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GEARING UP FOR THE NEW AUTO TECH PROGRAM

The LBCC Advanced Transportation Technology Center in Lebanon will be ready for students starting the fall of 2013. "This has been a long time in the making," explained automotive instructor Bryan Schiedler.

The idea for a new high-tech training facility is the culmination of planning, fund-raising, meetings, hand-shaking and laying the groundwork for over ten years.

When the facility is completed, LBCC will have one of the most advanced training facilities in the country. It will include classrooms, a state-of-the-art dynamometer, individual work stations, fabrication facility and space for commercial use.

The dynamometer measures the power of the vehicle and will be one of only a few in the country. "It will have the capability to not only measure current fuel cars, but alternate fuels and electric cars as well," Schiedler said.

The individual work stations will give students hands-on training. "Our goal is to make a student employable after the first year of classes," Schiedler said. Snap-on Tools has partnered with LBCC to jump start a student's career. Through Snap-on Tools and lab fees, students will be provided with their own tools.

A new fabrication center attached to the building will be able to convert gasoline vehicles into renewable natural gas (RNG) vehicles. There will be a filling station at the facility to refuel RNG vehicles.

Schiedler explained that the source of the RNG will be from our waste. Waste, such as trash cow manure and sewage, decomposes and emits methane gas. Much of the methane gas is sent through a digester and then burned off. This prevents further pollutants entering the atmosphere.

After converting gasoline vehicles, the burned fuel can be used to power RNG vehicles. Schiedler is hopeful that cities will recognize the potential earnings from RNG gases. "Our pollution could be the next generation's fuel salvation," Schiedler said. "We are now creating the processes to take waste and make it into usable fuel."

New students will not be allowed to enter the program



PHOTO: TED HOLLIDAY

Bryan Schiedler explains to Leslie Hammond that LBCC will soon have a high-tech dynamometer. It will be only one of a few of its kind in the U.S. It will be housed behind the unfinished wall.

until the fall of 2014. This will allow current students to finish the programs that they have already been enrolled, and beginning in 2014, the program will have a new focus.

By the end of the first year, students will have the skills and tools to become employable. Second-year students will take advanced automotive classes in the evening. This new format allows students to earn an income after the first year while advancing their skills in the second year.

The official opening of the 35,000-square-foot building is scheduled for October 16. The next two buildings that will house the diesel shops are scheduled to be completed by fall of 2014. Once completed, there will be 70,000 square feet of space. The previous facility, in comparison, was only 12,441 square feet. 📍

STORY BY TED HOLLIDAY



"I am coming back for a second year as LBCC student body president. I'm excited to hit the ground running this year and work to promote student advocacy, student centered programs such as, the Linn Benton Lunch Box, a student run program that gives food to hungry students, and finally to help foster a sense of pride and ownership in our school.

I'm currently majoring in Human Development and family Sciences with the hope of becoming a kindergarten teacher here in Oregon. She is an avid volunteer with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the American Diabetes Association.

I want to welcome all our incoming students and returning students to LBCC and encourage you all to come and visit our office and let us know what we can do to help serve you!"

"I suppose the first and most important thing you should know about me is that I, Amanda Mendell, your Student Outreach Director/Learning Center Clerical Aide, am awesome. One interesting thing about me is that I know how to operate a few roller coasters.

This will be my second year as Student Outreach Director. We were able to achieve some big goals last year and we plan to build on that momentum and keep the trend going.

As a part of my capacity as the Student Outreach Director, I will have two main functions. The first is supporting clubs, which will be similar to last year, but bigger! I will be chairing the Council of Clubs, which will be comprised of club representatives and will make decisions concerning the allocation of club funds, as well as club charters, upcoming events, and other pertinent business.

My second function will be coordinating volunteers. Volunteers are what make what we do possible and I will be in charge of keeping them organized and strong, as well as providing resume-worthy training."

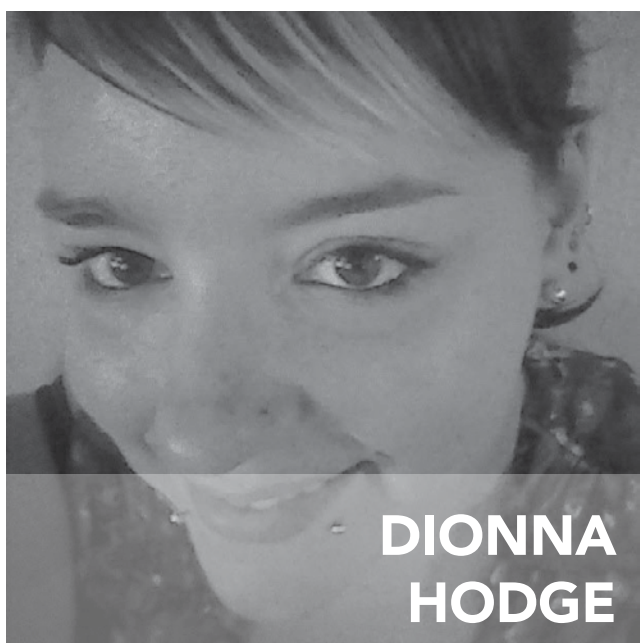
"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." – George Bernard Shaw

"My name is Brandon and I am an executive assistant on LBCC's SLC. I am a second year student at LB and I'm majoring in psychology.

Outside of school I am an avid gamer, a musician, and a long distance runner. Many people already know me here on campus for my love of "Magic: The Gathering."

This year I would like to help create a more fun and exciting atmosphere at LBCC and help create events and activities that give us a little more of a college feel. I also wish to create more clarity in some parts of our academic life here at school, so new students, of all ages, understand exactly what is going on and what they need to do for things such as financial aid."

GETTING TO KNOW



"As one of the two Executive Assistants of the Student Leadership Council, I am responsible for taking minutes at the Council of Clubs and Judiciary Board meetings throughout the year. I am also responsible for compiling the annual Certification Binder that ensures the SLC will continue to be present at LBCC. After serving as a Student Ambassador at the Benton Center last year and seeing the disconnect between centers first hand, I hope to continue to work towards making students at all campuses feel as though they are critical components to happenings at LBCC.

I am a dual enrolled student with OSU working for a Bachelor's in Human Development and Family Sciences. After obtaining this degree, I plan to work in a Public Services position while working towards a degree in Psychology. I hope to eventually become a counselor or psychologist."

"My name is Emily Browning and I will be serving as the vice president for the Student Leadership Council. I am currently studying sociology and secondary education at LBCC. Over the next year I hope to work on expanding the services available to students at LBCC that are provided both through the college and through student leadership. By doing this, we can help remove the barriers students have in the road towards their success as a student and make achieving a degree a reality for every student that walks through the doors of LBCC."

"If you don't find me in the choir room or the theatre, I'm most likely in the SLC office where I am coordinating and planning super friggen excellent events for the LBCC campus.

My title is SLC Community Outreach Director. It is my job to lead a team of 7 event planners, centers coordinators, and a publicity coordinator and to make sure any and all campus events are going to be 'Super Friggen Awesome.'

Be on the lookout for our events LBCC'ers, because you're going to love them. Some things I do in spare time are play video games, make movies, sing, act, and hang out with my super sexy woman, Nicky!"



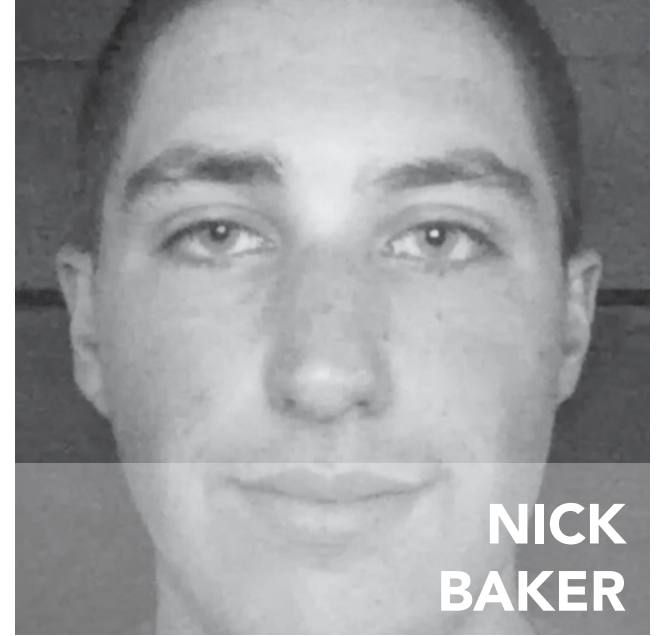
Hello,
My name is Jeff Lehn and I am the newly elected Finance Director for the Student Leadership Council. My duties will include:

- a) Monitoring all spending and budget of ASLBCC accounts
- b) Providing a monthly report of ASLBCC spending accounts to the SLC.
- c) Being Appointed Chair of the Student Activity Fee Committee
- d) Meeting monthly with all subsidiary entities of the SLC (e.g. Coffee Shop Manager, Lunch Box Coordinator, etc.) and reports back to the SLC.

It is my duty to be the person who makes sure the books are in order for the Student Leadership Council and to help my fellow council members learn a thing or two along the way. My goal for the coming year is to make sure the SLC stays within their allotted budget, and to help get more students involved in campus activities. This will be my fourth year at Linn Benton, working toward multiple associate degrees on my way to a Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University. I'm also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, I serve as the Chapter President and the Regional President for the Rocky Mountain Cascade Region.



