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Included below is a press release regarding a Lifelong Learning Series at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Ferris Lifelong Learning Series continues with spring events

BIG RAPIDS – The Lifelong Learning Experience Spring Speaker Series is now taking reservations. The series runs through June 2007, with activities scheduled throughout Michigan.

The series is sponsored by the University Center for Extended Learning, Emeriti Association and Mecosta County Commission on Aging.

Upcoming activities include a presentation of “The Full Monty,” taking the stage at 3 p.m. at Old Town Playhouse in Traverse City on March 11. The show is a hit musical from Broadway about six out-of-work steelworkers who struggle to put their lives back together. They come up with a bold way to make quick cash, and in the process learn about friendship, self-esteem and how to have fun.

A Ferris bus will provide transportation to and from the playhouse, leaving from the Granger Center at 10:30 a.m. and returning by 7:20 p.m. The cost for this event is \$45 and pre-registration and payment is due by Feb. 28.

Another highlight of the series is a cooking demo with Chef Hermann at Hermann’s European Café and Inn in Cadillac. Chef Hermann is a certified Austrian pastry chef who will demonstrate how to make Austrian Apple Strudel. The café opened in 1985 and has received three stars for excellence in dining from the Mobile Guide, the Silver Spoon Award and the Golden Fork Award.

The demonstration, lunch, coffee and transportation will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 3. The cost is \$40 and pre-registration and payment is required by March 21.

“Global Warming – Fact or Fiction?” with speaker Jennifer Johnson, assistant professor of Geography, will present unbiased information on the topic to clear up misinterpretations often made by the media and political figures. Basic elements of climatology will be presented to explain the role of carbon dioxide and the greenhouse effect in our atmosphere. There will also be a discussion on what the United States should (or shouldn’t) do to address the issue of carbon dioxide emissions and global warming.

This presentation is from 10 a.m. to noon on April 25 at Ferris' Corporate and Professional Development Building. The cost is \$10 and pre-registration and payment are requested at least one week prior to this session.

“The Biology, Controversy and Medical Potential of Stem Cells” also is a must-see presentation. Todd Stanislav, director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, will explain the characteristics and qualities of stem cells, examine the arguments both for and against embryonic stem cell research, and consider the prospect of stem cells to better understand and treat diseases. In addition, a road map will show the direction of stem cell research and what to expect in the future.

The presentation is from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 5 at Ferris' Corporate and Professional Development Building. The cost is \$10 and pre-registration and payment are requested at least one week prior to this session.

More sessions are available and may be accessed online at www.ferris.edu/ucel/lifelonglearning. Early registration is suggested because space is limited. All sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis. Ferris State University reserves the right to cancel a session due to insufficient enrollments and refunds will be issued. No refunds will be issued for cancellations by attendees except in the case of an emergency, but credit will be given for another session. Make checks payable to Ferris State University.

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