This Week at CCC&TI

21 Birth-Kindergarten Bachelor’s Degree Information Session, 6 p.m., Rm. B-104

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Happy Birthday

Tommy Henderson, Jorge Serrano, Anna Alexander, Gilma Roberts, Vale Biddix, Jo Ann Bumgarner, Janice Clark, Wanda Prince, Kathy Cloer, Betty Jean Welch, Johnna Coffey, Becky Boone and Sandra Anderson.

What’s Happening?

CCC&TI nursing students were honored recently by the college’s nursing faculty during a luncheon held May 6 in celebration of National Nurses Week. The luncheon was hosted by the college’s nursing faculty and was held at the college’s Broyhill House. The students received door prizes and gift bags from local organizations. National Nurses Week was held May 6-12.

Congratulations to Cindy Parsons on her recent accomplishment of Clinical Nurse Specialist for Critical Care. This earned honor represents many hours of study and current clinical practice in the field of Critical Care. Way to go, Cindy!

The next Pre-Job class will be held from May 27 to June 28, 2002. This class meets Monday through Friday from 8:30 to - 11:30 AM in room G-213. The class is free for those who qualify. If you know of anyone who might be looking for work, please call Mandy Williams at 726-2230 for more information.

Those interested in earning a bachelor’s degree in Birth-Kindergarten from Western Carolina University at CCC&TI are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, in Room B-104. The program is designed for working adults with associate’s degrees. Part-time and evening studies available. For more information, call 726-2345.

The Department of Correction crew will be working at the Civic Center during the morning hours on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 assisting with grounds work.

This week on The College Connection, the guests are: two CCC&TI students who were honored for their academic excellence by the NCCCS; a scholarship winner who gives advice on how to find scholarship aid; and Dianne Henderson explaining the deadlines that face students applying for fall aid and for early registration. The show airs daily at 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Caldwell Charter Cable channel 3.

Tune in Tuesday, May 28 at 8 p.m. for a state budget special on UNC-TV. The broadcast, “State Budget Crisis: Cuts And Consequences,” will review the situation, which began about five months after the state budget was passed as state lawmakers realized that savings from budget cuts and dwindling tax revenues had not earned enough capital to balance the budget. By the end of March, at Governor Mike Easley’s request, state senators and representatives proposed another round of cuts, including education, health and human services and the department of correction. The show will profile the impact of budget reductions on the state and its citizens, and a panel of policymakers will discuss options to balance the state budget and answering questions from viewers. (UNC-TV is NC’s statewide public TV network. Check local listings for the correct
Remember all class information for the **fall schedule** should be keyed by Friday, May 24.

Mark your calendars now for next week’s **graduation ceremonies** at the civic center. GED/Adult High School Graduation will be held Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.; Curriculum Graduation will be held Friday, May 31 with a 5 p.m. ceremony for Arts and Sciences and Business graduates and an 8 p.m. ceremony for Health Sciences and Industrial graduates.

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**CCC&TI’s Annual Fund Drive Exceeds Goal**

Community support, drive and initiative in approaching new donors led to the most successful Annual Fund Drive ever to be held by Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Far surpassing the highest fund drive goal ever established by the Foundation at $225,000, volunteers raised more than $243,000. At a luncheon Tuesday heralding the official end of the fund drive, Peg Broyhill, chairman of the Foundation, said she was “ecstatic to announce” that the Foundation surpassed its goal by more than $18,000 for a total of just over $243,250.

As the song “Celebrate” by Kool and the Gang played in the background, Broyhill told the crowd gathered at the luncheon that there was cause for celebration. “We’re going to celebrate and have a good time today,” she said, alluding to the song’s lyrics. “You deserve to celebrate and have a good time. To say our campaign was a success is a huge understatement...And why wouldn’t it be? We had the master of fundraisers (Bank of Granite Chairmain John Forlines) leading our campaign, and he was determined not only to meet the goal of $225,000, but to surpass it, and we did."

Broyhill noted that Forlines and the entire group of volunteers worked tirelessly and feverishly to reach and exceed the campaign goal. “We knew it was not going to be easy to reach the highest goal ever in a very soft economic climate, but we knew if John Forlines said ‘yes’ to our request to lead the campaign that we would,” she said.

As Forlines addressed the gathering, he congratulated and thanked them for making the campaign a success and said he believed the drive succeeded because campaign workers were able to communicate to potential donors the tremendous need facing the college at a time when drastic budget cuts at the state level are being discussed. “You were able to get that message out to the people, and they responded” he said. Forlines added that over 180 donors made gifts to the college for the first time. "They will be a big help in future campaigns because they believe in the needs and mission of the college."