My name is Mike Jones, and I am the Legislative Affairs Director for LBCC's Student Leadership Council. This is my first year on the SLC team, but my second year at LBCC. My duties as Legislative Affairs Director are to make sure that you as students have a voice in our state legislature and fight for whatever will benefit you, as students, the most. It's my job to advocate for things like lower tuition rates and lobby against things like tuition hikes. It's also my responsibility to make sure that no one infringes on your right to a higher education, no matter the circumstances. What I hope to accomplish this year is to improve the communication between the students and Administration, and to break down any barriers that get in the way of the progress of students. The goal is to create a system so that any questions students have are answered, any problems you have are resolved. I believe that everyone should have the same opportunities here at LBCC and I'm going to do my best to make that happen for as many students as possible.



Hello students!

My name is Nick Baker. I am a Student Event Planner with the Leadership Council. The role I play at the council is to plan events that happen on campus. Events such as Study Jam, the Harvest Pie Festival, Diabetes Awareness Week, and other events are put on, mainly, by my associates and I. There are several reasons why I am on the Council, but the main one is to increase student involvement on campus. I want to see people become more involved and excited about coming here! I know most of you say things like "Yeah right, like that will EVER happen." I am here to change that mindset. The way that I believe it can be done is through exciting and 'stirring' events on campus. I promise to do my very best to make it happen! This is a large task. If any of you have clever, interesting, or new ideas for an event; please come into the first floor of the Student Union and see one of the Event Planners. We are always open to new things! Hope that you all have a great year, and to see you at some awesome events!

THE 2013 SLC COUNCIL



I am a non-traditional student and will graduate this year after having the pleasure of attending LBCC for the last two years. The importance of my job as an SLC Events Coordinator, pertains to the voice of the students and what they would like to see happen on campus. The campus is for all to enjoy and share, so we can contribute to the unity, school spirit, and the community that supports us. I would like to be part of a unity-building year between the faculty, the students, and administration this year.



Hello, everyone! My name is Taylor, I am a freshman studying to achieve my AAOT in Business and I am the Lebanon Center Coordinator for Student Leadership Council. My job is to hold similar and exclusive events at the Lebanon Center to make your college experience better! The reason I am a part of SLC is because I have noticed that there is not a noticeable amount of student activity at the Lebanon Center. I have taken that into consideration and made a new position available for SLC: Lebanon Center Coordinator! I am here to listen to YOU!



Welcome LBCC Students,

My name is Tejo Pack and I will be your Communications Director for the year. I know it sounds like a fancy title, but really it just means I'm here for you. I'm the face behind the Facebook page and Twitter feed and luckily for you I'm a social media junky, so should you need anything I'm only a click away. I have grand ideas for what I hope SLC will be able to accomplish for you the students this year, but mostly my goal will be to share in creating a campus you can be proud of. When I'm not here I spend my time gaming, hanging with family and friends, and doing my best to dominate the fantasy football world. Again we are here for you, so please stop by sometime. Our office is located next to the Hotshot Café F222. Hope to see you there!

STUDENTS: GET ACQUAINTED

Wednesday, Aug. 28 was a day just like any other, but for a select group of people it was the start down the path to a brighter future.

It was orientation day at LBCC and according to Leslie Hammond, a facilitator for the event, the numbers for new students were quite good. "We have 244 students just for today's orientation; 140 of them in the morning session alone."

The orientation began in a friendly manner with students checking in at a desk set up in front of Takena Hall. From there, they were greeted in the lobby, where table after table was lined with people and poster boards that provided information and support to incoming students on such things as degree services and adviser and counselor help.

Once 8:45 a.m. rolled around, the students were moved into the Russell Tripp Performance Center, where a host of speakers were set up to greet the students and give them tips on going forward.

Hammond opened the event, welcoming the students and eventually giving up on the mic as it inconsistently cut in and out.

From there, she gave the stage to Jane Walker, a member of the English Department, who told of a new combination course being offered to students who placement tested into Writing 95. This course would allow those students who are eligible to take a two-hour class that would cover Writing 115 and 121 at the same time. This could potentially save these students \$300 in individual class costs, while at the same time, allowing them to complete two required courses quickly.

Once Walker was finished, the stage was turned over to Roger Maurer, who introduces himself as part of the Math Department Faculty. Maurer gave details of a one-week opportunity math boot camp that allows for a crash-course review on math courses. This boot camp allows for students who placed low and just need a refresher to get the reminders they need to take the placement test again, in hopes of placing higher.

Maurer also mentioned a new course being offered this fall called Math-15. The new addition is a five-credit course that is a go-at-your-own-pace class. All the work is done on the computer and the faster you get done, the more courses you can complete.

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Next Orientation: Sept. 19 @ 8 a.m. & noon

Contact: Leslie Hammond at hammonl@linnbenton.edu

"You potentially could complete two courses if you work hard enough," Maurer said.

Finally, Lynne Cox, the manager for Student Life and Leadership, closed by asking the students, "What would you need to feel good about coming here?" The students spoke of respect, free opinion, and a positive encouraging environment. Once the discussion had ended, Cox concluded by detailing the rest of the students' day, touring the campus and saying, "We are looking to provide a safe learning environment where you can be treated with respect." ♣

STORY BY **TEJO PACK**

FIGHT ON, KEELIE CURRAN

For many parents, wondering what the future could hold for your child could be a joyous time with endless possibilities. Unfortunately, for the parents of 4-year-old Keelie Curran, looking into the future is not an option. On October 22, 2012, then 3-year-old Keelie, or KiKi as she's commonly called, was diagnosed with High Risk Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (Pre-B).

Pre-B is a fast-growing cancer of white blood cells categorized as by excess lymphoblast. According to bethematch.org, there are, roughly, 4,000 new cases each year with most of the cases being children under the age of ten.

"This is (never) going to go away ... we're going to be on watch for the rest of her life," said Tiffany Curran, Keelie's mother. "Even ten years from now, she could develop a different kind of cancer because of the chemo. I can't look into the future; I can only look into what day we're in ... maybe the week."

KiKi didn't have any of the "common" symptoms, instead she had constant ear infections, that amoxicillin couldn't cure, and she also had a rock-hard stomach that kept sticking out, much like a woman during the last stages of

pregnancy. After multiple trips to the E.R., ultrasounds, and several blood tests, Tiffany received an urgent call from the E.R. doctor asking her to get down to the hospital as soon as she could, the sooner, the better.

"When we got to the hospital, no one was saying the word 'cancer'. Instead they just kept saying blood disorder and that they needed to check her out," said Tiffany. "They were very careful with the words that they used."

Once diagnosed, they decided to go to Doernbecher in Portland. They have programs that are better suited for her disease and they clean the units in a particular way for children who are amino-compromised. At Doernbecher, KiKi is currently in a three-year chemo program, which means she will receive chemotherapy for three years, regardless of being in remission or not.

Even though she's only four, KiKi has gone through things that most adults are fortunate enough to not have to do. Such as having to be sedated for surgery to put a port in or to get poked in the spine for chemo. She's had several blood transfusions and has tubes in her ears, due to multiple ear infections. Even after receiving all of those horrible things, KiKi's attitude has not faltered. She has a bright and bubbly personality. Only once has she asked why she has to receive "tubbies" in her chest.

"I told her that her blood had owies in it and the doctors were giving her medicine to fix it," said Tiffany.

Much like any 4-year-old, she plays and fights with her sisters; she plays on her iPad, watches Disney movies, and helps her parents with outside work. While she might be treated differently than her sisters or other 4-year-olds, she acts just like them and, for the most part, she eats like them too. There have been multiple times that Tiffany has had to go back and forth to the store because KiKi doesn't like/can't eat what the rest of the family is currently eating. The type of food that she is craving depends on what kind of chemo or steroids she is currently receiving.

A regular week for the Curran family is filled by five days of going back and forth to Portland for her chemo treatments or for some kind of doctor appointments. There is never any down time, and there never will be. There are always suitcases packed or whoever is watching KiKi is constantly calling asking where things are because something is going wrong with her and they're stressing. Plus, depending on the type of chemo that KiKi is currently getting, Tiffany has to carry an EpiPen around for incase she goes into anaphylaxis shock. The one Tiffany is currently carrying around, she's had for ten months.

"What I have witness when I'm around KiKi, her little sister Kamie, and her older sister Rylie, is a strong bond of love that has increased due to her illness," said Karyn Chambers, KiKi's grandmother and a developmental studies instructor at LBCC.

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For donations, there is a bank account called "FBO Keelie Curran" at: Willamette Community Bank. People can also send checks, money orders, gift cards, and/or fuel cards to: P.O. Box 147, Shedd, OR 97377. People can also donate at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/keeliecurran>

The cost of treatment is not cheap; in fact, it's well over \$100,000. Fortunately, Keelie is double insured through Medicaid and through John Curran, her father's insurance from his employer. Whatever John's work insurance doesn't pay, medicaid pays the rest.

"Some of the kids in the same unit as KiKi are called 'Million Dollar Kids' because their treatment is over a million dollars," Tiffany explained.

At the Doernbecher hospital, they've made many friends. Some of them have the same disease as KiKi or some other have a blood disorder. They're there for weeks at a time, sometimes months. Once they're released, they have to go back a few days later to do it all over again.

