This Week at CCC&TI

29  Student Rally in Raleigh
30  GED/AHS Graduation, 7 p.m., Broyhill Civic Center
31  Curriculum Graduation, Civic Ctr, 5 p.m. - Arts & Sciences, Business Ceremony, 8 p.m. - Health Sciences and Industrial Ceremony
1  County Fair for Cancer Survivors, 2 to 5 p.m., Gym

Have an announcement? Call the Marketing and Communications Department at 726-2257 or e-mail your news to Marla Christie, public information officer, at mchristie@caldwell.cc.nc.us or Kara Presnell, public information asst. at kpresnell@caldwell.cc.nc.us. Deadline for information is each Thursday at noon.

Happy Birthday
Cheryl Hoover, Annette Dula, James Patterson, Linda Wortman Lowe and Brenda Goble.

What’s Happening?

Students across the state will rally in Raleigh Wednesday, May 29, to voice concerns regarding the state budget crisis and its impact on community colleges. The SGA will lead a student delegation to hand deliver a petition and meet with local legislators. Help make our voice be heard! Those students who wish to participate in the rally should sign up with Gilma Roberts or contact Garrett Hinshaw no later than 5 p.m. Monday, May 27th. A charter bus will leave campus at 6 a.m. Wed., returning at approximately 8 p.m. For further details, call SGAPresident, Robyn St. Clair, at 726-2479 or 754-3424. This trip is being funded by non-state contributions.

Congratulations to CCC&TI, winner of this year’s CCB Gold Apple Award, for its commitment to the development of exemplary partnerships with public educators and business leaders. The annual award, created by Central Carolina Bank, recognizes businesses and individuals for their contributions to Caldwell County Schools. A $1,000 award will be donated to the Educating Foundation by CCB for Health Sciences and Industrial graduates.

GED/Adult High School Graduation: Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.; Curriculum Graduation: Friday, May 31 with a 5 p.m. ceremony for Arts and Sciences and Business graduates and an 8 p.m. ceremony.

Farewell to Wayne Trousdale who wraps up his role as host of The College Connection this week. Tune in to a special final episode with Trousdale as he discusses the early days of CCC&TI with guests, Dr. Ed Beam, the institution’s first president, and Ms. Eliza Bishop, former dean of arts and sciences and a member of the original board of trustees. The show airs daily on Caldwell Charter Cable channel 3 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. this week.

Honor cancer survivors on Saturday, June 1 by attending “A Day at the County Fair,” a celebration recognizing Caldwell County residents who have survived battles with cancer. The event, which features free food, games, entertainment, door prizes and more, will be held at CCC&TI from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the gymnasium. Betsey Patterson, a 16-year lymphoma survivor, will be the guest speaker. The event is sponsored by CCC&TI’s Circle K Club, Caldwell Memorial Hospital, Ortho-Biotech Pharmaceuticals, the American Cancer Society and AMGEN Pharmaceuticals. Please RSVP to 757-5448.

Congratulations to the Class of 2002! This week’s graduation ceremonies scheduled at the civic center will be held as follows: GED/Adult High School Graduation: Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.; Curriculum Graduation: Friday, May 31 with a 5 p.m. ceremony for Arts and Sciences and Business graduates and an 8 p.m. ceremony.
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.

Now is the time to apply for financial aid for fall semester!! See the financial aid office for further details.

New students thinking of enrolling in a curriculum class or program of study should apply now for fall 2002. This year’s state budget crisis will likely force the college to limit the number of classes and training opportunities. As a result, a special Early Bird Registration will be held on the Caldwell Campus July 16th. New students should plan to attend the 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. orientation session. Only those who have completed the designated requirements will be eligible to register for curriculum classes on this date. Call 726-2700 today to start the admissions process and qualify for this special opportunity to take advantage of first choice of classes before they fill.

Mark your calendars! Current students and those enrolled this past spring are strongly urged to register early for fall to have the best chance of getting the classes they need in order to graduate on time and complete their program of study. If you are a current student, be sure to reserve your seat before registration opens to the public! Classes are expected to fill quickly. Early registration dates are as follows: Caldwell Campus - July 8 - 11; Watauga Campus - July 8 -18. Contact your advisor for details.

Congratulations to the Speech Language Pathology Assistant Class of 2002 for recognition of highest student membership in the North Carolina Speech, Hearing and Language Association. May is Better Speech and Hearing Month

The PTA Club is selling Biofreeze, a topical pain relieving gel. Roll-ons and tubes are $10 each and 16 oz. pumps are $30. A few larger containers of Biofreeze are available. See Martha Zimmerman for a free sample. To purchase a tube see Zimmerman or a PTA student in E-101 on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Monday and Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m.

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 channel).

CCC&TI Hosts Visitors From United Kingdom

With educational reform gaining much attention abroad, a group of 17 delegates from the United Kingdom Higher Education Study Program visited CCC&TI Saturday, May 18, to explore cooperative efforts among community colleges and universities in North Carolina. Participants along with officials from the North Carolina Community College System Office toured the CCC&TI campus, one of several stops during the group’s eight-day stay. The trip included visits to five state community colleges and four universities, including Appalachian State University, NC State, UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Charlotte.

