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A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW A.L.L. BOARD CHAIRMAN

Shortly, we will begin a new semester for the Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL). We will also begin with a new ALL Board Leadership Team. As the new Chairman of the ALL Board, I am supported by Sharon Fruetel as Vice Chairman and Betty Hanson-Lehman as Secretary.

I would like to single out our out-going Chairman, Cal Rice, for the vision and leadership he provided ALL during his tenure. Cal was able to energize the Board during the difficult transition over the last 2 years since the Minnesota Humanities Commission (MHC) decision to no longer fund Lifelong Learning Programs. Through his initiatives we were able to extend the life of our program for at least another few years. Cal, your presence on the Board will be missed.

I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the service of Patt Rall (my wife) as our past Board Secretary. In addition to conscientiously performing secretarial duties and following up with gracious thank you notes to our presenters, Patt played a major role in developing the process the Board used to chart the future of ALL after the termination of funding from MHC. Although no longer a Board member, I know we can still count on her for help.

When we moved from New Jersey to Bemidji almost eight years ago to be near our first grandchild, we looked for ways to become involved with the community. Besides the church, our first venture was to attend the presentations sponsored by ALL. We enjoyed the lectures, made new friends and within a short time were asked to join the Board.. The experience has been rewarding for both of us.

Our Board is now in need of new members willing to help continue the program.

The work of the Board deals primarily with the financial oversight and planning of upcoming lecture series. We are usually able to accomplish this with three or four meetings a year. Please consider stepping forward to help us with this effort. Your help will be greatly appreciated

As you can see from the lecture series this fall, we have again put together varied and interesting presentations from the impact of Islam in Southeast Asia to the current trends and recent changes seen in the public library system. Several of the topics are a result of the comments you have provided on the evaluation forms handed out at each presentation.

Finally I would like to remind you that we depend on you, the folks who attend the ALL sessions for financial support. It costs nearly \$4,000 a year to run the program. Because we no longer have a permanent external funding source, we depend upon your generous support. Indeed during the past year, you have contributed enough to cover over half of our annual costs. So with careful stewardship, it looks as though we can continue the programs for at least another two years.

If you are not already a contributing member to ALL, please consider starting this year. Information and forms are included in this newsletter. Thank you again for your past support. I am looking forward to working with you to make our program even better and for years to come.

*Sincerely, Ernie Rall,
Chairman, ALL Board*





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Fall 2008 Schedule

**All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held 10:00-11:30 am
at**

**BSU Center for Research and Innovation located at
3801 Bemidji Avenue North, Suite 4.**

For additional information, contact the CRI.

Phone 218 755 4900

Email cri@bemidjistate.edu

Tuesday September 23, "Indonesia: Religion and Culture in Southeast Asia"

Dr. Alex Nadeson, Retired Political Science Professor, Bemidji State University

This presentation will examine the fall of the Hindu and Buddhist kingdoms in Indonesia and the rise of Islam and its impact throughout Indonesia and its culture. This diversity has created conflict and prevented unity for this island's population. The arrival of the Dutch in Indonesia, formation of colonist and the introduction of western religions into Indonesian culture will all be discussed as well.

Tuesday September 30, "Understanding the World of 3D Stereoscopic Imaging"

***** This session to be held at Bridgeman Hall, Room 100 on the BSU campus, please see page 3 for details on transportation options.**

Barbara Hanus, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Design Technology Program, Technological Studies, BSU

The next evolution of communication imaging will be 3D Stereoscopic Imaging. Imagine watching a movie or playing a video game but have the images visually popping out of your TV screen in your living room, your computer or on your cell phone. This evolution is happening now!! With the convergence of inexpensive digital imaging equipment and the advances digital computer hardware, stereoscopic imaging is close to becoming the next standard in visual communication. In addition to a broad range of 3D movies, games, visualizations, and animation—the rapid growth of 3D display products has revolutionized how 3D content is viewed. This 3D visual demonstration will give you a look into your future and how the technology works.

Tuesday, October 7, "Minnesota— 150 Years Ago a State is Born"

Michael Hansen, Historian

This lecture will address the early years of Minnesota; the different groups, industries and problems of the new state on the western frontier. We will examine the immigrants, natives, leaders and economic activities of early Minnesota and give perspective on the growth potential of our state.

Tuesday October 14, "Children's Crusade and its Place in History: Fact or Fiction"

Mary Hrenchir, Associate Professor of History, Bemidji State University

The Children's Crusade is a mysterious event that took place around 1212. While there was no papal bull that called forth the Children's Crusade, it was nevertheless the result of widespread enthusiasm and fervor that previous papal crusades had aroused. The story centers around the curious attempts to free the Holy Land, inspired by the vision of two boys. Several conflicting accounts of this event exist, and the facts of the situation continue to be a subject of debate among historians.

