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Event Calendar

Calendar April

- 4 FNB Field Dedication 5:30pm Baseball vs. WVC 6pm
- 7 Community Art Show 4-7pm Classroom Building West
- 12 Community Job Fair 10am - 2pm Workforce Dev. Center

14 College Closed Spring Holiday



- 5 Last Day of Classes
- 5 Awards Night 6:30pm Community of Christ Church
- 8 Final Exams Begin
- 12 Last Day of Semester
- 12 Graduation at FCHS 7pm

Frontier Community College

April 2017

Large Crowd Celebrates FNB Field Dedication

A crowd of over 250 people were on hand for the inaugural home game for Bobcats Baseball at FNB Field on Frontier Community College's campus.

A field dedication ceremony was held prior to the Bobcats game against the Wabash Valley College Warriors on April 4 to officially open the home of the Bobcats FNB Field.

The ceremony kicked off with the sibling trio Cheryl Harl, Denise Kinney, and Ronald Hallam performing the National Anthem. The Fairfield American Legion Color Guard presented the flags during the National Anthem. WFIW Radio's Bruce Dickey served as the M.C. for the event, introducing FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren for the recognition of special donors. FCC Foundation President Sarah Rush recognized the Foundation and their generous assistance with FNB Field. Illinois Eastern Community Colleges CEO Terry Bruce then recognized the IECC Board of Trustees. Next, he unveiled the scoreboard that was donated in memory of longtime IECC Board of Trustee Member Marilyn Wolfe.

FNB President Mike Copeland and FCC's first president Richard Mason gave dedication remarks just before Mason threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Copeland.

The first pitch at FNB Field was officially thrown at 6pm to kick off the game against WVC, who took the win, 11-1.



FNB President Mike Copeland was excited to quickly cut the ribbon at the FNB Field Dedication Ceremony at the new Bobcats baseball field on April 4. Pictured during the ceremony are WFIW Radio's Bruce Dickey, FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren, FNB President Mike Copeland, FCC's first president Richard Mason, FCC Foundation President Sarah Rush, and IECC CEO Terry Bruce. At right, Mike Copeland offers a hand shake to Richard Mason after throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

Meet the Mayoral Candidates Evening Well Attended

Approximately 120 people attended the "Meet the Mayoral Candidates" event on the campus of Frontier Community College Monday night. The event was held in the Workforce Development building and featured three candidates for Fairfield mayor including, Brent Maguire, David Simpson and Tim Sullivan.

Each candidate was seated at a table near a podium in front of the audience and began by giving brief introductions, which were followed by a series of eight pre-selected questions for the candidates submitted by area residents.

The evening was moderated by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Chief Executive Officer Terry Bruce, and sponsored by the Frontier Community College Student Senate. FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren kicked off the event with welcoming remarks.

Brent Maguire went on to win the mayoral race on April 4.



Employee Spotlight on Adult Education's Sara Wise



Frontier Community College's newest employee Sara Wise is the employee spotlight for April. Sara began working in the Adult Education department in February 2017 as the Resource Specialist.

A Fairfield native, Sara attended Fairfield Community High School and then attended Frontier Community College for one year before transferring to the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville. While at USI, Sara obtained her Bachelor of Social Work, and has worked in the field ever since.

Although she started in February, Sara is excited to have already witnessed students that have completed their GED. "It's really exciting to see them succeed!"

"So many students start here in our little town of Fairfield at Frontier and continue on to do great things. I'm glad to be a part of that. Adult Education is just the beginning for so many; giving them the confidence they need to go on."

Prior to coming to Frontier, Sara worked with children with developmental delays and disabilities through Early Intervention, as well as a private therapy agency for the past thirteen years.

"I'm excited to be working in my hometown again and with a new population."

Sara and her husband Chris reside in rural Fairfield with their two sons: River, age 7, and Clay, age 2. When not working, they enjoy camping, boating, and being outdoors when the weather allows. They also spend a lot of time watching River play sports, where they are actively involved on the New Hope Parent Teacher Organization at River's school.

We are excited to have Sara join Frontier Community College and welcome her to the IECC family!

Community Art Show Features Local Artists

A crowd of over 160 attended the Community Art Show at Frontier Community College on April 7. There were 88 adult entries and 149 high school entries. Guests attending the show voted for one favorite overall and one favorite from the stained glass pieces. The Overall Best of Show and \$100 went to Paul Kraay for his photograph entitled, "Skyrider Deluxe." The Overall People's Choice voted on by the public went to Jeanne Moses for her painting entitled, "Purple Irises." Sharon Troyer of West Salem received the Stained Glass People's Choice for the second year in a row, this year for her piece "Diamonds Galore."

