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Volunteers Needed for the 2009 Academic Fair



help make this a fun-filled academic experience for local fourth, fifth and sixth graders by sharing your knowledge, experiences, hobbies or talents.

excellent opportunity to serve as an ambassador to promote the image of the college. **All workshop information must be submitted by February 27.**

To participate in the 2009 Academic Fair, please complete the academic fair form and return it to Sharon Turner in PS 210.

For more information, please contact Sharon Turner at sturner@lorainccc.edu, Michele Timko at mtimko@lorainccc.edu, or Debbie Turner at dturner@lorainccc.edu.

Mark your calendars now! Hundreds of elementary school students will visit LCCC on Friday, March 27 and Friday, April 3 for the 2009 Academic Fair.

All LCCC students, staff, faculty and administrators are invited to host workshops for the visiting students. Please

Don't feel limited to your educational specialty. Avocations, interests, unique experiences, travel or special talents could create interesting areas for session development. Adult supervision and assistance will be available for every group.

Please consider taking advantage of this



Happy Valentine's Day
Send smiles to everyone!

HPER RENOVATIONS

Due to the renovations to the Fitness Center, there will be several important changes involving Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) staff and facilities. The HPER staff has moved into the Multipurpose building. The old fitness center and locker rooms will close on February 15. No locker room facilities will be available February 16 and 17. The new fit-

ness center is scheduled to open at 6:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 18. Lockers in the new fitness center locker rooms are for one-day use only. Any lock remaining on lockers at the end of the day will be removed. Complete renovations to the fitness center and HPER area are scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2009. For more information, please contact Laurie Carlberg at extension 7359.

Welcome

Welcome to the *Bell Tower Bulletin*, a monthly newsletter for Lorain County Community College Staff. We hope you enjoy this issue. Send comments, suggestions and feedback to [Bell.Tower@lorainccc.edu](mailto:bell.tower@lorainccc.edu).



There will be no March issue. Next deadline for article and/or image submissions is

March 27.

So What Do You Think?

We'd like to hear from you. Let us know how you like or NOT like articles, features, etc. Send us your e-mails at bell.tower@lorainccc.edu.

Summary of suggestions will be printed in the next issue.

January Reviews

Read what some of you had to say about the new look!

WOW! It's beautiful – we look so grown up and professional. I am really impressed with the quality of work done.

Carol Broadfoot

I think that what you all have done is a wonderful! The *Bell Tower* looks great! Thank you.

**Tim Howard
Staff Council, Past President**

This looks TERRIFIC!

Celeste Baker

Very Nice!!!!

Well done!!!!

Dinah Hunt

I just wanted to tell you that I very much enjoy the new format and overall look of the new *Bulletin*. Great job! It looks very polished and professional. Thanks for your hard work and keeping us all in the know!

Christina Neidert, Campus Security

Just one word about the new *Bell Tower*--FABULOUS!

Tracey Maxwell, Women's Link

LCCC Staff Council Members

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Group #18 Part-time	Ray Pagan

Volunteers, Supporters Needed For Special Olympics Event

Volunteers and supporters are needed for the 2009 Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament. The Tournament will bring more than 500 athletes with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities to Lorain County to compete in this annual basketball tournament. Teams that win in this regional tournament qualify to play in the Special Olympics State Tournament.

The North Section tournament is scheduled for 5:30-11 p.m., Fri., March 6; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat., March 7, and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sun., March 8 in the Phillips Physical Education building at Oberlin College.

The tournament is usually held at Lorain County Community College, but has been moved this year due to renovations in the health, physical education and recreation facilities at LCCC. For more information on volunteering, contact LCCC's Student Life office at 800-995-5222 (extension 4747) or visit www.lorainccc.edu/so. It is sponsored by Special Olympics of Ohio and presented locally by LCCC's

Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Student Life division. "We are looking forward to another great regional tournament," said Joe Antonucci, North Section director of Special Olympics Ohio. "As always we rely on the gracious support of volunteers."

