***From the Center for Lifelong Learning***

**At Northwest State Community College**

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Dear Fellow Lifelong Learners,

Welcome to the October 2023 newsletter from the Center for Lifelong Learning at Northwest State Community College. I hope that each of you are healthy, safe and well.

This month our focus will be on a presentation that is certainly indicative of the month that we’re in – Scary Urban Legends. In addition, we are in the process of finishing up the year with another presentation, soon to be announced in mid-November just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are still dealing with challenges related to the nearly three-year closure of Lifelong Learning and ask that you be patient as we attempt to get speakers, day trips, and two one day trips scheduled for 2024. Mark your calendars now for our April trip (Wednesday, April 24th, 2024) and our September trip (Wednesday, September 18th, 2024) as more information will be provided.

***Northwest State Community College Annual Chili Cook-Off***

Tuesday, October 11th, 2023, at Northwest State Community College Campus Atrium. Please enter through the Atrium Entrance A-10.

Come and enjoy the College’s Annual Chili Cook-Off where you can sample several different styles of chili and vote on your favorite.

The cost is $5.00 per person, and you receive samples of each competitor’s chili, chips, and a beverage. No reservations are required for this event, and it is open to the public.

Time is from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

***Scary Urban Legends***

Featured Speaker: Dr. Allen Berres, Northwest State Community College

Friday, October 20th, 2023, Northwest State Community College Campus, Building A (Room A202), 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come listen to a review of classic scary urban legends and a discussion of why these legends and their descendants continue to live in our social media accounts and imaginations.

Dr. Allen Berres studied folklore and urban legends at Ohio State University. He has taught writing and speech courses at Northwest State Community College since 2008.

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

**REMINDER:** The only entrance to the college that can be accessed is A-10, the Atrium entrance. All other entrances are locked.

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](mailto:dwikstrom@northweststate.edu) or 419-944-6195. Thank you.

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