



Scholarship Season is Here!

Awards Day events at area high schools were held in May. Alleghany High School was the first to hold an event for students, families and organizations presenting scholarship awards. Pictured above left to right, SkyLine Chief Marketing and Sales Officer, Edward Hinson; Alleghany recipients Nicholas Rea and McKenzie Hudson; and SkyLine Board President RC Mitchell, recognizing our Alleghany recipients, Nicholas Rea and McKenzie Hudson. Other Awards Days will continue throughout this month. We are excited to recognize all of our recipients in next month's newsletter.



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SkyChange Round-up

We are so grateful to members and customers who have signed up for SkyChange, our roundup program that seeks to assist area nonprofits 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 to programs assisting those in need throughout our community. Customer bills will reflect a line item showing the monthly round-up donation. To sign up for SkyChange today, call your local SkyLine/SkyBest Customer Center at 118 or 1-800-759-2226 or visit www.skybest.com/skychange.

Ashe Students Selected for FRS Youth Tour



Lane Miller



Chase Miller

Two area high school juniors – Lane Miller and Chase Miller – have been selected to represent SkyLine Membership Corporation at the 2023 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The tour, scheduled from May 31 through June 4, provides students from rural areas with a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry, including careers in telecom as well as the critical role that telecommunications plays in rural America.

Lane Miller resides with his parents, Melanie and Tim Miller, in Jefferson. In addition to being a student at Ashe County High School, he takes classes through the North Carolina School of Science and

Math. He is an active volunteer at Ashe Food Pantry, where he recently was awarded the Gold President's Volunteer Award. His special interests include musical theatre and attending concerts.

Chase Miller resides with his parents, Hope and Will Miller, in Lansing. In addition to being a student at Ashe Early College, he is the Vice President of the Beta Club. He is also a part of Appalachian State's Upward Bound program where he completes community service and navigates the college admissions process. Chase also competed on the state winning team for the N.C. TRIO Scholars Bowl and went on to represent N.C. at the multi-state level in Atlanta, G.A. Other special interests include sewing, hiking and volunteering at the library.

Included in the four-day program are visits to the U.S. Capitol and U.S. Supreme Court, along with informational

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Voted Best of the Best in Watauga!

The Watauga Democrat announced its 2022 "Best of the Best" winners, and SkyLine/SkyBest was among the numerous categories of local businesses that received recognition.

SkyLine/SkyBest received top honors in three categories: Internet Provider, Home Security, and Cable Company. Pictured above are Haleigh Hogg and Zara Worley accepting these awards.

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sessions with representatives from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A key focus of the trip is the critical role telecommunications plays in rural America and the impact policy development in the nation's capital has on this industry. The Youth Tour is filled with tours of some of the nation's most historic sites, including the Lincoln, Washington and Roosevelt memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon and the Smithsonian Museums. The Foundation is the advocacy arm of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, of which SkyLine is a member.

About the FRS: The FRS, in cooperation with NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Similarly, FRS is committed to educational achievement in rural communities, recognizing that tomorrow's economic and civic development depends on the involvement and success of today's students.

About NTCA: NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing more than 800 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. NTCA advocates on behalf of its members in the legislative and regulatory arenas, and it provides training and development; publications and industry events; and an array of employee benefit programs. In an era of exploding technology, deregulation and marketplace competition, NTCA's members are leading the IP evolution for rural consumers, delivering technologies that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development and commerce, education, health care, government services, security and smart energy use.

The Difference Between Wi-Fi & Broadband

Breaking Down Internet Terminology

Many people know the basics of the Internet, and in general have a solid basis of understanding how it works. However, there can be a gap in understanding certain terminology and the specifics of the technology. For example, although they are related, and often used interchangeably, Wi-Fi and Broadband are two completely different things. Knowing information like this about your internet service can help you troubleshoot any issues and give you the knowledge to make sure you are getting what you need.

What is Broadband?

According to the FCC, broadband, "allows users to access information via the Internet using one of several high-speed transmission technologies. Transmission is digital, meaning that text, images, and sound are all transmitted as "bits" of data." In a more basic explanation, broadband refers to bandwidth transmission. It provides high-speed internet to your home, specifically at SkyLine/SkyBest, by a fiber-optic connection. This type of broadband connection provides the fastest speeds available. In comparison, before broadband was available, dial-up Internet service could only reach a speed of about 56 Kbs, whereas fiber, on average, offers symmetrical speeds up to 1G. SkyLine/SkyBest even offers up to 2G in some areas!

What is Wi-Fi?

Wi-Fi transmits radio waves from a router to a wireless device. (A router supplies the communication between all of your devices and the internet; in other words, it provides the "route" for the internet to get to your device via a wireless signal.) A connection to Wi-Fi allows you to connect multiple, wireless devices to your broadband, and essentially "use" your internet without a direct, wired connection. Just because Wi-Fi is not available does not mean that Internet is not. The device would just have to be connected to the Internet directly via a wire.

Wi-Fi vs. Broadband

To break it down, broadband is what provides Internet to you, and Wi-Fi is a way to connect you to it. Oftentimes, when people think they are experiencing "slow Internet" they are actually just experiencing Wi-Fi issues. Things like furniture, walls, decor and equipment block our Wi-Fi signal, leading to slower load times. There may be devices that are unknowingly connected to your Wi-Fi that may be using up your bandwidth, causing you to think that there is a problem with your Wi-Fi, when in actuality, you just need a higher Internet speed. To learn more, read our blog read our blogs on skybest.com.

We understand that the "tech world" and all the terminology that comes with it can be confusing. As always, if you have any questions about your service, please give us a call at 1-800-759-2226 or visit our website at skybest.com. We want to help you in any way we can!

Recipe of the Month

Pesto Pizza

Ingredients:

- ½ c pesto
- 1 (12-inch) Boboli Italian bread shell
- 3 med. Ripe tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 (2 ¼ oz) can sliced, pitted ripe olives, well drained
- ¼ tsp. Ground black pepper
- 2 c. shredded mozzarella cheese

Instructions:

- Place bread shell on large pizza pan.
- Spread pesto evenly over bread shell.
- Top with tomato slices.
- Sprinkle with olives and pepper.
- Top with cheese.
- Bake at 425 degrees for 10-15 minutes until cheese is bubbly.
- Cut into wedges.
- Serves 4.

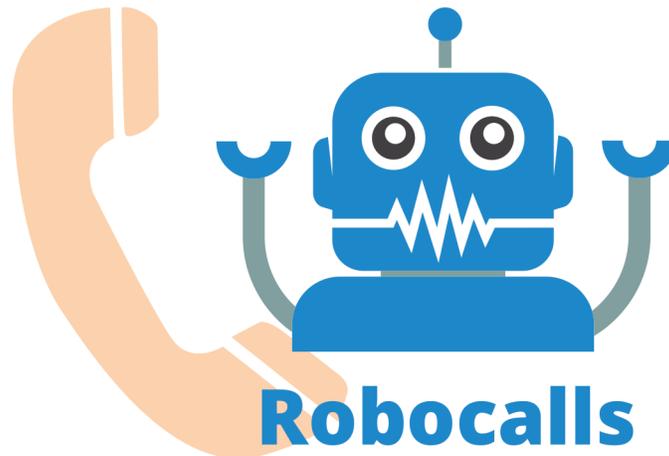
Recipe submitted by Marsha Walters

FRS Scholarship Winner



Congratulations to our FRS Scholarship Winner, Chloe Pennington! Pennington will receive the \$1,000 Roger Cox Scholarship through the FRS. Since 2006, 20 national scholarships have been awarded to children of customers served by SkyLine and its subsidiary companies.

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