

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Presents 21st Traditional Musicians Showcase

HUDSON, NC (February 27, 2019) -- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will present the 21st annual Traditional Musicians Showcase on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "From the Hollows to the Honky-Tonks."

Designed to highlight the achievements of local musicians, the series has presented more than 200 musicians since it's first show in 1998.

Local band Strictly Clean and Decent featuring Patrick Crouch, Kay Crouch and Ron Shuffler will once again host the event. According to Patrick Crouch, the goal of the showcase is to "increase awareness of live music as an important cultural resource."



Performers of all ages, representing an array of musical styles, will be performing at this year's showcase including Blackberry Jam, Will Knight, Home Brewed, Opal Moon, JJ Hipps, Andy Trivette and Hannah Grace.

Blackberry Jam is a six-piece band sponsored by the Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program of the Caldwell Arts Council. The band was formed out of the need to provide a performance outlet for advanced students. It is described as "the future of tradition." Ranging in age from 11 to 18 years, band members include brothers Dawson and Lincoln Clark, brother and sister Dalton and Averi Sigmon, Kyndyn Clement, and Gideon White. Blackberry Jam has been featured at many local festivals as well as at the International Bluegrass Music Association conference in Raleigh. In above photo: Strictly Clean and Decent. **Continued on page 2...**

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Will Knight studied in the Bluegrass, Old Time, and Country Music Studies program at East Tennessee State University. He also attended the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow, Scotland, and has performed in Scotland, England, and Wales, as well as in Brazil. Will Knight will perform as a special guest of Strictly Clean and Decent.

Home Brewed is a trio featuring Laura Brewer on bass, Matt Brewer on guitar, and Wade Parker on banjo. Its unique sound is best described as countrified rock with a hint of bluegrass as its set list ranges from Patsy Cline to Blue Oyster Cult.

Opal Moon is steeped in blues, soul, and rock traditions. She regularly performs on local songwriter nights as well as in band settings. Opal Moon will perform as a special guest of Strictly Clean and Decent.

JJ Hipps is an electric blues band featuring J.J. Hipps on guitar, Mark "Bump" Bumgarner on bass, and Ben Panenbacker on drums. Their music covers the entire spectrum of the blues, including styles from the Mississippi Delta, Memphis, Chicago, Muscle Shoals, and Detroit.

Andy Trivette is a multi-instrumentalist who has lived in Caldwell County for sixteen years and is a welcome addition to the local music scene. He will be joined by his brother Gary Trivette on bass and they will be backed by Strictly Clean and Decent.

Hannah Grace grew up as part of a musical family. She has created a unique sound that appeals to a wide range of audiences. She will be performing her brand of country music assisted by David Shumate on guitar, Paul Shumate on drums, Reath Jackson on guitar and vocals, and Randy Matheson on bass.

Nancy Posey returns from Nashville to serve as emcee for the showcase. A poet, blogger, and songwriter, she is a great supporter live music and musicians.

The Civic Center will also host a "Dinner and a Show" in conjunction with the showcase. Entrée choices include roast pork loin and NC trout. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, prior to the 7:30 p.m. show. Cost for the dinner is \$15 per person. (Price includes tax.) For a complete menu and tickets, visit www.broyhillcenter.com.

Single tickets for the Traditional Musicians Showcase are \$11.00 and tax is included. Child/student tickets are also available. For tickets, call the Civic Center box office at 828.726.2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.





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Ingredients

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1 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 tsp. cumin
1 10-oz. can enchilada sauce
1 14-oz. can crushed tomatoes
1/4 c. freshly chopped parsley, plus more for garnish
1 lb. sliced Pepper Jack
2 large zucchinis, thinly sliced
16 oz. whole-milk ricotta

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions until al dente, less 2 minutes. Drain and drizzle with olive oil to prevent noodles from sticking together.

Meanwhile, in a large pot over medium-high heat, heat 1 teaspoon olive oil. Add garlic, onions, cumin, and salt and stir, 3 to 4 minutes. Add enchilada sauce, tomatoes and parsley, and stir until warmed through, then turn off heat.

