

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 began on June 1 with *Nunsense*, then showcased *The Cottage* from June 22-28, and the fun will continue starting July 18 with *1940: A New Musical*.



"1940: A New Musical"

7 p.m. Shows: July 18, 19, 22

2 p.m. Shows: July 20, 23, 24

Directed by Janet Barton Speer

It is 1940. The Depression has ended and Hitler is making noise in Europe. But

at the Mast General Store, storytellers and musicians from the back of Beech Mountain gather to spin a yarn or a song. They are a hearty lot, able to withstand a major flood and the ravages of the depression, yet maintain their charm, their humor, and their willingness to impart wisdom needed to be heard in today's world. A fresh mountain musical full of friendly faces and familiar places from creators Janet Barton Speer, John Thomas Oaks, and Tommy Oaks!

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

The Power of Gig-Speed Internet

Let's dive into the things you can accomplish with Gig-Speed Internet:

For the Home Power User:

Simultaneous 4K/8K streaming on Multiple Devices – without buffering: With gig-speed, everyone in your home can stream ultra-high-definition content on multiple TVs, tablets and phones simultaneously.

Seamless Cloud Gaming: No lag, all brag. Forget about choppy graphics. Gig-speed provides low latency and massive bandwidth required for truly immersive cloud gaming.

Effortless Remote Work and Learning: For those earning and learning from home, gig-speed internet provides a rock-solid and ultrafast connection for video-conferencing, large file transfers, collaborative projects and online learning platforms.

Exploring Emerging Technologies: Gig-speed provides the backbone for the future bandwidth intensive applications like advanced augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) experiences.

For the Creative Professional and Small Business:

Accelerated Content Creation Workflows: Video editors, graphic designers, and other creative professionals who work with large files will see a significant boost in productivity. Uploading and downloading raw footage, collaborating on large design projects, and delivering final products will be dramatically faster.

Enhanced Collaboration: Seamlessly collaborate with teams across the globe with lag-free video conferencing, real-time file sharing, and responsive remote desktop access. Gig-speed eliminates bandwidth bottlenecks that can hinder effective teamwork.

Faster Cloud Backups and Disaster Recovery: Protect your valuable data with rapid and reliable cloud backups. Gig-speed ensures that large datasets can be backed up quickly and efficiently, minimizing downtime in case of data loss.

Hosting High-Bandwidth Applications: Small businesses can leverage gig-speed to host their own high-bandwidth applications, such as web servers or media servers, with improved performance and responsiveness.

Improved Customer Experience: For businesses with online presence, gig-speed internet translates to faster loading times for websites and web applications, leading to a better user experience and potentially higher conversion rates.

The Bottom Line:

Gig-speed internet isn't just about speed; it's about unlocking new possibilities and eliminating the frustrations of bandwidth limitations. Whether you're a hardcore gamer, a creative professional, a busy family, or a growing business, the increased bandwidth and lower latency offered by gig-speed services can significantly enhance your digital life.

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 28 through July 26, 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 Amos Lee, Heather Headley and Pink Martini. Tickets are on sale now.

For more information, visit www.appsummer.org.



Amos Lee
June 28 | 7:30 pm



Ranky Tanky with
Ms. Lisa Fischer
July 6 | 7:30 pm



Joan Osborne &
Lisa Loeb
July 11 | 7:30 pm



Heather Headley with
Western Piedmont
Symphony
July 13 | 7:30 pm



Peabo Bryson
July 16 | 7:30 pm



Pink Martini featuring
China Forbes
July 26 | 7:30 pm

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Area Students Named Winners of Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship

SkyLine Membership Corporation announced its 2025 Frank James SkyLine Scholarship program winners, providing a total of \$25,000 in scholarship awards to 10 area high school graduates.

In memory of the cooperative's longtime director and former SkyLine President Frank James, this scholarship is presented each year to benefit the children of SkyLine/SkyBest customers who reside in its five-county service area. This year's scholarships will be awarded over two or four years to students pursuing college transfer programs, two-year degree programs or four-year degrees.

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SIDNEY PROFFIT Daughter of Jill Bedsaul Hanson and Brandon Seth Proffit Caldwell Community College	ELLIE CROUSE Daughter of Greg Crouse and Leia Benfield Appalachian State University	KATY REID PRUITT Daughter of Ronnie and Tarren Pruitt University of North Carolina at Wilmington	BRYAN BOWLIN Son of Wesley Bowlin and Misty Shatley East Tennessee State University	ADDISON HOILMAN Daughter of Anthony and Marsha Hoilman Appalachian State University
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Recipe of the Month

Classic Fruity Rice Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 bag white or brown rice
- 2 cups cooked chicken, cubed
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup celery, finely diced
- 2 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- 1 cup ranch dressing
- 1 (11 ounce) can mandarin orange segments, drained
- 4 large Romaine lettuce leaves for garnish

Instructions:

Prepare rice according to package directions. In large mixing bowl, combine rice, chicken, raisins, celery, and sunflower seeds. Add ranch dressing and stir to coat all ingredients well with dressing. Fold drained orange segments into mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour. Arrange lettuce leaves on four serving plates. Top with salad.

Recipe submitted by Ann Estes

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.



Attending Vision NWNC

We were excited to be among the many businesses that attended the sixth annual Vision Northwest North Carolina Regional Summit. Since its onset, SkyLine/SkyBest continues to be a co-sponsor of the event alongside Carolina West Wireless. The various speakers and panelists focused on defining today's skilled labor needs.

Be aware of scam and spam emails. Scan the QR code to learn more and things to look for to protect yourself from these types of emails.



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