Prior to the show's opening, all the artwork was judged with First through Third Place ribbons awarded, as well as the Best of Show. The results were as follows:

Adult Painting - First: Jeanne Moses - Purple Irises; Second: Kasey Ingram - Red Encaustic; Third: Tom Biehl - Stay Still

Adult Drawing - First: David Harl - The City; Second: David Harl - Man on the Moon; Third: Amy Loss - Elm River

Adult Photography - First: Paul Kraay – Skyrider Deluxe; Second: Cheyenne Bruce – Stroll in London; Third: Paul Kraay – Lovelace Drugs

Adult Stained Glass - First: Elinor Staser – Jewelry Box; Second: Valerie Edwards - Moon; Third: Sharon Troyer – Lamp with White/Burgundy Bevels

Adult Graphic Design - First: Trevor Jacko – Indian Woman; Second: Cheyanne Garrison – Rippy Bits; Third: Alena Nead – Dancer's Deck

Adult Sculpture - First: Carley Burke - Oohhh Bern

High School Painting - First: Hannah Stanley – Aquatic Blast – Richland County High School; Second: Emily Cox – Spring Blossoms – Flora High School; Third: Tyla Stokes – Icy Blue – Richland County High School

High School Drawing - First: Hailey Collum – Thirsty Dog – Fairfield Community High School; Second: Masor Borowiak – Pointillism Rooster – Edwards County High School; Third: Abigal Gindlesberger – Spirit – Flora High School

High School Photography - First: Cleo Johnson – Fields of Green – Flora High School; Second: Melissa Brown – Dandelions – Cisne High School; Third: Lauren Blank – Olney – Richland County High School

High School Sculpture - First: Hannah Howard – Thorns in Disguise – Richland County High School; Second: Addisen Kilpatrich – Rotating Mechanics – Richland County High School; Third: Ian Klinger – Play Ball – Cisne High School

High School Graphic Design - First: Kayla Ash – Negative vs. Positive – Fairfield Community High School; Second: Allison Dulaney – Little Miss Fame – Flora High School; Third: Kayla Ash – Sleeping Beauty – Fairfield Community High School







Pictured from left: Paul Kraay of Cisne is pictured with his Best of Show and 1st Place Photography entry, "Skyrider Deluxe." Kraay also received the 3rd Place ribbon for his photograph, "Lovelace Drugs."

Jeanne Moses received the People's Choice Award for her painting, "Purple Irises."

Sharon Troyer received the People's Choice Award for the Stained Glass Projects for her project titled, "Diamonds Galore."

Geff Grade School Wins Wayne County Scholastic Bowl

Geff Grade School defended their title as Champions at the 2017 Wayne County Scholastic Bowl Tournament held at Frontier Community College on March 31. It was a great tournament, with several close matches throughout the day and evening. Geff had only one loss on the day during the evening matches, but held on for the win against a tough Center Street squad.

Center Street came in a close second in the tournament, with Wayne City rounding out the top three. Other schools participating included Cisne Middle School, New Hope School, and Jasper School.



Members of the 2017 Wayne County Scholastic Bowl Champion Geff Grade School squad are pictured at left. Team members include, front row from left: Jalysse Kinney, Brenna Freeman, Jaylynn Tucker, Camden Robbins, and Axel Hiett. Back row from left: Kaylee Barger, Chase Hallam, Noah Barger, Blaze Hiett, Emersyn Robbins, and Coach Sally Dye.

At right, Frontier Community College Full-Time Faculty Member Linda Monge moderated the evening matches for the Scholastic Bowl Tournament. Monge previously coached several years of scholastic bowl at the high school and college levels.

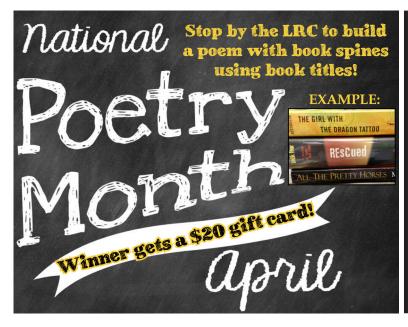
FCC Hosting Community Job Fair April 12

Frontier Community College is hosting a Job Fair on Wednesday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Workforce Development Center on campus. The Job Fair is designed to give individuals an opportunity to meet face-to-face with potential employers in a large setting and learn about possible job openings. The job fair is open to the public and there is no fee for job seekers to attend.

