



# The Buzz

Surry Communications

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## 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. Applications can be accessed from [www.surry.net/scholarship](http://www.surry.net/scholarship). Click Download, then click FRS.org/student, to set up your account to begin the application process. 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 14, 2025.



**Happy New Year From All of Us  
at Surry 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 Monday, February 17, 2025 at 12:00 noon in accordance with the By-Laws.

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### Toy Drive a Success!!

The 2024 Toy Drive was a huge success. Thanks to all of our customers and employees of Surry Communications that brought in toys to our stores. These toys were distributed to kids in need in our area.

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# Recipe of the Month: Cheesy Broccoli Soup in a Bread Bowl

(recipe from [tasteofhome.com](http://tasteofhome.com))



## Ingredients

- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 cups fresh broccoli florets (about 8 ounces)
- 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups half-and-half cream
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water or additional chicken stock
- 2-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 small round bread loaves (about 8 ounces each), optional
- Optional toppings: Crumbled cooked bacon, additional shredded cheddar cheese, ground nutmeg and pepper

## Directions

1. In a 6-qt. stockpot, heat butter over medium heat; saute onion and garlic until tender, 6-8 minutes. Stir in broccoli, carrot, stock, cream and seasonings; bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender, 10-12 minutes.
2. Mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into soup. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Stir in cheese until melted.
3. If using bread bowls, cut a slice off the top of each bread loaf; hollow out bottoms, leaving 1/4-in.-thick shells (save removed bread for another use). Fill with soup just before serving.
4. Serve soup with toppings as desired.

# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



If you would like your business spotlighted in a future edition of the "Buzz" please contact Melanie Senter at 336-374-4524 or [senterm@surrytel.com](mailto:senterm@surrytel.com). This is a free service to our customers.

## The Surry Arts Council Surry Arts Council Venus

**Andy Griffith Museum**  
218 Rockford St, Mt Airy 27030

**Blackmon Amphitheatre**  
231 Spring St, Mt Airy, NC 27030

**Andy Griffith Playhouse**  
218 Rockford St, Mt Airy 27030

**Historic Earle Theatre**  
142 N Main St, Mt Airy 27030

**Siamese Twins Museum**  
215 Rockford St, Mt Airy 27030

### Bio:

The Surry Arts Council provides opportunities for everyone in our community to have high-quality experiences in performing and visual arts while ensuring continuity through financially responsible leadership.

### Don't miss out on these upcoming events!

**Sean of the South**  
Friday, February 14 | 7:00 PM  
Historic Earle Theatre  
Tickets: \$55-\$35

**Disney's Aladdin JR.**  
March 1-2 | 2:00 PM  
Andy Griffith Playhouse  
Tickets: \$20

**Arts Ball 2025**  
Friday, February 28 | 6:00 PM  
Cross Creek Country Club  
Tickets: \$100

**Rhonda Vincent and The Rage**  
Saturday, April 26 | 7:30 PM  
Historic Earle Theatre  
Tickets: \$85-\$55

Keep up with events at [www.surryarts.org](http://www.surryarts.org), or call 336-786-7998

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**BEULAH EXCHANGE**  
336-352-3813 Jada Lowe

**PIEDMONT-REEDS EXCHANGE**  
336-787-5239 Shelia Cope

**CLEC - KING**  
336-983-8723 Kelly B. Allen

336-787-4557 Jaylen Evans  
336-787-0142 Jeanette Gray

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336-786-7768 Andrea B. Davis

**RED BRUSH EXCHANGE**  
336-320-3204 Doris Ann Eaton

**CLEC - STATE ROAD EXCHANGE**  
336-827-8110 Rosa A. Kelly

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**Richie C Parker, CEO**

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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)

