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James Gregory, “The Funniest Man in America,” Set to Perform at Broyhill Civic Center.

James Gregory, dubbed “The Funniest Man in America” will be gracing the stage of the Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, January 19 at 7:30pm. Gregory’s unique story-telling style and his wry sense of the absurd are sure to create an evening of non-stop laughter.

Gregory has been performing his home-spun comedy to sold-out crowds for over 20 years. Delivering common sense wisdom, old-fashioned values and politically incorrect humor, Gregory is known for inspiring fanatic devotion, whether it’s the first or fifth visit. The ridiculous, the common, and sometimes even the simplest events all become hilarious in the hands of this master storyteller and world-class comedian. Gregory’s broad appeal to audiences of diverse ages and backgrounds has led to a remarkable list of achievements and distinctions.

Gregory performs 48 weekends out of each year, has released numerous records and videos, and has performed for over 300 corporate clients in the past 10 years including Coca-Cola, Kimberly Clark, and Hewlett Packard, just to name a few. Gregory has also had numerous television appearances on Entertainment Tonight, Comedy Central, TNN, and many more.

In addition to his hectic performance schedule and many tv appearances, Gregory can also be heard on the radio more than 300 days a year, appearing on 230 live, syndicated drive-time shows including John Boy & Billy, Rick & Bubba, and the Bob & Tom shows.

Hailing from the small town of Lithonia, Georgia, Gregory began his career as a salesman, going door to door with everything from encyclopedias to vacuum cleaners. It was not until 1982, at the age of 35, that Gregory’s friends convinced him to do an open mic night at the Punchline, an Atlanta comedy club. He was an instant hit.

Since that fateful night way back when, Gregory has been working hard at being the “Funniest Man in America”, poking fun at everything from health fanatics to animal rights activist. Gregory’s “front porch humor” is based on real life experience. He tells the stories we all know, wherever we’re from. Gregory says “I want to make the whole country laugh.”

Gregory will take the stage at the Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for show are $15 for children and $48 to $23 for adults. CCC&Ti students can purchase tickets for $6. For more information or to purchase tickets call 726-2407 or visit us on-line at www.broyhillcenter.com.
**CCC&TI Offers Opportunity for Travel to Northern California with Continuing Education Course.**

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Corporate and Continuing Education Department will offer a “Natural History of Northern California,” course that will include a trip to the region for an immersion study.

During the trip, which will take place from July 14-23, students will explore the natural history and culture of Northern California, a region of mountains, rocky shorelines, towering redwood forests, vineyards, and numerous rivers and creeks. Students will also study the impact of regional agriculture and industry. Students will visit the Napa/Sonoma Valley, just north of San Francisco, kayak along the Russian River, enjoy hiking in the Redwood forests, and go biking through wine country. Travelers will also be visiting a wild game refuge in the area.

Students will have several classes on the Caldwell Campus of CCC&TI prior to the trip. The classes will meet May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, and July 7. In the classroom, students will study the natural history and ecology of the region, specifically rocky coast habitats, redwood forests, the savanna-like valley, and the rivers of the area — all of which they will get to explore first-hand during their trip.

Leading the class will be CCC&TI biology instructor Sarah McMahon and Math and Natural Sciences Department Chair Robin Canterbury. Both instructors have led other immersion studies in Ireland and Bermuda but decided to stay stateside this year. “This year we wanted to do a trip within the United States in a unique ecological region. Northern California fit the bill perfectly,” says McMahon. “This trip is a great opportunity to see the diversity that the US offers, diversity in terms of ecological landscapes as well as cultural diversity. Even within our nation, there are differences between ways of life, food, architecture and so much more. This trip is a chance to experience that first hand.”

Students must register for the course and the trip by February 12 through Corporate and Continuing Education at CCC&TI. Cost for the trip will be approximately $1800, which can be paid in increments, the first payment and tuition being due on the February 12 registration deadline. For more information on the “Natural History of Northern California” course, call 828-726-2369 or 828-297-3811 ext. 5257.

**Nurse Aide Students Pass the Test!**

Congratulations to our curriculum Nursing Assistant students (12) who, under the instruction of Angie Koontz, earned a 100 percent pass rate on the Nurse Aide Registry exam. Some of these were Huskins students. Congratulations to these students on a job well done!

