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Cosmotology Students for a Cure, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Caldwell Campus K Building

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For a complete calendar of events, including student workshops and other activities, visit www.cccti.edu

CCC&TI Breaks Ground on Watauga Student Services Center

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute broke ground Wednesday evening, Sept. 20 on a transformative project on the growing Watauga Campus in Boone. The 15,000-square-foot building will consolidate services currently offered in multiple locations on campus into one area.

The building, slated for completion in 2018, will feature a large student gathering area and will house the following services: Academic Support, Admissions, Advising, Bookstore, Business Office, Counseling, Financial Aid, Library, Testing Center and the Writing Center.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch described the building as monumental and key to improving the lives of students on the Watauga Campus. In addition to consolidating various student services into one location, he said the 3,000-square-foot student center area would give the campus something it never had before.

"It's bigger than the one we have on the Caldwell Campus (in Hudson, N.C.)," he said, adding that it will also provide space for a variety of college meetings and activities. "It will give our students a place to be, a place to belong – and, create an atmosphere that is a collegiate atmosphere. We're really excited."

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on the future location of the building at the northwest corner of campus, highlighted by a view of Grandfather Mountain and the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. The architectural design includes outdoor areas that will take advantage of the popular scenic view.

"It's going to transform the lives of our students and it will help them to be successful," Poarch said, adding praise for the various government and education leaders who helped make the project possible.

Officials from the college's Board of Trustees, the NC Community Colleges State Board, the Watauga and Caldwell County Commissions, Watauga County Schools, Watauga County Board of Education, Watauga Economic Development Commission and Caldwell Chamber of Commerce attended the event. CCC&TI faculty, staff and students also participated.

Watauga County Commission Chairman John Welch offered praise and support for the project, as well as the growth CCC&TI's Watauga Campus has seen over the years.

"We've come a long way in a few decades," he said. "It's definitely a benefit to our students and our community."

The Student Services Center will be the fourth permanent building on the Watauga Campus, which is located off the NC 105 Bypass west of Downtown Boone. CCC&TI began offering services in Watauga County beginning in 1973 and opened the current Watauga Campus location in 1998. The Watauga Campus serves approximately 1,200 college students, and hundreds more Continuing Education and Adult Education students.

Construction is scheduled to begin later this year.

On the Cover: Local leaders turn the first shovels of dirt Wednesday evening at the groundbreaking ceremony for Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Watauga Student Services Center. Pictured, from left to right, are: Trustees Lowell Younce, George Robinson, Nathan Miller, Alvin Daughtridg, Marilyn Starnes, Ann Smith, Cort Architectural Group President John Cort, Trustee William "Billy Ralph" Winkler, Watauga County Commission Chairman John Welch, Watauga County Board of Education Chairman Ron Henries, CCC&TI Board of Trustees Chairman Larry Taylor, President Dr. Mark Poarch, Trustee Bill Stone and Caldwell County Commission Chairman Randy Church.

Smoking Hot Success

Kit Kerley spent an entire career as a police officer in Augusta, Ga., enforcing the laws of the land. When he retired in 2009, he relocated to the High Country to enforce another set of laws – the laws of barbecue.

Kerley's new business, Kit's in the Pit BBQ Co., has been up and running since January, providing authentic hickory smoked meats, traditional scratch-made side dishes and signature desserts for events and meetings of all sizes. And while Kerley is a master of pits, he knew he'd need help when it came to getting a new business off the ground. Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Small Business Center was able to provide the resources he needed to do just that and keep the tradition of authentic wood-smoked barbecue alive and well.

Kerley has family ties to Watauga County dating back more than 125 years. When he retired, he said it seemed only natural to move back to the cooler climates of the mountains that his family had called home for so many generations. Kerley said it was in these mountains where he grew up in the smoke of an open pit barbecue, that he learned the low and slow barbecue process from some of the area's best and most-experienced pit masters.

