Calendar

27 Recovery Meeting, 12 noon; E-301
31 Wise-Up Workshop, “Does My Friend Have a Drug or Alcohol Problem,” 12 noon; H-311
Alpha Omega Club Meeting, 12 noon; E-310
Basketball Intramural Games, 12 noon; Gym

April
1-9 On-Line Registration for Current Curriculum Students
2 Wise-Up Workshop, “Novel Discussion: The Bible Salesman,” 12 noon; E-120
3 Wise-Up Workshop, “Prepare Winning Resumes: Community Speaker,” 12 noon; F-218
Recovery Meeting, 12 noon; E-301
6 Curriculum Registration for Current Students
7-9 On-Campus Registration for New and Returning Students
7 Wise-Up Workshop, “Writing: Avoiding Common Grammatical Errors,” 12 noon; H-322
Alpha Omega Club Meeting, 12 noon; E-310
8 Writer’s Symposium Reading and Discussion with Clyde Edgerton; 12 noon; Watauga Campus
Writer’s Symposium Faculty Workshop with Clyde Edgerton; 3:30 to 5pm; H-133
9 Tuition Payment Deadline
Wise-Up Workshop, “Transferring to a Four-Year University,” 12 noon; H-322
Business Club Meeting, 12 noon; E-314

What’s Happening on Campus

CCC&TI to Welcome Noted NC Author for Writer’s Symposium.

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will host noted North Carolina author Clyde Edgerton for its annual Laurette LePrevost Writer’s Symposium, “Southern Archetypes: Misfits, Shysters & Innocents: The Fiction of Clyde Edgerton.”

The college will host a reading/discussion on Wednesday, April 8 from 12 noon to 1 pm on the Watauga Campus. On Thursday, April 9, another reading/discussion will be held in Caldwell Campus gym from 12 noon to 1 pm. Also on Thursday, April 9 there will be an event entitled “Readers Theater Musical” at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Room 206 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

Clyde Edgerton, raised in the community of Bethesda, near Durham, North Carolina, has published eight novels and a memoir (Solo, My Adventures in the Air). The Bible Salesman, his ninth novel, was published by Little, Brown in 2008. Three of his novels have been made into movies: Raney, Walking Across Egypt, and Killer Diller. The latter two are now available on DVD. Stage adaptations have been made from Raney, Walking Across Egypt, The Floatplane Notebooks, Killer Diller, and Lunch at the Piccadilly. Edgerton’s short stories and essays have been published in New York Times Magazine, Best American Short Stories, Southern Review, Oxford American, Garden & Gun and other publications. Edgerton is a musician and has performed with musicians including Jim Watson, Mike Craver, Jack King, and Matt Kendrick. Audio albums and CDs on which he has performed include Walking Across Egypt, The Devil’s Dream, The Safety Patrol, and Lunch at the Piccadilly.

Among Edgerton’s awards are: Guggenheim Fellowship; Lyndhurst Prize; Honorary Doctorates from UNC-Asheville and St. Andrews Presbyterian College; membership in the Fellowship of Southern Writers; the North Carolina Award for Literature; and five notable book awards from the New York Times.

Edgerton is a professor of Creative Writing in the MFA program at UNC-Wilmington. He lives in Wilmington, North Carolina, with his wife, Kristina, and their children.

Support for the Laurette LePrevost Writer’s Symposium is provided by the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. For more information on CCC&TI’s 2009 Laurette LePrevost Writer’s Symposium, call 726-2200.
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9 SGA General Assembly Meeting, 12 noon; ASU Conference Room, H Building
Writer’s Symposium Reading and Discussion with Clyde Edgerton, 12 noon; E-125, Caldwell Campus Gym
Writer’s Symposium, “Readers Theater Musical,” 7 pm; J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

10 Recovery Meeting, 12 noon; E-301
Happy Easter!

12 Easter Holiday, Institution Closed
13-17 Curriculum Student Spring Break

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CCC&TI to Host Lion’s Club Vision Van.

The Caldwell County Lions Association will be bringing the North Carolina Lions Foundation Vision Van to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Caldwell Campus on Thursday, April 23rd. The Vision Van will offer free vision, glaucoma and diabetes screenings as well as blood pressure checks from 10 am to 4 pm.

CCC&TI’s Ophthalmic Medical Assistant students will be assisting with the screenings. Students have assisted with the annual Vision Van service each year since 2000. This is the second year that the Lions Club will be holding the event on the college’s campus.

