FRS Scholarship Program Deadline Approaches

SkyLine Membership Corporation is proud to be a local sponsor of the 2014 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship Program. FRS was established in 1994 by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), of which SkyLine is a member. The FRS promotes, educates and advocates rural telecom issues in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America. Through its various programs and initiatives, the foundation strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth.

This year, 30 one-time, $2,500 scholarships will be awarded to rural high school seniors: one per geographic region of the NTCA membership and one to a student sponsored by a NTCA associate member. The remaining 19 awards will be distributed proportionately to the number of applications received per region. FRS will fund $2,000 of each scholarship, with the sponsoring cooperative of each winning student providing a $500 match.

In addition, four $5,000 FRS Staurokakis Family Scholarships will be awarded. Students who are majoring in math, science, engineering or medicine will be given preference. A third scholarship, the TMS Scholarship, worth $1,500 each, will be awarded to two students. A third scholarship, the TMS Scholarship, will be given to the schools. The drive officially runs from January 1 through March 31.

Since the program began in 1993, SkyLine has donated more than $100,000 to the schools for their efforts. Please support recycling and our public schools through this special initiative. For more information, please contact your local SkyLine Customer Service Center at 118.

Directory Drive Continues This Month Support Area Public Schools

With the recent delivery of the new regional telephone directory, please give your old telephone directory to a school in your community for the 22nd annual Directory Collection Drive, sponsored by SkyLine. Seventeen area public schools are participating in this year’s drive, and for each old directory collected, SkyLine will donate 25 cents to the participating schools. Throughout the calendar year, SkyLine also receives directories at its Customer Service locations in Banner Elk, Seven Devils, Sparta and West Jefferson, with credit given to the schools. The drive officially runs from January 1 through March 31.

Grand Opening at New Smart Home

SkyLine welcomed nearly 100 visitors to our new Smart Home location on Mount Jefferson Road at the official Grand Opening December 12. Along with hosting the latest innovative services available through SkyLine/SkyBest, this newest retail location services customer inquiries for any SkyLine/SkyBest service as well as Carolina West Wireless. The new Smart Home is a full-service facility, staffed with friendly, knowledgeable staff to assist you with phone, long distance, broadband, digital TV, home automation and surveillance services. It also features wireless phone bars showing the latest offerings.

Directory Corrections/Omissions

Directory Listing Corrections
Galyn, Phillip 336-657-3944
9348 NC Highway 18N, Ennice

Directory Listing Omissions
Jones, Ben & Karen 828-963-7091
903 Baids Creek Road, Vilas
Stacy L. Adams, Attorney at Law 336-372-6999
45 N Main Street, Sparta
West Jefferson United Methodist Church 336-246-5292
107 W Second Street, West Jefferson

Yellow Pages Listing Omissions
Bee Natural Organic Salon & Spa 336-384-3007
9350 NC Highway 194N, Lansing
Blue Ridge Appraisal Service, Inc. 828-963-7091
903 Baids Creek Road, Vilas
G. Dillon Culbreth, Surveyor 336-385-2775
11719 NC Highway 88 West, Creston
4501 Tynecastle Highway, Banner Elk
Pilates Center For Bodywork 828-898-5800
68 High Country Square, Banner Elk
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from Carolina West Wireless. Here, you can pay your bill, sign up for or upgrade to any new service and see firsthand how to maximize your broadband connection with our latest service offerings that pair technology with convenience.

New Services You Can Experience Firsthand at New Smart Home

SkyBest Automation is a home-based solution that features a “gateway” that connects all of your control devices. This gateway gives immediate access through your Internet connection to manage and control various settings in your home while you’re at home or away. A wide variety of control devices will be available for purchase.

From motion sensors to electrical outlets, the customer can control virtually anything that can be plugged into an interior or exterior outlet; door locks that can be locked or unlocked; lamps that can be turned on or off and thermostats that can be set. When temperatures or humidity levels drop or rise to excessive levels or water leaks or flooding are detected, you can be alerted on your smartphone or Internet-enabled device.

SkyBest Surveillance also uses the same gateway to connect all cameras installed at your home and allows remote access. Ideal for residential or business customers, SkyBest Surveillance gives a real-time look into the home/business, a customized recording period, or triggered events such as motion, door lock activity or door/window openings. The service supports both basic home and premium commercial-grade cameras. In addition to these latest services, the Mount Jefferson Customer Center on Highway 194 is transitioning to a call center but still accepts payments for SkyLine, SkyBest and Carolina West Wireless services from both walk-in and drive-through customers.

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Application packets are available at all area high school guidance departments and at SkyLine Customer Service Centers in West Jefferson, Seven Devils and Sparta. Scholarship information and application forms also may be accessed through our Web site (www.skyline.org). Completed applications must be submitted to SkyLine’s corporate offices by Friday, February 14. All applicants must be sponsored by SkyLine, and completed applications received by this deadline will be endorsed by a SkyLine official and submitted to the FRS for consideration by the March 3 postmark deadline.

If any SkyLine-sponsored students are named winners, they will be announced in May, in conjunction with area high school awards day programs.

For the past few years, there have been winners of this scholarship from our area, so we encourage graduating high school seniors to apply again this year.

For more information about the FRS Scholarship, please contact Karen Powell, SkyLine Public Relations Administrator, at 1-800-759-2226.

Note: Children of SkyLine/SkyBest employees or directors are not eligible for this scholarship.

A Note about the Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship

Application packets for the 2014 Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship and other SkyLine-sponsored youth programs will be available in March at area high school guidance departments and at all SkyLine Customer Service Centers. See next month’s newsletter for more details.

Schools Participating in 2014 Directory Collection Drive

Alleghany High • Glade Creek Elementary • Piney Creek Elementary • Sparta Elementary
Ashe County High • Ashe County Middle • Blue Ridge Elementary • Mountain View Elementary
Westwood Elementary • Avery County High • Banner Elk Elementary • Freedom Trail Elementary
Bethel Elementary • Cove Creek Elementary • Mabel Elementary • Valle Crucis Elementary
Shady Valley Elementary

Recipe of the Month

Melt in Your Mouth Chicken Pie

Ingredients:
2 1/2 to 3 pounds chicken fryer
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup buttermilk
2 cups reserved chicken broth
1 stick melted margarine
1 cup self-rising flour
1 teaspoon salt

Instructions:
Cook chicken until tender. Remove meat from bones. Reserve broth. Cut chicken into small pieces and place in 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. In a saucepan, mix and bring to a boil the reserved chicken broth and soup. In another bowl, combine margarine, pepper, salt, flour and buttermilk. Mix thoroughly to form batter. Pour broth mixture over chicken. Spoon batter over top. Bake at 425° for 25 to 30 minutes.

Submitted by Susie Seats of Alleghany County

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