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## Important Dates

January 1st - Happy New Year  
- Pineland offices closed

January 10th - Pineland January  
invoice due

January 15th - Martin Luther King  
Holiday

February 10th - Pineland February  
invoice due

February 14th - Valentine's Day

March 1st - FRS Scholarship Deadline

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# InTouch Newsletter

An informational newsletter from Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

## Foundation for Rural Service Offers Scholarship

Through numerous programs and initiatives, the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth. As a member of NTCA, Pineland is proud to support FRS in this worthy effort. In 2018, FRS will award scholarships per geographic region of the NTCA membership. It is our pleasure to bring this national scholarship program to the students in the Pineland service area.

Should a student residing and attending school in the Pineland Area be chosen for one of the \$2000 scholarships, Pineland will contribute an additional \$500, bringing the total to \$2500. Students may also be eligible for one of four FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each or for the TMS Scholarships at \$1,500 each. Students who are majoring in science, medicine, engineering, or math are given preference for the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships. Additional scholarships include the Everett Kneece Return to Rural America Scholarship, valued at \$7,000, and the Roger Alan Cox Scholarship, valued at \$500.

Applications were sent to the high school principals/headmasters at the following schools in the Pineland service area; Metter High School, Swainsboro High School, Tattnall County High School, Emanuel County Institute, David Emanuel Academy, Pine-wood Christian Academy, Burke County High School, Washington County

High School, Johnson County High School, Claxton High School, Vidalia Comprehensive High School, Toombs County High School, Vidalia Heritage Academy, and Robert Toombs Christian Academy.



College Scholarship Program



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Scholarship applications can be found on our website: [www.pineland.net](http://www.pineland.net), and click the FRS Scholarship link at the bottom of the page. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2018; any missing this deadline will NOT be accepted. Please note they must bear the signature of a Pineland designated representative to be considered eligible. Winners will be posted on the FRS website, [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org), by May 1, 2018.





# COOKING CORNER

## With Heidi Raposa Miles

### Pesto Pasta with Sundried Tomatoes and Roasted Asparagus



#### Ingredients

- |                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 8 oz medium shell pasta       | ½ cup basil pesto  |
| 1 lb fresh asparagus, trimmed | ⅓ cup julienned sun dried tomatoes in olive oil, drained |
| 2 tbs olive oil               | ⅓ cup diced/shredded mozzarella                          |
| Salt and pepper to taste      |  |

Preheat oven to 425 F. Boil pasta in a large pot according to package instructions; drain. Place asparagus in a single layer on a foil lined baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper, and toss to combine. Cook in oven for 10-12 minutes. Let cool, then cut into 1” pieces. In a large bowl, combine pasta, asparagus, pesto, sun dried tomatoes, mozzarella - and Serve!

Heidi is the newest Customer Experience Associate with the Pineland Family. In August of 2017, Heidi came on-board as a Customer Experience Associate based out of the Metter office, occasionally working in Swainsboro. Heidi relocated to Metter six years ago from Massachusetts. Since that time, she has been

busy volunteering with the Metter Animal Shelter and is a member of the Rotary Club of Metter. She previously worked with and also served on the Metter-Candler Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Heidi brings over a decade of customer service experience as she joins the Pineland Family.



## Prevent Burglary and Theft During the Holidays

*Brought to you by Southeast Fire & Burglar Alarm Company, a member of the Pineland family since 2009.*

The holiday season is a time for celebrating with friends and family. It is also the season of giving. Unfortunately, it is also a time for break-ins and theft. The following are a few important tips to help minimize the risk of theft and burglary during the holidays.

Empty houses are prime targets for break-ins. Families look forward to long vacations over the holidays, but so do thieves. By leaving a light on, and setting automatic timers on holiday lights and decorations, you can give the appearance of being home. The last thing a burglar wants is to be spotted when attempting to break in your home. That's why it is smart to install some outdoor motion detector lights that are triggered any

time someone approaches your home at night. You should also set a timer for indoor lights and radios if you will be away for an extended period of time. Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, flowerpots, or above ledges. Make sure your neighbors know you are going away. That way, they can look out for any suspicious activity. You can also let your local police know. Letting them know you'll be gone, may give you some extra attention when they are patrolling your area.

Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front of a window so it's easily visible from the street. Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. They prefer to enter through unlocked doors and windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from a distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window and prevent it from being secured. You may also just want to wait until Christmas Eve before you place presents under the tree.

After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new electronics or other expensive gifts on the street for your garbage collector. A quick glance and they'll know what they will find inside. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items so burglars do know what you have in your home. Putting a complete box on the curb essentially advertises something brand new at your residence.

