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The Mid-Plains Community College Imperial Extended Campus spring class schedule has been mailed out, with schedules also available at the campus office at 1324 Broadway.

As usual, there are a variety of classes offered, online, through distance learning and at the campus building. There are for-credit classes, dual credit classes for Chase County Schools students, community education classes and English as a Second Language and General Education Development (GED) classes.

New this year are programs concerning identity theft and digital citizenship, presented by Ryan S.

Sothan, Consumer Outreach Coordinator of the Consumer Protection and Anti-Trust Division of the Nebraska Attorney General's Office.

The identity theft class, scheduled for Jan. 29 from 9-10 a.m. at the Imperial Extended Campus, will arm the audience with ways to deter, detect and defend against identity theft. Campus Coordinator Brenda Ledall urges people to pre-register by calling her office so that sufficient materials will be available. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The digital citizenship class teaches safe, respectful, responsible use of information technology to parents, guardians, grandparents and adults. This class not only focuses on a person's public presence in cyberspace containing all information about that person found online, but details Nebraska statutes and consequences, warning signs, appropriate responses and resources for additional information, help and support.

That class will be held at the Chase County Schools auditorium Jan. 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sothan will also be presenting classes at the school for students, to the Imperial Rotary Club and to Imperial Manor residents.

Ledall said, "I think he will be very good. He's knowledgeable and a good communicator."

There are 80 online classes offered this spring.

Dual credit classes for CCS students include Introductory Accounting II, Personal Finance, Human A&P II and a lab and Expository Writing II.

Distance learning classes offered at the Imperial Extended Campus include Expository Writing II, Introduction to Nutrition, Introduction to the Exceptional Learner, Child Development, College Algebra, Modern Elementary School Math II, Introduction to Sociology, Fundamentals of Speech Communication, Children's Literature, Elements of Statistics, Sport Nutrition for Coaches, Elements of Ethics and Introduction to Psychology.

Ledall said a good share of the distance learning classes are provided to students who need them to obtain their degree, such as Elements of Statistics.

"One person will need the class, so we offer it and advertise it because one or two more people might need it," she explained.

Computer classes include Microsoft Publisher for Business, Advanced Excel, MAC Users: iLife Suite and Basic Microsoft Outlook.

Standard First Aid/Adult CPR will be offered, as well as Mixed Media Collage and Spanish Basics, all for credit.

Ledall said there's always an interest in Spanish Basics from business owners in the area, due to the large Hispanic population.

Community education classes include Meet the iPad, Mahjong, The Digital World, Thrifty

Shopping 101, Nebraska Boating Safety and Archery Basics.

Also offered this year is the 15-hour Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course, taught by a certified teacher from Kearney. Ledall said the class prepares people to take the exam and gives them some driving experience. This is the second time MPCC has offered the class.

Ledall urges people to register for classes as soon as possible, as some start immediately.

For more information or to register contact her at (308) 882-5972, at ledallb@mpcc.edu, www.mpcc.edu or on Facebook.