Special Olympics competitions are patterned after the Olympic Games. More than 16,000 games, meets, and tournaments in both summer and winter sports are held worldwide each year. More than one million volunteers organize and run local Special Olympics, serving as coaches, game officials, drivers, and in many other capacities.

Anyone can learn how to participate through the many training programs Special Olympics offers for coaches, officials, and volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for the following positions – scoreboard operators, game bookkeepers, announcers and music operators. Other game-related positions include fans in the stands, sign holder, vocalists and instrumentalists to sing or play the National Anthem.

Groups and individuals are sought to participate in the "Adopt a Team" activity – becoming its chief supporter and friend throughout the weekend.

Special Olympics Ohio seeks to provide improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, a more positive self-image, friendships and increased family support for those with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

Teams competing come from Allen, Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark, Summit, and Wayne counties. Approximately 25 basketball games are played during this tournament. Special Olympics is an international program of year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than one million children and adults with mental retardation. Headquartered in Washington D.C., Special Olympics guides local, area, state, and national programs around the world.



Case Road Closing

Case Road will be closed to traffic from Center Ridge Road (Rt. 20) to Otten Road until May 1, 2009. The closing will allow the completion of a sewer project which will improve the flooding conditions on Case Road. Only local residents and emergency vehicles will have ac-

cess. During the shutdown, traffic is being diverted off Case Road east, onto Otten Road and Barres Road to Stoney Ridge Road. An alternate route would direct traffic onto Avalon Drive (off Case Road) to Stoney Ridge.

Spring Break

March 2009
16, 18 & 20



Field House

*Food, games, prizes,
individual and
departmental costume
contest.*

*Come one, come all!
It's Carnival Time!*

Sponsored BY

Staff Council

From the President's Desk

Greetings,

Well, by now, the semester is well underway and I'm sure the work is piling up on everyone's desk with the students back on campus.

Staff Council is getting back in the swing of things. We held a meeting on February 4th to swear in two new members Joyce Stevenson (Group #3) and Cynthia McCabe (Group #10).

We are starting to plan our Spring Break event which will have a "carnival" theme to it. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would be interested in helping plan the event, please stop by and let me know.

I hope everyone is enjoying the new layout of the *Bell Tower Bulletin*. If you have any feedback, let Lisa Elliott know.

Have a great day,
Ken Collins
Staff Council, President

Official Addresses for LCCC Off-Campus Sites

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION

201 BURNS RD
ELYRIA OH 44035

ENTREPRENEURSHIP INNOVATION INSTITUTE

151 INNOVATION DR STE 120
(or assigned suite #)
ELYRIA OH 44035

LCCC WELLINGTON CENTER

151 COMMERCE DR
WELLINGTON OH 44090

LORAIN COUNTY GROWTH PARTNERSHIP LRNG CTR

5TH FLOOR
226 MIDDLE AVE
ELYRIA OHIO 44035

MIDPOINT CAMPUS CENTER

50 PEARL RD
BRUNSWICK OH 44212

ST JOSEPHS LEARNING CENTER

205 W 20TH ST STE M590
LORAIN OH 44052

WORKFORCE INSTITUTE OF LORAIN COUNTY

42495 N RIDGE RD
ELYRIA OH 44035

Ask HR

Ask HR is a monthly question and answer column designed for get answers to anything regarding HR. If you would like to Ask HR a question, simply e-mail the bell.tower@lorainccc.edu. Our goal is to get an answer for you.



Question

I am expecting my baby on July 7, 2009. My start date at LCCC was August 11, 2008. What can I expect to receive in benefits, maternity or otherwise?

Answer

Congratulations on the addition to your family! A future LCCC student! The HR Office encourages an employee that will be experiencing a major change in their lives that will effect their working situation to make an appointment to talk to the appropriate HR staff member to ensure that she/he receives the information that is specific to her/his situation. In this case an employee's accrued sick leave and vacation leave along with the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act will impact what benefits she/he may or may not be eligible to receive. Meeting with the benefits coordinator is the best way for the employee to guarantee that she/he has accurate information and is prepared for her/his situation. We have included the basic information on FMLA below.