Shopping goes hand in hand with the holiday season. As you rush from store to store, it's easy to leave bags and packages in the back seat of your car- and in plain sight of thieves. Be sure to hide your purchases or put them in the trunk of your vehicle. Park in well-lit areas, and lock your doors. Most people take extra precautions to lock up their homes and cars at night, but almost half of burglaries take place during daylight hours.

Unfortunately for us, thieves view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is the season of taking- robbing not only your home of all the new gifts you are giving or just received, but also the joy and sense of peace and goodness that the holidays are supposed to be about. These tips will hopefully help you enjoy the holidays without incident.

# FRS Washington Youth Tour 2018

Each summer, the Foundation for Rural Service (or FRS) Youth Tour brings together high school students from across rural America to visit our nation's capital and learn about rural telecommunications. The tour provides a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities, as well as, key legislative, regulatory, and government figures. Since its inception in 1995, the youth tour has hosted thousands of students.

Once again, Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will be sponsoring two students from our service area on this great adventure. High school students with at least a B grade point average are eligible to apply. In addition, each student applicant will be expected to demonstrate leadership in organizations and community through volunteer activities, write an essay on the topic of Economic Development in Rural America; How Broadband Affects Daily Life in MY Rural America, and obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her high school counselor. Students must be 16 or 17 years old at the time of the trip, attend school in the Pineland Telephone service area, and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) must be a Pineland customer.

The 2018 Youth Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd – Wednesday, June 6th. During the week, students will tour Washington DC and the surrounding area, including; a trip to Mount Vernon, Home of George Washington; visit the Smithsonian Museums; Tour the Monuments; Tour the US Capitol; attend several educational sessions; and foremost – just have fun with their new found friends. The application deadline for the Youth Tour is Friday, March 23rd.

For more information on the FRS Youth Tour, please contact Amy Harrelson at (912) 685-2121, (800) 247-1266, or via email at [info@pinelandtelco.com](mailto:info@pinelandtelco.com). The application form can be found on the Pineland website – [www.pineland.net](http://www.pineland.net) – linked at the bottom of the page.



## ★ Experience History in the Making ★ FRS Youth Tour 2018 June 2-6 ★ Washington, D.C.

### Win an All-Expenses-Paid Trip to the Nation's Capital!

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour will bring 100 high school students from rural America together for an exciting experience. Your locally-owned telecommunications company will sponsor an area student to attend the FRS Youth Tour. *Students MUST be a high school student ages 16 or 17 at the time of the Youth Tour. FRS will not accept any student age 18 or over.*

#### The FRS Youth Tour:

- ★ Offers rural students an inside look at the telecommunications industry.
- ★ Educates students about the legislative and governmental process.
- ★ Gives students the opportunity to experience the nation's capital and visit famous historical sites, including the Lincoln Memorial, the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery.
- ★ Allows students to meet youth from rural areas across the country, develop leadership skills and help point their communities toward the future.

#### For more information, contact:

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## IN-TOUCH TRIVIA

1. How long has Eddy Jones been with Pineland Telephone? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many General Managers has Eddy Jones worked for while employed with the company? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is one way to prevent theft during the holidays? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Each year, The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour brings 100 high school students from rural America to? \_\_\_\_\_
5. True or False, students residing and attending school in the Pineland Area can be chosen for one of the \$2000 scholarships provided by the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Write one of the questions and correct answer on Pineland's facebook for an additional chance to win a \$5 credit on your bill! 5 fans will win!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please print your name and phone number clearly\*\***  
Not eligible for credit two editions in a row.

## Eddy Jones retires with 41+ years at Pineland Telephone.

Having worked with four of the five General Managers of the cooperative, Eddy is shown with the last three. L to R; Ben Bennett (1974-2002), Jones, Dustin Durden (2014-present), and Richard Price (2002-2014).





## IN-TOUCH TRIVIA WINNERS

Ruthie Mimbs  
Cheryl Hardiman  
Marty Mercer  
Ellen Jackson  
Suzette Hernandez  
Roy Biggers  
Hazel Jones  
Kerry Riddle  
Johnnie Mae Pierce  
Jimmy Johnson  
Thomas Jenkins  
Sandra Braswell  
Betty Joyce King  
Alta Dudley  
Leshia England

Congratulations! You are the winners of In-Touch Trivia from our previous newsletter! These customers will receive a \$5 credit on their Pineland Telephone bill!



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### 15 customers will win!

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