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Recently, Tim Howard, President of OSCHE and Ken Collins, President of Lorain County Community College Staff Council Executive Committee, had the opportunity to sit down with the Bell Tower in addressing some of the upcoming changes and exciting events that will be hosted by the OSCHE organization.

OSCHE has been in existence since 1963. Tim and Ken reported to the Bell Tower that for the past 1 ½ years OSCHE has been reorganizing while trying to evolve into a more proactive organization, opposed to the normal reporting-out type of organization that it is now. They reported that they are very pleased with LCCC who has generously become OSCHE's fiscal agent some time ago. By becoming the fiscal agent for OSCHE, this will allow the organization to raise funds to provide a resource to help with the funding of the OSCHE Annual Summer Conference, which is one of the most important conferences of the year. The funding will also create avenues in strategically marketing tools that allow the organization to actively go out and recruit new institutions.

According to Tim, one of the things that OSCHE did back in August was to host the first OSCHE Executive Team Meeting here at LCCC with both the college's SCEC President Ken Collins and Vice-President Miguel Rivera in attendance. This was something that has never been done before in OSCHE's existence. "Kenny and Miguel were part of the planning process as they are very instrumental in working with OSCHE while contributing to the growth along with moving forward as we reorganize the OSCHE organization." Tim also stated that the actual reorganization of OSCHE has been going very well and people have been embracing the idea of doing much more.

During the OSCHE 2008 April meeting, Chancellor Eric Fingerhut will join the OSCHE group at Sinclair Community College—OSCHE members are looking forward to positioning themselves in alignment with the Chancellor's vision of the University Systems of Ohio. Here they will have the opportunity to sit down with the Chancellor to see how his visions fit into the OSCHE organization on the staff level. In past conversations, staff has listened about changes at the administrative level, but never in regard to the staff level. Therefore OSCHE is really using this opportunity to talk with the Chancellor to see how his plans are included in his vision and how it will relate to the staff level. It is encouraged that each of the

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LCCC SCEC representatives make every effort to attend this April meeting so that they can relay this information back to their constituents, while keeping themselves in the loop of what's going on.

Ken reported that LCCC will be hosting their OSCHE 2008 Summer Conference on June 19th and 20th here on campus. Both Ken and Tim are encouraging as many people that can participate, to do so. Arrangements in the agenda for the institution report-out sessions will occur during lunch hours to make it more convenient for the LCCC campus community. Tim stated that in his opinion, this has been one of the most informative sessions, because it gives everyone the opportunity to hear what other institutions are doing—what is working well and what is not working well; where improvements are needed; and how they will go about achieving these improvements. It also provides each institution opportunities to ask questions while finding out what individuals in a work environment such as their own, are doing and how they can implement the same or similar innovative changes in their own institution. Recognizing progression in each institution's report-out is why this session is so important. Information for the OSCHE 2008 Summer Conference will be available in the near future to allow employees here at LCCC to plan ahead to take advantage of this very informative conference.

In 2005, LCCC held the OSCHE Summer Conference here at LCCC. According to Tim, the OSCHE members and LCCC SCEC are still receiving feedback on what a great conference LCCC had put on that year. In fact at our last OSCHE meeting in January, new members to OSCHE shared the feedback that they received from their colleagues, while pledging their attendance for the 2008 Summer Conference. Because of our 2005 Conference, LCCC has set the bar high for other institutions to follow. According to Tim, LCCC Summer Conference was not a conference where individuals came to hang out and party, but a very informative conference where they were able to take things back to their organization and share with their colleagues. LCCC provided the OSCHE group with a variety of educational sessions. "It was very impressive to see so many people from the LCCC campus take part in volunteering their time to make a successful event," stated Tim. Some of the educational sessions that were conducted during the 2005 Summer Conference included Dr. Robert Callaway's "Wizard of Oz" leadership session, Ellen Shafer's and Mary Jo Csonka's leadership training, and Don Knechtges' session on the Entrepreneur and on

GLIDE. Don also provided some very informative county history to the OSCHE group during his session, as many of the colleges were curious about Lorain County and how it was dealing with the challenges and changes due to the steel industry layoffs and the closing of one of the Ford plants. This year's goal for the conference is to have just as much of an informative opportunity for the visiting OSCHE group as what was provided during the 2005 conference. According to Tim, "We want individuals to go back to their campuses and say that they really got a lot from the sessions."