**CCC&TI Student Artwork Takes Center Stage**

The Caldwell Arts Council will feature digital artwork by CCC&TI students and art instructor Thomas Thielemann in a show opening January 11 called “Digital Sketchbook.” The show will run through January 25 and will feature technology-based art by local artists David Clifton, Jonathan Crumpler, Thomas Thielemann and several CCC&TI students. The show investigates art forms that are solely reliant on digital tools and media. An opening reception will be held on January 11 from 5pm to 7:30 pm at the Caldwell County Arts Council in Lenoir.

For more information, call Thomas Thielemann at 726-2361.
“Spencers Theatre of Illusion” to Present a Magical Night of Entertainment at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

Things aren’t always what they seem, especially when the magic of illusion is involved.

Be prepared to witness the impossible as award-winning magicians, Kevin and Cindy Spencer, bring their spectacular production, Theatre of Illusion, to the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

The Spencers have redefined the art of illusion and are shattering the stereotype of the traditional magician. They are the only artists in history to be named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for a record-breaking six consecutive years and they have twice been named America’s Best Entertainers (CA Magazine). They have baffled and entertained millions of people in venues across America and around the world.

In January of 2003, the Spencers made sports history when they “vanished” the Stanley Cup for the National Hockey League as a kickoff to the NHL All-Star Weekend in Fort Lauderdale, FL. They did make the cup reappear, along with Hockey Hall of Fame legend Larry Robinson.

And in January 2006, they made Audio Adrenaline, contemporary Christian music artists, appear before a cheering throng of 8,000 fans.

With one of the largest touring illusion companies in the United States, the Spencers transport several tons of state-of-the-art illusions and special effects from city to city. They work with some of the leading inventors, creators and builders in the industry to incorporate original never-before-seen illusions into their production.

They continue to bring new meaning to the world “magic” for a new generation of spectators. Theatre of Illusion is a sophisticated production filled with original magical creations designed exclusively for The Spencers. People levitate, walk through walls, vanish, and reappear. And in one illusion, the entire audience is asked to participate in a stunning, interactive mind reading experience!

They are charismatic, talented, fascinating, and skilled performers who captivate their audience the moment they take the stage. Through their television and live concert appearances, they have cultivated a network of fans in town and cities around the world making them one of the most sought after illusion teams in the business.

The Spencers have performed for sold out audiences throughout the United States, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mexico, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia. Don’t miss this show - You Won’t Believe Your Eyes!

Tickets for the show are $12 for children and $19 to $23 for adults. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 726-2407.

CCC&TI Men Fall to 4th Ranked Suffolk.

The Cobras hosted 4th ranked Suffolk Community College on Saturday, January 5, and the Clippers out of Selden, NY came away with a mere 5 point victory with a final score of 76-71. The Cobras fell behind early, and also ran into serious foul trouble. However, trailing by 8 late in the first half, Caldwell closed to within 2 and had the basketball but were unable to convert. Trailing 40-38 to start the second calf, the Cobras went on a 10-4 run to take a 4 point lead. Suffolk answered with a run of their own and found themselves leading the Cobras by 8 with 8:33 left in the game. CCC&TI did not quit, tying the game on two different occasions before falling short at the end. “What an effort by our guys tonight,” stated Coach Haimirhar. “We played hard, and fought to the end. We see that we can compete with the nation’s elite. Suffolk is very well coached and are an extremely good basketball team. Our guys are good too, and they have a chance to prove that again on Wednesday.” Leaders for the Cobras were Clinton Sellers with 10 points, Johnny Hildebrand 10pts, DeMario Garvin 10pts, Michael Pritchard 1rebounds, Garvin 11 reb., Sellers 5 assists, Carlton Smith 4 asts, Smith 4 steals and Sellers 3 stls.

The Cobras fall to 10-3 on the season, while Suffolk stays perfect at 13-0. CCC&TI is back in action Wednesday night when they host Oxford College. Tip-off is 7:00pm.
Ways to get Career-related Experience during College

-From Student Employment Services

There are numerous ways to get career-related experience during college. You may plan to work indoors or out, at a desk or not, with coworkers and clients or mostly alone; it’s the experience that is so valuable. The kinds of opportunities available vary by career field. Co-ops, Internships, and volunteering provide excellent ways to enrich and complement your educational goals.

Cooperative Education, a.k.a. co-op

Co-ops can be both full-time or part-time, multi-term work agreements with one organization. For example you might work for your employer during the summer, fall and spring semesters. Academic credit can be earned through these experiences.

