

From the Center for Lifelong Learning At Northwest State Community College

Late Summer-Fall 2017

An Affiliate of the Road Scholar Institutes

Cecily Rohrs, Coordinator

WE'LL VISIT SAUDER VILLAGE IN SEPTEMBER

There's still time to register for our fall gathering at the Sauder Village, on State Route 2 just north of Archbold. The date is Tuesday, September 12th, and we'll meet in the two-story Entrance Building/Visitors' Center at 9:30 a.m.

As Lifelong Learners, we will take a look at the many ways the Village has changed since it opened its doors 41 years ago. Although the history hasn't changed, the way it's presented has. Our new world is one that engages the learner – touch, feel, experience. That is the evolution that has been going at the Sauder Village since its opening.



Our seminar there on the 12th of September will allow us to experience all those new avenues to learning. Founder Erie Sauder was himself a lifelong learner! He was ready to celebrate his 70th birthday as ideas of his Village danced in his head and his Village began to take shape. He was 72 when the Village opened on June 14th, 1976. The entire reason he'd saved and restored all those structures from a century before was to tell the story of those who settled the Great Black Swamp. Today, the staff continues to tell those stories in innovative and ambitious ways that ensure history will live on for generations to come.



If you didn't pay in advance, your \$12 participation fee will be collected in the lobby and that will admit you to the Village as part of our special group, and will give you \$7 in Sauder Bucks that you can use for lunch in the Café, or the Barn Restaurant or even in the gift shop if you'd like.

Our day will have us divided into groups in the morning and we'll move to new or renewed locations. After our three learning-on-location visits, we'll break for lunch and then meet together from 1:30-2:30 for one more group session. The costumed staff and craftsmen will be at work until 3:30 and the Museum Building and Gift Shops will be open until 5, so your day can end to suit your own schedule.

For those with mobility issues, there will be a total of 10 golf cart seats available to get from one group gathering spot to another. Those with walkers and seats will be in good shape. Kris Jemmott, the Director of Historic Operations, is a frequent traveler with us on our motorcoach excursions and she knows the value of finding seating for us to better enjoy presentations. She and her staff will see that we'll be able to sit at our three morning learning spots.

With its more casual format, this may be a good time to interest a friend or relative in your Center for Lifelong Learning.

To sign up, see the enclosed registration sheet.

In this issue—

Page 1.....Sauder Village

Page 2.....Spring 2018 Trip

Page 3-4.....Pittsburgh Experience

Page 5...A Must Read

Page 6....Spring Seminar

Page 7....Seminar Numbers?

**Forms for all activities are included on separate sheets of paper

All information (including trip and program forms) can be found online at: www.NorthwestState.edu/Lifelong-Learning

Spring Seminar Planned for Friday, April 20th, 2018

Thieves in the Neighborhood

*Would you allow someone to steal from your neighbor? What if a thief is ripping off your niece?
Would you want to take action? Of course.*

At Seminar #59 on April 20th, we're going to look at thieves in our neighborhoods. They lurk in cities and in small towns and they target people who live near the poverty line and/or those who are poor money managers. But they don't wear masks and lurk in the bushes. These thieves put up billboards, send invitations in the mail and place ads on TV. When people short of cash see the offers, in desperation they check into them. Then the crime begins. And like addictions, it's a difficult cycle to break. The interest rate on loans through cash advance stores and title loans is exorbitant. You will be amazed.

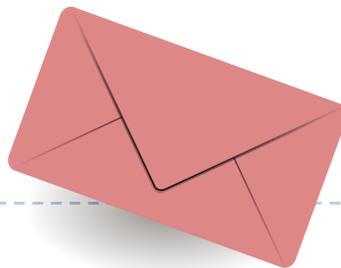
We'll also look at effective ways to understand our neighbors who live in poverty and/or are poor money managers. What should your book club do to help? What will your church do? Your retiree's group? This seminar will be filled with ways to better understand, serve and care for those who struggle. And the day will end with a happy story of a single mom who scraped by with two jobs and now has landed a well-paying job with the Toledo Hospital using her own struggles to better help families in stressful situations.

We've reserved our traditional meeting room ... C200 on the second floor at Northwest State ... and can listen and learn in the updated room. Remember, elevators are available and there is plenty of parking on the north and east end of the College. A \$12 registration fee includes a light lunch by the College food service staff.

Use the enclosed registration sheet to let us know of your intent to attend the seminar. You can pay in advance or at the door, as long as we know you're coming. Early spring will bring another reminder of this event. Maybe you only need to save the date now.

Ka-Boom!