The Leukemia that KiKi has is the "most optimistic" kind, according to their doctors. Statistics have stated that children with Pre-B are more likely to go into remission and never have to go get chemo again. Tiffany doesn't agree with any of that. She stated that many children go down into the I.C.U and they never return, some of which had the same disease as KiKi. She thinks that the "statistics" are based off of different cases and that they don't apply to every case.

However, as of August 2013, KiKi is in remission and if all goes well, her last day of chemo will be sometime in February 2015. The Curran family isn't planning anything special for when she's done with chemo, but they are going to Disney World, courtesy of Make-A-Wish Foundation sometime during February 2014.

"Certainly, love heals. Love is the ocean KiKi and her family are swimming in. Caregivers, volunteers and support staff have been beyond belief in love and care," said Chambers. "I am in awe and proud to witness humanity offering such gifts of compassion."

Fortunately, the Curran family has had a lot of donations. One of the biggest was through John's employer, who bought a commuting car for them that's more fuel efficient than the two that they have.

"People from all over the country have been praying for them and offering encouragement in the form of handmade pillow cases for Keelie, patchwork quilts stitched by grandmothers, cards, toys, and money sent anonymously," said Chambers. "I am inspired and moved by the tremendous pouring out of love and resources for unnamable sources. How beautiful and kind we human beings can be in times of trial." ♣

STORY BY **JUSTEEN ELLIOTT**

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iOS7: MORE THAN JUST LOOKS



Apple shocked the world when they took the stage the 2013 World Wide Developers Conference and announce its refreshed mobile operating system, iOS 7. The keynote event, held in the Moscone Center in San Francisco, took place on June 10, 2013. During the presentation, Apple unveiled not only an entirely new design and many new features.

The newest version of iOS will be available on the iPhone 4 and newer devices on Sept. 18, 2013. Here is a bit of an overview of the changes applied to iOS 7.

Design and Feel:

You don't need to even use an iDevice in order to see the aesthetic changes that were made. Starting on the lock screen, the difference is immediately obvious. The separate sections that once made up the lock screen since the first version of iOS are now gone, leaving just the time and status bar. Toward the bottom of the screen, the words "slide to unlock" marquee, letting the user know which way to slide. The background now has a parallax effect as you tilt and rotate the phone.

Upon unlocking the phone, the new default app icons present themselves on the home screen, again with the parallax effect on the background. As you navigate throughout your apps, there are several subtle changes that become apparent, ranging from the way apps open and close, to the multitasking menu. Despite the revamped graphics, the entire experience feels much snappier than its predecessor, iOS 6.

Spotlight:

A change that left many looking for a way to search their phone was how to access Spotlight. Spotlight, which is used to search for apps, music, messages, contacts, and more, previously was accessed by swiping right or pressing the home button while on the home screen. Spotlight is now able to be accessed from any of the home screens by swiping down from the center of the screen, and has instant results, unlike the delay that sometimes was bothersome in iOS 6.

Notification Center:

While the design changes are a nice, those are not the only changes that the tech giant implemented in the refresh. Notification center, which was first introduced in iOS 5, received a complete overhaul. Starting with the design, the Notification Center has a bit of a transparent look to it, in addition to having a much user-friendly layout.

The Notification Center now features three tabs: one for today, all notifications, and missed notifications. In the today tab, you can find the current and high temperatures, your schedule, and how long it would take you to travel to your regular places (work, home, school, etc.). The all and missed tabs are for the notifications you have received, separating them into sections based on the app they're from.

A new feature that is appreciated among those with several devices is the notification syncing. Once you clear it on one device, it disappears on all of your other devices.

Control Center:

A feature that was welcomed by many is the new Control Center. Control Center is accessed by swiping up from the bottom at any time. Like the Notification Center, the Control Center also has a transparent feel to it. The one-stop spot for the essential settings includes options to turn on or off airplane mode, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Do Not Disturb mode, and orientation lock. Below the top row of buttons lies the

brightness slider and song controls. Lining the bottom of the control center are quick access buttons for the flashlight, clock, calculator, and camera.

Camera:

The camera itself on most iOS devices has not changed, however, the camera app has taken some major changes, ranging from design to functionality. In the previous versions of the camera app, you had to go into the settings or tap a slider to switch to different modes. With the new operating system, it only takes a swipe of the finger to switch from one mode to another, including the new square option. Another addition that's liked by fans of the social media app Instagram are the filters that are now included.

AirDrop:

One of the major new features of iOS 7 is the introduction to AirDrop. AirDrop allows users of iOS devices to share files, links, contacts, and much more, with other iOS devices around them through both Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. When you are wanting to share a file with someone around you, simply open the Control Center, select AirDrop, and have the other person do the same. You then send your file(s) through the sharing menu.

Although AirDrop is not available on devices prior to the iPhone 5, iPad (fourth generation), iPad mini, or the iPod touch (fifth generation), it will be implemented in all upcoming devices.

Security:

Perhaps the most important improvement that Apple included in iOS 7 is Activation Lock. Previously, when a device was put into lost mode, it'd simply take wiping out the device in order to bypass any lock. With Activation Lock (which is activated when the phone is put into lost mode), the device will be locked, even after being wiped, until the password of the Apple ID that locked the device is entered. Apple, along with police departments in large cities, are hoping that this will help deter the thefts of iPhones, iPads, and iPods.

Siri:

Siri was first introduced in iOS 5, and has been constantly improving since. Finally losing its beta tag, Siri has received many adjustments in iOS 7 including new voices (which seem less robotic), better searching, settings controls, and even more sarcastic answers. Just like the Notification and Control Centers, Siri also has the transparent feel, as well as other design changes.

Other Features:

When Apple announced iOS 7 in June, they also introduced iTunes Radio, which some see as a competitor to Pandora, Spotify, and other music streaming services. While it is still being improved upon, it seems to be quite convenient for those who enjoy listening to music.

A common request of many users has always been background app updates. In iOS 7, Apple finally included this, allowing users to not worry about if the app needs to be updated. This is especially useful for when there are security flaws that were overlooked in apps, as they get updated as soon as it's available.

Overall:

Apple introduced a plethora of design changes in iOS 7, in addition to a wide range of new features. Though many of the changes will take getting used to, there seems to be a very positive reaction to the software. Just like anything else, though, the best way to find out what's new is to get out there and try it yourself. 📍

STORY BY **WILLIAM ALLISON**

WELCOME DAY EVENTS



Linn-Benton Community College will hold a "Welcome Day" open house Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Albany campus, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW.

Activities will be held in the college courtyard throughout the day including choir and theater performances, poetry reading and live music, and campus groups, clubs and community organizations will have displays.

A fashion show will be held in the Commons cafeteria at noon with free pizza. Students can enter a drawing to win prizes, including a 60-second shopping spree at the college bookstore.

A self-led campus scavenger hunt provides a tour of campus to meet instructors and staff, and get books and school supplies. Complete the scavenger hunt for a chance to win prizes, including tuition gift certificates.

Additional Welcome Day activities will be held Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the LBCC Benton Center in Corvallis from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and at the Lebanon and Sweet Home Centers, from 2 to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Rob Priewe, at 541-917-4563. 📍

STORY BY **LBCC NEWS SERVICE**

SEEKING A JOB? SEE US!

Linn-Benton Community College not only offers an education to the students, they also provide job services to the students. Any person who has attended LBCC has access to career center and the exclusive job postings.

The Career Center is open to all who have taken classes at LBCC. Services are available in person or online. The career and employment specialists are available to help students find jobs and learn the basic skills need to find employment. They can help you create or update resumes, create cover letters and learn how to successfully interview with future employers.

LBCC works with local companies to connect employers with potential employees in the fields of study available at LBCC. Also, employers, are aware of the students' need of flexibility in a work schedule that works around their school schedule. These companies work with LBCC to offer current students employment opportunities that provide flexible schedules.

"We are excited about our new program. It should be up and running this fall," said Sherry Rosen, CWE/Service-Learning Coordinator.

LBCC's Career Service received a grant to update their employment services program. This fall, the employment center is going to have new software program that will be easier to access and more user friendly, Career Connections. The employment specialists are excited about this new program. It allows more interaction between students and employers, can link in social media like LinkedIn, and offers skill resources online.

"The new system will provide more advanced features. It will allow greater interaction between students and employers. Employers will be able to post jobs on their own for immediate results," said Marci Johnston, Employment and Career Specialist at LBCC.

To access the Career Center website: Go to webrunner.linnbenton.edu (homepage). Click on Current Students in the blue bar across the top of the page. On the right column, Student Support, and click on Student Employment. This will bring up the Career and Counseling Service home page. Click on the Career & Employment Service link. This lists all of the service available to students and alumni. Half-way down the page, under Find Your Job, is a link for jobs

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Location: Tadena Hall, Room 101
Phone: 541-917-4786
Career & Employment Services' website: <http://bit.ly/18usouD>
Work Search website: <http://bit.ly/19bpD3y>

posted online. This will allow you to register or access jobs that are currently posted with the career services.

Please stop in to the Student Employment Service in Tadena Hall, Room 101 to make an appointment with the employment specialist, or log in to the online webpage to access the current job listing.

Information about how to access and use the new Career Connections programs will be available in an upcoming edition of The Commuter once the new program is live. ♣

STORY BY ELIZABETH MOTTNER

LBCC COUNSELING HERE TO HELP



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First stop for successful students!

