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### This month at ICC

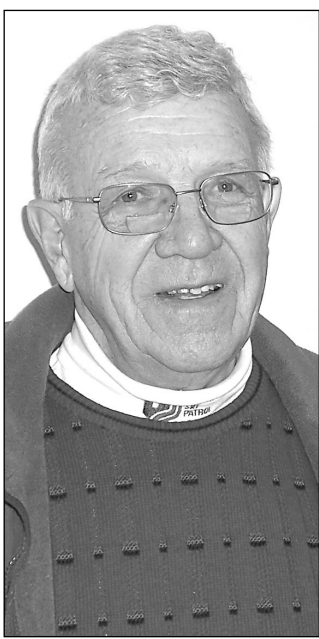
**Jan 1**  
 • ICC "Tobacco Free Campus" Policy goes into effect  
**Jan 2-13**  
 • Holiday Break, no classes, offices open  
**Jan 4**  
 • New Student Registration (by appointment)  
 • Itasca Invitational, Vikings women's basketball, Mullins Gymnasium.  
 • Itasca Invitational, Vikings men's basketball, Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 5**  
 • Itasca Invitational, Vikings women's basketball, Mullins Gymnasium.  
 • Itasca Invitational, Vikings men's basketball, Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 8**  
 • Vikings men's basketball vs. St. Cloud Tech, 7 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 10**  
 • Vikings wrestling vs. Rochester, 6 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 14**  
 • Spring Semester Classes begin  
**Jan 18**  
 • Vikings women's basketball vs. Hibbing, 6 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
 • Vikings men's basketball vs. Hibbing, 8 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 19**  
 • Vikings women's basketball vs. Rainy River, 10 a.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
 • Vikings men's basketball vs. Rainy River, 12 noon. Mullins Gymnasium.  
 • Itasca Duals, Vikings wrestling, 3 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 21**  
 • Martin Luther King Holiday, no classes, office closed

**Jan 22**  
 • QuickBooks SetUp, 6-9 p.m. Continued Learning Ctr-Central Square Mall.\*  
**Jan 23**  
 • This I Believe, (Wednesdays, Jan 23 thru Feb 13), 6:30-8 p.m. Backes Student Center.\*  
**Jan 24**  
 • Tai Chi Ch'Uan Yang Style, (Mon & Wed, Jan 24 thru Feb 28), 5:30-7 p.m. Davies Theatre.\*  
 • Vikings wrestling vs. Concordia and Northland Baptist Bible colleges, 5 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 25**  
 • Experience Itasca - Campus Visit Day, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Backes Student Center.\*  
**Jan 28**  
 • SeniorNet class: Basic Computers for Scaredy Cats, (Jan 28, 30, 31 & Feb 1), 10 a.m.-12 noon. Davies Hall.\*  
 • Norwegian Mittens, (Mondays, Jan 28 thru Mar 3), 6:30-8:30 p.m. Administration Conference Room.\*  
**Jan 29**  
 • Using QuickBooks, (Jan 29 & Feb 5), 6-9 p.m. Continued Learning Ctr-Central Square Mall.\*  
 • Saying "No" Without Feeling Guilty, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Backes Student Center.\*  
**Jan 30**  
 • Vikings women's basketball vs. Northland, 6 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
 • Vikings men's basketball vs. Northland, 8 p.m. Mullins Gymnasium.  
**Jan 31**  
 • Beginning Knitting, (Jan 31 & Feb 7), 6-8 p.m. Backes Student Center.\*

\*Pre-registration is requested.

### Alumni Profile:

## Duane Helmer, Class of 1956



son and Gertrude Huntley were fond remembrances. "I had great teachers at Itasca and was pleased with the education I received. It made a big difference in my life."

Playing football for coach Tom Dasovich with his friend, Art Toms, was another highlight. "I played quarterback and linebacker, sometimes trading the linebacker position with Art."

He felt well prepared for advanced classes when he attended Bemidji State University. He was able to take 18 credits a quarter and was on the honor roll. He graduated from BSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. He also has 45 credits of post-graduate work.

Duane retired from the Greenway School District after 30 years of teaching sixth grade. "I really enjoyed my career as a teacher, both with the students in my classroom and with my colleagues."

Duane and his high school sweetheart, Gayle Gildersleeve, were married 51 years ago. They have three children: Duane, Jr. currently a student at Itasca; Amy, employed at Wheelchairs Plus; and Stuart, a Minneapolis police sergeant.

Volunteer work has been a big part of Duane's adult life. He currently is a 22 year member of the Grand Rapids Police Dept. Reserves and bike patrol, volunteers on the Mt. Itasca ski patrol, and was recently appointed to the ICC Alumni Board of Directors. Duane previously served on the City of Grand Rapids Planning Commission for 34 years.

