

## SkyChange Round-up



Pictured L to R: Blue Ridge Children's Advocacy Center Clinician/Counselor, Mandy Smith; SkyChange Representative, Sam Gates; Blue Ridge Children's Advocacy Center Director, Selena Moretz; Family Advocate, Stephanie Browning; Nurse Practitioner, Elizabeth Browning



Pictured L to R: Ashe County Children's Advocacy Center Director/Forensic Interviewer, Megan Hudson; SkyChange Representative, Traci Phipps; Ashe County Children's Advocacy Center Family Advocate, Rachel Winebarger; SkyChange Representative, Katie Eldreth; Ashe County Children's Advocacy Center Clinician/Counselor, Courtney Hartzog



Pictured L to R: SkyChange Representative, Robin Miller; Alleghany Partnership for Children Executive Director, Kathy Bobbitt; SkyChange Representative, Myla Farmer

We are so grateful for the positive response from our members and customers to SkyChange, our round-up program that seeks to assist area non-profits that help those in need throughout our community. If you've been thinking of signing up to support this charitable program, we welcome your participation!

SkyChange allows customers of SkyLine/SkyBest to round up their monthly bill to the next whole-dollar amount. The money generated from the round-up is, in turn, distributed throughout our community. Customer bills will reflect a line item showing the monthly round-up donation.

Some of the recent recipients of support include Ashe County Children's Advocacy Center, Blue Ridge Children's Advocacy Center and Alleghany Partnership for Children's Haven of Hope.

If you participate in the SkyChange program by simply rounding up your bill to the next dollar, your total donations per year will not exceed \$11.88. In most cases, donations will be tax deductible. SkyChange is a 501(c)3 organization with established

bylaws and a governing committee. Once funds are distributed, our website, social media and newsletter will give periodic updates highlighting how customers' donations helped their community.

Won't you join us in this collective effort to take our 'change' to make a positive difference across our region? Like other benevolent activities, be it through project teamwork or other charitable outreach initiatives, we recognize that our collective efforts have a bigger and broader impact and truly make a difference.

To sign up for SkyChange today, visit [www.skybest.com/skychange](http://www.skybest.com/skychange) or call your local SkyLine/SkyBest Customer Center at 118 or 1-800-759-2226.



Chase Miller and Lane Miller sight-seeing in Washington, D.C.

## FRS Youth Tour Highlights

Lane Miller and Chase Miller attended the FRS Youth Tour to Washington D.C. During the week of May 31 - June 4, the students were exposed to the telecommunications industry, as well as the regulatory and legislative processes. Educational sessions on these topics were greatly enhanced by both site visits to the U.S. Capitol and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in

addition to meetings with industry leaders and members of Congress. Each year, the group visits such sites as the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials; the Korean, Vietnam and new World War II Memorials; Mount Vernon, home of George Washington; the Smithsonian Museums; and much more.

## Remember to Notify One-Call at 8-1-1 Before You Dig



Each year in North Carolina, lives are endangered, money and time are wasted and property is destroyed because individuals fail to follow safe digging practices. The "One-Call" system, which is free to the excavator as well as the homeowner, helps those who dig comply with the safety rules and regulations of the construction industry.

In a typical neighborhood, a complex web of utility lines are buried under lawns, sidewalks and driveways. When digging, one wrong move might cause the community of residents to be cut off from heat, electricity, telephones, water, 911 calls and other vital services. When you make the free call to the One-Call Center, the One-Call staff notifies their member utilities to mark the ground with color-coded paint. After the utilities are marked in your work area, you have taken the first step to avoid damage or injury.

In fact, North Carolina state law requires homeowners, contractors and excavators to contact the One-Call Center at least two business days before digging. The North Carolina One Call Center provides a toll-free telephone number, 8-1-1, to help reduce damages to underground facilities, thereby reducing the loss of service to the public and the loss of time and money to excavators, utilities and taxpayers.

And, our Tennessee customers also can contact the Tennessee One-Call Center by dialing 8-1-1 from their homes or businesses located in the 739 telephone exchange.

So, be safe, not sorry: Know what's below... Call before you dig... Dial 811.

## NEED TO CONTACT US?

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

LOCAL  
118

TOLL-FREE  
1-800-759-2226

### REPAIR SERVICE, 24/7

LOCAL  
611

TOLL-FREE  
1-877-475-9546

Additional Local Repair Service Numbers:

ALLEGHANY  
336-372-4444  
(10-DIGIT DIALING)

ASHE  
336-982-3111  
(10-DIGIT DIALING)

AVERY  
898-9250

WATAUGA  
297-4811

JOHNSON  
739-4500

LENOIR  
929-2872

INTERNET TECH SUPPORT, 24/7  
TOLL-FREE  
1-866-759-7591

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## Relay for life

This is typically the season that we share information about Relay for Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer society (ACS). While the Covid-19 pandemic has shuttered events in Ashe County and countless communities in recent years, the work of the ACS continues because we know that cancer never sleeps.

The tremendous financial support of our community and thousands like it has helped the Society through this singular event to continue its work of research and discovery to bring life-saving and innovative ways to treat cancers of varying kinds, and to grant more birthdays with our friends, co-workers and loved ones.

As you consider your benevolent giving for this year, please remember your local ACS chapters – our donations will continue to be received and sent to the ACS.

