of Your Online Presence** Be sure to monitor who has access to your information and what you decide to share. Try not to share your login information with anyone if you can help it. Remember that it is okay to tell people what they can and cannot post of you. Always keep in mind that things posted online never go away. You can visit [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org) to learn more about managing your privacy setting from the National Security Alliance.

## SPRING IS NEAR, MORE SURRY FIBER!



Surry's fiber network continues to grow in 2023 with more homes and businesses getting blazing-fast internet connections that only fiber can deliver. The latest areas to get this fast new connection in the coming year:

**Westfield:** Simmons Rd, Cook School Rd, Russell Rd, Southridge Dev, Jessup Grove Church Rd, Hills Presbyterian Church Rd, Brown Mountain Rd

**Level Cross:** Sheep Farm Rd, Turkey Ford Rd, Siloam area, Copeland School Rd, Hamlin Ford Rd

**Shoals:** Julius Tucker Rd area

**Zephyr:** Judsville School Rd, Greenwood Cir, Beach Rd, Corbert Cockerham Rd, Blanco Piena area

**Red Brush:** Meadowcreek Ln

When your home or business is connected to Surry's Fiber network, you can access our Gigabit internet, which not only is 1000mbps upload, but also 1000Mbps download! Surry's Fiber network is the fastest and best internet available in the area!

## Speed Up Your Internet for a Shamrockin' Good Time

GET THE SPEED YOU NEED TO FIT YOUR FAMILY'S LIFESTYLE!



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# Recipe of the Month:

## Mint Chip Lasagna

(Recipe & photo from delish.com)



### INGREDIENTS:

#### FOR THE CRUST

- 1 package mint Oreos, finely crushed
- 5 tbsp. melted butter

#### FOR THE CHEESECAKE LAYER

- 2 (8-oz.) blocks cream cheese, softened
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. mint extract
- 1 c. whipped cream
- Green food coloring

#### FOR THE PUDDING LAYER

- 2 (3.4-oz.) packages instant chocolate pudding
- 3 c. milk
- 1/2 c. mini chocolate chips

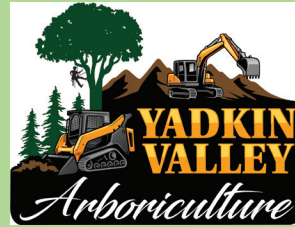
#### FOR THE TOPPING

- 2 c. whipped cream
- 1/4 c. chocolate shavings
- 1/4 c. mini chocolate chips

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium bowl combine crushed Oreos and butter. Press into a 9"-x-13" baking dish.
2. Make cheesecake layer: In another large bowl using a hand mixer, beat cream cheese and powdered sugar until no lumps remain, then beat in mint extract. Fold in whipped cream until incorporated. Add green food coloring until desired color is reached. Pour cheesecake layer over crust and smooth top with an offset spatula. Refrigerate while making the next layer.
3. Make pudding layer: In a large bowl, whisk together pudding mix and milk until thickened, then fold in mini chocolate chips. Pour pudding over cheesecake layer and smooth top.
4. Spread whipped cream over pudding layer and top with chocolate shavings and mini chocolate chips. Refrigerate until well chilled, at least 4 hours and up to overnight.

# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



## Yadkin Valley Arboriculture

Owner: Drew Cain

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm  
(After hours as needed)

336.374.0195

Yadkin Valley Arboriculture offers 24/7 emergency tree service and other services, such as renovations, brush management, grading, drainage issues, clearing & excavation.

For a free estimate, contact Drew at 336.374.0195. Check out their facebook, "Yadkin Valley Arboriculture LLC."



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