If you've been awake nights wondering what bottled blueberry milk sounds like when it explodes, you can now relax. Lifelong Learner and former College VP Don Spohler has the answer. A custodial employee of the bus lines must have overlooked a bottle of the drink that had slipped up under a seat in the far back of the bus. Maybe overlooked it more than once. As we were just returning from our Pittsburgh trip, a very loud shot-like sound came from the back of the bus. A moment of panic and then the truth was immediately apparent. That blueberry milk bottle had exploded! The mess and the smell made the entire neighborhood in the back of the bus, happy to be almost home!



Hopefully your newsletter arrived with your first and last name on your label this time! Although the names were correct on the spread sheet, when they converted to mailing labels for your last newsletter every single mailer had a first name that didn't match the last! Thankfully the U.S. Postal Service rose to the occasion!

Pittsburgh – Memorable Experience!

Our 4-day April trip to Pittsburgh turned out to be another of those, “you should have been there” events.

It was a great perspective of the steel industry and how people’s lives were dramatically changed by the rise of the industrial revolution through Pittsburgh’s steel manufacturing. If you didn’t go, you’re maybe thinking “The steel industry? Not interested!” Although some may have thought it boarding the bus, all 47 of us got off with a great appreciation for the events involved in steel-making.

We learned that Pittsburg has more than 400 bridges within the city, but the majority connect one mountain suburb to the next. Yes, there are three rivers in Pittsburg, but most of the bridges cross land. Our ride on the historic Duquesne Incline gave us an appreciation for workers who had to ride those rails up and down the mountainside daily to get to and from work.



Our informative presenter selected Jerry Rohrs from our group and dressed him layer by layer in the safety gear required of steel workers.

One of the more sobering days of our 4-day trip was the visit to the Flight 93 National Memorial about an hour east of the city. In one gallery of the well-designed museum, phone receivers were available to be picked up to hear the final messages of several passengers to their loved ones. Outside, down a long walkway, was the wall with the names of all the passengers and crew who went down on the flight that was intended to hit the Pentagon.

That same day, while east of the city, we stopped at the Johnstown Flood Museum. You may never even have heard of Johnstown. Many of us hadn’t. But we will never forget the name again. On Memorial Day weekend in 1889, a dam broke east of the blue-collar town and more than 2,000 people lost their lives in a wink. Many were women and children. After hearing of the tragedy brought on by human indifference, we visited a cemetery that looked very much like a small version of Arlington National Cemetery to see the rows upon rows of unmarked graves. Because of disease and the destruction of the entire town, there had been little time and certainly no DNA lab to match body parts. (See related story on Johnstown Flood book)

That was a sobering day, but one that reminded us again of the American spirit. Johnstown has been rebuilt and thousands of planes fill the skies. We are resilient, but reminders help make most of us more compassionate human beings.

As we traveled out of the city that day, we made a brief stop at an interesting place called the Lincoln Highway Experience. Designated in 1913,

Cont. on Pg 4

the Lincoln Highway stretches from New York City to San Francisco. That first road across America marked the birth of tourism by automobile. Inside were vintage signs, old gas pumps, and lots of memorabilia that many travelers remember from their grandparents' homes ... like shiny souvenir sofa pillows. There were large pictures of early diners and motels with individual cabins. It was a great (and quick) trip down memory lane.

Before we took a sight-seeing boat trip through the heart of the city, we visited St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church. Every inch of its ceiling and walls was covered with elaborate tempura paintings by artist Maxo Vanka (1890-1963). Over time, the walls had been covered by the soot from the early steel mills and only recently did the congregation have the walls and ceilings professionally cleaned. We were surrounded by art work from Holy Scripture and our necks hurt when we left because our guide had us looking up and down to fully appreciate one man's artistic gifts.

And we couldn't summarize the experience without a few words on the University of Pittsburgh. The Nationality Classrooms in the Cathedral of Learning and the Heinz Chapel provided the perfect wrap up to our Pennsylvania sight-seeing experience.



The food was superb and the view over the city from our private dining room was breath-taking.

Our meals ranged from a catered cabbage roll lunch on paper plates at the site of the first labor union strike to not one but two five-star restaurants. One gave us an astounding look over the city from our glassed-in dining room and the other was the converted railway station with huge stained glass works everywhere. At one lunch stop on our day out of town, we were welcomed at the Coal Miners Café, where we not only felt like a local, but heard from the owner of the day in July 2002 that nine of their neighbors and friends were trapped in a mine after an explosion. All were rescued.