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993 entitles eligible employees to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a twelve-month period for specified family and medical reasons, such as for the birth and care of a newborn child. For additional information regarding notice requirements, continuation of benefit coverage, and medical certification, please refer to the CampusNet page and click on the link for Family and Medical Leave.

Quick Movie Review

By Barb Armstrong



The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

It is easy to see why this movie has been nominated for an Academy

Award. It is new, fresh, and fanciful. The story is told from the hospital deathbed of the elderly Daisy Williams (Cate Blanchett) during the time that Hurricane Katrina is about to make landfall. She asks her daughter Caroline (Julie Ormond) to read her a diary that she has in her suitcase.

The diary is the story of Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt) who was born in New Orleans in 1918. Benjamin was born old and infirm and, instead of growing older, he grew younger. Benjamin's mother died during childbirth and he was abandoned by his biological father at the doorstep of a retirement home. He was instantly adopted by Queenie (Taraji P. Henson), one of the caregivers in the home. He met Daisy when she came to visit her grandmother, a resident at the home. They instantly connected, but were destined to be apart until they both reached their 40's. When they finally did meet again, they fell in love, had a daughter, but never married.

Benjamin felt that his illness would prevent him from properly caring for a child. After all, he was growing younger and would eventually be a burden on his family. The ending is obvious, but not sad. The movie is based on the book by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Gran Torino

Stubborn, prejudice, grumpy, hard-nosed, unhappy. These are some of the words that describe Walt Kowalski (Clint Eastwood), the main character of this movie.

When his wife dies, he is left alone in an old house in a changing Michigan neighborhood, where he is surrounded by Asian fami-

lies. He is unable to get along with his own family or his neighbors, until one of the ever-present gangs causes an uproar at his neighbor's house. That is when he pulls out his rifle and becomes the neighborhood hero.

His neighbor's son, Thao (Bee Vang), a Hmong teenager who is being pressured into joining the local gang, tries to steal Walt's prized 1972 Gran Torino as an initiation rite into the group. This is a deed that Walt cannot forgive or forget. When Walt is forced to accept Thao's services of work as an apology for trying to steal his car, he befriends him and helps the boy to turn his life around. The ending may surprise you.

Note: *The movie contains R-rated language and racial slurs.*

The Tale of Despereaux

This is the tale of a misfit mouse who reads books and refuses to cower at the sight of cats - not at all normal for a mouse. Despereaux (Matthew Broderick) is unhappy in "mouse town" located in the basement of the



castle, and he is in danger of being exiled. He meets Roscuro (Dustin Hoffman), an unhappy rat who was stranded from one of the sailing ships in port and who is slowly being led astray by the evil city rats. The third misfit in this trio is Miggery Sow (Tracey Ullman), a servant girl whose only

dream is to become a princess.

They are all together in the medieval kingdom of Dor during the annual soup festival - look for soup spoons on everything!

Something goes horribly wrong at the annual soup festival and the queen dies. The king declares that no more soup will be made in the kingdom, throwing the people and the town into a deep dark depression. The Princess (Emma Watson) gets captured by the evil rats and it is up to the trio of misfits to save her. This is a very complicated plot, despite it being an award-winning children's series of books by Kate DiCamillo.

Note: *This is an excellent family movie, enjoyed by both young and old alike.*



Retiree's Corner

Here is what our some of our retirees are doing

Betty Rhodes is back working part time for the Engineering Technologies Division as staff assistant.

Sharon Koepf is back working full time for the Health Physical Education and Recreation Division as a staff assistant.

Update on People Soft

by Barb Armstrong

The People Soft implementation is moving along smoothly. Consultants from Higher Technologies Solutions (HTS) and Cajana are on campus and are located in the AT building. They have been interviewing campus employees in what is called the *fit-gap* session.

