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### JAMES 'HILLBILLY JIM' STEPP TO ENTERTAIN SENIORS

HICKORY -- James Stepp, also known as "Hillbilly Jim," will entertain at the East Hickory Seniors Morning Out program on June 22.

Stepp, of Long View, performs the songs made famous by the movie and television "singing cowboys" of the 1940s and 1950s, including Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. Stepp's performance will start at 9:45 a.m. East Hickory Seniors Morning Out is located at Highland United Methodist Church, 1020 12th St. Place NE, Hickory.

Any county resident who is 60 years old or better is invited to attend the program and stay for a free lunch. However, reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling site manager Rita Pritchard at 828-320-5963 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

There are five Seniors Morning Out locations in the county. They operate five mornings a week, except for holidays. These programs offer a variety of activities, including musical concerts, shopping trips, health checks, bingo and other games, cooking demonstrations and informational programs about community resources. A balanced meal is also served. This program is free, although donations are accepted. There are no income limits for this program; everyone who is at least 60 years old is welcome. You may attend as often or as little as you wish.

Seniors Morning Out is also in need of volunteers willing to present a program or just serve others. For more information about Seniors Morning Out and related programs, call 828-695-5610 or go to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/adult/nutrition.asp>. Information about Seniors Morning Out is also available at the Meals on Wheels of Catawba County Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/MealsOnWheelsOfCatawbaCounty>.

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