

WILKES COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 2015

NEW NOTEWORTHY &

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- We will be closed Fri Oct 2 & Sat Oct 3 2015 for system updates
- October 19- Wilkes Communications Annual Meeting of the Members
- October 31- Halloween
- If you find your account number in the newsletter, you will receive a \$20 credit on your next bill.

OFFICE HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

Commercial Office Hours

336-973-3103

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday

Repair Office Hours

336-973-4000

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday

Wilkes Internet Technical Support

336-957-TECH (8324)

Open 24/7

Wilkes Communicator is published monthly for members of Wilkes Telecommunications (the trade name of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation). Wilkes Telecommunications was established in 1951 as a member-owned cooperative serving four exchanges in Wilkes County: (Boomer (921), Clingman (984), Champion (973) and Lomax (957, 928). Wilkes Telecommunications provides complete communication services such as local telephone access and business telephone systems. Internet, high-speed Internet and long distance services are provided through its subsidiary, Wilkes Communications, Inc.

56TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF WILKES TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

The Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation's Fifty-Sixth (56th) Annual Meeting of the Members will be held - as follows:

TIME: 7:30P.M. (Business Meeting)

DATE: October 19, 2015

PLACE: West Wilkes Middle School



ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Reports on the past year's operation and election of Directors -- three directors are to be elected to serve a three (3) year term. The Nominating Committee met on September 14, 2015 and nominated the following three members:

Jimmie M. Church, 748 Champion/Mt. Pleasant Rd., Ferguson, NC 28624
Armit Tevepaugh, 800 Vannoy Rd., Moravian Falls, NC 28654
Jerry Shepherd, 1939 Hoots Rd., Roaring River, NC 28669

The Nominating Committee consists of the following members:

Dean Wolfe - - - - - Champion Exchange
Debra M. Davis - - - - - Boomer Exchange
Earl Blackburn - - - - - Lomax Exchange
Schelia Smith - - - - - Lomax Exchange (alternate)

The first 500 people registering for the meeting will be served a free barbeque chicken dinner by the Roaring River Ruritan Club, which will be served between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. "The Mylon Hayes Family" will be providing entertainment.

There will be a drawing for cash prizes and other prizes for members attending.

NTCA RECOGNIZES WILKES COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AS CERTIFIED GIG-CAPABLE PROVIDER

As a Certified Gig-Capable Provider, Wilkes Communications, Inc. joins a national campaign spearheaded by NTCA to build awareness and industry recognition of community-based telecom providers that have built communications networks capable of delivering Internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, which is 100 times faster than those currently available in many U.S. households.

Wilkes Communications, Inc. also received tools to promote itself as a Gig-Capable Provider in the five exchanges and will be recognized by the NTCA. To achieve certification, telecommunications companies must show that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within 95% of one or more exchanges within its serving territory and that such service can be provided without new trenching or stringing new aerial facilities.



CANDY CORN PRETZEL HUGS



An easy, quick Halloween treat. This recipe makes however many you want. Store pretzel hugs in the refrigerator.

Ingredients:

- Circle or square-shaped pretzels
- Hershey's Kisses Hugs (or any flavor Kiss)
- Candy Corn

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 250F degrees.
2. Line baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Align pretzels on the sheet. Unwrap Hugs and place one on each pretzel. Stick in the oven until the hug begins to melt down. Mine takes about 4 minutes.
3. While the Hugs are melting in the oven, get your candy corn ready because you will have to move quickly once the pretzels are out of the oven.
4. Remove pretzel hugs from oven and gently press a candy corn down on each one. The Hug should flatten out when you press the candy corn on it. If it is not flattening out, place the pretzel hugs back in the oven for 30 more seconds.
5. Let the pretzel hugs cool completely and let the chocolate set for about 10 minutes in the refrigerator. These are a great make ahead treat: make them 1-3 days before you need them and store covered in the refrigerator.

NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

Co-op Month has been celebrated annually in October across the United States for more than half a century. Each October, cooperative members reflect on the many benefits of cooperation and take the opportunity to educate others about the value of cooperative businesses. Cooperative Network's 2015 Co-op Month theme, "Take Ownership," celebrates how the cooperative business model gives consumers and workers a real stake in their economic destinies. Because cooperatives are owned and controlled by the people who use or deliver their services, decisions are made with the best interests of co-op members in mind—not to financially benefit corporate stockholders. From attending an annual meeting to serving on the cooperative's board of directors, members are educated and encouraged to be actively involved in setting policies and shaping the future of their cooperatives.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

GREG ANDERSON
Plant Construction Supervisor
23 Years

AMBER GREENE
Billing Administrator
9 Years

MATTHEW WAYNE
COE Technician
9 Years

HEATHER HUTCHENS
Customer Service Representative
9 Years

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