They assess what we have and determine how it will fit into the new People Soft system with minimal changes. IS&S staff have been working alongside the consultants. In order to become experts, training is scheduled for IS&S staff during the months of February, March and April.

The campus community is encouraged to call the Help Desk at extension 4357 with any problems they may have with the current CMDS system. The calls will be routed to temporary personnel so that the IS&S staff can concentrate on implementing and learning the new administrative system.

Service Excellence Training

Employees are invited and encouraged to participate in Service Excellence training that will be held on a variety of dates and times between February 17 and March 18. Those that complete all four modules can earn LCCC's newly designed Four Star Service Excellence certificate and be recognized by Dr. Church and the District Board of Trustees at the April meeting. This highly acclaimed, national program by Achieve Global will be tailored to the LCCC environment and will be delivered by top professionals, Ellen Shafer and Candy Townsend, from the EII.

This training will help employees sharpen skills, be recognized for enhanced credentials, add to their service excellence toolkit, receive their LCCC nametag, and enjoy time with colleagues from across campus. Refreshments will be served at all sessions. Attendees who sign up early will receive five extra tickets for raffles that will take place at each session. Seating is limited. Please visit www.lorainccc.edu/excellence to reserve a seat or contact Melissa Siwinski at extension 7686.

Computer Tips

By Diane Nott

USB Speeds

If you've gotten a new computer in the last few years, it more than likely it came with USB ports. If you're not sure, USB ports are the little slots on either the front or back of your computer that you can use to plug in certain devices, such as a flash drive or digital camera. USB ports come in two different speeds: 2.0 and 1.0, with 2.0 being faster. Most newer PCs have the 2.0 speed, but if you purchased yours quite awhile ago, you may have the 1.0 speed. So, if you've ever wondered which speed you have, keep reading to learn how you can find out!

To get to your computer's USB area, you need to right click on the My Computer icon on your desktop and choose Properties. Next, click on the Hardware tab and then hit the Device Manager Button. When the new window opens, scroll down to the very bottom where it says Universal Serial Bus controllers. Click on the plus sign (+) next to that and all of your USB information will come up. You may have quite a few listings or you may only have a few. It just depends on how many ports came with your computer and if you've added any yourself.

If you see one that says something like "USB Enhanced Host Controller," that means you have the 2.0 speed. The "Enhanced" part is what sets the 2.0 apart from the slower speed. On my computer, that entry was the very last one, so make sure you look through your whole list before you make any assumptions. Also, just for your information, if one of your USB ports is 2.0, it's likely that all of your ports will be the same. That goes for the 1.0 speed as well. Most computers don't come with two different port speeds. So, tell me, how does it feel to know what kind of USB speed your PC is running? Pretty darn good, huh? Check yours out today!

Threat Assessment Team

By Keith Brown

Lorain County Community College has established a Threat Assessment Team (TAT) to assist in addressing situations where students, faculty or staff are displaying disruptive or threatening behaviors that potentially impede their own or others' ability to function successfully or safely.

The process is designed to help identify persons whose behaviors potentially endanger their own or the health and safety of others. A collaborative process to assess threats will be used and, depending on the situation, personnel with areas of specialization/responsibility may be called upon to assist the Team. Other individuals may also be consulted as needed such as a faculty member who has a concern about a student, a counselor to share expertise and/or an administrator/supervisor who has information concerning an employee.

The TAT will meet on an emergency basis as well as regularly to review reports brought forward by campus community members concerning disruptive, inappropriate, and/or threatening behavior.

It is the responsibility of faculty, staff and students to immediately report any situation that could possibly result in harm to anyone at the College. When a member of the campus community becomes aware of a troubling person or situation that is causing serious anxiety, stress or fear, this information should be forwarded to the director of Campus Security or any appropriate College official (instructor, counselor, dean, administrator, etc.) immediately.

In cases where a person may pose an immediate risk of violence to self or others, a **9-1-1** call should be placed and the Campus Security Office should be contacted immediately at **366-4444** or **366-4053**. Threat-related or health and safety-related information must be forwarded to the Director of Campus Security.

