Calendar of Events

3 Circle K BBQ Sale, Student Lounge, Lunchtime
CCC&TI Chorus Christmas Concert, FPA Theatre, 12:15 p.m.
Cobra Basketball, Away, CCC&TI vs. Carolina Commanders at Lees-McRae College, 7 p.m.

5-7 FPA’s “A Child’s Christmas in Wales,” 8 p.m., FPA Theatre
History of Christmas Carols by Kay Crouch, FPA Theatre, 11 a.m.
Roy Clark, Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

6 Home Basketball Game, CCC&TI vs. Central Carolina CC, Gym, 3 p.m.

7 “A Child’s Christmas in Wales,” FPA Theatre, 3 p.m.

8-14 “A Child’s Christmas in Wales,” FPA Theatre, 8 p.m.

Happy Birthday
Keith Money, Clara Johnson, Martha Zimmerman, Beverly Jaynes, Dan Cline, Aaron Cook, Michael Philayaw, Melodie Yancey, Cheryl Miller, Cheryl Bolt, Ron Poteat and Ken Bolick.
These include birthdays between 12/2 - 12/15.

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What’s Happening?

Want to travel and earn college credit? For the first time CCC&TI is offering a class in landscape painting in Montalcino, Italy from May 31, 2003 to June 7, 2003. Students will reside in an 11th century monastery and receive a week of intensive instruction. All meals are included. On location, the coursework will be supplemented with study on related topics. The class is open to all levels and non-painters are also welcome. The deadline for application is Jan. 15, 2003. For more information or questions contact Jean Cauthen at 726-2331 or by email at jeanc@cccti.edu.

Tired of leftovers? Circle K will be selling Eastern Style Barbeque on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at lunchtime in the student lounge. For $5 you will get: Barbeque/Bun, baked beans, cole slaw and drink. “To-go” boxes will also be available.

The SGADoor Decorating Contest on the Caldwell Campus is just around the corner! Please come by the SGA office and sign up ASAP. The judging will be held during the week of exams (Dec. 11-13 W-F). Entries will be based on style, originality, theme related to the sponsoring group and overall appearance. Prizes will be awarded during the first week of January. All forms must be turned in at the SGA office by Dec. 9th. The prize money will be awarded to the specific club to use any way they see fit! See Shane Bryant or Matt Clawson for details. - 1st Place - $100; 2nd Place - $75; 3rd Place - $50.

The student body at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently elected the Student Government Association’s officers and senators for the 2002-2003 school year. The officers are: Jennifer Owen, president; Heather Taylor, vice president; Shane Bryant, treasurer; and Jamie Davis, secretary. The senators are Vanessa Carlton, Matt Clawson, Kelly Griffith, Jessica Jewell, Conrad Melecio, and Renee Williams. Congratulations!

Do you feel lucky? You have a chance to win a Christmas basket in a raffle sponsored by CCC&TI’s chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educational Office Personnel on Dec. 9. The basket is filled with many goodies including an antique painted tin Santa, potpourri, absorbent coasters, chocolate samplers, candles, several flavors of Godiva coffees, coffee mug, assorted teas, tea towels, chocolate spoons, a snowman card holder, Christmas ornaments, a wreath hanger and a book by Dr. James Dobson entitled “Coming Home.” The basket can be seen in the bookstore display in E-building on the bottom floor beside the elevator. Tickets are $1 each. Proceeds will go to fund the Julia Alexander Scholarship. Julia Alexander was a past president of the NCAEOP chapter at CCC&TI, and the scholarship is given each year in her memory to a student enrolled in an office related technical program. The student receives $300, $150 in the fall and $150 in the spring to assist with tuition and fees. The goal of NCAEOP is to promote and further the cause of education by improving the quality of office personnel service to the school and community.
Membership is open to office personnel employed full-time in any educational system or organization concerned about education within the state. For more information on NCAEOP, the raffle or the scholarship, contact Anita Triplett or Dixie Poarch.

Just in time for the holidays... The **Business Club** is selling raffle tickets for a number of items ($50 gift certificate, handmade quilt, handmade afghan, sterling silver necklace and earring set, large mirror, $20 gift certificate to Nara Express, a $20 gift certificate to Lingerie-for-Less and more). Tickets are $1 each and may be purchased by contacting Betty Jolly or a Business Club member. Drawing will be Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m.