Location: Tadena Hall, Room 101
Phone Number: (541)-917-4780
Website: <http://www.linnbenton.edu/career-services/>

A new academic year is set to begin at LBCC on Sept. 30. If students are in need of guidance, LBCC offers counseling service to all students.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, LBCC provides counselors that help students overcome obstacles that impede their lives academically, personally, or with a future career. Counselors can offer advice, direction, or help students set up academic and career goals. Counseling is accessible on all campuses and appointments are free to students. The counselors, advisers, and career specialists all work closely together. The first step is to meet with your academic adviser. If you are undecided the next step is to come into the Counseling and Career Center and begin career testing or meet with a counselor to choose a direction to begin to explore.

"Our mission for the college is to help folks who are undecided; help them match up with career opportunities out there," said Mark Weiss, LBCC Counselor.

It is recommended that students take career tests to gain information about their career choices. From the testing, students will be able to learn what wage to expect, the job

outlook, what training is needed, and where the training is available. With the result that counselors can help direct a student in making the right choices in their academic life.

LBCC also has a Crisis and Care Teams to handle situations on campus. The Crisis Team helps with critical crisis situations and provides a crisis room and counseling for students affected by the event. The Care Team is proactive and works with the college to prevent possible risks to students and faculty.

"Get to know your professors. If a subject or class interests you, stop by and talk to the professor and get to know them. They're passionate about their field and have so much knowledge and information that they are more than happy to share," Weiss advised. "Know the schools' rules and policies. And finally, three important personal things that will help you pass all of your classes: get plenty of sleep, do homework and show up to class."

The Counseling Center's goal is to help students learn to use the tools and resources that are available to them to achieve a happy and successful life while in college and after. ♣

STORY BY ELIZABETH MOTTNER

BOOKSTORE FINDS STUDENT PULSE

More than just books

For many, the return of fall means a return to the daily grind; a life of day-in and day-out school work with little or no change. Though the LBCC Bookstore can't do much to ease your workload, what they are doing may make the steps to starting the year off right a little bit easier.

Anyone who buys textbooks knows that, for the most part, Amazon will have a better deal than your school bookstore; especially on books where the instructor has clarified you don't need the current generation. This can lead to an online goldmine for those looking to save money, but like Jeff Lehn, a student at LBCC pointed out, "You can end up waiting a whole week after class started before you're even expected to get your books."

For many this is worth the sacrifice to save a couple bucks, but in all reality it is still a hassle, as you are destined to either borrow the book from the library (which is typically only for a couple of hours), or find someone in class to borrow it from. It seems that no matter what route is taken, buying textbooks is an imperfect system; the LBCC Bookstore staff hopes to change that.

"Our new system for students buying their textbook online will offer a price comparison. If Amazon has a better deal, we will make up the difference, allowing the student to get their book(s) from us," said Lawrence LaJoie, manager of the bookstore.

This is built on what LaJoie describes as a dynamic pricing system, meaning that these differences in price are only met as long as the book is out there to be compared to. "If the book is no longer available on another site, obviously we are not going to be able to give the price difference that was once there before."

When asked if this new system was working, LaJoie said, "Online sales are already up by 25 percent." When further questioned about the need to incorporate this into the LBCC Bookstore system, LaJoie answered saying, "We match because we feel that you (the students) and your needs are important as a customer."

For those looking for a quick price comparison online, the bookstore website – bookstore.linnbenton.edu – also works great as it displays the cost of the books from every site that can be pulled up by the ISBN (International

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday: 8:30am – 7pm
Tuesday: 8:30am – 7pm
Wednesday: 8:30am – 7pm
Thursday: 8:30am – 7pm
Friday: 8:30am – 3pm

Standard Book Number). In the end this new tool should save students a ton of legwork, the hassle of shipping, and hopefully a couple bucks. Amazon.com, as quoted by their website, gives students who sign up for Amazon Student free shipping for six months, but after that you are required to pay 50 percent of the premium membership cost. This is a great deal, but none of this does anything for when your books arrive and what you get, if anything.

Price comparisons aren't the only new thing going on at the bookstore. According to LaJoie they have increased their rental capacity from what was about 75 or 80 textbooks, to nearly 120. They also incorporated what they are hoping is a better system for reminding students to return those books that are rented.

"Before, we were sending a reminder email to students' LBCC email and they just weren't getting them. Now, for those that want it, we will be sending a text." When questioned about eBook availability, LaJoie said, "eBooks make up less than a percent of our sales."

The inside of the store has changed as well. The bookstore will no longer be carrying gaming systems and related products. "We have decided to focus the store primarily on educational needs," LaJoie said.

What about food? "Hey, you have to have fuel!" ♣

STORY BY TEJO PACK



PHOTO: WILLIAM ALLISON
Justin Bolger: Class of 2013

DESTINATION GRADUATION

Why does it matter to you?

The new school year starts and the campus is flooded with new or returning students, many of whom look lost and confused. Destination Graduation is there to alleviate the confusion.

Destination Graduation, the required one-credit class for incoming freshmen, is designed to help students get their bearings, both on campus and in class. There were trial classes in the 2010/11 and 2011/12 school years. According to Richard Gibbs, who coordinates Destination Graduation, it didn't become a requirement until last school year.

This year's is expected to be "one of the biggest

Destination Graduation classes ever," said Sally Moore, Dean of the Academic Foundations Division.

The five-week course, which starts on Welcome Day this year, is two hours per week, and covers many topics, including, but not limited to: finding your academic adviser, making an education plan, taking a self-guided campus tour, confirming financial aid, developing study skills, and much more.

So far, the feedback has been very positive, according to Moore. "We are hoping it helps students get on the right track." 📍

STORY BY WILLIAM ALLISON

LBCC YEAR-END BALANCE

Making LBCC financially stable

Over the next four years LBCC plans to add \$800,000 per year to the college's ending fund balance, building it to \$4 million, or about 10 percent of the college's annual budget.

While the college's governing board and administration agree building up this safety net is a prudent measure, some wonder if that money would be better spent shoring up areas of LBCC that have endured cutbacks in the past year or two, including reductions in faculty, staff and classes.

Former school board member Penny York said in the May meeting, "It was important to make certain that the ending fund balance to be replenished. I don't want any further programs cut."

At the end of each academic year, LBCC has made it a goal to have money left over in the operating budget. This money will be a buffer from one budget year to the next. When the school year ended in June, the ending fund balance stood at about \$1.2 million, well short of the school's goal. In May, LBCC's Board of Education approved increasing the ending fund balance to \$4 million.

That means for the next four years, \$800,000 will be dedicated strictly to the ending fund balance each year.

The college's ending fund balance wasn't always so low.



PHOTO: STEVEN DEPOLO

In fact, at the end of the 2009/10 school year, the ending fund balance was about \$9.1 million.

At first look, it may seem the school spent nearly \$8 million from the fund in less than three years, leaving LBCC in a recover mode. According to Jim Huckestein, vice president of finance and operations, several factors resulted the college's current situation.

In 2009/10 and prior school years, LBCC "floated" payments from the state, he said. In each biennium, money received from the State of Oregon has alternate payment

cycles. One year, the school receives three payments and the next year it receives five payments.

The 2009-10 fiscal year was one of the years that the college received five payments. It was also around this time that LBCC's board decided to discontinue floating the payment. The board opted to show what was actually in the ending fund balance.

A second factor impacting the ending fund balance was the downturn in the economy. "We (LBCC) are countercyclical to the economy," Huckestein explained. When unemployment rises, college enrollment typically increases. People go back to school to be trained for a different career path.

When there are a loss of jobs, income to the state decreases. When the income decreases, payments to higher education are reduced. Though the school received more revenue from higher enrollment, the additional tuition fees did not cover the loss of revenue from the state.

Because of this loss of revenue, the school needed to make several cuts to programs, staff and services. It also meant that the school needed to use some of the ending fund balance to keep the school running.

"If all goes well the school board can re-evaluate the amount and reinvest in program and services," York said. 📍

STORY BY TED HOLLIDAY

CREDENTIAL ACCELERATION SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT

AT A GLANCE

For more information about program qualifications, contact CASE at:

Phone: 541-917-4504

Email: CASEstaff@linnbenton.edu

Website: <http://www.linnbenton.edu/case>

Upon completing classes at LBCC, one goal that a student might have, is to obtain a job. Credential Acceleration Support for Employment (CASE) is a program offered to LBCC students to help develop skills for employment opportunities.

CASE is a no-cost program open to students that meet the following eligibility requirements: eligible to work in the U.S., registered for Selective Service if applicable, 18 or older, and can provide a social security card.

It is designed to "help students in programs be successful and have a good experience at college, and develop skills employers want," Karin Magnuson, CASE Administrator explained.

Former CASE Program coordinator Sandra Shinkle explained that the program's role is to prepare students to be successful once they get a job. Students will be evaluated by standard performance measures once they obtain a job. "The grant requires that we track students for 6 months to determine if they have been able to keep their job," Shinkle said. Industry partners are telling us that students need to work on their soft skills—communication, working one-on-one, and conflict resolution.

CASE supports all students and additional individual needs, such as veterans, people with disabilities, and Trade Act students.

Pre-nursing student Tina Guillen has utilized CASE services. In addition to attending workshops, Guillen has received one-on-one guidance. "Each person that works at CASE brings their own experience," Guillen said. "They give you critiques with real world experiences."

During a Spring 2013 presentation at the Diversity Achievement Center, Shinkle stressed the importance of

understanding professional culture, exhibiting professional communication, meeting timelines, creating relationships, and respecting emotional and cultural boundaries.

