

NOTICE!

This edition of TeleBytes will not be printed and enclosed with your April 2017 Billing Statement. TeleBytes will resume its normal monthly schedule with your May 2017 Star Communications billing statement.

In the interim if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at commrel@stmc.net.

Excellence Award Winner Named at NTCA Rural Telecom Industry Meeting and EXPO

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at the NTCA Rural Telecom Industry Meeting and EXPO Awards Banquet in San Diego, CA, Star Communications' Executive Vice President and General Manager, Lyman M. Horne, was awarded the Manager Life Achievement Award. Horne was recognized for, "...his leadership and commitment to serve his company, community and industry."

The award was presented by Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the association's awards committee, which is comprised of NTCA members.

In Ms. Bloomfield's presentation she stated, "Horne began his career in the telecommunications industry in 1980 with Star Communications. He quickly rose through the ranks at the company, serving in various positions. He was instrumental in ensuring continued business success for the company and led the integration of Cox Cable into StarVision, the company's cable service. Horne oversaw the complete digital conversion of the entire system from 2001-2008. He led the expansion of the company's offerings to include full fiber-to-the-home, home security suite and DVR services. Horne's commitment to serve extends to several community development and charity boards over the years, lending his leadership to churches, schools, colleges, associations and foundations. Horne has advocated on behalf of the industry for years, serving on the board of the North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association and testifying in front of the FCC. He served as board member for the Foundation for Rural Service for three years and was a member of the NTCA resolutions committee."

In his hometown of Clinton, and surrounding communities, Mr. Horne is well-respected and is held in the highest regard among his peers.

On behalf of the employees of Star Communications and the board of directors, we are proud to acknowledge Mr. Horne and this very prestigious award.



From Your Kitchen

On most Easter tables across North America, a sugarcured or spiral-sliced ham will be the featured dish for Easter dinner. If you have ever wondered why we eat ham at Easter, it has less to do with religion than with tradition and the fact that it is "in season". While modern food storage techniques and supermarkets with efficient and worldwide supply chains shield us from this fact somewhat, like fruits and vegetables, different meats also have seasons, and these depend on a variety of factors including what the animals were eating and when and where they were in their growth cycle, and the availability (or lack) of refrigeration. Butchered in the fall, most hams were prepared and allowed to properly cure over the winter to further develop their flavor. So when you are preparing your family's Easter ham, take a few minutes to think about the tradition behind the meal you and your family will enjoy.

This month's recipe, Muffin Tin Potatoes Gratin, will be the perfect side dish for your Easter ham. Quick and easy to prepare, your guests will think you have put lots of time and effort into this side. Hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter holiday!

Muffin Tin Potatoes Gratin

Cooking spray

2 tablespoons butter

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

3/4 cup milk

1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

2 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray 12 muffin cups with cooking spray or grease with butter.

Heat butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir garlic in the melted butter until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add flour to garlic mixture. Cook and stir until mixture is smooth and thickened, about 2 minutes. Slowly pour milk into flour-butter mixture while continuously stirring with a whisk until sauce is smooth and thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat and stir Parmesan cheese into sauce until cheese melts from the heat of the sauce; season with salt and pepper.

Divide the potatoes among the 12 prepared muffin cups and spoon cheese sauce over potatoes. Bake in the preheated oven until potatoes are tender, about 25 minutes.

New Neighbors to Serve

Jerry Winston Brayboy.....	564-6496
Mary N. Cain.....	866-4144
Alice Cashwell.....	567-4618
Maloy G. Edwards.....	648-2563
Clifton Freeman II.....	533-2995
Bradley Holt.....	531-3771
Gloris Inman.....	648-2727
Paulette Jernigan.....	588-6291
Caroline McGill.....	645-6937
Donnie McKoy.....	866-4041
Eric Mincey.....	648-2775
Harvard & Doris Moore.....	645-4266
J. Murphy.....	532-2987
Y. S. Newkirk.....	532-4803
Rev. David & Brenda Rutland.....	866-5399
Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church.....	567-5591
David Simpson.....	669-2851
Andrea Lynette Smith.....	564-6080
Squibb Farms LLC.....	532-2480
M. Thompson.....	648-6000
Joseph & Nancy Wallis.....	567-4271
B. A. Worley.....	648-4462
Frankie B. Wrench.....	567-6198

Business Office Closing

Our business offices in Clinton and Elizabethtown will be closed on Friday, April 14, 2017, in observation of the Good Friday Holiday and Easter. The Star Communications Retail Office location in the Lowe's Shopping Center in Clinton will also be closed on Saturday, April 15. Our business offices will reopen on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

The Star Communications Family wishes you and your loved ones a happy and safe Easter holiday.

Clinton Main Office Renovations

Many have asked about the progress of the renovations of the Clinton Main Office following Hurricane Matthew.

Crews are working daily to restore our main office to serve your needs. It is projected this office will reopen in late spring or early summer 2017. We are looking forward to once again serving you from the Hwy. 421 location.