When he returned home, Kerley says he was disappointed to find that many barbecue operations had gotten away from the traditional methods that make local barbecue so appealing to so many. "A lot of these places had gone to propane or electric cooking systems with flavor pellets. That's not authentic," said Kerley. "I do it the hard way, the old-fashioned way, the way its been done for more than 100 years. The difference in quality is noticeable and I wanted to bring that back to the High Country."

After a couple small events, Kerley said he received an overwhelmingly positive response from those who tried his authentic barbecue. "I got such a warm reception when I provided food for some of the locals, it really helped me make the decision to move forward with my business idea."

Kerley says he knew that taking his passion and skills to the next level with his own barbecue catering business would require some help. At the recommendation of a friend, Kerley sought out the assistance of CCC&TI's Small Business Center for guidance on bringing his idea to fruition. "It started with just some basic information and guidelines," said Kerley. "Ben [Willis, Director of CCC&TI's Small Business Center] helped me tremendously from that point and helped me establish a solid platform for building my company."



Kerley says that through the SBC, he was able to establish a relationship with a local bank, learn how to set up an on-line payment system for festivals and other point-of-sale events. Kerley said he also learned more about how to utilize social media and web-based marketing to spread the word about the business and advertise his services. "That exposure has been very valuable. Ben's helped me with posting and tagging photos from events. Those photos get inquiries that have turned into contracts for future events. It's been huge!"

Kerley says he owes his success to a few factors. In addition to the free information and resources he received through the Small Business Center, Kerley says his experience as a law enforcement officer has helped him be the salesman he needs to be to get people interested in his product and then 'seal the deal.' "I've interacted with people from every walk of life and I know how to approach people and how to get them interested in my product," said Kerley. "What also helps is that my product is the best. When you're selling the best, the product speaks for itself."

Kerley says he highly recommends the services of the Small Business Center to anyone who is interested in starting their own business or any other aspect of entrepreneurship. "I wouldn't suggest going forward without their assistance," he said of the Center. "Use the resources that are available to build a solid platform and you stand a much better chance of being a success."

For more information on Kit's in the Pit BBQ Co., contact owner and pitmaster, Kit Kerley at kitk6060@gmail.com or visit his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kitsinthepitbbq

For more information on CCC&TI's Small Business Center, contact Director Ben Willis at bwillis@cccti.edu or 828-726-2615 or visit www.cccti.edu/smallbusiness.

Upcoming Showcase of Stars Events

David Phelps

Saturday, Oct. 14; 7:30 p.m.

Christian artist and “Gaither Homecoming” alumnus David Phelps will bring his concert to the Civic Center stage in October. Phelps, a Tomball, Texas native, has released numerous solo albums and has lent his voice to a number of Gaither Vocal Band releases. Phelps sang tenor with the award-winning ensemble from 1997 to 2005 and from 2009 to 2016. This solo concert tour comes on the heels of the release of “Hymnal,” his latest solo project. Phelps will provide an unforgettable night of entertainment for Christian music fans of all ages. Tickets are \$30. There will also be a “Meet and Greet” event prior to the show. Tickets for the show and the pre-show “Meet and Greet with David Phelps” are \$50 and include “Artist Circle” seating.

“Hot Jazz Lenoir” featuring Todd Wright’s ASU Jazz Big Band with The Silvio Martinat Swing Band

Saturday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night of “hot jazz” with some of the area’s most talented musicians. “The Hot Jazz Lenoir” will feature the Appalachian State University Jazz Big Band and the Silvio Martinat Swing Band, a local favorite that got its start at CCC&TI as a performance class. If you love jazz, this concert is a must-see. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for students/children.

Raleigh Ringers

Saturday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.

The Raleigh Ringers, an internationally acclaimed handbell choir based in Raleigh, N.C., will return to the Civic Center in 2017 to ring in the holiday season. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers have been dazzling concert audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock ‘n’ roll tunes arranged just for handbells. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for students/children.

For more information or for tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.

Teal Pumpkin Project Contest

Did you Know: Putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep at Halloween means you have non-food treats available. This simple act promotes inclusion for trick-or-treaters with food allergies or other conditions.