Various reporting mechanisms have been established to collect information from campus community members regarding aberrant, threatening or potentially dangerous behavior as referenced below:

- If there is an imminent threat to health and safety

call **9-1-1** and security **ext 4444 or 4053 (366-4444/366-4053)**

- Online www.lorainccc.edu/security. Click on "incident report"
- Email concerns to safe@lorainccc.edu;
- Notify a Threat Assessment Team member or college official (instructor, counselor, dean, administrator, etc.)

Question of the Month

Did you have a rough, or extra-long, commute? Get stuck in the snow, or help somebody get unstuck? Did the snow prevent you from doing something important, or did you perform a superhuman effort to get someplace you just had to be? Did you witness an act of kindness or public service that storms like this sometimes produce? Or is there any other storm-related story that you think would be interesting to share with our readers?

This is actually a story about the storm in the beginning of March of last year, but it's kind of special to me, so I thought I would share it.

I'm a single mother of one, a precocious three-year-old named Aliyah, and I have multiple sclerosis. MS can have varying symptoms, but my particular affliction that Friday morning was dizziness, double vision, and (just for flavor) a sinus infection. So, realizing that I couldn't see about mid-morning, I asked my co-worker Gabriel to drive me home. I left my car in the parking lot next to the old library and my father took me to the ER where he is employed as a chaplain. Having had experience with exacerbations, I knew I would have to be on steroids, but the ER folks needed to make sure that there wasn't anything else to be concerned about. After a CAT scan and an IV steroid treatment, my stepmother drove me and my daughter (who had previously been at day care) home, my eyes still unable to focus, in the blizzard that was blanketing Northeast Ohio. In the span of those two and ½ days, my boyfriend Greg's car got stuck four times in various parking lots. If it weren't for his infinite patience and ability to handle an impatient little girl who didn't understand what was going on, we would have never made it back to our cozy home to our hot chocolate, and I thank my lucky stars that I have such a giving, wonderful family and community. Postscript: Aliyah gave me a hug and apologized for screaming in the car, and I was finally able to return to work after three days. Thank goodness for sick time, too!

Heather Robinson
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My husband, he is a kid at heart. I was at work all day Friday (Russell's day off) he was outside clearing the driveway and thought, "what great packing snow." So he started making the little snowman - after that was complete, he of course thought bigger is better and decided to make another snowman.

Darcie Parsons

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Not Just Another Uncle

By Peggy Nesbit

On January 17th, John David Wilhelm, better known on this campus as Jack Wilhelm and better known to me as Uncle Jack, passed away at the Northridge Health Care Center. He had been ill for a number of years and it's really a blessing that he has gone on to the great track meet in the sky.

My Uncle Jack is my mother's oldest brother. He was born in 1922 and my mother in 1937. In between there were three other brothers and a sister. He was named for his father (John) and his mother's father (David Mitchell). He was the only one of his siblings to go to college (BGSU) and then on to graduate school in Colorado. (Although my Uncle Jim went to trade school to become a draftsman on the GI Bill.)

Although his eyesight was very bad (something my sister Jane and I inherited from that side of the family), he was able to join the Army during WWII and served in England. After the war, he returned to London for the 1948 Olympics.

Much of what I know about my uncle, I know from the stories my mother has told about him. Because of the age difference between them, he was actually a P.E. teacher and coach at Amherst High while she was in high school. He was also still living at home with her and my grandparents. As you can imagine, she didn't get away with much at school!

He left Amherst and moved to teaching and coaching at South Amherst. While there, the football team had its best season ever and two track team members won state championships. There is a whole generation of middle-aged men there who still idolize my uncle. I grew up in South Amherst and know my mother made two phone calls to former football players, sure the whole town would know of his passing within hours.