The program is run by Terri Houde, the CASE Program Coordinator. Houde started with the CASE on Sept. 16. She said about the program, "I recently learned that CASE received national recognition for outcomes in year one. These outcomes included certificate/degree completion, enrollment numbers, and students entering employment and retaining that employment. When an initiative like CASE garners that kind of recognition for students and staff, that is motivating!"

This program is designed to help you understand that employers are seeking employees who: have cultural competence, have a professional work standard, and use positive and effective communication skills.

Knowing how to conduct yourself in a business environment and making sure you are conveying a professional attitude at all times, are important tools to obtaining and keeping a job.

So become a part of the CASE team and receive the following services: assistance with navigating college processes, assigned academic/support for your individual progress and needs, individualized success plan, workshops to develop professional standards, communication, resume, cover letter and interview support, job search assistance, development of interview skills, employment support after you are hired, and ongoing career success coaching. 📍

STORY BY
NORA PALMTAG & TED HOLLIDAY

STUDENT Shopping Spree

WIN
one of two
60 Second
Shopping
Spree!

Enter
to
WIN
on
Welcome Day
Sept. 25th

One
entry per
student
must be present
to win!

Don't
Miss
Our Student
Fashion Show!
Welcome Day
Sept. 25 @ noon
in the Commons.

Winners will be drawn on Welcome Day, September 25, 2013, and announced at the end of the Bookstore Fashion Show. Shopping Spree will take place immediately following the Fashion Show on Welcome Day.

Only one entry per student. Only students of LBCC are eligible to win*. Must be present to win.

*Sorry, LBCC Staff not eligible.

LBCC **Bookstore**

ROADRUNNER VOLLEYBALL

2013 ROSTER

- 1 Rylee Hickman
- 2 Katie Bentson
- 3 Karissa Mobley
- 4 Kaci Nonnenmacher
- 5 Abby Hardie
- 6 Kristen Epps
- 7 Sarah Rudzik
- 8 Emily Kozlowski
- 9 Sasha Bogdanovic
- 10 Sarah Brown
- 11 Paige Kelsey
- 12 Samantha Kelsey
- 13 Carly Roderick
- RS Lindee Elmlade
- RS Michelle Sand

The LBCC women's volleyball team looks to finish their pre-season with some momentum. The team will have one final home game on Wednesday, Sept. 18 against Linfield's JV team before finishing up the preseason in the Everett C.C. crossover tournament.

"The NWAACC Conference, as a whole, looks very strong this year and the Southern Region will be in the top tier of the conference," said head coach Jayme Frazier.

The preseason started well, with the Roadrunners only losing one match in the Chemeketa Tournament and winning four. Two Roadrunners, freshman Paige Kelsey and sophomore Abby Hardie, were named to the six-player all-star team, out of the eight teams that participated.

The Roadrunners then returned home for the first time and rolled through Pierce College, a NWAACC West Region team, in three straight sets.

The streak ended, however, when the Roadrunners suffered their first tough loss to Columbia Basin College, in Pasco, WA., in three straight matches, but made up for it quickly by beating them the very next day in the Spokane Falls C.C. Tournament in three straight sets of their own.

Last week, the team gained some much needed momentum, heading into the regular season after slamming down New Hope Christian College in three consecutive sets and doing the same to Clark College the very next day with scores of 25-11, 25-22, and 25-19.

Frazier is very excited about the team this year, her twentieth year as head coach.

"It may be the best blocking team I've ever had," she said. "The game is much faster than some are used to and the transition game requires an adjustment period. This is a very competitive group and it is great to see them responding to the challenge." See more photos at commuter.linnbenton.edu

UPCOMING GAMES

Preseason

Sept. 18th @ 6:00pm
 @ Home vs. Linfield JV
 Sept. 20-21 @ noon
 @ Everett Crossover
 Tourney in Everett, WA

Regular Season

Sept 27 @ 6:00pm
 @ Home vs. Chemeketa
 Oct. 2 @ 6:00pm
 @ Home vs. Clackamas
 Oct. 4 @ 6:00pm
 @ Home vs. Mt. Hood
 "Dig Pink Night"

STORY BY COOPER PAWSON



PHOTOS: COOPER PAWSON

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Linn County OREGON
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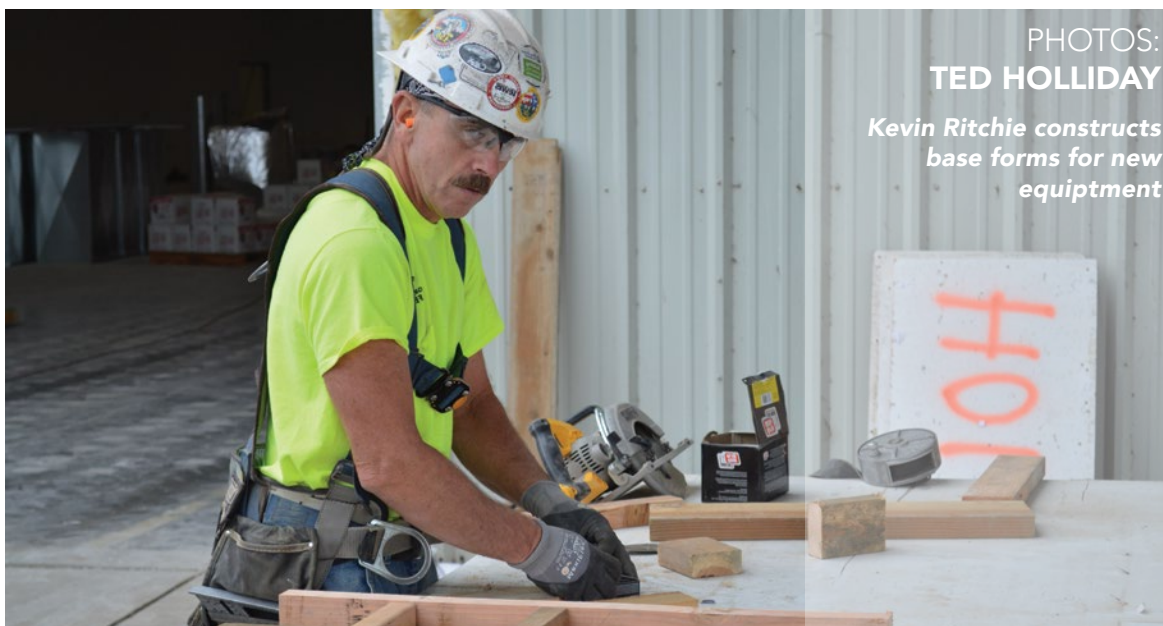
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AUTO TECH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 REVAMP REVS UP

Painters Perry Crawford (right) and Lacie Robinson



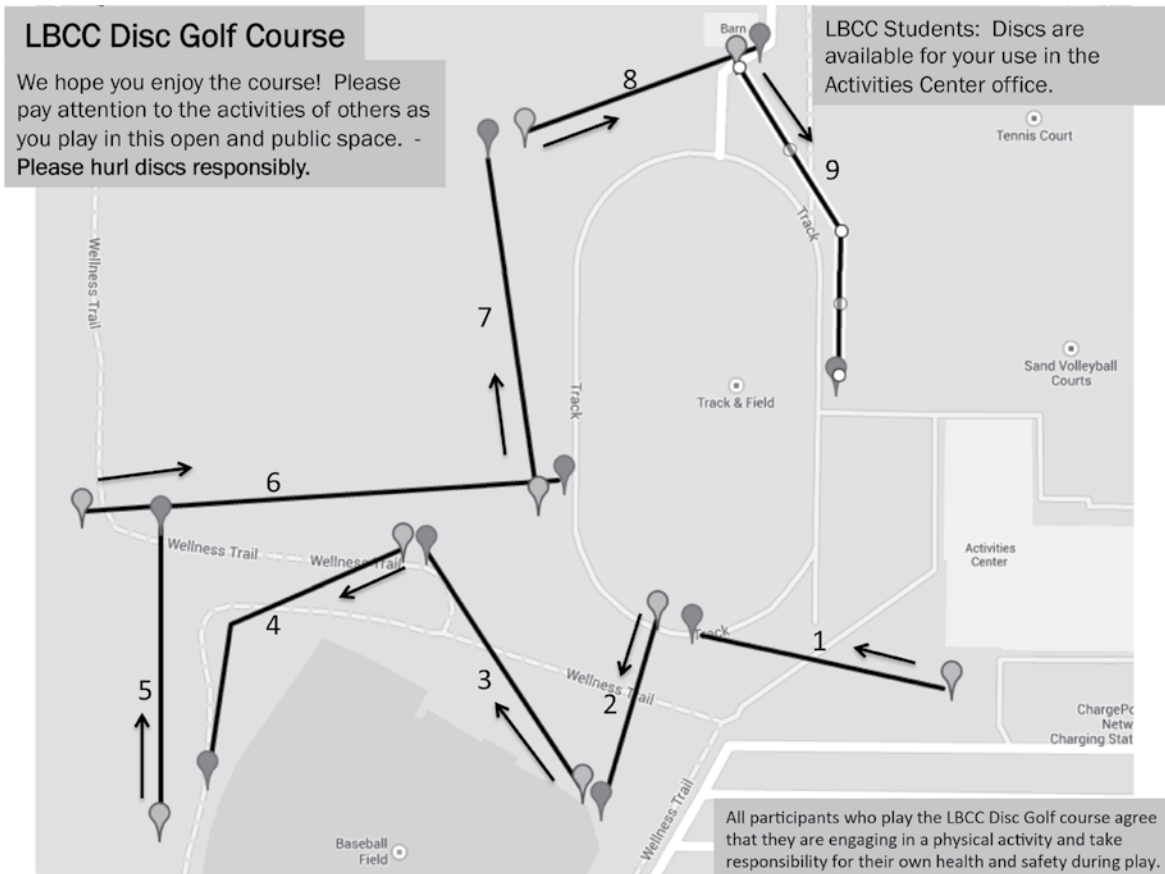
LBCC instructor Bryan Schiedler in the doorway of the new Advanced Auto Tech building in Lebanon, OR.



