The Adult High School Diploma Program is currently enrolling for the summer session. Classes are free. Previous units earned in high school can be transferred. Registration/orientation deadline is May 12. For more information call 726-2230.

“Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” opens Thursday, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre in “B” Building. Tickets are $10 for Adults, $8 for Senior Citizens, and $5 for Students and Children. The show is not recommended for children under the age of 5. Strobe lighting will be used so those with pacemakers and other related heart problems should be aware. Other production dates are as follows: Saturday, April 30, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 1, 3 p.m.; Thursday, May 5, 8 p.m.; Friday, May 6, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 7, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m.

Foothills Performing Arts will hold auditions for “Catfish Moon” in the Studio Theatre in “B” Building at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3. Three men and one woman, ranging in ages from early 30’s to mid-40’s are needed. To check out a script, contact Gwen Gibson at 726-2318 or for more information, contact Keith Smith at 322-3169.

A one hour forum on Responding to the Latino Community, Locally and Statewide is planned for Tuesday, April 26 from 12-1 p.m. in room E120. Guest speakers will be on hand for the discussion followed by a question and answer session. Everyone is invited to attend.

Don’t forget the Landscape and Gardening Students Spring Sale! Tuesday, April 26, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 28, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Greenhouse.

Intramural Tournament Schedule:

- Faculty vs. Bio-Med, Tuesday, April 26, 12:00 p.m
- Bobcats vs. Kings, Thursday, April 28, 12:00 p.m.
- Lakers vs. Winners of Bobcats & Kings game, Friday, April 29, 12:00 p.m.
- Ebony Kinship vs. Winners of Faculty & Bio-Med game, Tuesday, May 3, 12:00 p.m.
- Championship Game, Thursday, May 5, 12:00 p.m.

Current Intramural Standings:

1st Place: Lakers; 2nd Place: Ebony Kinship; 3rd Place: Faculty/Staff; 4th Place: Bobcats; 5th Place: Kings; 6th Place: Bio-Med

The Caldwell Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, along with CCC&TI, will hold its annual seminar/luncheon at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center to celebrate Administrative Professionals Week. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Karen Thomas, account manager with Avery Dennison, will be the guest speaker and will present the seminar on “Business Solutions for Greater Productivity - Get Organized!” For more information, or to RSVP, contact Elizabeth Stanford, CPS, at 322-2706 (ext. 4607), or Brenda Teague, CPS, at 695-5904.
Family Literacy Program Holds Second Chance Prom

Romantic, amazing and colorful was how some of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Family Literacy students described their Second Chance Prom. The Second Chance Prom was held Friday, April 15 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center to the theme of “Midnight Love.”

GED and English as Second Language (ESL) students from the Family Resource Center in Lenoir and Whitnel Elementary School participated in planning, organizing and decorating for the prom. “This prom is all their own,” said Shari Brown, Even Start Adult Education Coordinator and Instructor. Students begin planning months in advance for the prom, first by choosing a theme and colors. Students suggest several different themes, and the final theme is determined by vote. This year the theme was “Midnight Love” with red, pink and white colors. Committees are formed, and work is divided among the two locations so everyone has a chance to participate. “For many of them, this is their first prom, and it is really special,” said Brown.

While planning for the prom is fun, it is also a learning experience for the students. Math skills are learned when the students plan a budget; they brush up on their writing skills while writing invitations and thank you letters, and learn community awareness and social studies through other activities associated with planning the prom. Many resources for the prom are donated and ESL students work on improving their English while calling others for donations. “It makes class exciting and it makes us want to come to class in order to participate,” said one student in the GED class. Students also create arts and crafts to sell as fundraisers and hold raffles to raise money for the prom.

Only GED, ESL students and previous graduates are invited to the prom, but the prom gives others in the community an opportunity to get involved with the Family Literacy program through donations. CCC&TI Cosmetology students participated by doing hair and nails for some of the attendees.

This is the third year that the Second Chance Prom has been held. The prom started a few years ago when GED students wanted to do something special for the graduates. Each year, a prom queen and king are chosen, with the winners names being drawn out of a hat. Crystal Wagnor, a student at the Family Resource Center, and her husband, Harvey, were this year’s queen and king. “I wore my crown all night long,” said Crystal.

When all is said and done, the students feel good about what they have done. “It makes me feel I have accomplished something and that I am going back to school to be something better,” said one student. Another student remarked, “It makes us feel important.”

