

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CELTIC MUSIC AT MEMBERSHIP DINNER**

Have fun supporting and involving yourself in the activities of your local historical and arts organization. Each spring, membership of the Clay County Historical and Arts Council starts off with a potluck and a treat for members new and old. This year's Membership Dinner will be on Thursday March 11, 2010 at 6pm the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 495 Herbert Hills Drive on Hwy 64 in Hayesville.

Join up for 2010/11 and enjoy a relaxed evening with a recap of the Council's activities over the previous year, the potluck supper and special live entertainment. This year the Celtic all-girl band 'Bear Notes' will perform. The members are: Linda Allen (fiddle), Amanda Burts (recorder and accordion) Nancy Beach (guitar, mandolin, mountain dulcimer & vocals) and Amy Johnson (bodhran, guitar & vocals). The band, based in Brasstown and Murphy was formed in 2006 and their repertoire features a unique blend of jigs, reels, waltzes, hornpipes, and strathspey, each traditional to Scotland and Ireland.

The strong support and membership dues from you, the community is vital to the ability of the council to put on events such as the Festival on the Square, the Arts Expo and the Holiday Tour of Homes; keep the Old Jail Museum open; be instrumental in progressing projects such as the Nelson Heritage Park and bring theater performances to the children of Clay County.

This event received support from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources. The mission of the North Carolina Arts Council is to make North Carolina a better state through the arts. The council nurtures and supports excellence in the arts, and provides opportunities for every North Carolinian to experience the arts. A division of the Department of Cultural Resources ([www.ncculture.com](http://www.ncculture.com)), the Arts Council serves as a catalyst for the development of arts organizations and facilities throughout North Carolina with grant funding and technical assistance.

The purpose of the Clay County Historical and Arts Council is to sponsor and encourage cultural education and activities in Clay County and surrounding areas, with particular emphasis upon local history and art.

Keep up with the Clay County Historical & Arts Council's activities at [www.ClayHistoryArts.org](http://www.ClayHistoryArts.org).