

Blue Ridge Community College

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The Arts and Humanities Series will present 'Discovering Elvis: Tracing Traditions to the Soul of the King' on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Patton Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for this program sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council. Through background information on his youth, along with the important contributions of renegade Memphians such as Dewey and Sam Phillips, presenter Billy Stevens puts the social and historic context of Elvis' remarkable success into perspective. Billy Stevens from Durham has extensive international touring experience sponsored by the US Information Agency of the Department of State. He has presented his lecture/demonstrations in more than 40 countries including India, Kenya, Israel and Palestine as well as in North and South Carolina. Stevens has many years experience as a solo artist with a variety of bands. His master's degree is from the University of Mississippi. Currently he is a Roads Scholar with the North Carolina Humanities Council. The Arts and Humanities Series is sponsored by the Community Enrichment Department in the Continuing Education Division. For more information contact Martha Howell at 694-1743 or at marthah@blueridge.edu.

On Thursday, October 20, Blue Ridge Community College will host a College Planning Workshop and Showcase of Programs at the Technology Building beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a free event for high school students and their parents. Participants can visit a showcase of Blue Ridge Community College programs. Faculty and admissions representative will be on hand to help answer any questions about the many programs of study available, as well as admission, financial aid, career opportunities, and navigating the transfer process. The showcase will continue until 7 p.m. High school counselors will provide a free workshop for high school seniors about applying for college. Valuable information will also be presented by counselors to juniors, sophomores, and freshmen about the college planning process. All activities will be held in the Blue Ridge Conference Hall in the Technology Education and Development Center at Blue Ridge Community College. Sessions are free and any area high school student and their parents are invited to attend. For more information, contact Rita Blythe at (828) 694-1817.

The whole family will be able to come out to get their flu shots at the Family and Community Flu Clinic being held on Friday, October 14 from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Conference Hall at Blue Ridge Community College. The idea of a family flu clinic is new this year for the Department of Public Health. By partnering with Blue Ridge Community College, Park Ridge Health and local pediatricians, they hope to reach more people with the flu vaccine. At this clinic, insurance will be accepted including Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC, Aetna, Humana Plans, Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad, and UMWA. For all others the cost is \$25 for a regular flu shot, \$30 for FluMist® spray, and \$45 for High-Dose injectable. Some children will be eligible to receive state supplied flu vaccine, which is provided at no cost. No appointments are needed for the community clinics.