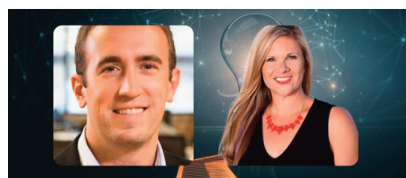


## 65th Annual Meeting Scheduled October 5 Modified Plans for 2021 Annual Meeting Announced

Due to continued concerns due to COVID-19 and the Delta variant, SkyLine will continue to follow a modified meeting schedule and format for this year's Annual Meeting, which gives members one of two options to participate.

The 2021 meeting will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 5, at the newly-renovated Annex building, located above Little's Gym and across from SkyLine's West Jefferson Call Center on Highway 194 in West Jefferson. Attendance will be limited with social distancing and safety protocols observed. The Annual Meeting will comprise a brief business session only with reports from officers, election of directors, video presentation of scholarship winners and the announcement of door prizes.

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## SkyLine Partners with Boone Chamber to Present Watauga Leadership Institute Insight Series

The Boone Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the return of the Watauga Leadership Institute Insight Series. The Series' first installment – The Right Tools to Grow – is scheduled September 1 at the Boone Golf Course Fairway Café, featuring expert guests Will McGuire, Chief Crowdfunding Officer for CrowdfundNC, and Sarah Long, owner of 828 Real Estate. McGuire helps connect the right concepts to the right funding sources, and Long took her experience in the real estate industry to launch her own brand.

The second of four sessions is scheduled for November 30 with a program focus on "The Skills to Pay the Bills." Guest speakers will be Cecilia Holden, CEO of MyFutureNC, and Byron Hicks, State Director of the Small Business Technology Development Center (SBTDC).

The third and fourth sessions will take place in March and June of 2022, with topics on entrepreneurial growth and inclusive business development.

To learn more, contact the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce at 828-264-2225 or [www.boonechamber.com/contact-us](http://www.boonechamber.com/contact-us).

## Contact-free Pick-up and Drop-off Options Help Us "Rise & Shine" to Fight Hunger!

Recognizing the need to support local initiatives to minimize food insecurity is greater than ever, SkyLine will continue its annual breakfast food drive for area food pantries. Now in its eighth year, and beginning this month through October, our "Rise & Shine" food drive will accept donations of non-perishable breakfast items at each of our five Customer Center locations, and we're providing contact-free ways for customers to pick up their complimentary shopping tote and later drop off the items they purchase.



Beginning this month and while supplies last, all SkyLine/SkyBest customer service centers will have totes available for pick-up near the front entryways to our facilities. In Boone, Sparta and our West Jefferson Call Center on Radio Hill, the totes will be available just inside the vestibule of those buildings. In Banner Elk and at West Jefferson's Smart Home, the totes will be available just inside the front lobby areas. Food items also will be received in those same locations – just place the grocery items in the marked bins provided, and our staff will retrieve them daily for this collection effort. We welcome all sizes of packaged breakfast food, including individually-sealed cereals, oatmeal and fruit items that can be included in area backpack initiatives for children. See related list of suggested non-perishable items. As our thank-you, please keep the tote for future use, and SkyLine will make delivery of these items to area food pantries, including the Solid Rock Food Closet, Ashe County Food Pantry, the Hunger and Health Coalition, Reaching Avery Ministry and the Northeast Tennessee Mobile Food Pantry in early November.

SkyLine is grateful to join the community in support, including numerous individuals, churches and local organizations like those listed that are trying to help fill the hunger gaps that continue to exist across the region. We hope you will join us in this critical effort. As a local cooperative, we are reminded that the seventh cooperative principle is "concern for community." For information about the food drive, please call your local SkyLine/SkyBest Customer Service Center at 118. Thank you!

## Nominating Committee Meets

A nominating committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, met on Tuesday, August 3, at SkyLine Membership Corporation in West Jefferson. The committee members are: Clarence Crouse, Alleghany County; Jimmy Cox, Ashe County; Roscoe Townsend, Avery County; Tim Hodges, Watauga County; and James Sherman, Johnson County.