**CCC&TI Job Vacancy:** Administrative Assistant; Basic Skills Department (contingent upon funding) Applicant must have an associate’s degree in secretarial sciences, business administration, computer science or a related field. Three years of increasingly responsible secretarial and administrative experience preferred. Applicant must be proficient in Windows 95/98, Microsoft Word and Excel; excellent telephone and customer services skills required. Application Deadline: Dec. 6. Contact Human Resources at 726-2499 for an official application package.

It’s the season for giving. If your club is involved in any **holiday service projects**, please notify the Marketing and Communications Dept. We’d like to show how the college gives back to the community.

**Ready for winter? Please make note of newly revised Inclement Weather Procedures as follows:**

CCC&TI’s Caldwell Campus will be closed only by the president of the college or by administrative designee. The executive director of the Watauga campus, usually after consulting with the president or designee, will make the decision to close the campus in Watauga County. Our weather calls during winter storms will more closely resemble cancellation decisions made by local business and industry than decisions made by the local school system. As a general rule, we will wait until frozen precipitation hits, begins to stick, and is predicted to sufficiently accumulate before delaying and/or canceling classes.

**3 ways to check announcements:**

- Call CCC&TI’s Snowlines: 828-726-2900 (Caldwell); 828-297-7077 (Watauga)
- Check the CCC&TI website: www.cccti.edu and click on “weather”
- Listen to the following radio and TV stations:
  - Boone: WATA/WZIS-FM 100.7, WECR FM 102.3
  - Charlotte: WBTW, WSOIC, WFAE 90.3 FM-Hickory, WFAE 90.7 FM-Charlotte, WCNC Channel 36 NBC, WCCT-TV-Fox 18 News
  - Lenoir: WJRI, WKVS (KICKS 103.3)
  - Statesville: WFMX-F 105-F Country, WSIC-1400 AM

No announcement means we will operate on a normal schedule.

**Closings:** Announcements will be made as follows:

- CCC (Caldwell or Watauga) Campus: Closed - Day and Evening
- CCC (Caldwell or Watauga) Campus: Closed - Day Classes
- CCC (Caldwell or Watauga) Campus: Closed - Evening Classes

**Delays:** Announcements will be made as follows:

- CCC (Caldwell or Watauga) Campus will be on a (one-hour delay, two-hour delay, etc).

For example, "two-hour delay" will actually mean that classes will begin at 10 a.m. and continue thereafter on a regular schedule. If we find it necessary to delay evening classes, we will use 5 p.m. as a reference time for delays. A "one-hour delay," for example, will mean that all classes that would be in session at 6:00 p.m. would meet and conclude at their normal time.

Announcements on closing and delays by the college will be given to radio and television stations by 6:00 a.m. for morning classes, and 4:00 p.m. for evening classes. No announcement means we will operate on a normal schedule.

Specific inclement weather policies for clinical, cooperative education and other off-campus work experiences have been developed and may be obtained from program directors.

When the college is closed, only specified college personnel (switchboard, security, maintenance, President’s staff) should report as soon as road conditions permit. In Watauga, the executive director and designated staff will report as soon as conditions permit.

Annual leave earned by employees is not affected by the closing of school due to inclement weather. On the other hand, employees will be charged with vacation when they fail to report as scheduled if classes are held as usual or for a shortened schedule as announced.

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**The Caldwell Chronicle** is a biweekly, electronic publication for CCC&TI friends and family. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the Marketing and Communications Department by noon Thursday. Call 726-2257 or e-mail your news to Marla Christie, public information officer, at mchristie@cccti.edu or Denise Wagner, marketing and communications specialist, at dwagner@cccti.edu. We welcome your suggestions. CCC&TI is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
Cobra Basketball Roundup

The Cobras of CCC&TI have played with determination against several teams over the past couple of weeks. CCC&TI went up against the Carolina Commanders in an exhibition game on Nov. 14, losing 85-77. Players for the Commanders included Tyson Patterson and Cedric Holmes, graduates of Appalachian State University, Victor Ebong from UNC Wilmington, Dan Tollsins from Lees McRae and former Cobra, Andrew Smith.

On Nov. 16, CCC&TI hosted Rockingham Community College and lost 82-65. “The Cobras battled hard and were outsized but not out hustled,” said Coach Bill Payne. Leading for the Cobras were Curt Jones with 19 points and seven rebounds and Josh Ramsey with five assists. Menyel Flowers contributed 10 points.

Queens University forfeited the Nov. 19 game against the Cobras.

