

From the Center for Lifelong Learning

At Northwest State Community College

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Dear Fellow Lifelong Learners,

Welcome to the Fall 2022 newsletter from the Center for Lifelong Learning at Northwest State Community College. I hope that each of you are healthy, safe and well.

I am writing with exciting news for the fall 2022 calendar. Our steering committee team has been busy this summer. Beginning in September, we will be hosting our first seminar since the fall of 2019 and the Covid-19 pandemic that put a halt to our gatherings. In addition, we will be offering two additional seminars in October and November to engage, educate, broaden and inform our community.

What is Sara's Garden?

Featured Speaker: Matt Rychenour, CEO and Executive Director and members of his staff
Friday, September 23rd, NSCC Voinovich Auditorium (Room E117), 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

What is Sara's Garden? Sara's Garden was founded in May of 2004 and provides intervention, Conductive Education, Occupational Therapy, Sensory Integration and Speech-Language Pathology services. Through these services, Sara's Garden has been able to help children and adults with disabilities and conditions develop, grow, and achieve greater independence than their families were told was possible. As of today, Sara's Garden remains the only non-profit center in the United States to provide all of these services.

Join us for a small continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m., followed by our speakers at 9:30 a.m. along with lunch from noon until 1:00 p.m.

Don't Be Scammed by Technology

Featured Speaker: Michael Foreman, Chief of Police at Northwest State Community College
Friday, October 21st, NSCC building A (Room A202), 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Foreman's focus will be "Don't Be Scammed by Technology." According to Chief Foreman, "It seems that scams are everywhere, and they seem to be harder and harder to detect. With technology today, how can one know what is real and what is a scam? We all have had those calls, letters, and emails, and may know of a family member or friend who may have been scammed." As Police Chief of Northwest State Community College Campus Police Department, Mike has over thirty years of law enforcement experience and has investigated numerous fraudulent cases. There are several things you can do to protect yourself from being the next target. Mike looks forward to seeing our lifelong learners in October.

Join us for a hot breakfast from 9:00 a.m., followed by our speaker from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

What is the Ability Center and Assistance Dogs of America?

Featured Speakers from the Ability Center, Assistance Dogs of America, and Kristi Rotroff, Director of Library Services at NSCC

Friday, November 18th, NSCC Voinovich Auditorium (Room E117), 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lifelong Learning will host speakers from the Ability Center in Toledo, Ohio with Assistance Dogs of America and Kristi Rotroff, Director of Library Services at Northwest State Community College who has experience in raising puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The Ability Center advocates for people with disabilities and are catalysts for all they can achieve. One in four people have a disability that impacts the way they connect with the world around them. The Ability Center works as an advocate and thought leader, changing both attitudes and real world conditions for people with disabilities. They advocate, educate, partner, and provide services supporting people with disabilities to thrive within their community.

Kristi (zumFelde) Rotroff grew up in rural Wauseon and participated in Fulton County 4-H for thirteen years. In the mid-1980s, the family raised two puppies for a program that was a partnership between Ohio 4-H and Ohio Leader Dogs for the Blind. This project was very rewarding, and one of the puppies ended up living and working with a vision-impaired man for over ten years. More recently, Kristi was a puppy raiser for the Leader Dogs for the Blind organization in Rochester, Michigan.

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As we strive to re-commit to the principle of Lifelong Learning and expand our horizons, it is our hope that you will find these opportunities both informative and intriguing by attending those seminars that you find interesting. Please make certain to fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it to the college by the deadlines.

The information contained in this newsletter will also be available on the Northwest State Community College website under “Community Member” and “Lifelong Learning.”

As always, it is helpful to have any updated mailing addresses along with telephone and email information. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at dwikstrom@northweststate.edu or 419-944-6195. Thank you.

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