Screenings performed on the Vision Van will test visual acuity, visual field and intraocular pressure primarily for the detection of glaucoma. “Glaucoma is a disease which causes damage to the optic nerve and vision loss,” says Barbara Harris, director of CCC&TI’s OMA program. “There are usually no symptoms until after vision is lost. This is why glaucoma is called the ‘sneak thief of sight’ and why screening programs are so important.” People over the age of 45, diabetics and those with a family history of glaucoma are encouraged to attend this free screening. There will be no dilating drops and the test is painless.

Harris says this and other service-based learning projects are great experiences for the students as they get hands-on training and experience working with patients. Students from the OMA program have done several projects this year such as vision screenings during an employee health fair for employees of Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams. Students also assist Dr. Richard Griffin with glasses exams at a monthly Lions Club sponsored clinic at the Caldwell County Health Department.

CCC&TI is the only community college in North Carolina to offer the Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program, which has seen an increase in enrollment in recent years. Harris says one factor that will help increase awareness of the program is a new classification announced by the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO). The group recently announced that the United States Bureau of Labor’s 2010 Standard Occupational Classifications Committee has approved a separate occupational classification, Ophthalmic Medical Technician, which covers a range of ophthalmic medical assistant careers. Harris says this new classification brings some much-deserved recognition to the field. “It is a highly specialized occupation,” she says. “This new classification recognizes that this is an established medical profession. It will also help potential students by making information about the field easier to find and more readily available.”

For more information on the Lions Club Vision Van event on April 23rd at CCC&TI, or the OMA Program, contact Faith Race at 828-726-4718 or Barbara Harris at 828-726-2356.

Early Childhood Club to Host Resource Fair for Students

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Early Childhood Club will host a free resource fair for students who have children on Thursday, April 23 from 9 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm in the Caldwell Campus Student Lounge. The event will be part of the annual “Week of the Young Child” celebration hosted by the club and CCC&TI’s Early Childhood Program.

The fair will bring together community resources for parents such as Social Services, Smart Start, Catawba Science Center, Caldwell County Public Library, WIC program, local dentist and health care professionals and many more.

Program administrators feel that the “Week of the Young Child” is a great time to bring more information about the available resources in our community to CCC&TI students who have children. “The students at CCC&TI are in need of many of these services, but many are not aware of their existence,” said Early Childhood Program Director Stephanie Shockley. “This event will bring community resources from all over Caldwell County together to share their information with our students.”

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world’s largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children’s success in school and later life.

In addition to the resource fair, children’s art from childcare centers and pre-schools across the county will be on display in the hallways located just off the student lounge in E building.

All interested students are encouraged to come by the student lounge for the Early Childhood Club’s “Week of the Young Child” Resource Fair on Thursday, April 23 from 9 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm. The event is free and open to all CCC&TI students.

CCC&TI Huskins Students Win State Automotive Technology Competition.

Once again, a team from Watauga High School has won the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association (NCADA) statewide Automotive Technology Competition. High school seniors Jessica Lawrence and Daniel Miller, who are students in Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Huskins Program, placed first in the competition, which was held on Monday, March 16, 2009, at Toyota West in Statesville.

This is the second year in a row that students from Watauga High School have won the statewide competition. As the state winners, Lawrence and Miller will represent North Carolina in the national Automotive Technology Competition, which will be held in Manhattan, April 14-15, 2009.

Above, Watauga Huskins students Jessica Lawrence, right, and Daniel Miller diagnose an electrical problem during NCADA’s statewide Automotive Technology Competition.
As the state winners, Lawrence and Miller won over $12,000 in scholarships from Ohio Technical College, Universal Technical Institute and Central Piedmont Community College; as well as tools from event sponsor Snap On. In addition, NCADA will provide the team with an all expense paid trip to New York to compete in the national competition.

During the national competition, Lawrence and Miller will compete against students from across the country for additional prizes and scholarships. At the national competition, students will try to complete a series of diagnostic problems on cars and at work stations, designed to test their knowledge, skill and speed.

This is the eighth year that NCADA has sponsored the state Automotive Technology Competition. The association, which represents nearly 700 new car, truck and RV dealers, has a long history of supporting automotive education efforts at both the high school and community college level.

**Appalachian State University Forms Regional Partnership**

Four educational institutions in the region signed a memorandum of understanding establishing an educational partnership known as the Appalachian State University Greater Hickory Partnership. The signing ceremony was held this month at the Faye A. Broyhill Building at CCC&TI.

The agreement between Appalachian State University, Catawba Valley Community College, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, and Western Piedmont Community College will expand Appalachian’s degree offerings in Hickory and in Caldwell and Burke counties, according to Dr. Kenneth E. Peacock, chancellor at Appalachian.

The partnership will ensure that higher education opportunities are provided to citizens in the geographic areas served by the partner institutions.