Spartanburg Methodist College hosted the Nov. 23 game against the Cobras in Spartanburg, S.C. The Cobras played together as a team but were defeated 83-76. “The effort the guys displayed against Spartanburg was the best they have put forth this season,” said Coach Bill Payne. “The effort was outstanding.”

Leaders for the Cobras included Curt Jones with 17 points, six rebounds and four assists. C.J. Genwright added 15 points and Jeff Spain contributed 10 points.

“We played them even on the boards, 24 each, which is a big step toward improving our defense,” said Coach Bill Payne. “If this effort continues, we will again have a chance to compete with the elite teams in our region.”

The Cobras will play an exhibition game against the Carolina Commanders on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in Boone. The next home game will be on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. The Cobras will play Region X opponent, Central Carolina Community College. Visit the college website at www.cccti.edu under Student Life/Athletics for the latest sports coverage.

Beam Receives Highest Community College Honor

The State Board of Community Colleges presented this year’s prestigious I.E. Ready Award to Dr. H. Edwin Beam, former president of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, on Friday, Nov. 15, at the RBC Center in Raleigh. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the State Board, recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the community college system locally, statewide and nationally. More than 300 community college employees and supporters attended the special awards luncheon. A group of 35 employees and retirees from CCC&TI alone accompanied Beam in support of his long-standing dedication to education.

Beam, a native of Cleveland County, was among three recipients honored for their lifetime commitment to education. After leaving the military with the rank of Captain and earning his bachelor’s degree at North Carolina State University, Beam taught high school in Sampson and Lincoln Counties. After obtaining his masters from N.C. State and later his doctorate at UNC-Chapel Hill, he was named principal of a Lincoln County high school and became an associate professor at N.C. State University. In 1964, Beam was named the first president of CCC&TI where he served for 20 years until his retirement in 1984. He later served as interim president at Southeastern, Wilkes, CCC&TI and McDowell Community Colleges.

“As a founding president, Dr. Beam not only served the college, but also the System, said CCC&TI President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham. “We owe a great deal of gratitude to those pioneers who built the best System in the country. Dr. Beam remains an active volunteer at CCC&TI, assisting on the foundation board and other various projects. However, his dedication and service extends far beyond Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. I hold him in the highest regard of professionals I have had the pleasure of being associated with in my career.”

“Dr. Beam was always very caring and freely gave of his time to the college and the community,” said Brenda Goble, who assisted as his secretary for ten years. “And he had such foresight. He saw this college 30 years before it ever happened. It was Dr. Beams planning and persistence that laid the foundation for what CCC&TI is today.”

In addition to his service to the college, Beam has been active in a number of community
organizations over the years. He is the past president of the North Carolina Adult Education Association, the Lenoir Rotary Club, the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents and the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a member of the executive committee of the Regional Health Council of Eastern Appalachia, the North Carolina Advisory Council on Vocational Education and the Community College Advisory Council to the North Carolina State Board of Education. He has also served as chair of several community college evaluation committees for the North Carolina Community College System and for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1983, Beam was honored with the L.A. Dysart Award for outstanding citizenship in Caldwell County.

The I.E. Ready Award honors individuals who, by their leadership and service, have contributed significantly to the establishment and growth of the North Carolinas community colleges. The award, established in 1983, is named for Isaac E. Ready, the first state director of the Department of Community Colleges.

Beam is a member and past chairman of the Board of Deacons at First Baptist Church in Lenoir. He and his wife Evelyn currently reside in Lenoir.

Other recipients honored at the annual Day of Recognition Ceremony included Meigs Golden and J. Gregory Poole, Jr., also I.E. Ready honorees; Stephanie Hunt of Wayne Community College, Excellence in Teaching; Kathryn Baker Smith of Guilford Technical Community College, Staff Person of the Year; P. Anthony Zeiss of Central Piedmont Community College, President of the Year; and Sharon Wright-Watson, a graduate of Piedmont Community College, Presidents'Leadership Award.

Jensen Scholarship to Benefit CCC&TI Healthcare Students

Improving the lives of disabled citizens is not only the mission of Caldwell Opportunities, it has been the mission of Don Jensen for nearly 40 years. A newly endowed scholarship at CCC&TI now bears Jensen’s name in honor of his unyielding devotion to the organization and countless clients over the years.