Due to limited space availability in the Workforce Development Center, less employers will be attending this year. Spots filled up quickly with the following businesses scheduled to attend: Aerotek (hiring agency for Toyota), American Senior Communities, Carmi Manor and Rehab, Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation, Clay County Hospital, Deaconess Hospital, doTERRA, Duke Energy, Executive Building Maintenance, Elastec, Evans Professional Janitorial, Fairfield Memorial Hospital, GMS Mine Repair, Hamilton Memorial Rehab and Healthcare Center, Happy Beginnings, Hella Electronics, Heritage Woods of Flora, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, Manpower, Maxim Healthcare, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Pepsi MidAmerica, Rides Mass Transit, Southeast Illinois Area Health Education Center, Southeast Illinois Agency on Aging, SSM Health, StaffQuick, Staff Solutions, United Methodist Children's Home, US Army, Wabash Christian Retirement Center, Walmart Distribution Center, and Wayfair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The Job Fair is an annual event, held in the spring semester.







Two Frontier Community College students were recognized for their academic achievements by being selected to the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society's Illinois All-State Academic Team. Receiving the prestigious honor were Michaela Beach and Sarah Conrad. They are pictured here with their Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Sarah Pickens at the state ceremony recently.



The Bobcat Beat

April Sports Schedule

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DATE EVENT

- 1 Baseball @ SE IL College 12pm DH
- 2 Softball 🛛 Shawnee 12pm DH
- 4 FNB Field Dedication 5:30pm Baseball vs. WVC @ 6pm
- 7 Baseball vs. John A. Logan FNB Field - 4:30pm
- 7 Softball vs. SW IL College SW Park - 4:30pm DH
- 8 Baseball @ John A. Logan 12pm DH
- 9 🛛 Softball 🖲 Kaskaskia Ipm DH
- 10 Softball vs. OCC 4:30pm DH W/L Southwest Park
- 11 Baseball 🛛 WVC 12pm DH
- 13 Baseball vs. LTC 4:30pm FNB Field
- 13 Softball @ Lindenwood 3pm
- 14 Baseball @ LTC 12pm DH
- 15 Softball 🛛 Vol State 2pm DH
- 15 Baseball vs. VU 10am FNB Field
- 17 Softball vs. Rend Lake 2pm DH SW Park
- 20 Baseball vs. SW IL College 4:30pm FNB Field
- 21 Softball vs. LTC 2pm DH SW Park
- 22 Baseball 🛛 SWIC 12pm DH
- 23 Softball 🛛 Rend Lake 2pm DH
- 24 Softball vs. WVC 4:30pm DH SW Park
- 24 Baseball 🛛 VU Gpm
- 26 Baseball vs. Southeastern 4:30pm DH FNB Field
- 27 Baseball vs. Kaskaskia 4:30pm FNB Field
- 28-29 NJCAA Region 24 Tournament TBA
- 29 Baseball 🛛 Kaskaskia 12pm DH

Baseball Team Holding Fundraiser

The Frontier Bobcat Baseball team is conducting a shoe collection drive on April 1st through June 30th.

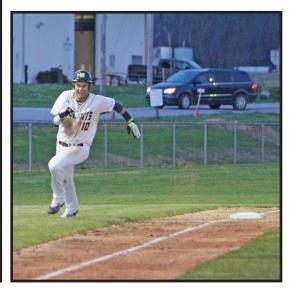
Bobcats Baseball will earn funds based on the number of pairs collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated goods. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at the Bobcat Den during open hours.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds-2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa.

Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Head Coach Hunter Bryan. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It's a win-win for everyone," added Assistant Coach Dillon Reel.

By donating shoes to the Frontier Baseball Team, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives.



Bobcats Baseballer Chris Iltshishin from Waterloo, Ontario, Canada rounds third to head home for the Bobcats lone run against Wabash Valley College in the home opener at FNB Field.

A large crowd was on hand to witness history at the first home baseball game held at Frontier Community College.

While there is still work to be done to complete the remainder of the field, many compliments were given during the game on how nice the facility is and how much of an asset it will be, not only to FCC, but to the surrounding communities.