As part of the agreement, the Hickory Metro Higher Education Center will be disbanded and become the Appalachian State University Center at Hickory. The facilities designed to provide post-community college educational opportunities at the member community colleges will be known as the Appalachian State University Center at Hickory, the Appalachian State University Center at Burke, and the Appalachian State University Center at Caldwell.

The North Carolina Center for Engineering Technologies located in Hickory will also be part of the Appalachian State University Greater Hickory Partnership.

To facilitate operations of the partnership, Appalachian has appointed Dr. Jane Everson as director of the partnership. Everson will organize program assessment efforts, recruitment, promotion and student support services, and will be a liaison with each community college in the partnership. Appalachian also will provide staffing in keeping with programming and service needs at each location. Centralized administration of the Appalachian programming at the four facilities in the partnership will be located at the Appalachian State University Center at Hickory.

An advisory council composed of regional leaders with a commitment to higher education and workforce development will advise the partnership director on matters relating to the educational needs of the region.

In addition, a programming committee, comprising representatives from Appalachian, the presidents (or their designees) of each partner community college, and representatives of business and industry, will be established. The committee will help the director identify and develop educational programs at each of the facilities in the partnership.

“This action formalizes Appalachian’s commitment to the region by agreeing to locate degree and non-degree credit programs and administrative staffing at these locations, and to reimburse each community college for classroom and office space used in accordance with current practices approved by the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Community College System,” said Dr. Stan Aeschleman, provost at Appalachian.

"With nearly 300 students enrolled at the Appalachian State University Center on CCC&TI's campus, this partnership is evidence of the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs that already exist on the CCC&TI Campus," said Dr. Ken Boham, CCC&TI president. "This opportunity comes from the work of powerful people who are champions for education in working together to put us in a position where five institutions can now truly represent higher education in this area."
CCC&TI to Offer Free Small Business and Green Seminars in Watauga County.

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Corporate and Continuing Education Division will be offering a series of free seminars on Small Businesses and “Going Green” at the Appalachian Enterprise Center in Boone. Space will be limited, so pre-registration is highly encouraged.

The seminars, offered through CCC&TI's Small Business Center and Institute for Sustainable Technology are free and open to the public. Following is a list of the upcoming events:

**Tax Benefits for Going Green – April 2, 6 to 7 pm** - Learn about how the federal and state tax incentives can assist homeowners and builders in building green. Topics covered will include the recent stimulus package, Energy Star programs, and the various incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy installations.

**Green Updates for Your Home or Business – April 16, 6 to 7 pm** - Learn how you can lower the cost of operating your home or business by making simple changes in the structure and your lifestyle. Participants will identify ways they can achieve a net positive cash flow from the day they put practices into service.

**Starting a Local Food Business – April 30, 6 to 7 pm** - Do you have a garden or grow produce on a larger scale? You will learn about the fundamentals of setting up a “farm to fork” business including networking, marketing, sales, resources, branding, and other key parts of a local food business.

**Small Business Start Up Series – A 5 Week Seminar Series**

**How to Start a Small Business – April 21, 6 to 8 pm** - Learn the basic steps for starting a business.

**How to Write a Business Plan – April 28, 6 to 8 pm** - There are two main parts to a plan: the narrative (which describes your business) and the financial information. Your business plan is your guide for success. Learn how to map out your plan.

**How to Finance a Business – May 5, 6 to 8 pm** - This class will examine various sources of capital and the rules of the road for obtaining it. Learn how important your credit rating is to lenders, equity vs. debt financing, and how forms of business ownership affect financing possibilities.

**Record-keeping for Small Business – May 12, 6 to 8 pm** - Learn simple, effective ways to set up a bookkeeping system, organize your records, and then use them to complete your federal income tax forms.

**How to Market Your Small Business – May 19, 6 to 8 pm** - Learn steps to marketing and advertising your business. Look at how to plan your advertising budget, newspaper ads, and how to discover your target market.

To pre-register for these events contact Don Wood at the Appalachian Enterprise Center at (828) 264-2732 or dwood@appalachianenterprisecenter.com.

For more information on these or other CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education offerings, call David Waechter at 828-726-2242 or visit www.cccti.edu.

CCC&TI to Offer Free Seminar on Lean Manufacturing for Local Businesses.

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will offer a free seminar for local businesses on lean manufacturing on Friday, April 17 from 9 am to 4 pm at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

The seminar, which is open to employees of any local business, will be an intensive look at lean manufacturing tools and how they can be implemented to help local businesses improve their bottom line. Each business can send up to 5 employees to the event which will be an introduction to concepts that can help manufacturers tap into human resources to make improvements with little to no Capital outlay, cut operating cost by as much as 20-25%, cut lead time to customers by 50%, gain a productivity improvement of 20-40%, cut inventories up to 80% without sacrificing on-time delivery and realize significant quality and safety improvements.

