



# The Buzz

Surry Communications

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**Our Office will be Closed  
Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.**

## 2026 Annual Meeting for Surry Telephone Membership Corp.

The 2026 Annual Meeting for Surry Telephone Membership Cooperation that was held March 19th, 2026 can now be viewed on our Facebook page, YouTube or our website.




## Surry Communications Provides Wi-Fi to Downtown Mount Airy

The recent ribbon cutting celebrating the launch of free community Wi-Fi in Downtown Mount Airy marked an exciting milestone for the community. This new service makes it easier than ever for residents, visitors, and local businesses to stay connected while enjoying everything downtown has to offer. Surry Communications is proud to partner with the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Mount Airy, the City of Mount Airy, and Mayberry Tourism on this initiative.



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# Recipe of the Month: Strawberry Punch

(Recipe from pioneerwoman.com)



## Ingredients

### FOR THE ICE RING:

- 8 oz. strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 2 limes, thinly sliced

### FOR THE PUNCH:

- 12 oz. strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup fresh lime juice (from about 6 limes)
- 3 cups ginger ale
- 3 cups sparkling water or seltzer

## Directions

1. For the ice ring: Set aside a few strawberry and lime slices, then arrange the rest in the bottom of a 10- or 12-cup Bundt pan so they lie flat (they can be mixed together). Slowly pour in 2 cups water and freeze until solid, about 3 hours.

2. For the punch: In a medium bowl, toss together the strawberries, sugar, and lime juice. Cover and let sit until the juices accumulate, about 40 minutes.

3. In a blender, purée the strawberry mixture until smooth, then strain through a fine mesh sieve into a large punch bowl. (If serving later, strain into a pitcher and refrigerate for up to 2 days.)

4. Add the ginger ale, seltzer, to the strawberry purée in the punch bowl. Stir to combine, skimming off the excess foam.

5. Fill a large bowl with 4 inches warm water. Dip the bottom of the Bundt pan in the water for 10 to 15 seconds to loosen the ice ring. Top the pan with a plate and flip to invert the ice ring. Slide the ring into the punch, float the reserved strawberry and lime slices in the punch, and serve immediately.

Tip: The ice ring can be made up to 2 weeks in advance and kept frozen in the pan, wrapped in plastic. The strawberry purée can be made, strained, and stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 days.



## BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

Children's Center of Northwest  
520 N. Main St., Dobson | 336.386.9144

May is Mental Health Month! In a world that feels overwhelming or uncertain, many factors are beyond our control. While we can't change everything, paying attention to what we can influence can make a difference. This May reflect on what a "good day" looks like for you, what counts as good can change over time, and only you can define what a good day looks like to you. No matter how you are feeling right now, remember: more good days are possible, help is available, and you are not alone.

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