Another exciting issue that will occur at the conference that has never been done before is a visit by OSCHE founder, Bob Kreienkamp, who hails from Bowling Green. He will be joining LCCC SCEC and OSCHE members to talk about the origin of OSCHE along with the original vision of the organization—the purpose of OSCHE and where it was headed. Tim stated that this would be a great opportunity for everyone to hear him, since many may not be familiar with the history behind OSCHE. He also stated that this would be a good chance for the OSCHE group to ask questions and to see the original vision that was set in place and whether that vision lines up with the direction that OSCHE members are trying to take OSCHE into now.

Elsa Walker will also be honored at the OSCHE 2008 Conference. She will be honored for all of her years that she has committed to SCEC and OSCHE. Tim stated that Elsa was the integral individual who got him into OSCHE when he became a part of Staff Council. "She encouraged me to become involved in OSCHE while learning of the different things that were happening within the OSCHE organization." Since then, Tim has been doing the same thing while bringing others on board and getting them involved in becoming a part of OSCHE. Even now, Tim does not do a function without including Ken Collins. Tim stated that an organization needs their leadership close to the top when implementing changes.

OSCHE, in its restructuring, has been very busy this past year as they are trying to set the tone on how they do business in funding. Tim stated that the OSCHE organization wants to make sure that they are instrumental in disseminating information to the groups at each institution, while being key players during this process. With Chancellor Fingerhut joining the OSCHE members during their April meeting, this would be a great opportunity to help them in accomplishing some of their goals in support of staff.

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Dear Reader
by Peggy Nesbit

Moving a Library

No doubt the employees of the new LCCC Library Center are excited about the progress being made on their new building. Having lived through a store renovation in 1994, I can tell you it's a great feeling to see the final result of the whole thing. But before that comes the much more harrowing job of moving from one building to another. And I know of what I speak.

In December I moved from the Commodore Arms Apartments across from the college to High Point in the Park which allows pets. I had been too many years without a cat or two and it was time to move after the bat invasions of the last few years (see Issue 112). I had only been at the CA for three years and vaguely remembered what moving was like: changing utilities, getting the moving company lined up, and saving boxes to pack in.

And I needed A LOT of boxes. You see where other people may have collections of figurines or stacks of CD's or a closet full of shoes, I (of course) have books—my own private library.

To begin with I gave to the Elyria Public Library 13 or 14 boxes of books for their book sale (figure 12 per box, that's approximately 168 books) before I even thought about moving. Then I decided to move...

The vast majority of my books are nonfiction, mostly history but also religion, biography, writing, cookbooks, and reference books. They are all pretty well organized so it was easy to label the boxes by book case. When all were packed and taped closed, there were a total of 76 boxes of books (figure between 900-1100 books total.)

I've never counted them all, to tell you the truth, and I only have a list of my Civil War collection but I'm good with authors and titles and only found three or four duplicates.

Now that you've caught your breath from gasping at those numbers, you may ask why on earth one person would have that many books (and no, I haven't read them all cover to cover.) But I recently discovered exactly why I have all my books.

The theme of the final day of the Spring Break celebration

is The Roaring '20s. The Bookstore staff has decided to do the flapper thing and those of us who can sew will be making our own dresses. I was thinking of going online and looking for pictures of flapper dresses when it occurred to me that many years ago I purchased a couple costume books, covering the various styles of dress through the ages. (This comes in handy when you need to describe what a wimple or a snood is when you're writing a story.)

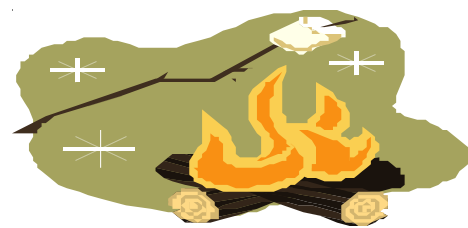
Eureka! This is why I have my books! I have at my fingertips all sorts of information whenever I think of it. Want to know when the Battle of the Nile was—got a book for that. Want to know what the name of the Celtic goddess of war is—got a book for that. Need a Bible quote—I got five different Bibles to look through.