In a large casserole dish, spread a thin layer of sauce, a single layer of lasagna noodles, a single layer of pepper jack, a single layer of zucchini, and a layer of ricotta mixture; repeat layers. Top last layer of noodles with zucchini and pepper jack.

Cover with foil and bake, 15 minutes, then increase temperature to 400° and bake uncovered for 20 minutes. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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CCC&TI Foundation Community Campaign Begins

LENOIR, NC (March 6, 2019) -- The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its Annual Fund Campaign kickoff luncheon on Tuesday, March 5 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

Featuring community leaders, campaign volunteers, and college faculty and administrators, the event starts fundraising efforts for the Foundation's Annual Fund Drive. Peg Broyhill, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors, offered opening remarks and welcomed the crowd of supporters. Broyhill also announced the goal for this year's campaign as \$375,000, the highest to date for the campaign. Broyhill also announced that Alvin Daughtride will lead the 2019 Annual Fund Drive campaign.

Daughtride, a retired executive at Fairfield Chair Company and a member of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees, has been a leader in the Caldwell County business community and an advocate for education for more than five decades. A long-time supporter of the Foundation of CCC&TI, Daughtride said the annual Fund Drive is a way for the college and the community to work together to prepare for the future. "When you are out on the campaign trail, remind contributors of what a vital role they play for the community and the students," said Daughtride. "The success of this campaign has a significant impact on the success of the college and the success of our community."

Deborah Murray, Vice Chair of the Foundation and Director of the Caldwell County Economic Development Commission, spoke to the group about the value of CCC&TI in the community. "We would not have the success that we have in our community without CCC&TI. The community college is nimble, resourceful and responsive and helps me do my job," said Murray. "Your investment is improving our community and everywhere you look there is evidence of it."

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch also addressed the group, sharing the college's success last year in serving more than 13,000 students and producing more than 780 college graduates. Poarch also mentioned several new initiatives for the college including construction on a new student services center for the Watauga Campus in Boone, partnerships with Appalachian State University, expanded program offerings and the addition of softball and baseball to the college's athletic program among others. "It's going to be a busy year. Without your help, it would not be possible. Thank you for your investment in CCC&TI," said Poarch. "I thank you, our students thank you, our community partners thank you - for helping us be the best community college in the state."

Several students also spoke at the event. Dyanah Harvey, Patricia Hall and Jody Miller shared how scholarships and assistance through the Foundation have helped them pursue their educational goals. Harvey is a member of the Lady Cobras Basketball team and came to CCC&TI from Miami, Fla. "Coach Richie [Covington, CCC&TI's Women's Basketball Coach] offered me a huge opportunity and I took a leap of faith. It was the best thing I've ever done," said Harvey.

Patricia Hall is enrolled in CCC&TI's Sonography Program and returned to school for a career change after her husband passed away. "Things don't always go as planned. Sometimes life throws you a curveball. I'm so grateful for all the help I've received," said Hall. "You may not always get to see the people you help but it definitely has a ripple effect. When you help me, you help my kids and when I'm working in the health care field, I'll be able to help others. Thank you for the lives you've touched."

Broyhill introduced each of the team captains for this year's campaign. They are Barbara Freiman, Guy Walters, Wayne Keller, Joan McGee, Barbara Weiller, Deborah Murray, Dr. Mark Poarch, Mary Frances Sullivan, Peg Broyhill and Wade Wilmouth.

Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie recognized the faculty and staff members at CCC&TI, who kicked off their portion of the campaign in February. To date, the employee campaign has raised more than \$27,000 and employees are continuing their efforts.

CCC&TI students are also working to raise money for the campaign. The Student Government Association is hosting several fundraising events on campus and throughout the community. Students have raised more than \$1,500 for campaign thus far.

Board priorities for this year's campaign include funding for scholarships, the Dream Award Program, childcare, student emergencies, academic support and professional development.