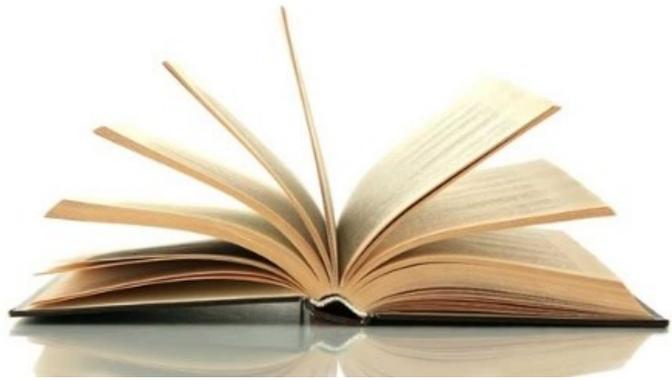
Our motorcoach excursions are a great way to learn and mingle with interesting, caring people. In the recent past, we've built more relaxation time into our full schedule by ending the day, in most cases, after the evening meal. If you've never joined us, give it some thought. While on the motorcoach, we stop every two hours and there's a restroom on board so we creatures of comfort have few worries!



Johnstown Book – A Must Read

If you went to Pittsburgh with the group, you really need to get your hands on a book, *The Johnstown Flood* by David McCullough. Your coordinator sees that it is available on Amazon for as little as \$6.50. From research in the voluminous records, diaries, letters, and interviews with numbers of survivors, McCullough vividly re-creates the chain of events that lead to the catastrophe that took more than 2,000 lives in a single evening. And, he opens with the names of the men who were the industrial giants of their day. The read is a great finale to our lifelong learning experience in the Pittsburgh area.

Traveler, Don Spohler was telling one of the Archbold librarians about the Johnstown visit. Not long after, she had something for him. She had been at a used book sale and there was a paperback, “*The Johnstown Flood*”. The Spohlers read it and passed it on and we agree, it’s a great read.



Last Spring Presentation – Touching

The drug awareness seminar we held in early April was well attended and a real eye opener. Titled “Not in my Neighborhood” our presenters painted the scene of the vivid and heart-breaking epidemic surrounding us. Presenters included Teresa Eicher, Clinical Director of Recovery Services, Dennis Whaley of the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) centered in Toledo and his guest, a young mother living successfully in recovery. After lunch we heard the touching story of Mary Cape Juarez, whose son MarJo died of an overdose and who has founded *Never Let Go Ministries* in his honor. The day concluded with a panel of those touched personally by the ugliness of drugs in our neighborhood.

What do those Seminar Numbers Mean?

Why do the seminars have numbers?

Our Sauder Village Day will be seminar #58 and the spring, “Thieves in the Neighborhood” will be #59. Those numbers indicate the number of learning sessions the Center of Lifelong Learning has hosted at Northwest State. The late Louisa Strock headed up the Center from its inception until her death in 2014. She started numbering the seminars in the program’s infancy and now here we are almost to Seminar #60! With one each spring and another each fall, that’s 30 years of programing to help us better understand the world we share.

Lifelong Learners are a wonderful group of adults 55+ who want to do more than watch the sun set. Lifelong Learners have curious minds open to thinking that may or may not challenge traditional views. Being part of the Center for Lifelong Learning can add a spark to the conversation at the community coffee table or your next family gathering.

It’s a pay-as-you go program, so there are no dues and no attendance requirements. Our mailing list includes about 450 households in Northwest Ohio. If you’ve never participated, or if you’ve become a little lax, we encourage you to again consider the diverse activities at the Center. We are a welcoming bunch as we meet for the seminars at the College and on the bus trips of each spring and fall.



Needing Information?

Contact Coordinator Cecily Rohrs at 419-267-5502 or email her at crohrs@northweststate.edu

Or to pay a last minute fee by credit card, phone Lynn in the business office at the College 419-267-1312.

The mailing address at the College is Center for Lifelong Learning:

Northwest State, 22600 State Route 34, Archbold. 43502

“Just off the Beaten Path in the Miami Valley”

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 24, 25, 26

We're set to head to southern Ohio for our annual Spring Adventure. We've been down that way before, but we still have much to see and do.

Lunch on Tuesday is scheduled at the Engineers Club, overlooking the Great Miami River in downtown Dayton. Colonel Edward A. Deeds, Charles F. Kettering and Orville Wright founded The Engineers Club of Dayton in 1914. At the time, both men realized that Dayton was among the leading industrial cities in the United States, due to the various highly-skilled engineers and technicians working in the city. The present building dates back to 1918.