You get the point. And you also know why I hired movers to cart the 76 boxes from one apartment to the other. Ain't no way I was going to lift all those boxes... I'm going to save that for when the Bookstore has to move from the CC building to the old library next fall. Oh, my aching back!

CAMPFIRE USA

by Barb Armstrong

Most people know when Girl Scout Week is (March 9-15) because that is usually the week that Girl Scout Cookies are delivered. But not too many people know that another organization celebrates its birthday in March also - the Campfire Girls (March 17-23). The history of the Campfire Girls - I believe they allow boys into the organization now - is very complicated. Briefly, though, in the early 1900's there was a push in the United States to encourage children, both boys and girls, to get involved in the great outdoors. There were many people involved in the movement, one of whom was William Langdon of Vermont. In 1911 he was organizing a pageant in Thetford, Vermont to be performed by the Boy Scouts of America. The girls wanted to be part of the pageant too, so Langdon organized them into a group that he called "Camp Fire Girls." The name stayed and this year Campfire USA is celebrating its 97th birthday.



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Route 66 in Pop Culture Compiled by Peggy Nesbit

So famous is Route 66 that the name has been used or mentioned in any number of books, movies, songs, and used by companies. Here are a few, courtesy of Wikipedia:

- ◆ The oil company Phillips 66 is named after the road and is based in Bartlesville, OK.
- ◆ Kmart uses “Route 66” as the name of a line of blue jeans.
- ◆ In 1939 John Steinbeck won a Pulitzer Prize for his novel *The Grapes of Wrath* which chronicles the migration of Dust Bowl farm families to California via Route 66. He called the route “The Mother Road.”
- ◆ The popular song “(Get Your Kicks On) Route 66” was written by Bobby Troup and recorded by Nat King Cole. It was also recorded by musicians as diverse as The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, The Cramps, Depeche Mode, John Mayer and Manhattan Transfer.
- ◆ The television show, *Route 66*, ran from 1960 to 1964 and featured two young men driving the highway in a Corvette. GM has long used the show’s theme song when advertising the Corvette. The show was inspired by Jack Kerouac’s book, *On The Road*.
- ◆ Another GM connection to the highway involved 10 vintage Cadillacs with their front ends planted in the ground outside of Amarillo, TX. What’s it called? The Cadillac Ranch, of course.
- ◆ Route 66 has been mentioned, used, or filmed in the following movies and television shows: *Rugrats*, *Easy Rider*, *A Goofy Movie*, *Stargate-SG-1*, *Dogtown and Z-Boys*, Disney’s *Cars*, *Futurama*, *The Lost Room*, *Prison Break*, TV series *Supernatural*, and *National Lampoon’s Vacation*.
- ◆ Besides, “Getting Your Kicks,” other songs have made reference to the highway, including: country song “Is Anybody going to San Antone,” U2’s “Heartland,” and White Zombie’s “Super-Charger Heaven.”

- ◆ There is a video game called *The King of Route 66*, the manga *Shaman King* references Route 66, and the *Digimon Adventure 02* movies uses the highway.
- ◆ Tulsa’s NBA Development League basketball team is called the 66ers and the minor league baseball team in San Bernardino is called the Inland Empire 66ers.

So in spite of being decommissioned in 1985 and being added to the World Monuments Watch list of 100 Most Endangered Sites in 2008, the famous Highway numbered 66 lives on in the hearts and minds of Americans.

*GET YOUR KICKS
ON ROUTE 66*

The Windfall Elimination Provision

At the present time, whenever public or federal employees retire, their pension is subject to a law in Ohio called the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision (GPO/WEP). This provision was put into place to eliminate government employees from getting both Social Security and their Pension - a way to even things out, so to speak. The states affected by the GPO/WEP are Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas. In January of 2007, two Congressional representatives from California have reintroduced the Social Security Fairness Act as H.R.82. Two Senators have also taken up the fight and introduced the Senate version of the bill as S.206. Some of the organizations behind the bills are the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), and the National Education Association (NEA). As members of OPERS, all public employees in Ohio are subject to this law when we retire. If you want to voice your opinion, you can visit this website <http://www.nea.org/lac/socsec/offsets.html> and email your Senator or Congressman.