The main purpose of the program, according to NCCCS President Martin Lancaster, is to study a more seamless approach to education, particularly the articulation among the United Kingdom’s Colleges of Further Education (the equivalent of community colleges) and universities. However, he indicated the group also expressed interest in workforce development and distance education.

CCC&TI President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham presented the delegation with an overview of the college and area demographics, focusing primarily on enrollment, population and cooperative efforts among business, industry, the public school systems universities and the community at large. Visitors were especially interested in CCC&TI’s collaborative efforts with the Teacher Training Center concept, the Caldwell County Career Center and bachelor’s degrees offered on campus through the Appalachian Learning Alliance. Inquiries also centered around the institution’s planning process, program advisory committees and funding. The group concluded its visit with a tour of the Career Center and the college’s Broyhill House in Lenoir.

“We are pleased to be identified as an institution on the cutting edge and to receive state and international attention,” said Boham. “We were delighted to be selected as a part of this program.”

Over the last year, North Carolina’s Community College System has hosted visitors from several countries, including Russia, Senegal, Thailand and Japan. Serving more than 800,000 students each year, the NCCCS is the state’s primary agency for workforce and literacy training, making it the third largest system in the nation.
Two Young Women Complete GEDs Despite Challenging Circumstances

As the graduation date approaches for those who have completed the requirements to earn their GEDs or Adult High School diplomas at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, the families of two local women are proud of the fact that the young women did not allow unplanned teenaged pregnancies to derail their plans. Robert Howell of Bethlehem is the father of Bambi Kaylor, a 20-year-old mother of two who lives in Caldwell County. “We’re really proud of her,” Howell said. “We didn’t know if she would do it or not. She had been in and out of the program a couple of times, but then she settled in and got it done.”

Howell, who described his daughter as a “headstrong teen,” said she has come a long way since then. “She’s really turned into a great wife and mother. She’s a very good mother to her kids and a good wife to her husband,” he said.

Both Howell and Kaylor said the young woman had her family’s support. “We just tried to help her out and encourage her to go,” Howell said. “We wanted to make it as easy as possible for her to go back to school and get it done.”

“It was just something I had always wanted to do,” Kaylor said of earning her GED. “But when I got pregnant and married, I decided to stay home with my daughter Anna.”

Kaylor noted that her daughter is named after one of her husband’s former elementary school teachers, Anne Stewart, who also teaches in CCC&TI’s GED program. It was that connection that led Kaylor to CCC&TI. “I really, really liked (Anne Stewart) as a person, and I knew that if anybody could help me through this, it was her,” she explained. A chance meeting in the community between the Kaylors and Stewart brought Bambi and her husband to the college.

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Once she was able to locate suitable childcare for her son, Wilcox enrolled in CCC&TI’s program. “I was kind of afraid, I didn’t think I could do it, but once I got started it was easier than I thought it would be. When I finished, I remember thinking to myself that I wished I had done it a long time ago,” she said. “It’s really a good feeling to know that I’ve done this.”

With an eye toward graduation on Thursday, May 30, both women also have one eye looking toward the future. Wilcox said she hopes to continue her education by enrolling in a Spanish class in the fall with an eye toward teaching the subject in the future. “I’ve got a lot of friends who speak Spanish, and I understand it pretty well. I would like to be able to teach it later on,” she stated.

Kaylor is enrolled in the college’s cosmetology program and is looking forward to completing the program. “It’s really a great feeling to know that you are doing something that can make your future better,” she reflected. “I would encourage anyone who is thinking about going back to school to do it. You’ll be glad you did.”

For more information on CCC&TI’s GED or Adult High School programs, contact the college’s Basic Skills Department at (828)726-2230.

CCC&TI Trucking Scholarship Awarded to Local Man

A Hudson man has become the first recipient of a scholarship at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute that was established in memory of a former student who was known for his compassion and desire to help others. Brian Quick received the James Douglas “Doug” Weiller Scholarship, which provides for the full cost of books and tuition for a student enrolled in the college’s Truck Driver Training Program. The scholarship was created in Weiller’s memory by his parents, Don and Barbara Weiller, and his wife, Mia Magrogan Weiller following his death in a work-related vehicle accident.

Quick, who has already begun his training program, said he was surprised to learn he had been awarded the scholarship. “I just went to see how much it would (cost) for the program, and Faye (Lewis, administrative assistant) told me about the scholarship, so I filled out the application,” he explained. “I really didn’t think about winning it, but I’m glad I did.”

Married with two daughters, ages 3 and 8 months, Quick said his family is behind him 100 percent, and he is looking forward to a new career. “In every job I’ve ever had, I’ve always done some driving, so I thought I might as well get my CDL (commercial driver’s license), so I could provide better financially for my family.”