For more information on the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, or to make a gift to the Annual Fund Drive, visit www.cccti.edu/foundation or contact the Foundation Office at 828-726-2260.



**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING
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OF U.S. 64 / N.C. 18
AT CALICO ROAD (S.R. 1142) IN GAMEWELL
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STIP Project No. U-6033**

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to upgrade the intersection of U.S. 64 / N.C. 18 at Calico Road (S.R. 1142) in Caldwell County.

A public meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. on **Thursday, March 21** at the **Gamewell Elementary School** located at **2904 Morganton Boulevard SW**.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT Public Meeting Webpage: <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops.

The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or can be done via phone, email, or mail by **April 4, 2019**.

For additional information, please contact Ramie Shaw, NCDOT Division 11 Project Manager at 801 Statesville Road, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, (336) 903-9134 or, rashaw@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone (919) 707-6069 or by e-mail at magallagher@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

Caldwell County Archers aim for the National Title

LENOIR, NC (February 27, 2019) -- Hudson Middle School Archery team won the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) competition and will compete at the national tournament held in Louisville, KY this May.

The team scored 3,137 to claim the state championship title, a first for Hudson Middle School in only its second year of competing. All team members also qualified to compete individually in the NASP tournament. Congratulations to the following team members: Easton Harris, Jon Spears, Abbi Clarke, Persaius Stringfield, Trina Hurtado, Hugo Martinez, Maliah Lawing, Deuce Eldreth, Dylan Loveless, Kent Byrd, Jesse Jones, Alex Martin, Bryson Genwright, Lily Honeycutt, Kelsea Kiziah, Seth Hensley, Lauren Harris, Trinity Hicks, Emma Moore, Ethan Siraton, Finlee Young, Bailey Creech, and Pyper Cable. The team is coached by Bill Knight, former Caldwell County Schools PE teacher, and Assistant Coach Clint Joplin.

A number of these middle school students began their interest in archery as elementary students on the Baton Elementary Archery team, which placed 2nd in the state this year at the NASP tournament. The school district hails the Baton Elementary Archery team for the overwhelming support from parents and community and its early successes, winning the state championship in 2017. Bill Knight, current coach of the Hudson Middle School team, also started the team at Baton Elementary and coached the Baton Elementary team to its championship title.

The Baton Elementary Archery team is presently coached by Baton Elementary PE teacher Colt Kale and Instructional Assistant Pam Walker. The runner-up state championship team members are Andrea Ibarra, Ava Duncan, Ayden Gilbert, Brinley Lewis, Brooklyn Hartley, Caleigh Burnette, Cheyenne Brittain, Emma Micheal, Gracie Abernathy, Jacob Gurley, Jamen Dula, Jaxon Hall, Karleigh Howell, Katie McCall, Keagan Brown, Lane Gross, Macey Hartley, Mykala Cook, Morgan Hensley, Myers Jud, Noah Bolden, Scout Stevens, Tori Fulton, and Trinity Key.

Baton students Morgan Hensley and Andrea Ibarra qualify as ranked 9 and 10 out of state to go to Nationals. They are ranked 1st and 2nd in the ranking of fourth-grade girls in the state. Jamen Dula posted the highest individual score with 240 points.

For all qualifiers, the National competition will be held in Louisville, KY, May 9-11.

The principal of Baton Elementary School Jason Tefeteller said that he is proud of the discipline and character all of these students demonstrate both in and out of the classroom, "They are excellent examples of sportsmanship as they strive to be the best in the state and in the nation."

Both the Hudson Middle School Archery team and Baton Elementary Archery team will be recognized for their accomplishments by the Board of Education at its March 11, 2019, School Board meeting.



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Blue Ridge Parkway visitation tops 14 million in 2018

ASHEVILLE, NC (March 6, 2019) -- The Blue Ridge Parkway's 469-mile scenic drive, 369 miles of trail, 14 visitor centers, 8 campgrounds, 10 concession operations, 15 picnic areas, and numerous other recreation opportunities welcomed over 14 million visitors in 2018. These visitors enjoyed high quality experiences on and off the Parkway thanks to the vital relationship between the National Park Service and the Parkway's neighboring communities throughout the region.

