

LTC NETWORK

OCTOBER 2012

- 2 **No classes**, District faculty/staff development day
- 4 **Softball hosts Wabash Valley**, 2 & 4 p.m., city park
Meet the Statesmen event, 5-9 p.m., main campus
- 5 **Loan session**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., SU207
- 8 **College closed for Columbus Day**
- 9 **Red Cross Blood Drive**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., gym
Testing, 2-4 p.m., Williams Hall
LTC Foundation meeting, 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 11 **Midterm**
Softball hosts Olney, 2 & 4 p.m., city park
Intermediate Crochet, 6-8 p.m., WH
- 16 **Health Careers Club Night at Monical's**
- 17 **Testing**, 8-10 a.m., Williams Hall
Covered Bridge Bus Trip, TBA
- 25 **Trick or Treat at the Trail**, 4-7 p.m., main campus
Defensive Driving, 6-10 p.m., SC106

Network is a joint project of Lincoln Trail College & Lincoln Trail College Foundation



HAILSTORM

The Lincoln Trail College men's basketball team's hosted a unique fund-raiser on Aug. 21. Team members and coaching staff sold golf balls to be dropped out of a helicopter hovering 20 feet above a specially placed cup on the No. 1 fairway at Quail Creek Country Club. Fourteen balls landed in the cup, with their owners splitting the \$1,000 prize money. All proceeds from ball sales benefited the men's basketball team. Prior to the big drop, members of the LTC men's and women's basketball team served brats, cheeseburgers and drinks for freewill donations.



Fall defensive driving offered

Several National Safety Council Defensive Driving courses (DDC-4) will be offered throughout the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District during August.

Classes will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 24 at Frontier Community College Foundation Hall; Sept. 25, Wabash Valley College Science Building Room 58; Sept. 26, Olney Central College Wattleworth Hall Room 114; and Sept. 27, Lincoln Trail College Student Union Room 207.

The DDC-4 course is a classroom “face-to-face” course. It is accepted as an assigned driving course as required for traffic-related court supervision. Some insurance companies will provide a discount for successful completers of this course. Participants successfully completing the course will receive a National Safety Council, DDC-4 Certificate. The cost for this class is \$50. Special rates are available to seniors wishing a refresher on safe driving skills.

New telecom instructor named

Jesse Allen of Dieterich has been hired as the new telecommunications instructor at Lincoln Trail College. Prior to his position



at LTC, Allen was a combination tech for Montrose Mutual Telco in Dieterich. In that capacity, he was in charge of tower installation and repair of the wireless internet network, key phone systems installation and troubleshooting, and switching network maintenance and troubleshooting, among other things. His telecom experience also includes a stint as the local manager and state construction manager for Citizens/Frontier in Altamont which included overseeing construction projects for the southern half of Illinois.

Allen has an associate's degree in air conditioning and refrigeration from LTC and outside plant interconnect and fiber optic splicing certificates from Wabash Valley College.



FIRST PITCH

Lincoln Trail College's Lady Statesmen softball team celebrated its season opener against Parkland College with a Breast Cancer Awareness Program. Former LTC player Michaela Dermanelian threw the first pitch of the triple header that began at noon Sept. 8 at Robinson City Park. The 25-year-old mother who lives in Alpha, Ill., is fighting Invasive Ductal Carcinoma, stage 3 breast cancer. T-shirts, \$15, continue to be sold with proceeds benefiting Dermanelian. For information, call 618-544-8657, ext. 1205.

Demystifying your digital device

Explore the capabilities of your iPhone, Blackberry, Droid and iPad during a one-night workshop Sept. 13 at Lincoln Trail College.

Instructor Shawn Mitchell will teach this non-credit workshop from 6 to 8 p.m.

in Williams Hall 105. Students will learn how to maneuver various digital devices and what they can do.

Cost is \$20 per person. To register, or for more information, call Community Service at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1130.

Specialty horticulture classes scheduled

Lincoln Trail College will offer a series of specialty horticulture classes beginning Sept. 11.

Wildlife Food Plot Establishment will be offered from 6 to 8:50 p.m. Sept. 11 and 20. This course will include the identification and discussion of techniques for planting materials that attract and nourish wildlife in Illinois.