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LCCC Emergency Action Plan— Part 2

Emergency Notification Methods

When available, notification of an on-campus emergency (fire, inclement weather, bomb threat, etc.) will be announced over the College's public address system. Additional notification methods can include campus-wide email, voice mail, and the College's homepage www.lorainccc.edu. Additionally, on-duty Campus Security officers and Physical Plant personnel will conduct foot and mobile patrol rounds of each building and roadways to ensure dissemination of the information.

Should an incident occur necessitating an emergency closure of the campus or its affiliated outreach centers, information will be disseminated by the methods listed above. Additionally, emergency closing information will be broadcast on local television stations 3, 5, 8, 19, and 43, and on radio stations WGAR 99.5FM, WAKS 96.5FM, and WTAM 1100AM (for an exhaustive list of electronic media sources, please visit www.lorainccc.edu and click on "severe weather campus status."

Emergency Evacuations

When a fire alarm sounds, everyone must immediately exit the building. You should take your personal belongings (coat, purse, keys, etc.), provided they are readily close at hand. Do not go back into the building to get personal belongings. Consider that you may not be allowed to re-enter the building for a period of time. Check nearby offices, restrooms, copy rooms, and cubicles to ensure everyone has heard the evacuation notice. As you evacuate, close all doors behind you. Once outside, move 200 feet away from the facility and conduct a headcount to ensure everyone has evacuated safely. Do not re-enter the building until the "all clear" has been given.

If a tornado or other critical incidents occur, an announcement will be made over the public address system followed by instructions on what steps to take to ensure your health and safety. During a tornado, if you have time to evacuate, please proceed to the underground tunnel of the building in which you are in. If the building you are in does not have an underground tunnel (CH, PC, EIC), or the tunnel is unavailable, please proceed to the lowest level in an interior room and stay away from windows.

If you must shelter-in-place, take shelter under a table, desk or other sturdy furniture; stay away from windows

or other objects that may fall. When the tornado has passed, an announcement will be made either over the public address system or by other means. Watch out for broken glass and downed electrical lines. Do not use elevators. Exit using the closest safe route. As an employee, you should know at least two ways out of the building from your workspace. Regardless of where you exit the building, proceed to a safe location and report in with your supervisor or the senior-most person in your organizational unit/division.

Wait for further instructions. Do not re-enter the building until Emergency Services, Campus Security, or Physical Plant personnel give the all clear.



STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

What is Staff Council Executive Committee working on? If you want to know, ask your SCEC representative. Here are the representatives and their group number. You can find out more information on the Intranet - <http://www.lc3net/LCCC/IntranetHomePage.lccc> - Committees/Organizations - Staff Council.

Saundra Daniels - Group 1 (ext. 7662)
Ken Collins - Group 2 and SCEC President (ext. 8844)
Theresa Sullinger - Group 3 (ext. 4864)
Andrea Lyndes - Group 4 (ext. 4770)
Cheryl Miltner - Group 5 (ext. 7696)
Miriam Silva - Group 6 (ext. 7608)
Nate Neeland - Group 7 (ext. 7790)
Miguel Rivera - Group 8 (ext. 4017)
Dan Carrero - Group 9 (ext. 4200)
Sun Jamerson - Group 10 (ext. 7569)
Mike Harmych - Group 11 (ext. 7389)
Gina Maxwell - Group 12 (ext. 7598)

Part-Time Representatives are:

Ray Pagan (ext. 4506)
Tracey Maxwell (ext. 7862)
Julie Ford (ext. 4034)

At-Large Representatives are:

Mike Mielcarek (ext. 7220)
Fran McCaffery (ext. 4727)

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COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY AT LCCC by Stephanie Sutton

On Sunday, February 10, 2008, LCCC hosted College Goal Sunday in the CC mall. College Goal Sunday (CGS) is a free event that assists students and parents in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the federal application that is required to receive financial aid including the Federal Pell Grant and student loans. Studies show that a student is 50% more likely to attend college when they complete the FAFSA. Many students and families are intimidated by completing the FAFSA. CGS strives to take away that fear and uncertainty by providing experts experienced in financial aid and completing the FAFSA.