One of my favorite family jokes to tell people is that we always had our family reunions at the mental hospital—but it was true. My great uncle was the superintendent to Apple Creek State Hospital and had a beautiful house on the grounds. All the Wilhelms would gather once a summer for a reunion picnic and this is where I most often saw Uncle Jack, Aunt Flossy and my cousins Jeff, Jonathon, and Joel. (Jeff is around the same age as my older sister, I am the same age as Jonathon and Joel is between my younger sister and brother.)

I'm not sure of the exact year Uncle Jack left teaching high school to join the faculty of LCCC; I was just a

kid at the time. I do remember hearing that he was teaching college. What perhaps I remember more distinctly was when he was hit by a car and nearly died. In a hit-and-run accident, he was struck while out jogging and thrown into a ditch. His pelvis and legs were badly broken and if it wasn't cold, according to my mother at the time, he would have bled to death. My grandparents were in Nassau at the time with his sister, my aunt, and it was serious enough that they all flew immediately home to be with him.

But, as I'm sure everyone who knew him will agree, my uncle was one tough bird. He came back from his injuries (the driver was never found) and returned to teaching and coaching. I'm not sure if the trophies are still on display in the PE building, but there were a number of photos with Uncle Jack in them. I think he was the one that brought Cross Country track to the county and my cousin Jeff was a stand-out athlete for him.

In high school, whenever one of us Nesbit children got our name in the newspaper—usually for the honor roll but occasionally for something else like a play or even an athletic achievement—Uncle Jack would always send us the newspaper clipping in a little card with a congratulations in it. I've never had anyone else, relative or not, do that for me and I think that really says a lot about the kind of man my uncle was.

I feel bad that I didn't get to know him better and I know that there are many here who were much closer to him. I may share DNA but you all shared much more. But I do have to say that without him, I probably wouldn't have thought twice about applying for the Bookstore Supervisor job when it was advertised in 1986. Because of him, I knew the college was a great place to work, a place you could spend your whole career and make a valuable contribution to the community. And being his niece helped me connect with any number of people who had worked with him, including some of the people I supervised at the time!

I never had him for a teacher or as a coach—just as an uncle—but he left his mark on the college and on everyone he touched and there isn't much more you can ask for as you head off into whatever follows this life. May he rest in peace. (And, if you're playing cards with Grandpa in Heaven, don't let him cheat!)

In Memoriam—Dr. Robert Callaway

July 26, 1963 – January 9, 2009



Memorial Fund

A memorial fund for the benefit of Dr. Robert Callaway's family has been established through the Lorain County Community College Foundation.

Contributions may be made payable to the LCCC Foundation, c/o Dr. Robert Callaway Memorial Fund, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035, or online at www.lorainccc.edu/robertcallaway.

In addition, the LCCC Foundation has established The Dr. Robert Callaway Memorial Scholarship Fund to support students at Lorain County Community College and to celebrate his legacy.

Tax-deductible contributions may be made to The LCCC Foundation c/o Callaway Scholarship Fund.

Robert Callaway, dean of the Social Sciences and Human Services division passed away suddenly early Friday, January 9, 2009. Robert is survived by his wife, Tajuana Boyd-Callaway (15 years) and their three children – Ashley (9), Robert Jr. (7), and Christopher (4).

Robert – born in East Orange, New Jersey and raised in Montclair, New Jersey – first joined LCCC on a part-time basis on October 1, 1997 as an assessment implementation coordinator. He was hired as interim director of the Institutional, Effectiveness and Planning office in July of 1998 and was named to the permanent position as director of that office on July 1, 2005.

On January 2, 2008, Robert was named as dean, Social Sciences and Human Services division. As the dean of Social Sciences and Human Services at Lorain County Community College he was responsible for the instructional programs and services offered through the division. He was also responsible for the utilization of assigned facilities, program development and evaluation, faculty and staff supervision and communication, and the marketing and promotion of all available services.

Previously, as the director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning, he provided the leadership for the formulation and execution of the College's initiatives related to research services, institutional effectiveness, and engagement. Some of the specific activities included accreditation, academic and operational program review, student assessment and retention, data analysis and reporting, strategic planning, continuous improvement and planning.