After lunch we'll visit Sunwatch Indian Village, an archaeological site and reconstructed Fort Ancient Indian Village of 800 years ago.

Tuesday afternoon we'll have a tour of Beau Verre Riordan Studios, the oldest continually operating stained glass studio in the country - established in 1838. We'll learn the history of beveled, etched, stained and art glass windows, and about the churches and exclusive homes that are the company's clients.

Before we board the bus to end our day we'll have an early dinner at Murphy's Landing, adjoining the glass studio. The restaurant is decorated with many of Beau Verre's windows.

Wednesday morning we will visit Ft Ancient, Ohio's premier museum of Native American history. Set on a bluff 250 feet above the Little Miami River, the museum traces the history of the pre European inhabitants from 10,000 BC to 1800 AD. It is part of a 100 acre complex, with miles of earthen walls, built almost 3000 years ago. Originally thought to be a fortification, it is now considered to have been more a ceremonial area. It's currently a candidate as a World Heritage Site.

Wednesday's lunch is at the Historic Golden Lamb Inn. Host to a dozen U.S. Presidents, and countless celebrities over the years, Ohio's oldest Inn is located in the picturesque town of Lebanon, used in the filming of Harper Valley PTA and Milk Money.

Wednesday afternoon we'll stop by the Harding Home. Built by local industrialist Clarence Harding in 1901, it was the boy hood home of WW II General Forest Harding and his brother Justin, who served on the Nuremburg trials. Guests will receive a tour of the home, where every room down stairs is paneled in a different wood. The library has an extensive collection of military history and a wonderful collection of oriental swords.

On Thursday before we head home we'll have a guided tour of the Citizens Automobile Company, a Packard Museum, housed in an authentic restored dealership. This tour takes visitors back to an earlier time, where you will see models covering the companies' heydays (1899-1956), in the art deco showroom and working service department. Al Capone's last car has been one of the exhibits. (Actually he had two identical cars, so he could elude the Feds with one).

We had planned to top this three-day adventure with a dinner theater at LaComedia, the highly regarded theater in the area, but although it is not their normal procedure, they are taking a 12-day break and our dates fall in the middle of that break! We are very disappointed, and our receptive is working to provide an evening to remember while we're down that way.

The total package is \$500. per person is based on double occupancy. You'll find a registration form on the back page and you will note that the deposit of \$100 is due January 15, 2018 and the final \$400 will be due on March 3, 2018. Of course if for some reason we don't fill our required bus seats, all money, whether by check or credit care will be 100% refunded.

Sure hope you'll make plans to join the group. It'll be a good three days away with new ideas and maybe even a new friend!



**Registration Now Open
Spring 2018 Trip**



Our lunch on Wednesday will be in the Historic Golden Lamb, Lebanon, OH.

Datebook for Lifelong Learners

Thursday, September 7th	Last day to register for the Visit to Sauder Village on the 12 th .
Tuesday, September 12th	Meet in the Sauder Village entrance building at 9:30. Can pay at door if reservation was made.
January 15, 2018	Initial deposit of \$100 per person (double) due for motorcoach trip to Miami Valley area in southeast Ohio scheduled for April 24, 25, and 26.
March 3, 2018	Final \$400 payment due for motorcoach trip to Miami Valley.
April 12, 2018 at 7 PM	Trip Orientation for Motorcoach Trip
Monday, April 16, 2018	Last day to sign up for Seminar, "Thieves in the Neighborhood"
Friday, April 20, 2018	Seminar "Thieves in the Neighborhood" in Room C200 at the College. Registration at 8:30. Program 9-3 with lunch included. \$12
April 24-26, 2018	Motorcoach Trip, "Just off the Beaten Path in the Miami Valley"

*To see all the details of upcoming trips,
or to register for any of the activities,
remember everything is now on-line and at your fingertips.*



1. Go to: www.NorthwestState.edu
2. Click on "Community" at the top of the page in the tan banner
3. Click on the tab on the right that says "Lifelong Learning"

For more information or clarification contact the Center's Coordinator:

Cecily Rohrs at **419-267-5502** or email her at crohrs@northweststate.edu

Or to pay a last minute fee by credit card, phone Lynn in the NSCC Business Office at **419-267-1312**.

The mailing address at the College:

Center for Lifelong Learning, Northwest State, 22600 State Route 34, Archbold. 43502



The 2017 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camps at NSCC were a major success. The Camps hosted students in grades 6-8 for STEM related activities.

The NSCC Law Enforcement Academy graduates achieved a **100% pass rate** on the Ohio Peace Officer Training Certification examination!

