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Star Telephone Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, November 12, 2016

10:00 A.M.

WHERE: *Bladen Community College*

PURPOSE: *To discuss business of the Cooperative and to elect three new members to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors*

According to the Bylaws, the Annual meeting of the members of Star Telephone is scheduled for the second Saturday in November, which will be November 12, 2016. The meeting will be held this year at Bladen Community College, which is located at 7418 NC Highway 41 West in Dublin, NC. Registration will open at 9:00 A.M. and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 10:00 A.M.

We are happy to welcome to our Annual Meeting this year nationally-known comedian and North Carolina native, Jerry Carroll, who will be providing the entertainment for our guests. Mr. Carroll has performed for small and large crowds world-wide. When not making others laugh, Mr. Carroll still tends the crops on his family farm in Willow Springs, N.C. We are looking forward to Mr. Carroll's hilarious stories of farming and growing up in a small North Carolina town.

Also, as set forth in our Bylaws, during the business meeting, we will be electing three new members to a three-year-term to represent you on the Board of Directors. This year, Robert G. Hester representing the Lisbon Exchange, Thurman L. Smith representing the Cypress Creek and South River Exchanges and Robert L. Thornton representing the Six Runs Exchange are all up for re-election. As well as electing new directors, we will be addressing old and new business, which may come before the Corporation and hear comments from Robert G. Hester, President of the Board of Directors, and Lyman M. Horne, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Star Telephone, about your cooperative.

At the end of the meeting, a drawing for door prizes will be held. Some very nice door prizes will be awarded to the lucky ticket holders!

Be on the lookout for your official letter and ticket, which you should be receiving around the first of November. To speed up the registration process, please bring the entire letter with you to the meeting. As always, you must be present to win any door prizes.

We look forward to sharing another Star Telephone Membership Corporation Annual Meeting of Members with you on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

From Your Kitchen

The holidays and pecan pie just seem to go hand-in-hand. Another holiday favorite is homemade cheesecake. So why not have the best of both worlds? This recipe for Buttered Pecan Cheesecake is the perfect blend of both. If you and your family are lovers of pecan pie and cheesecake, give this recipe a try. It may just become one of your new holiday traditions! Enjoy!

Buttered Pecan Cheesecake

Crust

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter, melted

Filling

3 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 cups (16 oz.) sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon butter flavoring
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup finely chopped pecans

In a large bowl, combine the cracker crumbs, pecans, sugar and butter. Set aside 1/3 cup for topping. Press remaining crumb mixture onto the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of a greased 9-inch springform pan. Place springform pan on a double thickness of heavy-duty aluminum foil (about 18 inches square). Securely wrap foil around pan. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in the sour cream, vanilla and butter flavoring. Add eggs. Beat on low speed just until combined. Fold in pecans. Pour into crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Place springform pan in a large baking pan. Add 1 inch of hot water to larger pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 70 to 80 minutes or until center is almost set. Remove springform pan from water bath. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight. Remove sides of pan.

Business Office Closing

All three of our business offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2016, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. The Retail Store located in the Lowe's Shopping Center in Clinton will also be closed on Saturday, November 26. All offices will reopen Monday morning, November 28, at 8:00 A.M. From our family to yours, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with many cherished memories.

New Neighbors to Serve

R. & S. Ashburn.....	588-4410	Robert Allen.....	648-4072
Jessie & Betty Branch.....	564-6568	Constance McGuire.....	531-3538
Micah Ashford Brewington.....	564-3361	Johnnie Melvin.....	588-4156
Christine Ellis.....	564-4119	Louise Pfister.....	567-2061
Elizabeth Finerson.....	564-2685	John Alfred Powell.....	648-6290
Jose Pablo Gonzalez.....	648-2558	D. Floyd Robinson.....	533-3792
Lamont & Alicia Hemminger.....	669-2148	Bernice Spell.....	531-3757
Raymond Howe.....	564-2156	J. K. Williams.....	866-4540
Paul & Linda Willoughby.....	648-2142		