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An Appalachian Summer Festival

SkyBest Communications will be among the Popular Series sponsors at An Appalachian Summer Festival, the month-long summer arts program that features a variety of music, dance, theatre, visual arts and film programming on the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone.

Scheduled from June 29 through July 27, AppSummer supports the overall university mission, enhances the cultural life of the Appalachian community through affordable access to its programs, serves as an important gateway onto the campus and promotes the economic development of our region.

Among the stellar performances featured throughout the summer is three-time Grammy winner, Brad Paisley. The country music star also received two American Music Awards, 15 Academy of Country Music Awards and 14 Country Music Association Awards. Since 2001, Paisley has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry. Paisley will perform at Kidd Brewer Stadium on Saturday, July 27. Tickets are on sale now, starting at just \$40.

For more information, visit www.appsummer.org.



Eastern Music Festival Orchestra with special guest Béla Fleck June 30 | 7:00 pm



Lea Salonga July 14 | 7:00 pm



Paul Taylor Dance Company: "Airs, Syzygy, Esplanade" July 24 | 7:00 pm



St. Paul and The Broken Bones July 20 | 8:00 pm



Brad Paisley July 27 | 7:00 pm

Be Aware of Phone Calls and Emails

Customers have reported recent phone and email scams that 'appear' to be coming from SkyLine/SkyBest. ALWAYS be hesitant about sharing information over the phone, clicking on links or opening attachments in emails - not only those that appear to be from SkyLine/SkyBest, but other companies as well. Call us at 1-800-759-2226 to verify if the calls or emails are legitimate.

SkyLine/SkyBest Supports LMC Summer Theatre

SkyLine is delighted to be among the corporate sponsors of the Lees-McRae Summer Theatre (LMST). This year's line-up begins on July 16 at 7 p.m. with From the Mountaintop: The Edgar Tufts Story. Then, for one night only, you can catch High Country Talent Jamboree on July 26 at 7 p.m.



"From the Mountaintop: The Edgar Tufts Story"

7 p.m. Shows: July 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 2 p.m. Shows: July 20, 21, 23

Back by popular demand! What did Banner Elk, North Carolina, look like

in the 1890s? With the vision of Edgar Tufts, a young seminary student, one tiny town gained a church, college, orphanage, and hospital. This original musical by the team who brought you The Denim King: The Moses Cone Story, America's Artist: The Norman Rockwell Story, and The [W]right Sister is presented after thoughtful research among the families who have lived here for generations. Using traditional mountain music mixed with a lyrical style, audiences will be moved and inspired by this great man. You will not want to miss From the Mountaintop: The Edgar Tufts Story.



"High Country Talent Jamboree" 7 p.m. Show: July 26 Directed by Janet Barton Speer

One night only! After the big success of last year's debut of a variety show, the

new High Country Talent Jamboree on July 26 will highlight some of the many special aspects of life in the North Carolina mountains, featuring the best music, dancing, comedy, and patriotic songs of Southern Appalachia.

For more information, visit www.lmc.edu/community/ summer-theatre



Attending Vision NWNC

We were excited to be among the many businesses that attended the fifth annual Vision Northwest North Carolina Regional Summit. Since its onset, SkyLine/SkyBest continues to be a leading sponsor of the event. The various speakers and panelists focused on integrating Artificial Intelligence and emerging technology.



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WORTH NOTING:

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Area Students Named Winners of Frank James-SkyLine **Scholarship**

Eleven area high school seniors have been named recipients of the 2024 Frank James - SkyLine Scholarship. The scholarships honor the memory of former SkyLine Board President Frank James and are awarded to children of SkyLine/SkyBest customers who reside in our five-county service area. The awards were announced at area high schools' Awards Day programs.

Annually, SkyLine awards \$1,000 scholarships, renewable for up to four years, to students pursuing a four-year college degree and \$500 scholarships, renewable for up to two years, to students pursuing a community/technical college degree or vocational program.



MADALYN MAHAN Daughter of Rená Mahan Wilkes Community College



OLIVIA BLEVINS Daughter of Kenny and Amanda Blevins App State University



KATLYN FRENCH Daughter of Jamie and Jason French NC State University



HANA HOWARD Daughter of Deniese Potter App State University



JAMIE ROTEN Cape Fear Community



GRANT REECE Daughter of Greg and Son of Tom and Tiffany Shannon Roten Reece App State University



AARON WILLIAMS Son of Thomas and Susan Huskins Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute



LILLIE WARD Daughter of Shawn and April Ward App State University



EPTING Daughter of Ben Epting and Patty Kelly University of North Carolina at Wilmington



TRABEY SHEPHERD Son of Brandon and Rachel Shepherd Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute



JACKSON HICKS Son of Chad and Angela Hicks Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute



Talmage Pasley enjoyed his time sight-seeing in Washington, D.C.

FRS Youth Tour Highlights



Talmage Pasley attended the FRS Youth Tour to Washington D.C. During the week of

June 3-7, 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.

Recipe of the Month

Ice Cream Dessert

Ingredients:

2 cups plain flour

2 sticks margarine, melted

½ cup quick cook oatmeal

½ cup packed brown sugar

½ cup chopped pecans

2 one-half gallons favorite vanilla ice cream, softened

1 (11.5 oz) jar Chocolate Ice Cream sauce or topping

1 (11.5 oz) jar Carmel Ice Cream sauce or topping

Instructions:

Mix all ingredients, excluding the ice cream and ice cream sauce and bake in a lightly greased 13x9-inch baking pan at 375° for 15 minutes. While still warm, crumble and let cool

Put half of crumbs in 10 x 14 (lasagna size) dish; pressing lightly to form crust. Pour half jar of chocolate ice cream topping and half jar caramel ice cream topping over crumbs. Spread softened ice cream (2 one-half-gallons) on top of crust. Dish will be full. Top with remaining crumbs; drizzle rest of chocolate and caramel ice cream topping over the crumbs. Freeze. Remove from freezer 15 minutes before serving or place from freezer to refrigerator for 15-20 minutes to soften and serve. Note: Can be made using frozen yogurt rather than ice cream.

Recipe submitted by Patsy Bland

