



Students see firsthand how Zach Davis controls movement of the Telepresence Robot using a tablet device at the Career Fair.

Career Day at ACMS

SkyLine was one of several local businesses to participate in the annual Career Fair at Ashe County Middle School (ACMS) on May 11. Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades attended the one-day event in the school gymnasium, moving from station to station to learn about local careers and observe various business presentations and demonstrations. Some businesses, including SkyLine, featured various STEM-based applications relating to science, technology, engineering or math.

The SkyLine/SkyBest station included demonstrations of the company's security services, equipment used for fiber-optic splicing and the Beam+ Telepresence Robot, which gives the ability to be somewhere else at the same time. SkyLine's Josh Lyalls led the Telepresence Robot demonstration and controlled its movement via a tablet device and the school's WiFi service. Students also were provided information on youth leadership, scholarship and internship opportunities.



SkyLine's Zach Davis and Josh Lyalls are pictured with the Beam+ Telepresence Robot, which was a big hit with students at the ACMS Career Fair.

Ashe Students Selected for National Youth Tour



Caroline Current



Jacob Key

Two area high school juniors—Caroline Current and Jacob Key of Ashe County—have been selected to represent SkyLine Membership Corporation at the 2017 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

The tour, scheduled from June 3 through 7, 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.

Caroline is the daughter of Cameron and Judy Current of West Jefferson. At Ashe County High, she has been involved with Student Council, the National Beta Club and Rho Kappa. As a member of the varsity tennis team, she has received All-Conference honors, and on the varsity soccer team, she has received the Coach's Award. In the community, Caroline has volunteered with Ashe Outreach Ministries, the Ashe County Arts Council, Christmas in July and through her church, First Baptist Church in West Jefferson.

Jacob is the son of Bill and Tina Key of West Jefferson. At Ashe County High, he has been involved with Student Council, Beta Club, Science Olympiad, Robotics and HOSA, and he is a member of the varsity tennis team. He was a state finalist in the Verizon App Challenge, a semi-finalist in the Paradigm Challenge, a national engineering competition, and secured first place in the state for Beta Build. In the community, he is a participant in the Dick Miller Youth Leadership Program through the Ashe Chamber of Commerce and has volunteered over 100 hours with his youth group at Fletcher Memorial

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Please Support Area Relay for Life Events

SkyLine has been a supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for several years. In some counties, we field teams; in other counties, our employees may be part of other community, family or church teams. Collectively, we are all making a difference in the fight against cancer.

Area Relay events began as early as May, and below are additional Relay for Life events across our service area. We appreciate your support!

Watauga County

Watauga High School, Boone, NC

June 16

Ashe County

Ashe County High School, West Jefferson, NC

July 28



It's Scholarship Season

Nominees for the 2017 Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship visited the cooperative on May 4 to learn more about SkyLine, including its long history of providing advanced telecommunications services to the region and its role as a cooperative to support member communities in the areas of economic development, education and charitable outreach. Students also learned more about the scholarship program and interview process and other youth leadership opportunities. The 2017 winners will be announced in next month's newsletter.

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Boone Business Expo

SkyLine/SkyBest was among numerous area businesses to participate in the annual Boone Business Expo, sponsored by the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, May 4, at Boone Mall. Chamber President and CEO David Jackson, at left, stopped by the SkyLine/SkyBest booth for a quick photo as he visited with our staff, other exhibitors and the public. This year's expo also introduced free seminars on a variety of topics for attendees throughout the day-long event.

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Baptist Church to benefit Ashe Services for Aging and Ashe Really Cares. Jacob also volunteers as a teacher at NEST Camp for underprivileged children in Ashe County.

"We are so pleased to sponsor Caroline and Jacob for this year's youth tour," said Karen Powell, SkyLine Public Relations Administrator. "They are accomplished in their academics and are active in several student organizations, and they exhibit a broad commitment to service in their churches and community. This national conference will further expand their horizons and provide an experience of a lifetime."

Included in the four-day program are visits to the U.S. Capitol and U.S. Supreme Court, along with informational 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. Since 1996, SkyLine has sponsored high school juniors from its service area to attend.

Recipe of the Month

Summer Pizza

Instructions:

2 packages crescent roll mix

Flatten onto cookie sheet and bake a few minutes less than directed on package, until golden brown. Let cool.

Mix together and spread over baked crescent rolls:

2 packages (8 oz.) cream cheese

2/3 cup mayonnaise

1 package (dry) Hidden Valley Dressing (or use 1/2 cup blue cheese dressing)

Top with chopped vegetables, pepperoni, salami, sunflower seeds, etc. Refrigerate overnight. Just before serving, seed a tomato, drain off juice, cut into tiny cubes and sprinkle on top.

Submitted by Karen James of Watauga Co.

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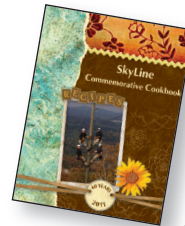


Josh Lyalls shows students how to navigate the Telepresence Robot using a tablet device.



SkyLine staff represented at this year's Career Fair included Jeff Ashley, Peggy Winebarger, Zach Davis, Josh Lyalls and Angie Miller.

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