Tuesday October 21, "America's Other Election Battle: The Fight for Control of Congress"

Pat Donnay, Professor of Political Science, Bemidji State University and select students from the "Campaigns and Elections" Course

While most of the country focuses on an historic presidential election, congressional operatives from both the main political parties are in the throes of all out struggle for enhancing their party's congressional position—one seat at a time. We will discuss the processes, strategies, tactics and operatives at work in the 2008 contest for congressional power. We identify where the competitive states and districts look to be and provide detailed analysis of key congressional battlegrounds.

Tuesday October 28, "The Bemidji Library is More than Books"

Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager Bemidji Public Library

Public Libraries in the United States have gone through enormous changes in the recent past. Seen against the backdrop of trends reported in the professional journals "American Journals" and "Library Journal", we will explore how these changes and trends play out in our day-to-day, front-line services at the Bemidji Public Library. The presentation will also include information about the strategic planning that is underway at the Kitchigami Regional Library System. This presentation will leave plenty of time for dialogue, questions and comments

Tuesday November 4, "Solid Waste Recycling and Recycling Outcomes"

Bill Patnaude, Beltrami Environmental Services Coordinator and Denny Hanselman, PCA

The objective of this session is to examine the collection of solid waste and the recycling program that ensues. A look at this process and the final outcomes of recycling and waste collection will guide our discussion. Time for questions and answer will also be allotted.

REGIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the ALL, Fall 2008 Schedule, we are additionally pleased to include other lifelong learning opportunities throughout the region provided by the Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) as well as the Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning (HCLL). Below are the listed schedules for the Fall 2008 sessions:

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) :

Please note these are subject to change. For location information/questions, please contact Tamara Edevold (218-694-2856) (evenings)

Sept 10: Trip to Woodtick Theater, Akeley, MN, matinee with supper to follow, Bus leaves from Bagley at 1:00 pm (fee charged)

Sept 16: A History of Itasca State Park, Connie Cox, Joint Meeting with ALL and HCLL, program to be held at Itasca Park, sticker required, begins at 1:00 pm

Sept 24: Roots of Conflict in the Middle East, Clearbrook, Dr. Mary Hrenchir

Oct 4: Caleigh Concert, Bagley Auditorium, begins at 7 pm

Oct 15: The Role of Danes in WWII, Aage Carlsen, location TBD

Oct 25: The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, Dick Roue, to be held in Fosston

Nov 5: Special Tour of Sesquicentennial Exhibit at the History Center in Shevlin

* With the exception of Woodtick Bus Trip, Itasca Program and Caleigh Concert—all sessions are to be held from 9:30—11am

Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning (HCLL):

Sessions to be held at Northwoods' Bank Community Room from 1-2:30 PM on Tuesdays (unless otherwise noted).

Sept 2: Roots of Conflict in the Middle East, Dr. Mary Hrenchir

Sept 9: World at War: Point of View of Those Who Served in WWII

Sept 16: A History of Itasca State Park, Connie Cox, Joint Meeting with ALL and HCLL, program to be held at Itasca Park, sticker required, begins at 1:00 pm

Sept 23: The Wonderful World of Miniatures, Bella Sanders

Sept 30: A Journey Through the Life of a Reporter, Dan Wascoe

Oct 7: America's Secret Economic Weapon during WWII, Louis Schultz

Oct 14: Bee's Knees and other Secrets of Bees, Jeff Hull

Oct 21: Ethical Perspectives of Global Warming, John Gibbs, PhD

Oct 28: Comin' at You: How Cartoons Win You Over, Scott Stewart

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 30TH

The September 30th, Barb Hanus presentation "*Understanding the World of 3D Stereoscopic Imaging*" will be held in Bridgeman Hall, room 100 on the Bemidji State University Campus. There will be three transportation options for those wishing to attend this event.

First, ALL will provide a BSU van that will transport attendees from the CRI to the BSU campus. In order to ensure a spot and to arrive on time, it is advised that those choosing this option should arrive at the CRI around 9:30 am that morning. The van will return to the CRI following the presentation. However, due to the uncertain number of attendees using this option, arrival time back at CRI may vary.

The second option involves attending the Sept. 23rd session and registering for a parking pass that will allow you to park in either the Pine or Bangsberg lot on campus. These passes will be limited, so carpooling should also be considered an option. This will be discussed and organized at the September 23 session to be held at the CRI.

The final option is to locate parking on campus on your own and to meet at Bridgeman Hall 100.

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