Coming Events at Stocker Arts Center

by Barb Armstrong

**Friday, February 13, 2009 at 7:30 pm; and
Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 7:30 pm**



The Divas Of American Song: A Valentine Cabaret
Featuring The Helen Welch Trio
Tickets: \$15/Adults; \$10/Children 12 and under.



Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Zili Misik

WORLD BEAT MUSIC AT IT'S BEST!
Tickets: \$15/Adults; \$10/Children 12 and under.

Sunday, February 15, 2009 - 3 pm

Music from your Hymnal

Selections based on the hymns: *Amazing Grace; Lead On, O King Eternal; God of our Fathers; Eternal Father, Strong to Save; When Jesus Wept*, and others.

The Civic Concert Band concerts are FREE and open to the public. No tickets are needed.



Friday, February 20, 2009 – 9:45 & 11:45 am

The Silent Boy

Based on the book by Lois Lowry

Running Time: 55 minutes

Recommended for Grades: 5-9

Tickets: \$4/each

Saturday, February 21, 2009 - 7:30 pm

Autumn Sonata

Patrons, except LCCC students/faculty/staff with valid ID, must purchase an annual membership in the LCCC Film Society for \$3.00/each, which is good for the entire season (September through the end of the 2009 Winter/Spring film series season). The admission price for each film is \$5.00/ticket with your membership card.



Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Street Drum Corps (SDC)

This group is a mix of punk rock, Stomp and the Blue Man Group.

Tickets: \$15/Adults; \$10/Children 12 and under

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 7:30 pm

JAZZ GOES TO THE POPS

Featuring the tunes of James Taylor, Chicago and Blood Sweat and Tears.
Tickets: \$7/Adults; \$6/LCCC Students, Staff & Seniors 65+; \$5/Groups of 15 +

To order tickets, call the Stocker Box Office at (800) 995-5222 ext. 4040 or (440) 366-4040. Events may be canceled due to inclement weather. Visit www.lorainccc.edu/stocker the day of the performance.

Recipes



Potato bake

submitted by Carol Broadfoot

- 1 bag of frozen diced potatoes with veggies and onions
- 4 – 8 eggs, whisked
- 1 bag of cheese (your choice)
- Season to taste

Mix everything in a 9" x 12" greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees on the top rack for 30 minutes or until browned.

Note: I like to double this recipe making the density thicker. This does well for a pot luck. Sometimes I add browned sausage or bacon. Pre-cooked meats do well, too! Enjoy!



Another Veggie Wrap

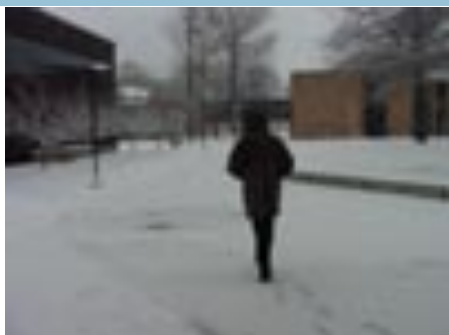
submitted by Carol Broadfoot

- 1 c. finely sliced bok choy
- 1 c. finely sliced leek
- 1 c. thinly sliced (about 1/8" thick) portabella mushrooms
- 1 c. finely sliced sweet onion
- 1 c. finely sliced cabbage
- 1 c. bean sprouts (for crunch)
- 1 package multigrain tortilla
- Wasabi mustard (*if you dare*)

Sauté the first 5 ingredients in olive oil and arrange on a multigrain tortilla. Add bean sprouts and kick it up with a little wasabi mustard on the tortilla.

Note: Goes well with a glass of cold beer.

Emergency and Severe Weather Closings



When emergency situations – severe weather, power failure, fire, loss of water or other serious event – force the closing of LCCC or the cancellation of day, evening or weekend classes, local radio and television stations will be notified and announcements broadcast at frequent intervals. The decision to suspend operations and/or cancel classroom instruction and activities is made as early in the day as possible.