According to Weiller’s family, the scholarship is a fitting tribute to a man who often generously helped strangers who found themselves in financial trouble. Weiller was a graduate of CCC&TI’s truck driver training program. His compassion and love of the truck driving profession formed the basis for his family's decision to establish a scholarship in his memory. Anyone wishing to contribute to the James Douglas Weiller Scholarship may do so by contacting the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute at (828)726-2260. For more information on the college’s Truck Driver Training Program, contact Rudy Fox at 726-2386.

SSS Students Honored at Awards Luncheon
Student Support Services students at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute celebrated another year of achievement as participants were honored at the group’s annual awards luncheon held earlier this month. Dozens of college instructors and officials were on hand for the event.

Dr. Lorraine Minton, CCC&TI vice president of instruction, addressed the Caldwell Campus group at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. “SSS is that someone who understands the challenges you face as students,” Minton said, thanking the staff members for their devotion and genuine concern and the faculty who have gone the extra mile.

“Never be too proud to enlist the help of others,” she told students. “Those with a sense of community and common direction reach their goals faster,” she said. “Picture yourselves as a box of crayons. Though you’re all different colors, some sharp, others dull, you all stand up straight and hold each other up. Don’t be afraid to look fear in the face and gain strength from your experiences. Learn to bend and not break,” she urged.

Guest speaker for the Watauga Campus luncheon was Sandy Sims, an SS alumna who completed her bachelor’s degree in social work from ASU in December and will begin work on her master’s of social work at the University of South Carolina in the fall. Sims is the house social worker at the Hospitality House in Boone. She encouraged students to find the time to help someone else. “It makes a difference in your life and in the lives of those you help,” she said. “You have the opportunity to turn knowledge into action, and I encourage you to do so.”

SSS, part of a TRIO program, accepts 150 students per year. Participants are usually the first in their family to attend college. Many are “non-traditional” students who are older than the average college age or who have not yet met with financial or academic success. Research has shown that participants in these programs are four times more likely to earn a degree than are students from similar backgrounds who do not participate.

Annual SSS awards were presented as follows:

**Caldwell Campus:**

**Outstanding Personal Growth** awards: Christina Bryant, Dean Clark, Christine Frye, Sharon Smith, Cindy Terry, and Jacob Wallace.

**Exceptional Persistence** awards: Faye Auton, Brenda Dishmond, Dana Jetton, Betty McQueen, Melody Price, Misty Reichard, Darlene Richardson, Kennette Roseboro, Robyn St. Clair, and Lueann Sawyer.

**Outstanding Improvement** awards: Sandra Bost, Shane Bryant, Tyler Nix, and Chad Roseboro.

**Outstanding SSS Participation and Service** awards for those who participated in at least 17 SSS activities, such as ushering at the Civic Center or assisting with registration, blood drives, mentoring lunches, and SSS fundraisers, during the school year: Gloria Chester, Kelly Griffith, Dana Jetton, Tyler Nix, Laurie Norris, Sharon Smith, Cindy Terry, and Meghan Watts.

**Outstanding College Participation and Service** awards for those who developed leadership skills and served the institution in various positions: Gloria Armstrong, secretary of Ebony Kinship; Christina Bryant, treasurer of the Paralegal Club; Shane Bryant, SGA senator; Christina Carey, president of the Radiography Club; Jessica Coffey, SGA senator; Ebony Greene, treasurer of Circle K; Tammy Greene, treasurer of Ebony Kinship; Angie Helton, vice-president of Circle K; Marla Parsons, SGA vice-president; Betty McQueen, vice-president of the paralegal club; Freda Parker, president of the CCC&TI Ambassadors; Jenna Ricker, treasurer of the Radiography Club; Robyn St. Clair, SGA president; Lucanne Sawyer, vice-president of the CCC&TI Ambassadors; Debbie Smith, president of the Paralegal Club; Sara Spencer, vice-president of Circle K; and Jacob Wallace, SGA senator.

**Super Supporter** awards were presented by Kelly Griffith to Dr. Tom Hearron, English instructor, and by Crystal Miller to David Pipes, psychology instructor. Other Super Supporter nominees were Rosanne Annas, Matt Connor, Julia Davis, Dustin Greene, Ben Sigmon, Lorrie Willey and Heather Wright.

**Watauga Campus:**

**Outstanding Improvement** awards: Jennifer Miller, Melissa Tadlock, and Amy Walls.

**Outstanding Persistence** awards: Sherron Cornett, Sharon Wood, and Angel Newman.

**Outstanding Involvement** awards: Kaki Newsome, Jennifer Dauler, and Ronda Carpenter.

The **Super Supporter** award was presented by Amber Adkins and Deborah White to Michelle Powell-Reece, a math instructor. Other nominees were Kathryn Crepeau, Regina Delisse, Tom Fleckenstein, David Freeman, Diana Miller, Mike Neyhouse, Billie Toney, and Shirley Unsworth.