CCC&TI plans to follow this introductory session with a 4-week course (one day each week or 2 afternoon sessions each week) in Lean Manufacturing. During this 4-week session there will be intense training on basic lean tools. Attendees will learn how to plan and manage the lean initiatives within their own organizations. At the end of the 4 week training session each business will receive a certificate for 4 hours of onsite lean assessment and critique of their lean plan from CCC&TI's lean manufacturing experts.

While the concept of lean manufacturing may sound too good to be true, lean manufacturing experts warn that the transition to lean practices can sometimes be difficult. “The fact is, implementing lean is not easy. If it were easy everyone would do it,” says Jeff Holman, CCC&TI’s Vocational and Technical Director. “Lean implementations take a commitment on the behalf of business leaders. That commit-
ment doesn’t necessarily come from spending capital monies but in the form of training your existing employees, getting their involvement in helping in the lean transition while management provides the leadership to stay the course in the implementation.”

Lean manufacturing techniques are being implemented by businesses across the U.S. Companies like Toyota Motor Company, Carrier Corporation, Volvo Heavy Equipment, Camfil Farr Filter Company and Haun Furniture, among others, have all used these techniques to improve their business practices and ultimately their bottom line.

Partnering with Caldwell Community College in facilitating the program is Kizan 4 Change, LLC of Tennessee. Kizan 4 Change LLC is a consulting company that has been training organizations on lean practices and setting up lean teams Internationally for over 15 years.

Participants must be pre-registered for the free seminar. For more information or to pre-register, call 726-2242.

CCC&TI Truck Driver Training Holds Graduation Ceremony.

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Truck Driver Training Program recently held a graduation ceremony for students who completed the program. CCC&TI’s recently expanded Truck Driver Training Program, offers courses on training sites in Caldwell, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell and Avery counties, and remains popular for local students working toward a job in the trucking industry. CCC&TI is nationally certified as a Professional Truck Driver Institute offering day, evening and weekend classes from 8 1/2 to 15 weeks. For more information on upcoming courses, call 828.726.2380.

Pictured above are CCC&TI’s Truck Driver Training day class graduates. First row, left to right are Timmy Hefner, Gregory Howard, John Sheehy Jr., Gary Frady, Timothy Keener Jr., Roy Lingle, Oscar Ortiz, Chase Tolbert and Jesse Bullman. Second row, left to right are John Randolph, Ronald Stroup, William Wheeling, Charles Triplett, Gregory Greene, Michael Erwood, Shane Moretz, Ricky Kerley, Dale Nelson and Terry Cox. Third row, left to right are Stewart Fisher, Gary Blair, Timmy Williams Jr., Kevin Trivett, Dolph Hargis, Joshua Lowman, Willet Moretz, Larry Wheeling, Naaman Hamby and David Williams.
SLPA Grad Receives Scholarship.

Speech Language Pathology Assistant alumna, Jennifer Lilly, has just received a $40,000 assistantship to attend the Master of Arts degree program in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Lilly will graduate on May 15, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Language Pathology, also from UNC-G. Congratulations to Jennifer Lilly!

PTA Students Honor Clinical Instructor

Congratulations to Tim Wilson, Physical Therapist at Wilkes Regional Medical Center. Wilson was selected by the PTA Class of 2008's as Outstanding Clinical Instructor. Wilson was selected by the PTA Class of 2008 from 23 nominations for for the honor.

“Tim is the PT’s PT. He is the PT you would send your grandmother, or grandfather, mother, father, aunt or uncle, brother or sister to see because you know they will receive high quality care,” said PTA Program Director Martha Zimmerman. “Tim has accepted CCC&TI PTA students since the program began in 1990. It’s great clinical instructors like Tim Wilson, who complete the job of teaching our PTA students to assist in the practice of Physical Therapy.” PTA Alumnus Michael Wheeling, PTA, nominated Wilson for the award.

Watauga Campus Faculty and Staff Catch a Buzz at Adult Spelling Bee.

CCC&TI's Watauga Campus was represented in the Watauga County Adult Spelling Bee. Team members were Diane Barefoot, Diane Graham, Judi Hamm and Sandra Phillips. The bee was won by Cove Creek School's team who successfully spelled "whippoorwill". “There were 25 teams and 24 of them were eliminated with this one word. Who knew?” quipped Phillips. Dr. Tom Hearron also represented CCC&TI as one of the Bee’s judges. Phillips says the team is already looking forward to next year's event and bringing home the trophy!