Internships

Internships are usually one-term experiences and are often in the summer, though not always. Internships can be paid or unpaid, full-time or part-time, and are sometimes for academic credit; these factors vary by career field and employer. For internship opportunities, see below.

Volunteering

Volunteer work can be something you do as an individual, or something you do because a club or organization to which you belong takes on a volunteer project. Volunteering can develop skills and experience that you can list on your resume and thus can be a stepping stone to help you get other kinds of experience. Volunteering shows initiative; always a good thing.

Leadership and Involvement in Student and Community Organizations

Demonstrating leadership in student and community organizations is viewed very favorably by employers today. Involvement in student and community organizations is sometimes considered an essential qualification for certain types of work and career paths.

For more information on getting career-related experience, contact Wendy Barker, Student Employment Services at 759-4635.
Lady Cobras Pick Up First Win of the New Year.

With four players in double figures and two players recording double-doubles, the Lady Cobras picked up right where they left off before Christmas with a 85-48 victory over visiting Piedmont Baptist College on Saturday afternoon, January 5. The Lady Cobras controlled the boards with a 62-34 advantage and dished out 20 assists to defeat the visitors from Winston Salem. Leading the way with double-doubles were Keeyauna Powell with 24 points and 10 rebounds and Robin Waddell with 20 points and 18 rebounds. Also in double figures were Brittany Colvin with 14 and Candi Taylor with 10. Kara Hawkins had 10 rebounds and 6 assists. Bree Oglesby dropped in 8 points and Jennifer Rodgers completed the scoring with 3 points. Bree also had 3 blocked shots for the game. The team also had a season low 11 turnovers. Leading in steals and assists for the team were Keeyauna Powell with 5 steals, Jennifer Rodgers with 3, Kara Hawkins with 6 assists and Jennifer Rodgers with 5.

The Lady Cobras next game is at home on Friday, Jan 11 at 5:00 pm vs. Walters State which is currently ranked in the top 15 in NJCAA Division I.
Over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, numerous CCC&TI clubs and student groups reached out to members of our community through special projects and activities. Students, instructors and staff from the college touched lives by providing Christmas gifts for children, food and necessities for needy families, even rice krispie treats for a soup kitchen, and so much more. Here, read about just a few of reasons we’re proud to call ourselves Cobras!

**Even Start Family Literacy Program**

The Even Start Family Literacy Program at the Family Resource Center and Whitnel Elementary School baked cookies and rice krispie treats for the Lenoir Soup Kitchen to be served as dessert following one of the evening meals in December. The group provided 90 dessert goodie bags for the dinner.

**The Business Club**

At Thanksgiving, club members donated items to the Soup Kitchen. Club members also adopted five angels from the college angel tree.

**The PTA Club and Compensatory Education Students**

Members of the PTA Club visited Camelot Manor Nursing Center and delivered more than $200 worth of goodies for the staff and numerous small gifts for the residents who live there. The group delivered socks, lotion, powders, recycled magazines and other items for residents.

CCC&TI’s Comp Ed students assisted with the project by covering large oatmeal boxes with Christmas wrapping paper to hold the goodies for the nursing center staff.

**Adult Education, GED, Adult High School, English as a Second Language, and Compensatory Education**

Students from Adult Education, GED, Adult High School, English as a Second Language, and Compensatory Education joined together for several activities. At their first Basic Skills Christmas lunch at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, students and staff collected around 200 cans of food to donate to Yokefellow Ministries in Lenoir. During the course of the season, the students and staff also gave $175.00 to the USO for care packages to be sent to soldiers in Iraq.

**The Paralegal Club**

The Paralegal Club raised funds to purchase 3 rocking chairs that were donated to Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care in Lenoir.

**Cosmetology Department**

The evening Cosmetology classes helped to sponsor the Community Christmas Celebration at Bo’s Entertainment on Dec. 16th for children with cancer in Caldwell County. The department collected $95 in cash and toys for the children. Ms. Calloway’s son, Dale Calloway, owner and driver of Accent limousine, in Hickory drove the children through the Lenoir area on several trips.

**Phlebotomy Students**

Margie Dean’s afternoon phlebotomy class adopted a family from the Caldwell community. They chose a grandmother and two grandchildren and were able to get almost all the items on the family’s “wish list.”

**TRIO Service Corps**

TRIO Service Corps sponsored a family of two from Caldwell County.