We remain grateful to our company, employees, directors and the wonderful communities we serve for their continued dedication in the fight against cancer and for supporting the ACS in its continuing work to discover new ways to treat cancer, lessen its impact through targeted and effective therapies and improve the quality of life for those touched by cancer.

## Catch All the Action with NFL Red Zone

You know what time it is. The weather starts getting a little crisper; the leaves on the trees turn a little orange. Some may call it the greatest time of the year — football season. Every Sunday during the season, men, women and children all over the country turn their TVs on to watch an NFL game. The day could be full of excitement or stress, but regardless of the emotion, it is always packed with action. In fact, isn't that the whole fun of it? Catching all the action in real-time? You can always go back and watch highlights of the game, but part of the fun is feeling the anticipation as the events play out live. Nevertheless, we always seem to miss something, like that game-changing touchdown, because we are watching a different game. That's where NFL RedZone comes in.

### What is NFL RedZone?

NFL RedZone ensures you never miss a critical moment of the game by taking you directly to the action. Anytime a team comes within the 20 yard line, NFL RedZone delivers it to you live. No more worrying about channel flipping and deciding which game will be the best to watch. NFL RedZone takes the guesswork out of keeping up with all of the games.

### How Much is NFL RedZone?

The NFL RedZone cost for residential and small business SkyBest TV customers is \$47.00 a month. Bars and restaurants should call for hospitality pricing.

### Where can I watch NFL RedZone?

NFL RedZone can be found on channel 43 in SD and 1043 in HD on SkyBest TV.

### How Do I Sign Up for NFL RedZone?

To sign up for NFL RedZone, give us a call at 1-800-759-2226.

To learn more about NFL RedZone, visit [www.skybest.com/residential/services/television/nfl-redzone](http://www.skybest.com/residential/services/television/nfl-redzone)

## SkyLine By-Laws Summarized for Director Elections at Annual Meeting

SkyLine's 67th Annual Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, October 3, at SkyLine's corporate office campus. The three-year terms of the following directors will expire as of this meeting: Sharon G. Kassel (Ashe), Bill C. Bureson (Avery), Thomas Joseph McNeil (Watauga). A summary of SkyLine Membership Corporation's By-Laws pertaining to director qualifications and nominations is provided below (Article IV, Section 4).

### Section 4.3 - Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become, or Remain a Director

Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative who:

1. Is a natural person and a full-time legal resident, residing in the geographical area for which the person desires to serve as a Director.
2. Is NOT an employee, present or former, of the Cooperative and is not in any way employed by or have a direct pecuniary interest in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or constructing or maintaining communication facilities,
3. Is NOT a "close relative" to an incumbent director or a present or former employee of the Cooperative. As used here "close relative" shall include a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, including biological, adopted, foster, step or other legal relation and the spouse of the foregoing, or a domestic partner. However, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected as a director if he becomes a close relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage to which he was not a party; neither shall an employee lose eligibility to continue in the employment of the Cooperative if he or she becomes a close relative of a director because of marriage to which he or she was not a party.
4. Is at least 21 years of age.
5. Has not been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony pursuant to state or federal laws.
6. Has been a member for not less than one year.

To remain a director, the incumbent must attend two-thirds or more of the regular meetings during each twelve-month period beginning with the month of his/her election. Upon establishment of the fact that a director or nominee is in violation of any of the provisions of his/her election. Upon establishment of the fact that may be deemed vacant; however, in the Board's discretion, the provision with reference to attendance may be waived in the case of illness only.

Nothing in this Section shall affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meetings of the Board.

### Section 4.4 - Nominations

- It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, in the month of June each year beginning June 2021, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from different geographic areas so as to ensure equitable representation. At least one (1) member of the committee shall be selected from each geographic area where a director is to be elected. No member of the Board, close relative of a board member or employee may serve on such committee.
- The committee, on nominations, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall meet on or before August 15 of each year, deliberate, prepare and post at the principal office of the corporation a list of nominations for board members which shall include as many nominees for each board position as the committee deems desirable.
- Any one hundred (100) or more active members acting together may make a nomination for a director by petition and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Petitions must, at minimum, list the name and address of the individual being nominated. The seat for which the nomination is made must be specified, and the person so nominated must be in all respects eligible for service on the Board as set out in these By-Laws. Members signing said petition must include telephone number associated with his or her membership, printed name of member, signature of member, and date of signature. The name of the individual signing the petition must be listed on the membership account, or in the case of an organization, the individual signing the petition must be an officer or official of that organization. Nominations made by petition, if any, must be received at the offices of the cooperative by twelve noon on the last business day of August prior to the annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to verify the validity of any petition.
- The secretary of the cooperative shall be responsible for mailing with the Notice of the Meeting, or separately, but at least twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of board members to be elected, the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations, and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by petition.
- Ballots for the election of Directors shall arrange the names of the candidates by geographic areas, in alphabetical order by last name, and shall also designate the candidates nominated by the committee and those nominated by petition.

## Recipe of the Month

### Melt-In-Your-Mouth Lemon Bread

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lemon cake mix
- 1 cup boiling water
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 package instant lemon pudding
- 1/2 cup oil

#### Glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 6 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 Tbs. margarine, softened

#### Instructions:

- Mix all bread ingredients together until mixture is smooth and creamy, about 4 minutes.
- Pour into two loaf pans.
- Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.
- Punch holes in cake and drizzle glaze over cake.

Recipe submitted by Glenda Rash



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