The committee nominated the following members of SkyLine to be voted upon for directors at the Annual Meeting on October 5, 2021: James L. Shepherd (Alleghany); Jerry Roten (Ashe) and Tommy Joe Ward (Watauga).

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### WORTH NOTING:

SkyLine Offices Close  
for Labor Day Holiday  
Monday, September 6

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Jamey Jenkins  
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Karen P. Powell  
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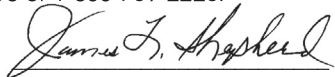
To fulfill the requirements in establishing a quorum to proceed with the meeting and member participation in the election of directors, members may register for the meeting by visiting their local SkyLine Customer Center the previous week and receive information for the meeting including the agenda, official ballot for the election of directors and the Annual Meeting Report. A voting station will be set up at each Customer Center location, where members may cast their ballots and drop them in secure ballot boxes. A video recording of the business session will be aired on SkyZhone Channels 1 and 1001 at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 7 and again at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 9. The business session also will be posted to SkyLine's website ([www.skybest.com/AnnualMeeting](http://www.skybest.com/AnnualMeeting)) on October 7.

For those planning to attend in person, member registration will be scheduled from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. at SkyLine's new Annex location. All members who register in advance or on the day of the meeting will receive a \$15 bill credit for the member gift, a \$10 voucher toward the purchase of a meal at one of the designated restaurants in the co-op's service area and will be entered into a drawing for one of six door prizes. Prizes will be announced at the close of the business session on October 5, and members do not have to be present to win.

"Our first and chief concern is the safety of our employees and members, and with the recent spike in Covid-related cases across our region, we are continuing to utilize a seamless and safer way for many of our members to participate in the process without having to be physically present on the day of the meeting," said SkyLine CEO Kim Shepherd. "We expect to meet the required quorum to continue with the meeting using these additional methods of advance registration in lieu of attendance, along with limited in-person attendance on the day of the meeting."

Annual Meeting early registration will be conducted during the week prior to the meeting at all SkyLine Customer Service Centers, beginning Monday, September 27, through Friday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (See listing of SkyLine's five Customer Center locations below.)

For more information, please contact your local SkyLine office at 118 or 1-800-759-2226.



Secretary

### SkyLine Customer Center Locations

#### Alleghany County

199 Grayson Street  
Sparta, 28675

#### Ashe County

**West Jefferson Smart Home**  
1060 Mount Jefferson Road  
West Jefferson, 28694

#### West Jefferson Call Center

1079 NC Hwy. 194 North  
West Jefferson, 28694

#### Avery County

20 High Country Square, Hwy. 184  
Banner Elk, 28604

#### Watauga County

217 Wilson Drive  
Boone, 28607



*Deliver non-perishable items to SkyLine  
between September 1 - October 31*

#### SUGGESTED ITEMS

Oatmeal  
Whole-grain Cereals  
Hot Cereals  
Cream of Wheat  
Grits  
Gravy Mixes  
Pancake Mixes  
Muffin Mixes  
Granola Bars  
Syrup  
Fruit Juice Packs  
Canned or Dried Fruits  
Jam  
Powdered Milk  
Coffee  
Hot Chocolate  
Pop-Tarts

#### Items will benefit:

Solid Rock Food Closet  
Ashe Food Pantry  
Hunger and Health Coalition  
Reaching Avery Ministry  
Shady Valley Baptist Church Food Pantry

#### Recipe of the Month

### Nancy's Pond Mountain Hershey Syrup Pound Cake

#### Cake:

1/2 pound butter  
1/2 cup Crisco  
16 oz. Hershey syrup  
3 cups sugar  
6 eggs  
3 cups plain flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla

#### Frosting:

2 (8 ounce) packages of cream  
cheese  
1 pound powdered sugar  
Hershey syrup

#### Instructions:

Cream butter and Crisco together. Add in Hershey syrup, sugar, eggs, baking powder, milk and vanilla. Mix well. Add flour. Pour in tube pan, bake at 325° for 60-70 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Mix ingredients for frosting together. Use enough syrup to make a frosting consistency. This is a great frosting!

*Recipe submitted by Nancy Barbee  
of Ashe County*

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