Forlines commended the college’s faculty and staff for contributing over $25,000 to the campaign, more than ever before. Other factors contributing to the success of the fund drive, according to Forlines, were the establishment of an alumni team, led by Jimmy Hemphill, special assistant to the college’s president, and Sheila Burns, who obtained $23,000 from 112 donors, and the willingness of regular donors to increase their yearly donations. "Many of the regular donors increased their contributions because they realized college needs are so great at this time."

In addition to Hemphill and Burns, other team captains were Ed Beam, Donna Belk, Ann Hancock, Peg Broyhill, John Forlines, Barbara Freiman, Kim Hutchens, Wayne Keller, Shirley Orrell, Mary Frances Sullivan, Reva Tunmire, Wade Wilmoth, Barbara Weiller, Dick Mitchell and Kim Kincaid.

Both Broyhill and Forlines said that the total amount of money collected is expected to rise as donations and pledges continue to arrive in the coming weeks. Money raised during the campaign will be used to fund the Student Aid Fund, general scholarships, special scholarships, “Dream” scholarships and academic support. Those interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the college’s Annual Fund Drive should contact the Foundation at (828)726-2260 or mail their donations to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute at 2855 Hickory Boulevard, Hudson, NC 28638.

**CCC&TI Students Receive Scholarships to Continue Education**

Four students at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were recently awarded scholarships by the Lenoir Service League for the upcoming fall semester. Donna Shatley, Clarissa (Chrissy) Hood and Susan Lovins each received $400 awards. Holly Phelps was awarded a $200 scholarship. Each year the service league provides a scholarship to deserving female students in Caldwell County. The awards are based upon demonstrated financial need from applicants who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning.

Susan Lovins, a graduating senior at West Caldwell High School, said she appreciates the scholarship. “It will really help me with my expenses,” she said. “I was surprised and happy when I learned I had gotten it.” Lovins is planning to enter CCC&TI’s transfer program with an eye toward pursuing a career in teaching, nursing or pharmacy.

Shatley, who is only two classes away from completing an associate of arts degree, said receiving the scholarship will help her achieve
her goal of becoming a drug and alcohol abuse counselor. “If it weren’t for grants and scholarships, I wouldn’t be able to attend college,” she said. Shatley works part-time in a mentoring program with the Caldwell County Department of Social Services and is the mother of a 7-year-old son. She plans to transfer to Lenoir-Rhyne College in 2003.

In addition to receiving the Service League scholarship, Hood, an occupational therapy assistant (OTA) major, has also been awarded a scholarship from the Lenoir Business and Professional Women’s Association. “These scholarships have really helped me out,” Hood remarked. “I plan to use some of the money to buy a computer, and I’m taking a class over the Internet with that. Also in the OTA program, I have to have lab coats, and I hope to be able to buy at least one coat with the rest of the money.” Hood is the mother of a 6-year-old son.

For more information on scholarships and financial aid available at CCC&TI, contact the college’s Financial Aid Office at (828)726-2713. Those interested in enrolling for the fall semester should apply now.

**CCC&TI Academic Excellence Award Students Honored**

Two outstanding students from CCC&TI were honored by the North Carolina Community College System at a special luncheon held in Raleigh on Tuesday, May 14. Ken Heavner and Larry Shanes were among 118 high achievers in the state to receive special recognition for their academic achievements and leadership abilities. The annual event celebrates the accomplishments of the best and the brightest students from among North Carolina’s 59 community colleges. NCCCS President H. Martin Lancaster, State Board of Community Colleges Chair James J. Woody and Dr. James Owen, President of the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents, participated in the tribute.

Heavner, a resident of Lenoir, will graduate from CCC&TI’s college transfer program on May 31. With a current 3.67 grade point average, he plans to pursue his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering at UNC-Charlotte this fall. “I’ve always liked math, so a career in engineering and design is a good match for me,” said Heavner. “I will be able to work for cities and municipalities building and designing roads, water systems and things of that nature.”

A 1999 graduate of West Caldwell High School, Heavner enrolled at CCC&TI because it was close to home. “It was more affordable for me to complete my first two years at CCC&TI,” he said. “I really liked my instructors.”

During his eight years of service in the marines, Shanes worked in aviation electronics, gaining lots of hands-on experience before landing a job at Hickory Springs in maintenance, research and development. His interest in electronics spurred him to pursue his associate’s degree in mechanical engineering technology at CCC&TI. “I built a lot of stuff as a kid,” said Shanes. “When I was in the military, I became interested in the mechanical end of things, not only building but seeing how things work.”