The Early Childhood Education Department & The Early Childhood Teachers Club on the Caldwell Campus are sponsoring a Teal Pumpkin Project Contest. Decorate a Teal Pumpkin and You Could Win! The contest is open to anyone on campus – individual students, groups and/or programs can decorate and enter a pumpkin for the contest! For an entry form and complete list of rules, visit the Library Entries should be brought to the LRC by Monday, Oct. 16 for display and judging. Winners will be announced the week of Oct. 23.



**2017
Community
College
Transfer Fair**
Monday, Oct. 16
8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Learning Resource Center

Visit with representatives from area four-year institutions about your college transfer options.



Caldwell is Hiring

Employment Event

Wednesday, Oct. 25

8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

J.E. Broyhill

Civic Center, Lenoir



For more info, see the Caldwell County EDC and Caldwell is Hiring Facebook pages.

Lenoir Youth Foundation Makes Donation to Adult Education at CCC&TI

The Lenoir Youth Foundation Inc. recently announced a donation to fund activities and testing fees for Adult Education students at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Organization President the Honorable Beverly Beal, right, presents a check to Shari Brown, Director of Academic Readiness and Support/Family Literacy, that funded a Catawba Science Center field trip for CCC&TI Adult Education and Family Literacy students. The donation also will fund high school equivalency testing fees for two CCC&TI Adult Education students. Also in the photo (starting at front left and moving clockwise) are: Ingrid Dobereiner, Oscar Dobereiner, Jack Looman, Carolyn Raines, Jason Raines, Carol Stofko, Bob Stofko, Judy Beal, Dottie Lloyd, Darrell Lloyd, Reva Pennell and Doris Bush.



Electrical Lineman Completion Ceremony

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute celebrated a new class of Electrical Linemen with a completion ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the JE Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Those recognized at the ceremony were: (left to right) Nafiys Abdullah of Lenoir, Mark Biggerstaff of Morganton, Christian Coley of Hickory, Christopher Collingwood of Morganton, John Smith of Morganton, Aaron Strawser of Lenoir and Mickey Triplett of Granite Falls. To register for future Electrical Lineman classes, call 828-726-2242.



State Employees Credit Union Scholarship

The North Carolina State Employees Credit Union has awarded a \$750 Continuing Education Scholarship to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Electrical Lineman student Christopher Collingwood of Morganton. CCC&TI Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development and NCSECU Advisory Board Member Elaine Lockhart presented the scholarship during the Electrical Lineman completion ceremony on Sept. 12. The SECU Foundation Scholarship was established in 2012 and focuses on assisting unemployed and underemployed adults, military veterans and members of the National Guard attain marketable job skills for future employment. CCC&TI's Electrical Lineman and Truck Driver Training programs are eligible for the scholarship. For more information about enrolling in CCC&TI Continuing Education classes or



Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute receives Dollar General Grant to Support Adult High School Program

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support students working toward their high school equivalency.

This local grant award is part of more than \$7.5 million in grants awarded to nearly 900 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

Grant funding will be used to cover testing fees and program and supply cost for 100 Adult Education students in Caldwell or Watauga counties over the course of the academic year. The objective of the initiative, called BOOST or Boosting Opportunities and Options for Student Transitions, is to help students complete their high school equivalency or adult high school diploma and transition to a job-training program. "It is our hope that BOOST will remove financial obstacles for those students who are academically and/or economically challenged," said Kim Hinton, College and Career Readiness Department Chair. "The assistance could help our students reach goals and provide immediate assistance and access for them to continue the transition to college or work."

"Dollar General is excited to provide these organizations with funding to support literacy and education throughout the 44 states we serve," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO. "Providing these grants and supporting the communities we call home reflects our mission of Serving Others and it's rewarding to see the impact these funds have."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$135 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 8.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

For more information about high school equivalency programs at CCC&TI, visit www.cccti.edu or call 828-726-2230 (Caldwell) or 828-297-3811 (Watauga).