Visitation patterns on the Blue Ridge Parkway confirm that visitors access the Parkway in large numbers when the Parkway is accessible. Weather and maintenance related closures continue to be the primary factor influencing Parkway visitation through the years.

In 2018, Golden Gate National Recreation Area reclaimed the top spot for highest visitation in the National Park System from the Blue Ridge Parkway. These two parks have been trading places at one and two since 1979.

For an in-depth look at 2018 visitation, including individual park figures, please visit the NPS Social Science web site.

2019 Hall of Honor Inductees announced

LENOIR, NC (March 1, 2019) -- The Caldwell County Schools will present the 17th Annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony on Monday, April 15, 6:00 pm at the JE Broyhill Civic Center in celebration of Caldwell County graduates who have made significant personal and professional contributions to their community.

The 2019 inductees for the Hall of Honor are Dr. Scott Douglas Beane, Ernestine Horton Paschall Shade, and Larry Wilson Taylor. The posthumous award will be presented to the family of Harold Hugo Beach.

Tickets are on sale now until April 8 for \$20 each at the Education Center located at 1914 Hickory Blvd., SW, Lenoir.

Each year a 15-member selection committee representing communities in each high school district accept and review nominations for the Hall of Honor. A nominee must meet one of the following criteria to be considered as a candidate for the Hall of Honor: 1) be a graduate of a Caldwell County Schools, 2) while attending Caldwell County Schools was admitted to the NC School of Mathematics and Science or the NC School of the Arts and received a high school diploma from that institution, or 3) ended his/her secondary education as a Caldwell County Schools student, did not receive a high school diploma, but did receive a post-secondary degree from an institution of higher learning.

Nomination forms are available year-round at the Education Center. The program began in 2003, and since then, 80 inductees have been added to the Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor.

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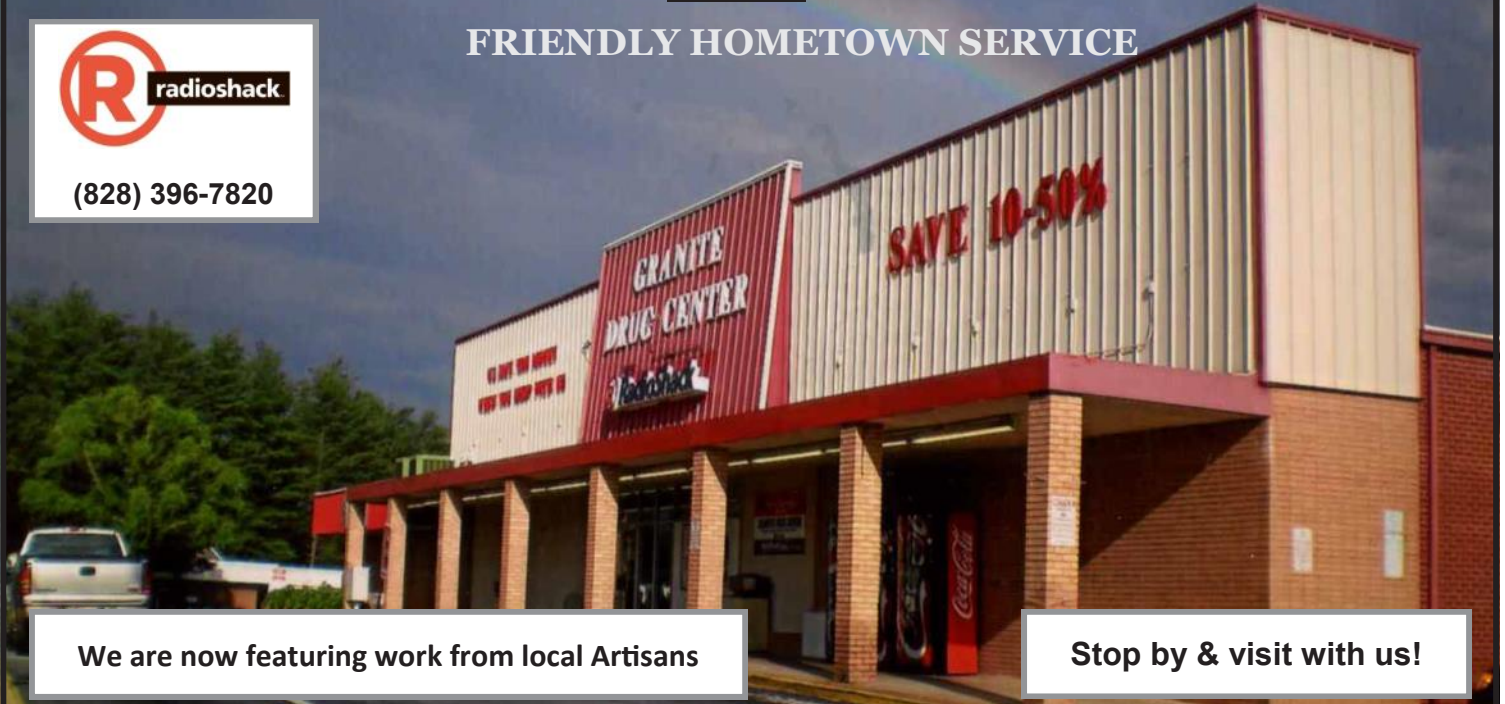