PHOTOS: TED HOLLIDAY

Kevin Ritchie constructs base forms for new equipment

DISC GOLF COURSE ARRIVES



A new disc golf course has been set up at LBCC around the fields in the back of the Activity Center. The 9-hole course, put together by Leslie Hammond, Associate Dean of Human Performance, is marked with yellow posts and blue caps.

“Since we are not sure how the course will be received by students, we decided to create temporary holes to gauge if students enjoy the course,” Hammond said. “We also want to try out different configurations of the course until we figure out what works best.”

If the course becomes more popular, which it should, Hammond is considering sinking in real disc golf baskets. Discs have been made available for anyone to check out in the Activity Center.

Hammond ultimately wanted an activity for students to do at any time. Whether between classes or on the weekends, disc golf is great way to exercise and have fun while doing so.

“Eventually, I would like to have a web based app where players can log in, record their scores, and keep track of how many students are actually playing, maybe even decide a term by term winner,” Hammond said.

Go check it out, play, and if you have any questions or ideas for the course, contact Leslie Hammond at hammonl@linnbenton.edu or at 541-917-4911. For an interactive map, go to <http://bit.ly/153r9Cu>.

STORY BY **COOPER PAWSON**

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Commuter is a student-run newspaper. It is published once a week to inform, educate and entertain students, staff and faculty. Information is updated regularly on our website at commuter.linnbenton.edu.

As technology progresses, we at The Commuter are finding new ways to keep the students informed. Students are connected to the internet, mobile devices and smart phones, more than any other time.

This year at The Commuter, we have made some major upgrades. We have hired a new page designer, upgraded our computer systems and recruited new staff. Our paper has a unique and fresh look. The new page designer, Eric Robinson has created a fresh new campus logo.

One of our major goals of being a source of information is connecting with the students. We have a website, mobile phone, Facebook, Flickr, and Twitter. We are constantly striving to improve our communication with everyone.

We are striving to be more than a just news organization, we are becoming a platform for information. Here at The Commuter, we encourage you to not only stay informed, but to connect and interact with us. Tell us what you like, what you dislike, what should we cover that is important to you as a student, staff and faculty member.

News media is no longer a one-sided business. We strive to open communications between the audience and our staff.

There are many ways to become involved with the paper. We are always looking for students to assist in covering and writing about events, news, entertainment and commentary. Other areas of need are photography, editing, advertising and designing.

Stop by our office at F-222, email, tweet or Facebook us. A new era of communication has arrived and we look forward to be on that wave of information.



SINCERELY, **TED HOLLIDAY**



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ADVICE FROM WEISS

Hello, and welcome to a new year with LBCC. The purpose of this column is to answer students questions about student success, academic advising, and college life... But since school hasn't started yet, I've received no questions. So, I'll start this column off with "Seven Simple Secrets for Success"

7. Meet with an advisor. Every faculty member at the college has office hours to meet with students; they are there for you. No question is too small or too large. New students will have advisors assigned to them, and the advisors name will show up in your WebRunner account.

6. Explore your WebRunner account. More importantly, make sure that you know how to access your student email account. All your information, from grades to financial aid information, will be communicated to you by your email account and/or posted in WebRunner.

5. Make sure you know the resources available to you at the college. The library, the Learning ACenter, the Counseling and Career Center, Disability Services, and so many others, all

wishing to help you with your college journey.

4. Get connected. Join a club, a sport, Student Life and Leadership, or help out in creating this newspaper. There are many ways to become involved and research shows that students who get involved are more likely to succeed.

3. Do some homework. College classes have become increasingly interactive and to interact well you need some information. So study up.

2. Get some sleep. Sometimes sleep and homework compete for time in a student's life, but to be successful you've got to get some of both in your life. Sleep gives you high quality brain functioning to use the information homework brings you.

1. Show up. You've got to be in class, at the advisor's office, and with the other students. Whether you are in class or become a member of a club, team, or student government, be there. It'll make a difference like nothing else can.

Finally, please send me your questions. Like everyone else at LBCC, I want to be helpful for you. You can email me at Weiss@linnbenton.edu, call me at 541-757-8944 ext. 5107, or come see me at the Career Center in Albany or the Benton Center in Corvallis. I look forward to hearing from you. 📍

COLUMN BY: **MARK WEISS**



CONSERVATIVE CORNER

A Glance in the Mirror

As we go through life, whether it is our education or professional careers, we tend to pause and reflect on thoughts and actions throughout our lives. Since I started this column in mid-January 2013 with a brief description of conservatives, I have myself reflected on what I have written. After all, I do consider myself a representative of the conservative movement, a Tea Party follower, and a Commuter writer. What I have written in the past, even though I possibly should have worded some of them a little differently, I stand firmly by my values as a social and fiscal conservative.

To the new students attending LBCC, I say "Welcome" and don't be afraid to read your campus newspaper and give us your ideas and comments. They are always welcome. To the veteran readers of the Commuter, I ask for your continued readership, support and response in continuing to improve an already award-winning publication. You can help make your campus paper the best.

To the readers and critics of Conservative Corner: I would like to remind you that Conservative Corner is an opinion column. Dictionary.com defines opinion as a personal view, attitude, or appraisal. Since the name of the column is called Conservative Corner, then it stands to reason that it will be at least somewhat biased toward my views and values as a conservative. If you agree with my columns, I'm glad. If you don't agree with what I write, that's ok too. After all, conservatives are very strong supporters of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment is extremely important.

The Freedom of Speech is like a double-edged sword. That's why even the Westboro Baptist Church can preach their messages, (no matter how hateful they are) without being ruled unconstitutional. We all have the right to say or write what we think and we all need to respect the rights of others to do so even if it is controversial or unpopular.

As the new students come into LBCC, whether they are fresh from high school or middle-age people trying to gain knowledge in a new field or endeavor, I ask them to hold on to their values and beliefs. Don't let anyone try to sway you from your fundamental values in the name of progressive higher learning. To the students who have "been around the block" a few times, I strongly suggest to keep your eyes on your goals and don't let anyone tell you that your values are wrong or misguided. It is very easy to lose sight of your true self when in contact with the wrong influences or influences that do not support your core values.

I have looked in my proverbial "mirror" and realized that I still have yet to be the writer that I want to be, however, I hold strongly to my values and beliefs and am proud to write about them. I ask you, the reader, to do the same thing. As you look in your own "mirror", do you feel at peace with your opinions?

Do you follow the values that made you the person you are today? I implore you to uphold your values and standards, no matter what they are and no matter who you are with. But above all, use your time at LBCC to make yourself the best person you can. 📍

COLUMN BY: **DALE HUMMEL**



PHOTO: WILLIAM ALLISON

PARKING NIGHTMARES

Ah, the first day of school at LBCC. This is going to be a great day. I'm excited to see the new teachers, classes and classmates. Nothing like the first day of class to get acclimated to a new schedule.

Waking up to the alarm, my feet slowly hit the floor. Time for a shower and a quick breakfast. I'm headed to campus while listening to the radio - maybe just a quick stop for some coffee.

There it is: LBCC campus. Now it's time to find the coveted parking spot.

Where did all these cars come from? This isn't right! There wasn't nearly this many cars when registering for classes. Okay, time to stay calm. There must be a spot somewhere.

Driving slowly down the first lane. Nope, not one in this row. Maybe there will be one in the next row. I see someone getting into their car where I just came from.

Speeding up and trying to make it around. That spot will be open by the time this car gets around.

Yes! I made it.

Now... Time to wait.

Any second now.

Blinker is on, check! Here comes another car, but they are not going to be able to get around.

Still waiting. What is taking this person so long? Oh, they're texting. A second car is pulling up. Now a third car. It has been like five minutes already. Lets go!

Ugh! You've gotta be kidding me! They got out of the car and are walking back to campus.

"Oh, shut up! I'm moving already." Good thing they didn't hear that. Damn that car behind me, why'd they have to honk.

Time to find a parking spot... again. Circling again, and again, and again. This is ridiculous! Finally, a place to park... on Allen Lane. Somebody should do something about this. 📍

COLUMN BY: **TED HOLLIDAY**

TIPS

- Ride the bus. This avoids parking altogether and does a little part to help our planet.
- Arrive early. Give yourself time to find a parking spot to get to class on time.
- The Southwest corner parking lot general has plenty of parking. It may be a distance to walk, but, hey! we all need exercise.
- Don't park at the end of parking rows.
- Don't take up two parking spaces. This is a ticketable offense.
- Avoid bringing campers and trailers. They just take up more space.
- Be prepared to walk. This is Oregon and the chances of rain are likely. Carry an umbrella to get to class. If not for yourself, then for your books so that you can sell them back to the bookstore without water damage.
- Lock your doors and keep all valuables out of site.
- Engage the parking brake.
- If you drive a manual transmission (a stick shift), put it in gear. This will help avoid it from rolling into another car or person.
- Report suspicious activity. Call security at 541-917-4440. If it looks suspicious, it probably is.

