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Beware of Email Phishing Scams

SkyLine received an alert recently from NTCA Cybershare (a cybersecurity resource to rural broadband providers) that a new series of phishing emails are circulating relating to DMV/Traffic violations. These emails look very convincing, even copying some logos and web designs from state websites.

"Unfortunately, those who carry out these activities are making these communications appear more legitimate looking, but we implore our customers and the general public not to take their bait by selecting links or responding in any way," said SkyLine PR Administrator Karen Powell. The primary purpose of these unsolicited messages is to extract personal information from unknowing consumers, and those links are their gateway to obtaining sensitive information. Remember that if you have an existing relationship with a business like SkyLine/SkyBest or even a government entity such as the DMV, that entity already has the account information it needs on its customers. There is no reason to re-acquire that information. When in doubt, delete the email and

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LMC Summer Theatre is Back!

SkyLine is delighted to be among the corporate sponsors of the Lees-McRae Summer Theatre, which makes its return with the 2021 summer season. We were happy to promote the first show—"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" through our social media channels, which opened on June 19 and closed on June 27. LMC Summer Theatre's second show of the season—"America's Artist: The Norman Rockwell Story" will be presented later this month with both evening and matinee performances scheduled.



From the creators of "From the Mountaintop: The Edgar Tufts Story" and "The Denim King: The Moses Cone Story," this new musical brings to life the work of iconic American artist Norman Rockwell. Creating more than

4,000 pieces of art in his lifetime, Rockwell captured the essence of America with each paint stroke, from *Rosie* the Riveter to The Four Freedoms, with his paintings and illustrations reflecting America as we wish it to be. This musical, with a lush score and heart-warming book, explores Rockwell's life and art.

With the opening performance scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, "America's Artist – the Norman Rockwell Story" will include evening performances on July 27, 28, 30 and 31, and additional matinee performances on July 29, 31 and August 1.

LMC Summer Theatre will have specific safety protocols in place to ensure the health and safety of its company members and patrons. For more information and tickets, visit www.lmc.edu/community/summer-theatre or call the box office at 828-898-8709 (from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and extended hours on show days).



An Appalachian Summer Festival to Feature Live and Virtual Programming in July

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, art, theatre, film and dance on the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone. This year's festival will incorporate COVID-compliant live events, along with additional livestreams and some virtual programming, providing audiences a variety of venue/performance options to enjoy.

Scheduled from July 2 through 31, the season will be staged across two outdoor venues, including Kidd Brewer Stadium and the State Farm Road Concert Lot, a university-owned space adjacent to the Greenway Trail, which will be outfitted as an outdoor theatrical stage with pod seating to ensure a fun, festive and safe concert setting. The Schaefer Center will host several limited-attendance events including performances that offer two different show times and livestream options. The 35th Anniversary Rosen Walk, Turchin Center exhibition openings and a variety of virtual offerings round out the festival's diverse arts menu this summer.

The 2021 Popular Series events include Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, which will be a live, outdoor event with limited seating at Kidd-Brewer Stadium on Saturday evening, July 10. The Schaefer Center will present comedienne Paula Poundstone on Saturday, July 5 with two performances, and Tony Award-winning Sarah Jones (known for her Broadway hit "Bridge & Tunnel") on Thursday evening July 29 for a live and live-streamed performance. Events scheduled at the outdoor State Farm Road Concert Lot will include Tony-Award Winner Brian Stokes Mitchell and Tony Award-Nominated

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Take a Break from the Interstate



Experience peaceful leisure along twolane roadways as you travel Historic U.S. Highway 21. When you take a break from an Interstate, you'll find relaxing roads less traveled, admire gorgeous Appalachian countryside and experience unique attractions along the way... from quaint, small

towns to panoramic, long-range views.

Scheduled for July 23, 24 and 25, Take a Break from the Interstate Road Market is a tourism initiative which is an arm of the Miles J.O.B. Fund, Inc., a 501c3 charity. These communities welcome all to travel Historic U.S. 21 and experience the beauty of Northwest North Carolina and Southwest Virginia!

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SkyLine Customer Centers to Close for Independence Day Holiday – Monday, July 5

Take a Break from the Interstate on Historic U.S. Hwy. 21 July 23, 24, 25

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Area Students Named Winners of Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship

Ten area high school seniors have been named recipients of the 2020 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 renewable scholarships to students pursuing four-year college degrees and two-year community/technical college degrees or vocational programs.

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AUSTIN DOUGLAS N.C. State University Parents: Derick and Angie Douglas



ALLY HANSON East Tennessee State University Parents: Brandon Hanson Parents: William and and Tara Hanson



CHLOE PRUITT Wilkes Community College

AVERY COUNTY



SAVANNAH WILCOX University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Parents: David and



ALEXIS BLEVINS Caldwell Community College Parents: Billy and April Blevins

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TRENTON BLEVINS Wilkes Community College Parents: Billy and April Blevins



SILAS BARINOWSKI University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Parents: Boe and Laurie Barinowsk



MARY JOHNSON Lees-McRae College Parents: Mark and Audrey Johnson



CINDY JONES Northeast State Community College Parents: Kevin and Judy Cretsinger



LAIKEN COMBS Appalachian State University Parents: Kevin and Jessica Combs

Recipe of the Month

Blueberry Cake Roll

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups chopped pecans

1 ½ cups flour

1 ½ sticks melted margarine

8 oz. softened cream cheese

2/3 cup sugar or Splenda

1 tsp. vanilla

1 (8 oz.) Cool Whip

5 cups blueberries

2/3 cup water

1 cup sugar or Splenda

3 Tablespoons cornstarch

1/3 cup water

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

1 (8 oz.) Cool Whip for topping

½ cup chopped pecans for topping

Instructions:

Mix in bowl pecans, flour and margarine. Spread evenly in a 9 x 12 x 2-inch pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. While cooling, mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread on cooled layer. In a saucepan, put 3 cups blueberries and 2/3 cup water. Simmer 3 minutes. Combine sugar, cornstarch dissolved in 1/3 cup water, mixing well. Add to berries. Boil 1 minute. Add lemon juice. Add other two cups of blueberries. Cool and then spread on 2nd layer. Chill. Top with Cool Whip and sprinkle with nuts.

Alternate third layers: use strawberries in place of blueberries, 1 instant lemon pudding mixed or 1 pint chopped peaches and 1 pint sliced peaches or 2 packages instant chocolate pudding.

Recipe submitted by Judith Blythe of Ashe County

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Megan Hilty from Broadway's "Wicked" on Saturday, July 17, Alan Cumming (of "The Good Wife") and Ari Shapiro of National Public Radio's (NPR's) "All Things Considered" who will present Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret on Saturday, July 24, and Grammy Awardwinning Ranky Tanky to close out the Festival for a Saturday night performance on July 31.

For ticket information and a complete schedule of App Summer events, visit www.appsummer.org; or call the box office at 828-262-4046.

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call the entity in question – verify the correct contact number by visiting its official website.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) also regularly updates its website with the latest warnings on scams that range from unsolicited calls, emails and texts and social media, and activity has only increased since Covid-19 with a host of scams relating to economic impact payments and pandemic recovery help. According to the FTC, it's important to remember that scammers will go to any length to make their message seem real, and reminds consumers that clicking on suspicious links could expose them to scams, download malware or get their phone numbers added to lists that are then sold to bad actors. Consumers are further encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.



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