LCCC had 18 volunteers from Lorain County Community College, Cleveland State University, Baldwin Wallace College, and Lorain Admiral King High School. The volunteers served 186 students and families who were able to sit down with experts to complete the FAFSA and to ask any questions about going to college they may have had. In addition, if the form was ready to file electronically, students and families were escorted to a computer lab for direct assistance in filing their FAFSA on-line.

College Goal Sunday is a national and statewide event supported by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Ohio Board of Regents. LCCC was one of 37 sites located throughout Ohio. Without the dedication of our wonderful and knowledgeable volunteers, College Goal Sunday would not be successful! Our College Goal Sunday volunteers were:

Celeste Baker, LCCC
Tracy Chiorazzi, LCCC
Kathie Fitzgibbons, LCCC
Julie Ford, LCCC
Valerie Fultz, LCCC
Liz Garcia, LCCC
Jackie Heider, LCCC
Maneera Hitchens, LCCC
Karen Jacops, LCCC
Sarah Moore, LCCC
CherRae Saunders, LCCC
Stephanie Sutton, LCCC
Shalonda Thomas, LCCC
Walter Ventrice, Cleveland State University
Tajuana Boyd-Callaway, Cleveland State University

Carrie Euype, Baldwin Wallace College
Carolyn McCluskey, Baldwin Wallace College
Rose Benson, Lorain Admiral King High School

Quick Movie Reviews by Barb Armstrong

There Will Be Blood: This is not so much the story of greed and oil, but the story of one man and his personal quest for wealth and happiness. The story starts out with one actor, Daniel Day-Lewis portraying Daniel Plainview. For the first 15 minutes of the movie, there is no dialogue, except an occasional grunt as he is digging in his silver mine. This silence is every bit as powerful as the dialogue that follows, and gives the viewer a sense of the great solitude in the desert where he is digging. Eventually his lust turns to oil. Tipped off by a self-proclaimed preacher, Eli Sunday (played by Paul Dano), he visits the Sunday farm in California where he finds oil floating on top of the ground. Portraying himself as a caring family man - he has a son he adopted when one of his workers was killed in a mining accident - Daniel makes a deal with the whole town, drills his first well, and is on his way to becoming an oil tycoon. He slowly alienates himself from everyone in his life, including his son, and the final scene is one of him alone - similar to the beginning of the movie.

Note: This is a very violent movie, not for young children or the faint of heart. I found it hard to like anyone in the movie, except for the son

Chocolate Extravaganza & Happy Hour!

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter has been serving Lorain County since 1916. For more than ninety years the Lorain County Community, through their generous gifts of time and money, has enabled the Chapter to continue to fulfill its mission of helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

March is recognized each year as Red Cross Month. It's a designated time to reflect on the Red Cross and remember that they've been here, they are here, and they will continue to be here in the community providing valuable services. Celebrate the Red Cross this year by attending The Red Cross "Chocolate Extravaganza and Happy Hour!" March 14, 2008 from 5:00pm - 8:30pm at DeLuca's Place in the Park. This annual family fun event benefits the Lorain County Disaster Relief Fund. For more information call 324-2929. To purchase tickets, please contact Keith Brown at extension 7738 or kbrown@lorainccc.edu.

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The Recipe File



Recipes by Barb Armstrong

March is National Peanut Month. The peanut was fully developed by African American George Washington Carver in the mid 1800's as a source of food for poor farmers. His published bulletin contains 105 peanut recipes, most of which consist of just boiling the peanuts - not very interesting. The following are some more exciting recipes using peanuts. Enjoy.