DISCOUNT

- Academic Superstore:** this site provides student discounts on electronics and other necessary things for college.
- AMC Theatres:** discounted tickets every Thursday.
- Apple:** 8% discount
- Banana Republic:** 15% off in-store.
- Best Buy:** Online savings on selected items
- Burger King:** 10% off in-store with a valid student ID.
- Dairy Queen:** 10% off in-store with a valid student ID.
- Dell University:** Savings differ by college.
- The GM College Discount:** Gives discounts on Chevrolet, Buick and GMC vehicles.
- HP Academy Store:** offers exclusive student discounts on laptops and desktop computers.
- J. Crew:** 15% off selected items.
- JourneyEd:** Save up to 85% on computers, electronics, software and other necessities.
- The Limited:** 15% off in-store with a valid student ID.
- McDonald's:** 10% off at select locations with a valid student ID.
- Regal Theaters:** \$1.50 off Sunday-Thursday evenings.
- Subway:** 10% off in-store.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY



PHOTO: ERIC ROBINSON

Life as a college student can be a poor one, to say the least, and that is why it can be very important to be aware of any discounts that may be available to you as a student.

Do a little hunting online and read a few articles and it becomes clear that there is a whole world of discounts out there for the currently enrolled.

Joseph Pisani expounded on why this may be in his article "Smart Spending: Finding deals for college students" by saying, "companies target students for deals because if a product wins them over, the company might have customers for life."

Whether this is true or not is debatable, but what is for sure, is that discounts are available.

One of the major companies that gives specific educational pricing is Apple. From a new backpack to a MacBook Air, Apple gives a discount no matter what you're buying.

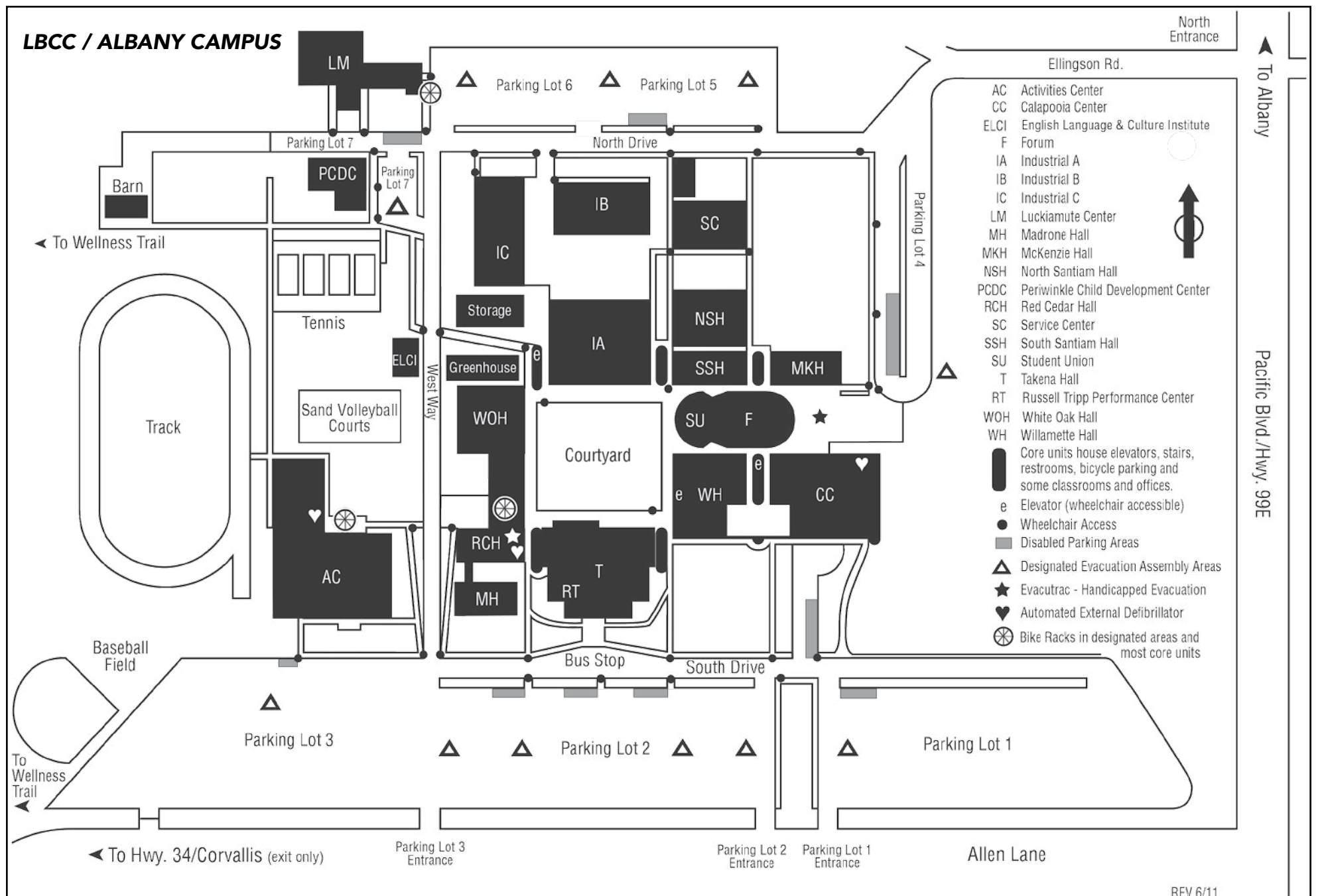
If you do go there for a computer, it might be better to buy either refurbished or top-end. Low end MacBooks come with only a \$50 discount, while top-end and refurbished computers can end up saving you \$200 or more.

There are other big name companies that offer discounts to students as well, including NewEgg.com. Newegg hands out discounts and gift cards on everything from software to headphones.

Many of the local take-out food companies, including Burger King and Dairy Queen also provide a discount to students, but make sure to ask, as each one of these is individually owned and may not follow the corporation standards.

A list of more companies is provided courtesy of carrigton.edu; some of them will require you to submit your .edu email, so have it ready. Most importantly keep that ID handy wherever you go and don't be afraid to flash it, it may just surprise where and how you can save. 📍

STORY BY **TEJO PACK**



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 LBCC Poetry Club
 LBCC Open Source Club
 LBCC CASE Program
 Albany Transit/Linn-Benton Loop
 English Department
 Linn County Public Health
 Costco Wholesale
 Love Yoga Studio
 The Corvallis Clinic
 Business Management
 Linfield College
 Near-Space Exploration Club
 Linn County ARES
 Pacific Power, Blue Sky program
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
 The Gathering Club
 Communication Department
 Verizon Wireless Phones Plus
 LBCC Students for Life Club
 LBCC Equestrian Team
 Trader Joe's
 Office of Disability Services
 Social Science Wheel of Fortune
 Business Education
 Agriculture
 Active Minds (Psychology Club)
 Learning Center
 Graduation Info
 Business Tech/Medical Assisting
 Student Leadership Council
 Spanish Program
 Veteran's Info Table
 Career Counseling Center
 Business Tech
 Transportation Info
 Bus, Health Care & Wrkforce

Other Highlights Throughout The Day!

- Student Leadership Council - Dunk Tank, Raffle, Jousting,
 Cotton Candy & Shaved Ice!
- Courtyard BBQ, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Math Department, Drawing for a TI-84 Calculator
- Improv from the LBCC Theater Program, Courtyard
- First Stop - Computer Lab, Takena Hall
- FREE Pizza - Commons Pizza Oven, Dining Commons
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Fashion Show, The Commons, Noon
- Shopping Spree, Bookstore, 12:45 p.m.
 (contestants drawn after Fashion Show)
- Career Counseling Center (regular hours)
- Registration & Admissions (regular hours)
- Student Assessment, RCH 111 (regular hours)
- Financial Aid Office (regular hours)
- Tours of the Rooftop Garden, meet in Courtyard

WELCOME DAY INFO TABLE:
 Near Russell Tripp Performance
 Center Box Office, Takena Hall,
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WELCOME DAY ACTIVITIES AT OUR CENTERS:

Lebanon Center

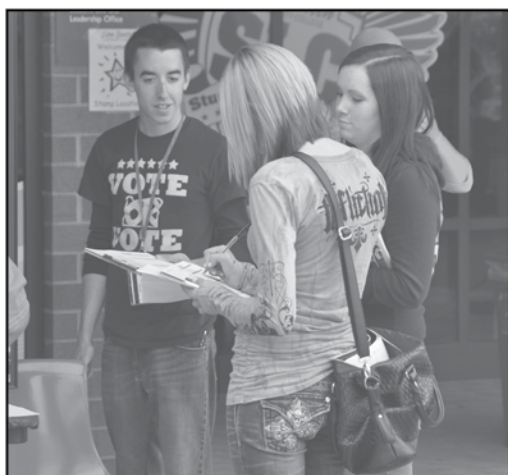
Wednesday, October 2, 2 – 6 p.m.
 Learning Center, LC202: food, prizes, school supplies
(while they last), information and resources.

Sweet Home Center

Wednesday, October 2, 2 – 6 p.m.

Benton Center

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Snacks, information and prizes.



Connect with all that LBCC has to offer!