A second course, Oyster Mushroom Production, will be offered from 6 to 8:50 p.m. Sept. 18 and 27. Students enrolled in this hands-on course will learn oyster mushroom cultivation techniques and will create a grow bag to produce their own oyster mushrooms. Oct. 9, students will

return their grow bag to LTC for chilling or will chill their bags at home for 24 hours. Oct. 10, they will pick up the chilled bag for production of oyster mushrooms.

The final course, Spring Flowering Bulbs, will meet from 6 to 8:50 p.m. Sept. 25 and Oct. 9. Discussion will include outdoor spring flowering bulb planting and fertilization recommendations, as well as planting a spring bulb garden for indoor forcing.

All courses will meet in Occupational Annex Room 105. To register, or for more information, on these specialty courses, call 618-544-8657, ext. 1097.

Lincoln Trail celebrates Literacy Week

Lincoln Trail College began Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, Sept. 10-14, with its first Area Planning Council meeting.

Robinson Mayor Roger Pethel proclaimed the week officially started.

In the past, IECC's four campuses have conducted a joint Area Planning Council, or APC, meeting. This spring, it was decided each community would be better served if individual councils were developed.

The purpose of the APC is to identify services currently being offered to the identified population, plan for continuation of services and help identify and determine reasons for gaps within each service area.

Attending the Crawford County APC were: (front) Rebecca McCoy-Taylor and Lacey Whipkey, Robinson Township Supervisor Office; Lorraine Akande, Crawford County Department of Human Services; Valerie Vermilya, Crawford Adult Learning Partners; Julie Kraemer, Hutsonville superintendent; and Gayle Zaring, LTC career advisor; and (back) Chad Loudermilk,



Crawford County probation officer; Troy Hickey, Robinson High School principal; Josh Quick, Robinson superintendent; Jeff Patchett, Oblong superintendent; Corrie Ray, Regional Office of Education; Mitch Hannahs, LTC president; Roger Pethel, Robinson Mayor; and Rena Gower, LTC Learning Skills Center director.



Program takes center stage

Members of the Lincoln Trail College welding classes recently completed a project that will allow the Village of Palestine a little more mobility.

The LTC Welding Department recently created a portable stage that allows Palestine to host main stage acts on Main Street and at Leaverton Park.

Lead instructor Reno Bemont worked with the Palestine committee on the stage design, construction and materials. The final design allows the needed portability while taking up minimal storage space and providing ample space for all types of events when assembled.

Students working on the project are from Oblong, Palestine, Hutsonville and Robinson, as well as outlying areas.

New welders arrive at LTC

The Red McCoy Welding Center is now home to 14 new state-of-the-art welders and consumables thanks to Lincoln Electric, a global industry leader. As an advantage of partnering with this company, LTC and the community will benefit from increased training opportunities. To welcome Lincoln Electric to the community, the college will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 5 at the welding facility on East Locust. Visitors are invited to meet LTC's welding instructors and try out their welding skills on virtual welders.



'A Christmas Story' auditions Sept. 24 & 25

Auditions for Lincoln Trail College's production of "A Christmas Story" will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 and 25 in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

This is the classic tale of a young boy growing up in Indiana who wants a Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas. It was made into the popular movie by the same name.

Roles for this production will be assigned after the second night of auditions. Actors need only attend one session.

The 20-person cast will consist of several adults and 13 younger actors. Ralph, the adult, appears as the narrator and is a central character. Other adult roles are: the Mother, the Old Man (Father), Miss Shields, the teacher, and Santa

Claus. The story is about 9-year-old Ralphie, but actors older and younger will be considered for the role. Also featured are his younger brother, Randy; his friends and classmates, Flick and Schwartz; Esther Jane Alberry and Helen Weathers, classmates; and Scut Farkas, the bully. There are non-speaking roles for six additional schoolchildren.

Performances of "A Christmas Story" will be Nov. 9-11 and 16-18. The second weekend of performances will coincide with the Robinson Christmas Celebration.

Audition packets may be picked up in the Performing Arts Office and are also available online at www.iecc.edu/ltc under Performing Arts. For more information, call 618- 544-8657, ext. 1433.