CCC&TI Performing Artist Series presents "The Jason DeCristofaro Duo"

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Associate in Fine Arts – Music program will present The Jason DeCristofaro Duo in concert on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. The concert will be held in the B-100 Theater on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. The duo features Jason DeCristofaro on vibraphone and Kevin Kehrberg on bass. The concert, dubbed "A Journey from Classical to Jazz," is free and open to the public.

Upcoming Watauga Carry Out Cuisines

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Watauga Campus Culinary Arts program will offer the next "Carry Out Cuisine" on Thursday, Oct. 5. The October meal will feature African cuisine. Following is the menu: Corncakes with Plantain, Cooked Carrot Salad, Tanzanian Chicken Stew, Moroccan Olives, Semolina Cake

On Thursday, Nov. 2 Watauga Culinary Students will offer a South American themed Carry Out event. Following is the menu: Arepa, Ensalad de Quinoa con Frijoles Negros Y Choclo (Quinoa Salad with Black Beans), Arroz con Pato (Braised Duck with Cilantro Rice), Cauve a Mineira (Kale Greens), Flan (Caramel Custard)

Meals are prepared by second-year students in the Global Cuisine Class. Meals are \$20 per person and reservations are recommended. Cash only payments are accepted when meals are picked up on the day of service. Pick up times are 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Watauga Campus Kitchen, Building W141, Room 102.

Upcoming Caldwell Cuisine

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts program will host Caldwell Cuisine on Thursday, Nov. 16. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir and is priced at \$21 plus tax per person. The event is open to the public, but diners are required to purchase tickets prior to the event. The theme for the event is The Carribean – Haiti, Trinidad, Jamaica and Dominican Republic. Following is the menu:

Starter: Sos Pwa (Haitian Black Bean Soup Savory soup with island spices, garnished with rice)

Entrée: Choice of Jamaican Oxtail Stew (Butter beans, thyme, garlic, onion and chili. Served with coconut rice)

Or Trinidad Pelau (Traditional one pot dish, caramelized chicken, garlic, onion, beans, jasmine rice and fresh vegetables.

Served with watercress salad); Dessert: Bizcocho Dominicano (traditional Dominican cake that's light and airy. Served with pineapple marmalade)



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Creepy Caldwell Festival

**Friday, Oct. 27 &
Saturday, Oct. 28
6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
CCC&TI Campus -
Hudson**

Open to the public

Bounce House

Story Time

Trunk or Treat

Food Vendors

Face Painting and More!

**CREEPY
TRAIL**

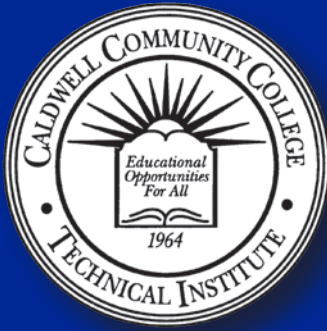
**Friday, Oct. 27 and
Saturday, Oct. 28
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

Public - \$5

CCC&TI Students - \$1

Proceeds support CCC&TI Clubs

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Must get to the Library for Halloween Fun!

Make-A-Monster Art Event
Oct. 18 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Take a BITE Out of Scary Research
Oct. 25 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Caldwell Campus LRC.

The CCC&TI Library, Writing Center, and Academic Support Center Present:



NIGHT OWL EVENT
We're Open for Working Late!
Thursday, Nov. 16 • 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
These student support areas will be open and fully staffed to help you complete class assignments, projects, and papers.
PLUS: Food, Prizes, Interactive Breaks!

CCC&TI Students: You're Invited
ASU Global Immersion Day
Friday, Nov. 17

Learn about a variety of globally-focused ASU programs, plus enjoy multicultural music and dance and lunch at ASU.



Free and open to all CCC&TI Students, Middle & Early College Students.
Transportation is provided.
Space is limited. For more info or to sign up, see Holly Korta on the Caldwell Campus or Laura Wollpert on the Watauga Campus.
Deadline for sign-up is Monday, Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.