WELCOME BACK WORD FIND

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 C A L A P O O I A C E N T E R B D L Y R

1. One of two counties that LBCC serves – the one that the main campus resides in.
2. One of two counties that LBCC serves – this one is shared with another major state university.
3. A nice and quiet place to sit down and be served the wonders of the culinary arts program.
4. Corvallis campus location.
5. Lebanon campus location.
6. Sweet Home campus location.
7. Location for students to exercise and play intermural sports.
8. This Center houses the LBCC bookstore, the cafeteria and administrative offices.
9. The building that hosts large lecture halls and computer labs.
10. Where you will find welding and automotive shops on the first floor and classrooms on the second floor.
11. Home of the machine tool shop and mechatronics.
12. Most likely building where you'd find an up and coming diesel mechanic.
13. This building houses family connections, copy center, GED classes and various other college services.
14. This Hall is the newest science building on campus and won a silver certification in Leadership in Energy and Environment Design.
15. Where you will find business and accounting labs.
16. Follow the singing voices to this hall or the call to the Arts.
17. This building houses many agriculture and biology classes and is the home of the Green Roof.
18. In need of emergency services, this hall housed the campus security office, first aid office, the student assessment/testing and labs for the dental, radiology and EMT courses.
19. Home of the Commuter, Diversity Center, HotSpot and the Student Leadership Council.
20. Hall that houses the Financial Aid office, Career and Counseling center, Admissions, Russell Tripp Performance Center, and assorted classrooms and offices.
21. Where students go for studying, tutoring, texting and research – home of the Learning and Testing Centers and library.
22. Eatery with a salad bar, sandwich bar, pizza, and other assorted meals; changes weekly.
23. Breakfast and lunch served with a great view of the courtyard, quick and easy.
24. Hosts an art gallery, classrooms for social sciences, literature and writing, and assorted professors' offices.

TASTY SNACKS RECIPES FOR THE FALL

With school beginning and the storm clouds moving in, it is time for some comfort food! Below are two new, quick, and easy recipes to enjoy and share with friends, so step into fall with these treats.

Skinny Chunky Monkey Cookies is a healthy cookie full of fiber and protein but does not skimp on taste. For those who are watching sugar levels, this one is a great alternative with nature sugars from bananas and applesauce.

Who would think that potatoes chips belong in chocolate chip cookies? These are a unique twist on a classic cookie. For those who love salt and sweet snacks, this is a keeper. Not the healthiest of cookies, just great comfort food.

Both of these recipes are easy to make, inexpensive and tasty. Enjoy!

COURTESY OF **ELIZABETH MOTTNER**

Skinny Chunky Monkey Cookies

Ingredients:
 3 ripe bananas
 2 cups oatmeal
 1/4 cup peanut butter
 1/4 cup cocoa powder
 1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 350F degrees. Mash the bananas then add in the rest of the ingredients and stir. Let the mixture stand for 20 minutes in the refrigerator. Drop batter by teaspoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 min.

Adapted from:
<http://www.sixsistersstuff.com/2012/05/skinny-chunky-monkey-cookies-recipe.html>

Potato Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:
 3/4 cup unsalted butter
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 cup granulated sugar
 2 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 cups (crushed) potato chips
 1 cup chocolate chips

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 350F. Cream butter and sugars with mixer until light and fluffy. Add in eggs and vanilla and mix well. Mix in flour, salt and baking soda. Gently stir in potato chips and chocolate chips. Drop 1" dough ball on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Let cookies cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes and then transfer to wire rack to cool.

Adapted from:
<http://www.countryliving.com/recipefinder/potato-chip-cookies-4011>

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephams Group

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SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUES PUZZLE

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7	6	2	9	5	4	1	3	8

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Upcoming LBCC Choir Concerts

mark your calendars!

Featuring LBCC's Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and LBCC's A cappella groups: Blue Light Special, The Sirens.

December 5 • 7:30 p.m.

Fall Choir Concert - Sing For Joy!

March 13 • 7:30 p.m.

Winter Choir Concert - Winter Light!

June 5 • 7:30 p.m.

Spring Choir Concert - Journey in Song!

July 2014

LBCC Meets the World - the World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia

Russell Tripp
 Performance Center

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BACK IN THE DAY

On Sept. 18, 1851, the first issue of The New York Times was published, though it was called The New York Daily Times.

On Sept. 19, 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test in the Nevada desert.

On Sept. 20, 2013, Apple releases the iPhone 5S and iPhone 5C, the first time the tech giant released two versions of its flagship device at the same time.

On Sept. 21, 1937, The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien was first published.

On Sept. 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, which proposed to free all slaves.

On Sept. 23, 1806, Lewis and Clark headed back to St. Louis after a three year voyage to the Pacific Northwest.

On Sept. 24, 1996, the world's major nuclear powers, including the United States, signed a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons.

On Sept. 25, 1957, the Little Rock Nine, a group of nine black teenagers, challenged racial segregation by attending the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first televised presidential debate took place between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy, leading to the election of JFK.

On Sept. 27, 1998, Mark McGwire broke a world record by hitting his 69th and 70th home runs in the last game of the regular season.

On Sept. 28, 1991, Jazz legend Miles Davis, died.

On Sept. 29, 1988, The space shuttle Discovery was launched, marking the first NASA staffed space flight since the Challenger disaster.

On Sept. 30, 1946, 22 Nazi leaders were found guilty at the Nuremberg trials.

On Oct. 1, 1971, Walt Disney World, in Florida, opened its doors for the first time.

LBCC ALMA MATER

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 Is a school that welcomes ev'ryone,
 Where dreams can always come true:
 All hail to you, Linn-Benton!
 Where learning changes lives,
 Where caring teachers show the way,
 And ev'ry student strives
 To achieve their own potential,
 To aspire and succeed;
 Linn-Benton's opportunities
 Are ev'rything we need.
 As we step into the future
 With a vision bold and bright,
 We'll remember our beloved school,
 This shining beacon of light.
 All hail to you, Linn-Benton!
 With gratitude sincere;
 Our hopes and dreams become more real
 With ev'ry passing year.
 As eager, lifelong learners
 In this new millennium,
 Linn-Benton, you have taught us
 That the best is yet to come!*

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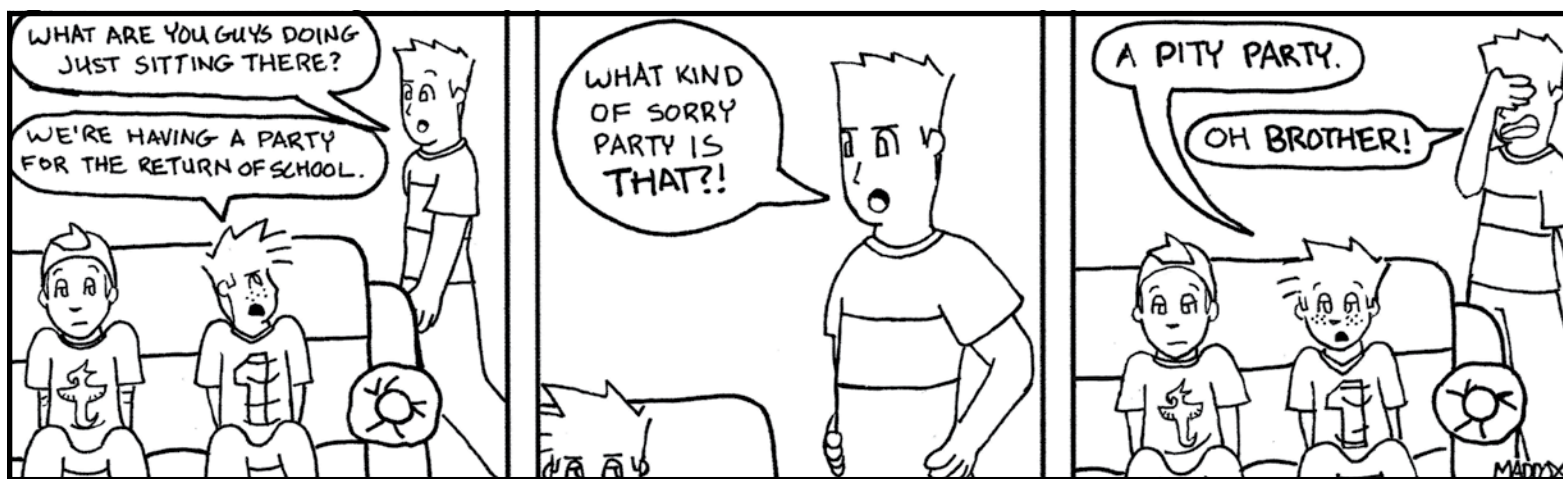
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WELCOME DAY 2013

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 • 10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Student & Community Fair in the Courtyard

- Fashion Show, Noon in the Commons
- Bookstore Shopping Spree
- Courtyard Stage, Featuring Music, Poetry and Theater Arts
- Free Choir Performances
- Mini-Golf and Other Activities
- Student Club Information
- Department Tours and Information
- Disc Golf on the New Course
- Sand Volleyball with the Volleyball Team
- Open Gym with the Basketball Team
- Wellness Trail Laps



Dunk Tank, Raffle, Jousting, Cotton Candy & Shaved Ice!

Prizes
Tuition Credits
& LBCC Bookstore
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10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Self-Guided Tour **SCAVENGER HUNT**

Get “stamped” at locations around campus and redeem 20 stamps for a chance to **WIN Tuition Credits & Bookstore Gift Certificates!**

Turn in your completed Scavenger Hunt forms at the Welcome Day Information Table next to the Russell Tripp Performance Center in Takena Hall.



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