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Caldwell County Health Department wants to educate and remind women that early detection is your best protection against Cervical Cancer.

Lenoir, N.C. – According to North Carolina’s State Center for Health Statistics, nearly 386 women in North Carolina were diagnosed with Cervical Cancer in 2015 and 125 died of the disease. It is more important than ever that we spread the message that early detection and prompt treatment of cervical cancer saves lives. January is Cervical Health Awareness Month (CHAM), dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of early detection of cervical cancer and other gynecologic cancers, while also celebrating the lives of the many women who have survived, and remembering those who were lost.

Caldwell County Health Department will be raising awareness of the importance of preventing cervical cancer by encouraging screenings throughout the month of January.

At least 50% of cervical cancer deaths are due to lack of screenings. When cervical cancer is detected early, it is one of the most preventable cancers. Caldwell County Health Department encourages all women to take charge of their health by going for regular pap tests.

For a healthy start to the New Year, we urge every woman to talk with their healthcare provider about getting screened for cervical cancer.

Many local health departments offer free breast screenings, education and referral services to eligible women through the NC Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). Contact the Caldwell County Health Department BCCCP coordinator at (828)426-8435 for additional information. To learn more about NC BCCCP, visit www.bcccp.ncdhhs.gov.

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