Jensen’s interest in helping the disabled originated from his own tragic experience with a handicapped son who died at nine years of age. “It taught me that there are great people who need help,” noted Jensen. In addition to his countless volunteer efforts and initiatives, Jensen currently serves as chairman of the board at Caldwell Opportunities. He is the retired owner of Western Carolina Electric Company in Lenoir.

“It would have been easy for Don to have walked away considering his personal experience,” said Tom Brittain, scholarship donor, founding director and new member of the board of Caldwell Opportunities, and owner of Turning Point Services, Inc. in Morganton. “Instead, he has continued to help hundreds of others through the years. Every time this program has had a challenge, it’s Don Jensen who steps up. Nearly every fundraising effort has been spearheaded by Don Jensen. His presence is always here. This scholarship is just one small way we can do something to honor him, highlight one of those loves of his life and increase community awareness at the same time.”

Founded in 1969, Caldwell Opportunities evolved from what was originally known as the Caldwell Association of Retarded Children. It now serves approximately 70 clients, providing qualified adults with work-oriented services, including evaluation, developmental skills training, vocational adjustments, job placement, long-term support and follow-up services.

“We focus on putting these folks to work, helping them to find jobs and/or structured activities,” said Janie Cloer, director of Caldwell Opportunities. Approximately 20 local businesses provide a variety of hands-on jobs at the Lenoir facility which are assigned different skill levels. Clients are paid a commensurate wage based on the type, quantity and quality of work performed. Tasks include everything from packaging, labeling, folding, counting and weighing to assembly, painting, trimming and woodworking.

“It is a win-win for the community in that it saves labor costs for area business and industry. Families and caregivers are also able to work outside the home while the child or loved one takes advantage of our services,” said Cloer.

Bringing this opportunity in focus to the community is another objective of the Don Jensen Scholarship, according to Brittain whose interest in CCC&TI developed when the college began providing compensatory education services to the program in 1969. “The organization is simply about people quietly caring for others,” said Brittain. In turn, the Jensen Scholarship recipient must be a CCC&TI student pursuing a career in healthcare who is willing to spend time with clients at Caldwell Opportunities.

“We want to work together to get healthcare students and professionals more involved with our services,” added Brittain. “There are lots of volunteer opportunities here for students to gain experience and give back to the community.”

For more information on the Don Jensen Habilitation Scholarship, health science offerings at CCC&TI or volunteer work at Caldwell Opportunities, contact the CCC&TI foundation office at 828.726.2260.

Civic Center To Welcome Roy Clark

Legendary country music entertainer, Roy Clark will perform on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, in Lenoir. Clark will be performing a Christmas show featuring many beloved holiday melodies and other well-known hits from his musical career.

Clark has received many honors and awards for his musical talents. He was one of the few country music artists to headline and sellout Carnegie Hall and has been named one of the pioneers of country music. In 1982, he won a Grammy: Best Country Instrumental Performance, for Alabama Jubilee. He was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1987. Other awards include: the 1999 Minnie Pearl Humanitarian of the Year Award; the 1997 Pioneer Award by the Academy of Country Music for legendary contributions to country music; Entertainer of the Year @ 1973, by the Country Music Association; Gospel Group of the Year (with the
Hee Haw Gospel Quartet) @ 1981 to 1987; and Instrumentalist of the Year @ 1977, 1978 and 1980, by the Country Music Association; and many more.

Born in Meherrin, Virginia and raised in Washington, DC, Clark began his musical career playing the banjo, mandolin, and the guitar. He has appeared on “The Tonight Show,” “American Bandstand,” and “The Beverly Hillbillies” in addition to hosting many TV specials.

As the host of the TV series “Hee Haw,” premiering in 1969, Clark became a household name. The show was cancelled but went into syndication where he remained the host for 24 years.

Despite his talent as an actor and comedian, Clark’s passion was music. He continued to make hit records throughout the 1970s and 1980s and went on world tours performing to sell-out crowds in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Riga.

Clark has helped raise money for several charities through the annual Roy Clark Celebrity Golf Tournament. The event has raised millions of dollars for the Children’s Medical Center in Tulsa and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in Memphis.

Clark continues to tour from coast to coast and resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma with his wife, Barbara. For him, live performance is what it’s all about. “Soon as you hit the edge of the stage and see people smiling and know they are there to hear you, it’s time to have fun,” said Clark.

