ELVIS IS ALIVE at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

“Young Elvis with Travis LeDoyt” will take the stage at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center on Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 pm.

Travis LeDoyt has been called “the best young Elvis in the world,” for his striking resemblance to the “King of Rock-n-Roll,” not only in his appearance, but also in his voice and movements. Show goers have said, “He looks like Elvis, he sings like Elvis, and he moves like Elvis.”

To those people who have seen it all when it comes to Elvis tribute acts, this is the one that will make you do a double take. There is simply no way to describe Travis and his performance except “unbelievable.” Travis flawlessly captures the essence of Elvis in his prime, and restricts his shows to the hits and ambience of 1954-1959. Utilizing an authentic four-piece band featuring up-right slap bass, guitar, piano and drums, LeDoyt transports his audience back to a genuine 1956 concert experience. “This is as close as you’re going to get to seeing an Elvis concert in the 50’s!” - DJ Fontana, Elvis’ drummer.

LeDoyt has played concert halls, Elvis Presley festivals and venues across the nation and the world, including a live performance in Chile that was broadcast to more than 5 million people. He has also appeared on Fox Television’s Ralph Emery Show in Nashville and was chosen by the Rikki Lake Show as one of the top 12 Elvis tribute acts in the world.

Through his father’s Elvis records, the young talent was introduced to the “King” and was drawn to the superstar’s early recordings under the Sun Records label. LeDoyt bought his own copy of the collection of hits, playing the cds constantly and often singing along. As LeDoyt matured, his voice and appearance became strikingly similar to Elvis'. He also found he had a natural ability to imitate Elvis' signature moves and after his first tribute performance, he received an overwhelming public response.

“Young Elvis with Travis LeDoyt” is a show that fans of the original “King” will not want to miss. Whether you love the 1950s because you lived them, or revel in the nostalgia because you didn’t, this show is for you.

Tickets for “Young Elvis with Travis LeDoyt” are $19 for Platinum seating, $17 for Gold seating, and $15 for child/student. For more information or to purchase your tickets, contact the Civic Center box office at 726-2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.
CCC&TI to Introduce New I.T. Institute

Instructors and officials from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently spent three days at Google headquarters in Mountain View, CA, developing the college’s new I.T. Institute. Beginning this summer, the 109-hour institute will include four courses that will provide specialized training for entry-level information technology positions.

“The trip to Google was fascinating and most informative,” said Elaine Lockhart, CCC&TI vice president of corporate and continuing education. “CCC&TI is very excited about introducing the IT Institute to provide training for I.T. positions within the region.”

For more information on the new I.T. Institute, contact the Caldwell County JobLink Center at 828.759.4680.

CCC&TI will be offering “Super Summer”, a series of courses for children from 3rd grade to middle school, beginning on June 11.

Each week, the college will offer a morning session from 9 am to 12 noon and an afternoon session from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Children will be able to choose from a variety of courses ranging from forensic investigation, easel painting, beginning guitar, and pig dissection, just to name a few. Children can sign up for a morning and afternoon course, bring a bag lunch and spend the day at CCC&TI.

CCC&TI will also be offering several week-long courses for adults as part of its “Super Summer” program. Classes begin at 6 pm and end at 9 pm. Adults can choose from courses such as residential plumbing, powder-puff mechanics, interior decorating, dance and much more.

Courses will run through July 27. Cost per course is $55 with some courses also requiring a materials fee. For more information and a full schedule of courses, call CCC&TI’s Continuing Education Department at 726-2242.
CCC&TI’s TRIO/Educational Talent Search Hosts Open House

TRIO/ETS at CCC&TI hosted two days of open house events on April 24 and 25 for parents and student participants in the TRIO/ETS program. The TRIO/ETS Program works with middle and high school students, most of which will be first generation college students, to assist them with all aspects of college enrollment.

During the open house events, students signed up for their choice of summer fieldtrips to various colleges and universities across North Carolina including Western Carolina University, Wake Forest University, and Duke University. More than 100 students attended the open house events, quickly filling slots for nearly all the planned summer trips.

This year’s trips offer a unique opportunity for students in that each has a different content emphasis that is relevant to 21st century learning. Topics include global awareness, civic literacy, business and economic literacy, and health and wellness awareness. Before each trip, 1 or 2 students will make a presentation about the content area. Student presenters will also be participating in the TRIO Youth Leadership League.

For more information on TRIO programs at CCC&TI contact TRIO Director Alice Lentz at 726-2234.

CCC&TI Massage Therapy Graduates Boast 100% Passage on Board Exams.

Recent massage therapy graduates from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute boasted a 100 percent passage rate on the national certification board exam. All eleven students performed well above state and national passage rates of 77 and 68 respectively. This is the first class of students from the course added to the Caldwell Campus last year.

“Their performance was exceptional,” said Patrick Benson, who also noted the outstanding dedication of instructors. Benson stepped up as coordinator and lead instructor for the program in January prior to serving as massage therapy instructor for five years on CCC&TI’s Watauga Campus.
In order to practice massage, all massage therapists in North Carolina are required to complete a minimum 500-hour certification course, pass the national certification exam in therapeutic massage and bodywork, and obtain a license.

CCC&TI's five-course series in massage therapy includes 600 hours of topics covering anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, pain relief, stress management, oriental bodywork theory and more. Upon completion of the two-semester course at CCC&TI, students are prepared to sit for the national board exams.

“Massage is no longer just about being pampered but overall well-being,” said Benson, remarking on the growth of the profession. “We’re all looking for better ways to work toward optimum health.”

Admission packets are now available for those interested in enrolling this fall. The course will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact CCC&TI’s Corporate and Continuing Office at 828.726.2242. Space is limited.
Spring Fling!

Caldwell Campus Spring Fling 2007

Costume Contest Winners: Top, from left to right, Cat Woman, Elise Bryant, 1st Place; Joey Greene as Ricky Bobby, 2nd Place; Emily Moretz, Kimberly Ray, Amanda Anderson and Stephanie McVay as “The Beatles,” 3rd Place.

Peeps Contest Winner: Below right, Keyonia Corpening
Mystery Contest Winner: Below center, Patrick Hightower

Watauga Campus Spring Fling 2007

At left, students enjoy free food from Backyard Burger. Far left, Watauga faculty and staff enjoy the festivities.