

# TeleBytes

"Your Cooperative Link"



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## Lifeline-An Internet and Phone Program

People across the United States rely on phone and internet to stay connected to family, work, education, and essential services. The Lifeline Program provides a monthly benefit to reduce the cost of these connectivity services for qualified households.

### How it Works

Lifeline is a federal program that offers a monthly benefit of up to \$9.25 towards internet or phone services for eligible subscribers. A consumer can qualify for the Lifeline benefit if their income is 135% or less than the federal poverty guidelines, or if they participate in SNAP, Medicaid, or other federal programs. A full list of qualifying factors can be found at

<https://www.usac.org/lifeline/consumer-eligibility/>

To apply or see if you qualify for this federal benefit, please visit

<https://www.lifelinesupport.org/> and click on apply now. Once qualified, please contact our customer service representatives at 800-706-6538 to begin receiving this benefit.



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Phil Douglas Collier, Jr.  
Judith Daughtry  
Thomas & Laura Lewis  
Linda Lucas  
Margaret McMillan  
Annie Johnson Newton  
Cornelia Weeks

## Business Office Closing

Star Communications Business offices will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day.

Our offices will re-open Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

## Save the Date

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Star Telephone Annual Meeting of Members will be held the second Saturday in November.

This year the meeting will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center in Clinton, NC.

More information will follow in the upcoming TeleBytes.

## From Your Kitchen

### Pina Colada Fluff

#### Ingredients

3.4 oz vanilla instant pudding mix  
20 oz crushed pineapple(do not drain)  
8 oz Cool Whip  
1tsp rum extract  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
1 cup shredded sweetened coconut  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

#### Instructions

Combine pudding mix and the entire can of crushed pineapple in a large bowl.

Stir until completely combined.

Fold in Cool Whip, rum extract, marshmallows, coconut, and nuts.

Chill until ready to serve.

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