Program sponsors include Comfort Inn of Lenoir, Golden Corral, Jem Clean, Foothills Radio Group and Triangle Communications.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the box office Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (828) 726-2407. Tickets are $35.50 for single platinum and $32.50 for single gold seating. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

**FPA Theatre to Present “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”**

Foothills Performing Arts Theatre, located on CCC&TI’s Caldwell Campus will present the play with music, “A Child’s Christmas in Wales,” by Welsh poet Dylan Thomas Dec. 5-7 and 13-14 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8 and 14 at 3 p.m. All your Christmases will live again in the magic of Thomas’ poetic language. “I can never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or twelve days and twelve nights when I was six.” Despite the fact that this is a Welsh Christmas, Dylan Thomas has managed to universalize the essence of Christmas as any child anywhere might perceive it or any adult remember it. The play is the story of Christmas Day itself, from its quiet beginning full of expectations to the call for bedtime when Dylan, replete with the joy of a perfect Christmas, closes the play. This is Christmas just the way Christmas always should be.

The cast of 20, headed by Matthew Crosby as Dylan Thomas, is a mixture of FPA veterans and newcomers. Direction is by Michael Philyaw, music is by Kay Crouch, and technical direction is by Beth Woodard. A special treat for those attending opening night, Thursday, Dec. 5, will be a preshow Christmas concert by the CCC&TI Chorus under the direction of Kay Crouch. Join our “family” as we celebrate a family Christmas!

Call 726-2318 or visit our website at www.foothillsperformingarts.org to make reservations. Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, $5 for students, and $6 each for groups of 10 or more.

**CCC&TI Inducts Students Into Phi Theta Kappa**

CCC&TI recently inducted 28 new students into its prestigious Alpha Lambda Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community colleges. The ceremony recognized the select groups of students for their scholarship, hard work and diligence.

Chapter sponsor and CCC&TI instructor Melissa Davis welcomed new members, encouraging them to set goals. This is the start of a journey full of roadblocks and detours. Decide what you want and how you’re going to get there, she said.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Kerry M. Reeves of Newton Vision Center, son of chapter advisor, Cheryl Reeves. In relaying the life of Abraham Lincoln who suffered an abundance of hardships and setbacks, Reeves stressed the importance of focusing on the positive. Focus on your blessings, however small, such as the opportunity to attend college, sit here and live in this country, he noted.

Reeves then told the group to focus on the bag, a phrase coined by boxing great Evander Holyfield in reference to his powerful punch. Reeves explained that the bag represents goals, whether short-term, long-term, spiritual or monetary. It all starts with a dream or a game plan, he said. Set your goals and put them in writing. Reeves then commended new PTK members for their ambition, achievement and determination.

CCC&TI President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham recognized the following 2002-03 chapter officers for their contributions: Lisa Scoggins, president; Melissa Austin, vice president; and Sharon McCrary, secretary and treasurer. Success like this doesn’t just happen, Boham remarked, extending his congratulations to the inductees.

To be considered for induction into the honor society, students must have completed 24 credit hours, maintained a 3.5 GPA or better, completed all basic math and English course requirements for their program of study and completed a minimum of four courses in their program. Division deans approve student nominations into Phi Theta Kappa.

New PTK members are as follows: Tyson William Abbott, Emily Mechelle Ahrenberg, Matthew Allen Baker, Samantha Leigh Baumann, Paul Allen Bretzius, Susan Sims Brown, Gloria Jackson Chester, Jessica Honeycutt Chester, Tracy Kevin Corpening, David

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New Phi Theta Kappa Members

**CCC&TI Celebrates National Radiologic Technology Week**

The Radiography Program faculty and students at CCC&TI celebrated National Radiologic Technology Week in early November by wearing custom designed shirts and buttons, creating bulletin boards and posters, and preparing a lunch buffet for 100 supporters of the program.

The Radiography Program also celebrated 31 years of service to Caldwell, Watauga, Catawba and Burke counties. Clinical Education Settings include Caldwell Memorial Hospital in Lenoir, Watauga Medical Center in Boone, Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, Valdese Hospital in Valdese, Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville, and Grace Hospital, Broughton Hospital, and Blue Ridge Radiology in Morganton.