“The location of CCC&TI’s campus was very convenient for me,” added Shanes, who currently resides in Hudson with his wife and six-year old daughter. “My instructors were great.” Like Heavner, Shanes, who holds a 3.67 grade point average, will also head to UNC-Charlotte to complete his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering after graduating from CCC&TI. Both students will transfer in as juniors.

The goal of the Academic Excellence Award is to recognize excellence and encourage scholarship among the more than 800,000 students of the North Carolina Community College System. The students selected at each institution have set the highest possible goals and attained the pinnacle of academic success in the state’s community college system, the third largest in the country.

**Seven Students Graduate Nurse Aide II Program at CCCTI**

Seven graduates of the Nurse Aide II program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were honored for their accomplishments recently during a graduation ceremony held at the college. The students all completed the 160-hour course that is designed to prepare students to perform more complex skills for patients or residents in various settings. Offered to those currently certified at the nurse aide I level, the course covers a basic understanding of more complex procedures, including such topics as sterile technique, IV maintenance, oxygen therapy, infection control and safety issues. To enroll or receive additional information about the program, contact CCC&TI’s Continuing Education Department at (828)726-2242.

**Twenty-eight Students Graduate from CCC&TI’s Nursing Program**

Students graduating from the associate degree nursing program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were challenged to take care of themselves as well as their patients during a pinning ceremony held May 9 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic
Center in Lenoir. Elizabeth Chelette, an assistant nurse manager at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, gave the special address on “Nursing in the Real World.” In addition to reminding the students to incorporate the philosophy of caring into their careers, Chelette also told them it was important to become patient advocates.

During the ceremony, awards were presented to four students for their contributions and dedication to the nursing program. Lisa Havnaer Poovey of Hickory and Donna Latham Munday of Creston, N.C., were presented with the Student Award. Nursing students give the award to a class member who has been a source of inspiration and an asset to others in the nursing program. Faculty awards for students who exhibit outstanding academic and clinical performance were presented to Jamey Irene Ellison of Todd, N.C., and Lauren Bass Wright of Maiden.

This year’s graduates are Shannon Clark Ashley, Emily Caroline Beam George Ruffin Benton IV, Amanda Rene Berry, Timothy Matthew Bibby, Michelle Light Bliss, Betsy Wright Buchanan, Kathy Jo Campbell, Jamey Irene Ellison, Melanie Renee Greene, Ocksun Lee Heinrich, Jenny Corrine Jackson, Sandra Douglas Jaynes, Regina Maddox Jordan, Bunny Ellena Leibrecht, Kelli Goodrow Lovejoy, Cameron Eugene Miller Jr., Cynthia Renee Miller, Jason Daniel Moretz, Donna Latham Munday, Nancy lee Phillips, Lisa Havnaer Poovey, Heather Nicole Setzer, Gwendolen June Shepler, Carole Leigh Stamey , April Colvard Vecchio, Lauren Bass Wright and Julie Johnson Yount.

For more information on CCC&TI’s nursing program, contact Jan Overman, associate dean of health science and director of the nursing program, at (828)726-2343.

Country Music Stars Chely Wright and Mark McGuinn to Perform at Civic Center

Chely Wright, well-known country artist and songwriter, and Mark McGuinn, country music composer, vocalist and instrumentalist, will appear in concert at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, June 21, when they present an evening of country music. From her breakthrough smash, “Single White Female,” to her newest album, “Never Love You Enough,” Wright will showcase the talent that has brought her to the forefront of the current musical world. McGuinn will appear on the same evening’s performance, delighting fans with the opportunity to see two shows in one. From love songs to songs of loyalty and compassion, he will perform in his unique style that reflects pure, honest emotions.

Beginning her professional music career at age 14, Wright began singing on weekends in clubs and honky-tonks in her own County Line Band, which included her father on bass. Both her talent and star power have propelled Wright into popularity that demands an almost full-time touring schedule today. She has been named Top New Female Artist by the Academy of Country Music. Her first top-ten hit, “Shut Up and Drive,” came in 1997. In 1999, Wright opened for Vince Gill and became the only female artist chosen for the Crown Royal Tour. That same year, her “Single White Female” recording topped the charts at No. 1.

In 2001, Wright was part of a star-studded Fourth of July concert broadcast live on PBS from the capitol building in Washington, D.C. More than half a million people watched as Wright joined other top-name entertainers for the day’s most-watched celebration of the country’s 225th birthday. She has also appeared at the new Country Music Hall of Fame, where she was part of an impressive line-up at MCA Nashville’s recent Label of the Decade celebration. As the latest in a series of extraordinary female singers, she said the evening held for her a “pretty high chill bump factor.”

