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## ICATS Service

Starting Monday, March 15, the ICATS vans will arrive and depart from the Student Services Center on the Main Campus. This includes the ICATS Mooresville shuttle as well as normal ICATS services. —Submitted by David Heinmiller (03.03.10)

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## SGA Applications Available

Interested in being a part of the Student Government Association? Applications are available now! Come by and talk with Tammie Goodwin in the Student Activities Office (2nd floor of the Montgomery Student Union) or call her at 704.978.5426 with questions or to get applications. —Submitted by Tammie Goodwin (03.03.10)

## Awards Convocation

Mitchell Community College's annual Awards Convocation is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, at 11 a.m. in Shearer Hall. In order to prepare for this event, we need to receive the nomination form for each award given by Wednesday, March 17. It is very important that a printed copy of the nomination form be submitted by this date. If your division or club wishes to give an award, please complete the nomination form that was sent by e-mail and return it to Bonnie McCurry, either through campus mail or drop it by Bonnie's office (SSC-209). Please call 704.878.3281 if you have any questions. —Submitted by Bonnie McCurry (03.03.10)

## Full-Time Employee Birthdays March 4 through 10

Sydia Gayle-Fenner .....5th  
Wanda Corriher .....9th

## Congratulations

Please congratulate our new Mitchell Community College Ambassadors. The following students have been selected to represent the college as Student Ambassadors for the spring semester: Steven Romitz, Josh Rankin, Beth Nance, Celina Maynard and Jordan Evans. These students will represent MCC by attending various recruiting events, greeting guests, providing campus tours for potential students, and will assist with registration periods and New Student Orientation. If you have events that the Ambassadors could assist with please notify Corinne Meader at 704.978.5440. —Submitted by Corinne Meader (03.03.10)

## Advising Workshop

New and current full-time faculty are invited to participate in an advising workshop in preparation for Advising Month in March. This workshop is open to any faculty who feel they can benefit from this activity or have questions about advising. The second advising workshop will be held at the Mooresville Center on March 4, at 3 p.m. in the faculty/staff lounge. Please contact Nikkole Davis in counseling at [ndavis@mitchellcc.edu](mailto:ndavis@mitchellcc.edu) if you plan to attend. —Submitted by Nikkole Davis (02.24.10)

## Parent's Night Out

The Mitchell Community College Early Childhood Association is holding a Parent's Night Out on March 26 to raise money for the Iredell County Partnership for Young Children's "Books for Babies" campaign. The event will be held at the Partnership at 625 North Main Street, Mooresville. All potty-trained children through age 12 are welcome! Prices are \$10 for first child, and \$5 for each additional family member. Age based activities, a light snack, and lots of fun! RSVP to Donna Dezern at 704.878.4367. Sponsored by Mitchell Community College Early Childhood Association. —Submitted by Dede Dunst (02.24.10)

## "Roots & Wings" Birdhouse Gala

The "Roots & Wings" Birdhouse Gala will be held at the Statesville Civic Center on March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Come enjoy awesome food, live music and the opportunity to bid on

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Marjorie Turn ipseed Art Show  
March 4 through 26  
Wallace House

Phi Theta Kappa Raffle Drawing  
March 4  
Montgomery Student Union

Jaki Shelton Green  
March 4  
12:20 p.m.  
Rotary Auditorium

Advising Workshop  
March 4  
3 p.m.

Mooresville Center Faculty/Staff  
Lounge

Dr. Roxanne Newton  
March 9  
12:20 p.m.  
Rotary Auditorium

## FOCUS Diversity



## March is National Women's History Month

As the College commemorates and celebrates the lives and work of women, perhaps we should consider why we should study women's history. The National Women's History Project first proposed the idea 30 years ago. Their rationale is expressed in the following quotation: "In our own personal lives, the National Women's History Project encourages discovering stories about our mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers to help us better understand their lives, the challenges they faced, and ultimately, ourselves and our own times. Recognizing the dignity and accomplishments of women in our own families and those from other backgrounds leads to higher self-esteem among girls and greater respect among boys and men. The results can be remarkable, from greater achievement by girls in school to less violence against women, and more stable and cooperative communities. The impact of women's history might seem abstract to some, and less pressing than the immediate struggles of working women today. But to ignore the vital role that women's dreams and accomplishments play in our own lives would be a great mistake. We draw strength and inspiration from those who came before us and those remarkable women working among us today. They are part of our story, and a truly balanced and inclusive history recognizes how important women have always been in American society." Excerpted from the National Women's History Project [www.nwhp.org/aboutnwhp/index.php](http://www.nwhp.org/aboutnwhp/index.php) —Submitted by Diversity Task Force (03.03.10)

# Did You Know?

## TIPS FROM THE WEBMASTER

Want to find out more about the plans for the MCC websites? Does your department or group want to get more from the enhanced websites? Visit this week's **Tips from the Webmaster** at [www.mitchellcc.edu/columns](http://www.mitchellcc.edu/columns) to learn more! —Submitted by David Ross (03.03.10)

a variety of beautiful birdhouses created by local artists, including Mitchell students. Tickets to the gala are on sale now! Contact Nikkole Davis ([ndavis@mitchellcc.edu](mailto:ndavis@mitchellcc.edu)) for more information or to purchase a ticket. You can also read more about this event, and see some examples of these artistic birdhouses on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/habitatiredell>. —Submitted by Nikkole Davis (02.24.10)