Pictured at left are: Row 1 (from the bottom, left to right): Julia Davis, clinical coordinator, Lisa Frady, Holly Banks, Stacy Carpenter, Kasey Bolic, Chrissy Sipe, Mika Honeycutt, Jason Yelton, Ted Hamby and Rosanne Annas, program director. Row 2 (left to right): April Powell, Nicky Hoffman, Brandy Fowler, Christine Miller, Adora Hatley, Pam Moore, Christy Ford and Kennette Roseboro. Row 3 (left to right): Mary Lou Manis, Jennifer Thompson, Andrea Evans, Autumn Carver, Hailey Crisp, Brandi Dockery, Johanna Berry and James Bowick. Row 4 (left to right): Richard Miller, Derek Willis, Tabitha Kazmarczyk, Kelly Odom, Ken McRae, Daphne Griffin, Natalie Prestwood, and Nathan Bollik.

**CCC&TI Radiography Student Named Student of the Year**

Kennette Roseboro of Morganton was recently named Student of the Year by the Blue Ridge Society of Radiologic Technologists. Roseboro, a second-year student at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, was recognized from among students in five counties at the group’s regional bimonthly meeting held at Watauga Medical Center’s Wellness Center.

“I was blown away by the award,” remarked Roseboro. “I am very honored and happy.” A wife and mother of four, Roseboro worked in a factory and served in the army prior to enrolling in the radiography program at CCC&TI. She became interested in the profession due to the illness of several family members. “I appreciate all the assistance and resources from the faculty here,” she said. Roseboro will graduate in May.

For more information on CCC&TI’s two-year radiography program, contact Rosanne Annas at 726-2351 or Carolyn Woodard, director of health sciences admissions, at 726-2710.

**PTA Club Hosted Forum**

In celebration of National Physical Therapy Month, the Physical Therapist Assistant Club at CCC&TI recently sponsored a forum entitled “Abuse, Neglect and Domestic Violence: What is the Health Care Professional’s Responsibility?” Speakers concentrated on the legal responsibilities of reporting abuse and neglect. The timing of the forum coincided with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The forum consisted of three professionals who have experience dealing with abuse, neglect and domestic violence of children and adults. The panel members were Cindy Holman, supervisor of child protective services for the Caldwell County’s Department of Social Services, Deborah Teeters, executive director of the Shelter Home of Caldwell County, and Janet Rager, supervisor of adult protective services for Caldwell County’s Department of Social Services.

“The topic was depressing, but very important for our students to understand,” said Martha Zimmerman, director of the PTA program. “It’s important for students to learn how to assist the Department of Social Services in identifying certain signs of abuse and neglect and how to report them when they have any suspicions.”

Students learned about a new program being used at DSS that has become the pilot for other programs in the state. The program concentrates on group investigations of abuse and neglect instead of one-on-one investigations. The new program offers a less intimidating atmosphere when questioning children about such difficult subjects. Children answering questions in front of their parents or guardians are more likely to tell the truth. The new technique gets all the information out in the open, which allows for a more efficient process and an appropriate outcome. Caldwell County Department of Social Services is pleased to be participating in this pilot program.

The forum was specifically designed for health science students with Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Radiography and Physical Therapy students attending. These instructors required their students to attend because many will be working in a health care setting where they may identify such problem situations. The speakers were pleased to share the legal responsibilities of reporting abuse, neglect and exploitation with such an attentive group of participants.

“Overall, it was a positive experience and I believe the students really benefited from the discussions,” Zimmerman said.
The Business Club at CCC&TI recently named Douglas Purcelle as the student of the month for November. Douglas Purcelle, originally from Asheboro, is a second-year student pursuing a computer programming degree. He has always enjoyed working on computers and likes helping people solve computer-related problems. Purcelle decided to join the club to become part of a group and show future employers his dedication to serving the community.

Purcelle lives in Hudson with his wife and two children. He plans to continue his education at a four-year university where he hopes to receive his bachelor’s degree in computer programming. “I want to be able to provide for my family and make a better life for them,” Purcelle said.

The Business Club awards the student of the month a certificate and a $10 gift certificate to CCC&TI’s Book Store. According to Betty Jolly, the club’s adviser, seven students are selected as student of the month from September through April. The business faculty members select a student from the list of club members and the student with the most nominations receives the honor. Students are chosen based on their academic performance, class participation and extra curricular activities.

In other news, the club recently honored long-time sponsor, Betty Jolly, for her dedication and service to the club. Members presented her with a candle/floral arrangement and certificate of appreciate at a recent club meeting. For more information about the Business Club, contact Betty Jolly at 726-2328.

Judy Bentley, right, presents sponsor Betty Jolly with a certificate and floral arrangement at a recent Business Club meeting.