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123 Arrested, 237 Charges in Statewide ALE Operation

RALEIGH, NC (March 3, 2019) -- Friday and Saturday night, ALE special agents arrested more than 123 people for alcohol, drug, firearm, and gambling charges during a state-wide crackdown in partnership with local, state and federal agencies. Each of the eight districts targeted violence and illegal activity anywhere alcohol was sold – whether legally or illegally.

“ALE’s primary mission is to protect public safety, so we apply considerable resources to regularly train the owners and staff of ABC permitted establishments to help them understand and obey North Carolina law,” said Bryan House, acting Head of North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement. “But when those laws are purposefully violated, the health and safety of our communities is at risk. To address these violators, we won’t hesitate to use all available manpower as we did this past weekend.”

Across the state, eight search warrants were executed; 14 firearms were seized including rifles, handguns, and sawed-off shotguns. Various types-controlled substances were seized, along with two illegal distilleries and over \$13,000 in cash. Of the 237 charges, 93 were alcoholic beverage-related charges, 77 drug-related charges, and six gambling charges.

ALE special agents assisted Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in the arrest of Club Nikki owner Cory Headen, and three employees in connection with a shooting and homicide at the club last month. In Person County, two people were arrested for the sale and manufacture of moonshine; one of the arrestees was a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. An ABC-licensed club with a history of violence and criminal activity, The Freedom Lounge, had its permits successfully revoked by special agents in Charlotte. In Greensboro, special agents raided the Hot Spot Mart, a convenience store operating as an illegal casino. Video gaming machines, liquor, and over \$10,000 in cash were among the items seized.

ALE special agents will submit violation reports to the ABC commission for criminal and regulatory violations at 26 ABC-permitted businesses. The violations could result in fines, suspensions, or revocation of ABC permits. The counties where the operation was held included, but were not limited to, the following: Alamance, Guilford, Wilson, Nash, Franklin, Person, Wake, Pender, New Hanover, Craven, Iredell, Buncombe, Mecklenburg, and Cumberland.

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Man and woman from Lenoir arrested for trafficking methamphetamine

LENOIR, NC (March 6, 2019) -- On March 6th, 2019 at 5:41 am the Lenoir Police Department's Narcotics Unit along with the Lenoir Police Department's Special Response Team served a search warrant at the residence of 207 Whitnel Pl. Lenoir, NC 28645. While conducting the search of the residence investigators found and seized 103 grams of methamphetamine, 1 pistol, 6 long barreled firearms, and \$1,110.00 in US currency. According to North Carolina State guidelines, the seized drugs were valued at \$15,450.00.

