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LCC INSTRUCTOR LEADS CAREER PREP STUDENTS IN POTTER PARK EXHIBIT EXPANSION PROJECT *Zoo rhino exhibit benefits from student skills*

LANSING – Lansing Community College master welding instructor Cathy Lindquist and her Eaton Intermediate School District Career Preparation Center (EISD CPC) students, with assistance from paraprofessional Roger Morrison, have nearly completed Phase I of Potter Park Zoo’s rhino exhibit expansion to accommodate two additional rhinos. The Zoo has elicited the help and expertise of the students in an effort to reduce costs while promoting real work experience.

The EISD-CPC welding program students are using welding torches to cut the approximately 240 feet of 4 ½ inch pipe fencing that currently surrounds the exhibit. The cutting needs to take place below ground level, so students are required to excavate around each post. When the welding is completed, EISD-CPC heavy equipment students will remove the fencing and relocate it to a different site in preparation for the new exhibit.

“Both the welding class and the heavy equipment class are gaining real life skills and experience while performing a great service to the community,” said Mary Ellen Brocklehurst, EISD Student Services Coordinator. “This is truly a win-win all the way around.”

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PHOTO: Welding instructor Cathy Lindquist (left) supervises student welders in their excavating and welding efforts.

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Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in *general education* for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, career and workforce development, developmental education and personal enrichment. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.