Cherry Peanut Granola

submitted by Barb Armstrong

3 cups rolled oats
1/2 cup sesame seeds
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup peanuts
1 cup plump dried cherries
1 cup coconut
1/4 cup wheat germ
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup peanut oil
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup cut up dates

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Stir butter, oil, honey, sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon into the bottom of a large bowl. Toss in coconut, wheat germ, oats, and peanuts. Toss well to coat. Spread mixture out on a non-stick baking pan, parchment paper or baking mat. Bake for 30 minutes. Stir well and return to oven for 15 minutes. Check and stir every ten minutes until the mixture is golden brown. Remove from oven and sprinkle with salt, toss in dried fruit. Allow to cool and then store in an airtight container.

Comings and Goings by Linda Bush

Judy DeMarino in Academic Foundations retired on February 15, 2008
Kelly Lynch in IS&S resigned on February 15, 2008
Robert Shoemaker in Physical Plant starts on March 3, 2008.

Two Sisters Peanuty Broccoli Slaw

submitted by Barb Armstrong

1 package broccoli slaw
1 bunch scallions, chopped
1 cup peanuts
1/2 cup roasted and salted sunflower seeds
2 packages of Ramen oriental flavor noodle soup mix - crumble noodles - save seasoning packets for dressing

Dressing:

Ramen noodle seasoning packets
1/2 cup peanut oil
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/3 cup granulated sugar

In a large bowl, mix together broccoli slaw, scallions, peanuts, sunflower seeds and crumbled raw oriental noodles from the soup mix.

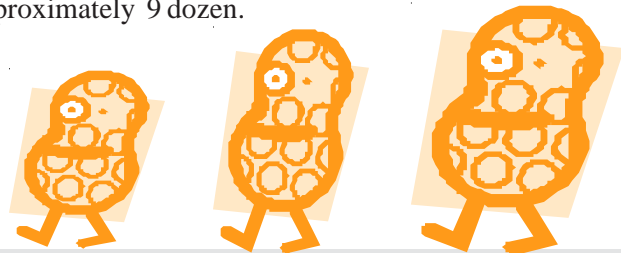
Dressing: In a jar with a lid, mix together the oil, sugar, cider vinegar, and seasoning packets. Shake well to mix. Pour immediately over broccoli mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Toss before serving.

Peanut Butter Jumbos

Submitted by Peggy Nesbit

1 1/2 cups peanut butter
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar, packed
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 1/2 cups quick cooking oatmeal
2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup mini chocolate chips
1 cup mini M&M's

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together peanut butter, butter, and sugars. Add eggs one at a time, beating well. Combine oats and baking soda. Gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in chips and M&M's. Drop by the tablespoon 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet (dough will be crumbly but will come together as it bakes.) Bake for 12-14 minutes or until edges brown. Yields approximately 9 dozen.



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GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66 2008 STAFF SPRING BREAK

Prizes for Best Dressed Character

Rt. 66 Jeopardy (Departmental Contest)

Music by Jeff Sherman
and Duck Radio

Wacky Wagons RV Photo Contest
and a CC Mall Memorial Lane.

March 24

March 26

March 28

from 12:00 – 3:00 pm each day.

Get Your Kicks on Route 66 continues through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri ending in Illinois. Highlights for this year's trip will include daily Prizes for Best Dressed Character; Rt. 66 Jeopardy (Departmental Contest); Music by Jeff Sherman and Duck Radio; Wacky Wagons RV Photo Contest; and a CC Mall Memorial Lane.



Ever seen a makeshift motor home or RV running on its last legs? Makes you wonder what's holding it together and moving it forward, doesn't it? Well, we want your personal photos of the wackiest, most dilapidated RV or motor home that you've seen – email them to aloep@lorainccc.edu or kcollins@lorainccc.edu for our Wacky Wagon RV Photo Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 photos. Internet photos can also be submitted, though duplicates will be accepted on a first-submitted basis.

2008 Spring Break will be the last spring break celebrated in what will soon be known as the "original CC Mall". Do you have photos and special anecdotes concerning past events celebrated in CC Mall - from conception to present? We are looking for as many stories and pictures as you can pass on. All submissions will be displayed upon our CC Mall Memorial Lane commemorating the many years of activities our campus has enjoyed within the walls of this building.