### March Madness Chili Cook-Off

The College Council is hosting a chili cook-off on March 18, from 12:20 to 2 p.m. in the Old Gym on the Main Campus. All part-time and full-time faculty and staff are invited to participate. You can enter your own recipe, or come and try others' as you watch the opening of March Madness basketball while sporting the colors of your favorite school! If you would like to enter your chili in the cook-off, please send an e-mail to [# Did You Know?](mailto:dbreuer@</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

## PRINTING & GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES CENTER

The Printing & Graphic Design Services Center will design and print posters, flyers, postcards, brochures, notecards, etc. for your department. We can also assist you with PowerPoint presentations. Students are welcome to use our services as well. Please contact Judy or Ingrid at [printgraph@mitchellcc.edu](mailto:printgraph@mitchellcc.edu) for more information or if you have any questions! —Submitted by Judy Phillips (03.03.10)



### FACULTY/STAFF PROFILES

#### Kelly Hicks (Nursing Instructor)

My name is Kelly Hicks, and I will be working as a full-time temporary nursing instructor. Before working at Mitchell, I was a labor and delivery RN at Iredell Memorial Hospital. My husband is Jeff, and we have two mini dachshunds, Mattie and Rocky. In my spare time I like to travel with my husband and scrapbook.

[mitchellcc.edu](http://mitchellcc.edu) with your name and your chili's name. (There will be an award for both best chili and best table decorations.) Registration forms must be submitted by March 1! —Submitted by Daniel Breuer (02.24.10)

### Piedmont Poet Laureate to Read on March 4

As part of the Visiting Writers Series and Women's History Month, poet and activist Jaki Shelton Green will read from her works on Thursday, March 4, at 12:20 p.m. in Rotary Auditorium. Ms. Green received the 2003 NC Award for Poetry, and in 2008, she was appointed as the Piedmont Poet Laureate of NC. Her work has appeared in *Ms.*, *The Crucible*, *The African-American Review*, *Obsidian*, and *Essence*. She has published four books of poetry: *Dead on Arrival* (1977), *Conjure Blues* (1996), *Singing a Tree Into Dance* (2003), and *Breath of the Song: New and Selected Poems* (2005). She is a lifelong human services advocate for women, children, and the mentally ill. Additionally, she has used poetry and art as a healing and empowerment tool for disenfranchised populations such as the homeless, the newly literate, and incarcerated women. This program is made possible in part by grants from the NC Humanities Council and the Iredell Arts Council. Sponsored by the Diversity Task Force, this program was coordinated by the Women's History Month Committee. —Submitted by Roxanne Newton (02.24.10)

### Phi Theta Kappa Raffle

Buy a \$5 raffle ticket for an opportunity to win a 32-inch flat screen TV! Buy a ticket from a Phi Theta Kappa member or advisor, Annette Moore, in MB-313A. Raffle sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. The drawing will be held on March 4 in the Montgomery Student Union. —Submitted by Annette Moore (02.10.10)

Interested in updating your faculty/staff profile text and/or photo? If so, please e-mail [printgraph@mitchellcc.edu](mailto:printgraph@mitchellcc.edu).



### From the President's Desk

Last Friday, I had a meeting with our County Commissioners at their annual planning retreat at the Agricultural Center here in Statesville. Dr.

Ralph Bentley, the chairman of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Dick Lefevre, Dr. Tim Brewer, and Mr. Gary Johnson accompanied me. We had 45 minutes to discuss with the Board our facilities needs for the coming year (i.e., FY 2010-2011). Previously I had been informed that our budget from Iredell County would be cut 3% or roughly \$100,000. Our group explained to the Commission that our facilities operating budget was already strained to the maximum and we had to move capital funds to operating funds during the past two years just to pay our electric and gas bills during this unusually cold winter. A cut such as they propose would certainly put us in a tough spot. The county is charged with providing funding for facilities and the state provides funding for the instructional programming. If the county cuts our budget we will definitely have difficulty in paying our bills—especially if we have another hard winter. We have cut back on buying equipment, cut travel costs to the bone, and made other efforts to conserve the funds we do have. To compound the problem we have opened a new 20,000 sq. ft. building this year (the beautiful new Student Services Center) which has increased our heating and cooling costs significantly. In addition, the new building in Mooresville is now under construction and will add 35,000 sq.ft. to be cooled and heated by the end of 2011. These costs are what we call fixed costs and there is little we can do to control them. From the perspective of the County Commissioners, however, they are facing declining revenue from taxes and will have less funds to allocate to the agencies they support including the two public school systems which have many of the same problems that we have. Moreover, the state has informed the two county school systems that they will no longer fund books for students which will be over a million dollars in new costs for the Iredell-Statesville schools alone. I realize that there is little that can be done about this challenge in the short term, but it does present a problem as we plan our budgets for the coming year. And it certainly may mean that we have to tighten our belts even more.