Classes with instructors Marie Johnson, Emma John-

## Spring Classes Begin January 14

ICC spring semester classes begin Monday, Jan. 14. A full listing of daytime and evening classes and condensed courses can be viewed online at [www.itascacc.edu](http://www.itascacc.edu); copies of the schedule are also available on campus at the ICC Information Center.

To accommodate students enrolled in evening classes, the ICC bookstore will have extended hours for the first meeting session of those courses.

For more information about a specific spring course, call ICC Admissions and Records at 218-327-4468.

## Literature Course Incorporates Big Read Program

One of ICC's spring semester evening classes will be offered in conjunction with the national Big Read program.

"Survey of American Literature since the Civil War" will meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The three credit class, taught by ICC instructor Jon Byrne, will cover the reading and discussion of Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*, which is the Big Read community novel.

Other authors on the class reading list include Raymond Chandler, Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, Langston



Hughes, Flannery O'Connor and Louise Erdrich.

"We decided to include *The Maltese Falcon* as one of the works so the course would be connected to the Big Read community proj-

ect," Byrne said. "The book has been called one of the best detective novels ever written, and a brilliant literary work that's fun to read."

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Marcia Anderson, assistant director of the Grand Rapids Library, explained that *The Maltese Falcon* is the second community read project, following last year's *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

"We hope to get everyone in the community to recognize the pleasure of reading and to have fun," she said.

"By choosing *The Maltese Falcon* as our Big Read project, we're encouraging people to read mysteries."

Anderson and Byrne will offer training in late January for persons interested in leading a discussion group for *The Maltese Falcon* or any other books of their choosing. The community book read and discussions will be coordinated with special events in February.

For more information about the ICC American Literature class, contact Byrne at 218-327-4541; to learn more about the Big Read program, call the Grand Rapids Library at 218-326-7640.

## Campus Visit Day for H.S. Students

Area high school students will have the opportunity to "experience Itasca" during Campus Visit Day on Friday, Jan. 25. The information session runs from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Continued Learning Conference Center in the Backes Student Center. A complimentary lunch will be served, and parents are welcome to attend.

Campus Visit Day is an introduction to college life that includes a tour of campus and housing options, class visits, and meeting with instructors and coaches. College costs and career exploration are also discussed.

Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, call ICC Enrollment Services at 218-327-4464 or 1-800-996-6422; registration can also be completed online at [www.itascacc.edu](http://www.itascacc.edu).

## Itasca Community College Smoking and Tobacco Use Policy Effective January 1, 2008



### Philosophy:

Itasca Community College is committed to creating a clean, safe, and healthy living, learning, and working environment, for all students and employees of the college. Itasca Community College is a leader in promoting lifetime wellness.

### Policy:

As of January 1, 2008, smoking and tobacco use is prohibited on college property and in college vehicles.

### Definitions:

**Smoking:** the burning of any type of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco or any other type of material.  
**Smokeless tobacco products:** smokeless tobacco consists of the use of snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches, or other forms of loose leaf tobacco.

### Policy Enforcement:

Enforcement of this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students not only to comply with this policy, but also to encourage others to comply with the policy, in order to promote a

clean, safe, and healthy environment in which to work, study, and live.

In the case of a violation, the person will be informed of the College Smoking and Tobacco Use Policy. Should that person continue to violate the policy, the aggrieved party should contact the offices of administration at extension #4200. Appropriate disciplinary procedures related the student code of conduct will be implemented.

### Policy Exceptions:

This policy does not apply to specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1996 and 1996a. All ceremonial use exceptions must be approved in advance by the Provost of the college or his/her designee.

Any other research, educational, and/or artistic purposes that involve the use of tobacco on campus, must be approved in advance by the Provost or his/her designee. Such use must be preceded by reasonable advance notice to the public.

## Circle K Contributes to Second Harvest



ICC's Circle K organization contributed \$75 to the Second Harvest North Central Food Bank to provide toys and a food box for a family of four for the holidays. Club members also helped put together 750 Kid Packs distributed in schools to students in need of food at home. Pictured are, l-r, Circle K advisor Will Backes, Itasca Holiday Program manager Ellen Christmas, ICC students Judd Wrucke, Amber Windt, Sarah Shepherd and Eric Maturi, and Circle K advisor Bernie Backes.

## Looking Ahead at ICC

**Travis LeDoyt, A Tribute to Elvis Reif Center, Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.**

Proceeds jointly benefit ICC Student Scholarships and the Reif Center

**Planning Your Summer? MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**ICC Condensed Courses**  
 May 12-29, 2008  
 (tentative date)

**ICC Regular Summer Session**  
 June 2-July 3  
 (tentative date)

**College for Kids**  
 June 9-19

For more information, call 218-327-4460 • 800-996-6422 • 218-327-4167 V/TTY