When severe weather strikes the area, students are advised to first consider the conditions in their immediate area relative to traveling safely. Conditions may vary significantly within the service area of the College.

Decisions regarding College operations are made on the general status of the overall service area. Students are ultimately responsible for their own safety and travel decisions. Coursework is also the continuing responsibility of students. A decision to be absent from a class for any reason does not exonerate students from their full responsibility to complete all prescribed coursework.

Snow/Storm Closings

When a severe weather system arrives in the area, a determina-

tion regarding the suspension of classes and other College activities is made after assessing the severity of the storm, its expected duration, travel conditions in the county, and the ability of physical plant personnel to render campus roadways and parking lots serviceable.

In the event a storm arrives in the early morning hours prior to the start of classes/events, a decision to close the campus will be made prior to 6:00 a.m. whenever possible. A decision to close the campus at that time will be made with regard to day classes and events. A decision to close campus for evening classes and/or special events, e.g., performances at

Stocker Center, will be made prior to 1:00 p.m. whenever possible.

Information about closings is broadcast via local Cleveland and Lorain County electronic media. Area radio stations that carry closing information include: WEOL, WNWV, WRKG, WOBL, WGAR, WZLE, WTAM, WMJI, WLEC, WMMS, WCPZ, WLKR, WAKS, WMVX, WHLO, AND WKDD. All Cleveland television stations also provide closing information as well as LCCC's website, www.lorainccc.edu.

Text Message Alert System



LCCC officials would like to encourage staff members to sign up for the text message alerting system, LCCC Alerts, which will be used to notify and inform campus community members of campus closures and other emergencies. This is a free service for those that have text message-equipped cellular devices. In the event that a situation necessitates activation of LCCC Alerts, a text message and email will be sent to the mobile device and email address used to subscribe. More information, visit www.lorainccc.edu/staffalerts.

Black History Month

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN



Thursday
February 12

10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Stocker Center Gallery Lobby
(2nd floor)

Join us as we read our favorite poems, book excerpts, and essays from African-American writers. Readings will be short, about a minute or two. No reservations needed to come and listen. Participate by reading your favorite work, e-mail Marilyn Valentino at mvalen@lorainccc.edu

Be sure to offer 2-3 times so you can be easily scheduled and not have to wait in line.

Sponsored by the Division of Arts and Humanities

The African American Read-In is sponsored nationally by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English and NCTE.

MOVING SALE

50% OFF



All regular price Gifts, Clothing, and Reading Books

*EXCLUDES Nursing Clothing.

* Only for merchandise in stock. Sorry no special orders



Photo of the Month

The Last of It

Taken by Dave Cummings, Director, Auxiliary Services



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Staff Council newsletter is to be an informational vehicle, which is produced by Staff Council members for Staff Council members. The publication will contain educational elements without losing an entertaining edge. The project will build morale, camaraderie and esprit de corps within the Staff Council. Each issue will be dedicated to serving the mission of the Staff Council while involving the staff in both professional and personal pursuits.

Updated Campus Fax Numbers

Karen Broeckel, Mail Center, has compiled a list of campus fax numbers to help facilitate communications between outreach centers and main campus offices due to the disbanding of Van Mail service. For more information, please contact Karen Broeckel at extension 7517.

Midpoint Campus Center Information Session

To meet the goals of the new University System of Ohio of providing greater access and increasing participation in college by Ohioans, Lorain County Community College and The University of Akron have partnered to open the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick.

The new center is a collaborative effort between LCCC and UA designed to align the strengths and resources of both institutions to accelerate educational opportunities and efficiencies in underserved populations along the "Innovation Corridor" that stretches from Lorain County to the City of Akron.

Lena Knight, the outreach services specialist, will be hosting an Open House event to help the community learn about the services offered at the new Midpoint Campus Center, 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, March 9 (PSEO Information Night for high school students and parents).



The Midpoint Campus Center is located at 50 Pearl Rd., Suite 300 in Brunswick. For more information, please call (330) 225-0042 or visit www.midpointcampus.com.