McGuinn describes himself as first and foremost a musician, dedicated to the art form and deeply concerned with writing and performing great tunes. He loves what he does and follows his heart. “For me, music is about feeling, trying to say something to people that moves them, makes them think, respond and finally makes an impression in their lives,” McGuinn said.

Born and raised in North Carolina, he mastered the trumpet and started his musical career by learning swing era jazz and pop. After mastering the guitar and piano, McGuinn moved to Nashville and has developed as a first-rate country star. Eleven of the 12 songs on his debut album with VFR Records were co-written by McGuinn and all embody the virtues that make the best popular tunes so unforgettable. Like all great musicians, McGuinn communicates to his audience and presents his music in a stirring and pleasing manner.

The 8 p.m. performance is sponsored by radio station KICKS 103.3 FM. Ticket prices are $19.50, $23.50 and $29.50 and may be purchased by calling the civic center at (828) 726-2407. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

CCC&TI Players Named All-American

Heating up the courts early on paid off as two area basketball players were recently named to the NJCAA All-American team. Curtis Jones and Trae Smith led the 2001-02 Cobras of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to an amazing sixth place finish in the nation, a first for the state in Division III community college basketball.

“I’m thrilled. It is quite an honor for these two young men to be recognized among the top 20 players in the nation,” remarked CCC&TI Head Basketball Coach Bill Payne. Of the 100 Division III (non-scholarship) basketball teams in the country, the NJCAA names three All-American teams of five players and one Honorable Mention team each year.

Playing quietly for the love of the game, both of the Cobras are excited about their recent triumphs in the college’s basket-
ball program and the opportunity to compete at the national level. Smith, named to the 2nd Team All-American, was pleased to receive the award. “It was a great experience to go to the national tournament. It let the program know where it needs to be for the Cobras to become future national champions,” said Smith.

Smith, who resides in Lincolnton, has been playing ball since the age of six. A two-year starter at CCC&TI, he was the team’s leading rebounder and second leading scorer as a freshman. “Trae is a quiet leader, a leader by example,” said Payne. “His role changed his sophomore year, as we added a center and moved Trae out to the wing. This transition allowed him to develop his outside shooting and become an unstoppable Division III basketball player. He is a gentleman at all times and has a family who showed tremendous support for him and the team the entire season.”

Smith, this year’s team co-captain, racked up 50 blocked shots in 50 games as a Cobra and had a 51 percent career field goal percentage. Awards include 2001, 2002 All-Conference; 2001, 2002 All NJCAA Division III, Region X; and 2002 All NJCAA Division III District 7. Smith, a college transfer student, is currently being recruited by several four-year schools due to his performance on the court and in the classroom. He hopes to pursue a career in business.

Smith expressed appreciation for the support he’s received from both the college and his family. “Everyone at Caldwell is caring,” he said, “but the best thing about CCC&TI is Coach Payne. He really cares about his players and puts academics before basketball. It also means a lot to me that both of my parents find the time to see me play and take an interest in my learning.”

Curtis Jones, who was awarded Honorable Mention, All-American, is a graduate of Hickory High School. “I’ve loved to play basketball ever since I can remember, and I play every chance I get,” said Jones, who also finds time to referee intramural basketball at the college. The 6’3” center led the Cobras in field goal percentage, rebounding and scoring, chalking up 16 blocked shots and 58 assists in 20 games. Awards include 2002 All Conference Player of the Year, 2002 All-Academic Team, 2002 All NJCAA Division III Region X and 2002 All NJCAA Division III District 7 Most Valuable Player.

“Curtis is a quick jumper and difficult to guard,” said Payne. “Though he had to guard players much taller than he is, he consistently shut them down during the season. C.J. is very coachable, works hard and is a good student. He will make an impact in an NCAA program after his sophomore season.”

Also a college transfer student, Jones plans to pursue his education in computer information after completing his associate’s degree at CCC&TI. “I enjoy the people at CCC&TI. The college has a very organized basketball program. I enjoyed the whole season and look forward to more good things to come.”

“I can’t be more proud of what this says about our basketball program, our coaches and these student athletes,” said Garrett Hinshaw, athletic director and dean of student services. “Trae is in good academic standing; C.J. is an outstanding student. They realize it’s not just about playing the game but also the responsibility they demonstrate in the classroom that makes them true leaders.”

For more information about CCC&TI athletics, call 828.726.2388 or 726.2700.