Kenneth Joe Taylor and Patricia Diane Bare were arrested at the scene. Kenneth Taylor was charged with 1 count of Felony Trafficking in Methamphetamine, 1 count of Felony Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Controlled Substance within 1000 feet of a School, 1 count of Felony Maintaining a Vehicle or Dwelling for Controlled Substance, 1 count of Felony Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1 count of Felony Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Taylor received a \$500,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/07/2019. Patricia Diane Bare was charged with 1 count of Felony Trafficking in Methamphetamine, 1count of Felony Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Controlled Substance within 1000 feet of a School, 1 count of Felony Maintaining a Vehicle or Dwelling for Controlled Substance, and 1count of Felony Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance. Bare received a \$400,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/07/2019.

These arrests are the result of a month-long investigation. Chief Brent Phelps "Our Officers will continue to investigate individuals who distribute these illegal substances in our community. This case is concerning with the close proximity to the school. We have no knowledge that any sales occurred on school property or to children at the school, but we will not stand for this type of activity in our communities and near our children." More charges may be forthcoming. Anyone with information relating to this or any other crime is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 758-8300 or the Lenoir Police Department at 757-2100.

NC ABC Commission warns of counterfeit check scams

RALEIGH, NC (February 25, 2019) -- The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission has received reports of two different, but common, check scams. Here's what to be on the lookout for.

In the first secret shopper scam, someone may contact you and hire you to be a "secret shopper" for your local ABC board. They'll give you a check and direct you to cash it and use the money to buy gift cards. You'll be asked to mail the gift card back to the person who contacted you. In these types of scams, your bank will often contact you to notify that the check is counterfeit, and your account will be debited in that amount.

The second scam involves internet sales. The scammer will claim they want to buy an item you're selling on eBay or Craig's List, and send you a check that appears to be from your local ABC board. The check will be for an amount higher than the price of the item. They'll ask you to cash the check and send them back the excess amount in cash. This scam also involves counterfeit checks that won't clear your bank account and will cause you to lose money.

It might be difficult to tell the difference between a real and counterfeit check. But you should be suspicious if you're being hired to do something you didn't apply for, or if you receive a check for more than your asking price on a sale item. Don't share any personal or financial information with people who contact you, and don't cash the check or send the scammer any money or gift cards.

If you're contacted in either of the above ways by someone pretending to be your local ABC board or the NC ABC Commission, report the interaction to the NCDOJ's Consumer Protection Division at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or <http://ncdoj.gov/complaint>. Learn more about counterfeit check scams here.

The Toy Store of First Baptist Hudson is sponsoring a Dinner Theater production of "Miracle on the Mountain", a play written by Bill Wilson about the life and ministry of Dr. Mary Martin Sloop in Crossnore, NC. The menu is chicken pot pie and fixings. Dates are March 15, 16, 22 and 23 with doors opening at 5:30 PM, meal served at 6 PM and play beginning at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased through the church office (728-4297) or at hudsonfirst.org. Location is the Life Center of Hudson First at 347 Main Street, Hudson, NC.

North Catawba Baptist Church will be having a Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday March 16 from 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall off Baton School Road at 1596 North Catawba Church Avenue, Lenoir, NC 28645. For more information call 828-728-9253. Menu includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desert and Drink, Plates Are \$8.00. Dine in or take-out available. All proceeds go to help fund our Youth attending 2019 Summer Camp at Fort Caswell. Come join us!

Mountain Grove Baptist Church "Bags of Blessings" holds a Food Pantry on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm. If anyone is interested in doing some ministry work in our community, please come out and serve with us. It is a great time to share the love of Jesus, get some exercise, and give away some groceries to someone in need. You can contact Larry at 828-728-9557 or 828-381-2329 for details.