The Family Literacy Program enables parents and children to learn together in both joint and separate classes. There are five components to the program. One is Adult Education, where adults can acquire their GED, take ESL classes or brush up on basic skills. Second is the Early Childhood component. Children must be six weeks to seven years of age and participate in activities for preschool or school enhancement. Parent education is also taught through the program. PaCT time is a part of the program where parents and children spend quality time with one another. Finally, each family in the program receives a home visit once a month from the instructors. For more information on the Family Literacy program, contact CCC&TI at (828)726-2200.
Additional volunteer tutors are needed for the Adult Education program at CCC&TI. Classes are offered at various times and locations, and volunteers can select a time that fits their schedule. An initial orientation is provided and additional training is offered throughout the year. If you are interested in serving your community or helping someone achieve a long time dream, contact Jean Branch at (828) 754-7095 or Kim Hinton at (828) 726-2235.

**Nurse Aide I Course Set in Watauga**

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will be offering a Nurse Aide I course beginning in May at the Watauga Continuing Education Center, located at 139 Health Center Drive in Boone.

The class, will begin on May 10, and meet each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., ending July 7. Included in the Nurse Aide I course is the Basic Life Support CPR course. The Nurse Aide I course is a 132-hour course that prepares students to provide personal care and perform basic nursing skills for the elderly and other adults. Topics mastered in the course include safety, restorative care, personal and functional diseases and disorders, communication, patient’s rights, nutrition management and elimination techniques. Students who successfully complete the course are eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide I with the North Carolina Division of Facility Services.

Jan Middleton, Director of Health Services for the Adult, Corporate and Continuing Education Department of CCC&TI, said there is a huge demand for nurse aides, especially in hospitals and long-term health care facilities. The increasing elderly population and need for quality assistance puts the profession in high demand. Although the work of a Nurse Aide can be physically strenuous, it is also very rewarding. “Just knowing you can reach out and help other people of any age is rewarding,” said Middleton.

Graduates from the Nurse Aide program have gone on to be employed at Glenbridge Health and Rehabilitation, Blowing Rock Hospital, Life Care of Banner Elk, Caldwell Memorial Hospital, Lenoir Healthcare and Frye Regional Medical Center, to mention a few.

The course costs $65 which is due at registration. Registration is every Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Watauga Continuing Education Center. Students may also register for the course on the Caldwell campus of CCC&TI.

CCC&TI’s Watauga Continuing Education Center also offers many other Health Service courses, including Nurse Aide II, Medical Coding and Billing, Medical Terminology and Transcription, Phlebotomy and Nurse Aide Refresher. For more information on the Nurse Aide I course, or any other Health Service courses, contact the Watauga Continuing Education Center at (828) 263-5370.

**AHSD Student to Pursue Career in Outdoor Leadership**

When searching to finish her high school education, Janelle Dyer decided to get on the internet and look for alternatives to earning her high school diploma. That is when Dyer found Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Dyer traveled from Atlanta to be part of the Adult High School Diploma program at the Watauga campus of CCC&TI.

Dyer said she was attracted to the Adult High School Diploma program at CCC&TI because the teachers work so well with the students. “I’m not just a number anymore,” said Dyer. The teachers ensure that Dyer makes good grades and they have also helped her find a college. Dyer, who will graduate this May from the Adult High School Diploma program, said that the rapidness of the program was another factor that helped her decide to attend CCC & TI. Dyer said she will graduate from the program quicker than if she had stayed in Atlanta, and be able to pursue her college dream quicker. “I will graduate at age 20 as opposed to graduating at age 21,” said Dyer.

Dyer plans to attend Alaska Pacific University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Outdoor Leadership. Dyer said she has selected Pacific University because it has the best Outdoor Leadership program. Dyer is already involved in Outdoor Leadership, working as a raft guide on the Chattanooga River in northern Georgia and as a ski instructor at Beech Mountain.

The Adult High School Diploma program at CCC & TI is open to anyone who wants to finish their High School education and earn a diploma. Classes are free and books are free for use in the classrooms. Morning classes and evening classes are offered, and students may choose a schedule that best suits their needs. For more information on the Adult High School Diploma program at CCC&TI, please contact the Basic Skills department at 828.726.2230.
Special Thanks... The Foundation Office would like to extend a heartfelt note of appreciation to the following students who have cheerfully donated their time and talents during the Annual Fund Drive. Contributions are still being accepted. Contact the Foundation Office at 726-2260 for details.


Need money for college?? Tylenol has just announced that it will be awarding grants to outstanding students pursuing health-related careers. Ten $10,000 grants and one hundred fifty $1,00 grants will be awarded in 2005! Application Deadline: April 30, 2005 (submitted online at tylenol.com or postmarked April 30th).

Also, the Mamie Suddreth Allied Health Scholarship/Grant is now available to students preparing for a career in health care or who are already working and wish to upgrade/enhance skills in the health care field. Three recipients will receive $500! Application Deadline: June 1, 2005. For other opportunities, see the Financial Aid Office.