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OCC Theatre to present 'Seussical'

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Seussical" will go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in the lobby of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31. Afternoon shows will be offered at 2 p.m. on March 25 and April 1.

Dinner theatres will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: bacon-



wrapped pork chops, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, seven-layer salad, hot roll and butter, double chocolate cake and beverage.

Based on the works of

Dr. Seuss, "Seussical" is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza.

Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have brought

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Cast named for musical

Cast members have been selected for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Seussical."

Names of the characters and cast members selected are: **Cat in the Hat**, Trevor May; **Jojo**, Holt Garner; **Horton the Elephant**, Caleb Bent; **Gertrude McFuzz**, Chloe Miller; **Mayzie LaBird**, Emily Ferguson;

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SAN hosts Mardi Gras concert Feb. 12



Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole will perform at OCC on Feb. 12. Pictured are Dennis Stroughmatt, Jennifer Stroughmatt, Robert Russell and Rob Krumm.

Olney Central College's Student Advantage Network will host a Mardi Gras concert featuring Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole on Sunday, Feb. 12.

This unique acoustical group performs the traditional music of the French Creoles who settled Illinois and other parts of what was Old Upper Louisiana more than 300 years ago. A vibrant blend of Celtic, Canadian and Old Time sounds, this music bridges the gap between contemporary Canadian and Louisiana Cajun styles. The group has been performing across the country for 15 years.

A native of Southern Illinois, Stroughmatt began exploring the French Creole culture as a young college student. He forged relationships with their descendants immersing himself in the old French

language, culture and music of the land which became part of the United States following the Louisiana Purchase. Local Creole fiddlers Roy Boyer and Charlie Pashia taught Stroughmatt to play fiddle in the tradition of their fathers. Stroughmatt has become an adopted son of the French Midwest Creoles living along the Mississippi River near St. Louis.

With the blessing of the Creole people of the Midwest, Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole are its passionate ambassadors, expanding interest and excitement in a region that has been in many ways ignored by the history books.

Stroughmatt is joined on stage by Robert Russell, of Carbondale, and two musicians with Creole ancestry, his wife, Jennifer Stroughmatt, who

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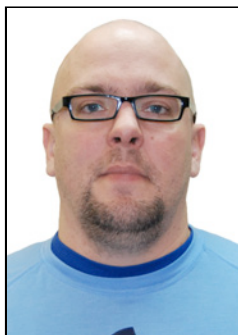
OCC Part-time Employee Awards

Service Recognition awards were recently presented to Olney Central College part-time employees. Pictured at right are, front row, from left, Courtney Roche, Barb Washburn and Nancy Wright, all three years; and back row, JoAnne Waggoner, 10 years; and Tim Dunahee, three years. Below, pictured are front row, from left, Carol Weiler, three years; Susan Cook, three years; and Terrilynn Majors, five years; and back row, Amanda Johnson, five years; Carole Krager, 10 years; Mike Swick, three years; and Marla Royse, five years.



Cast

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Sour Kangaroo, Ivy Benson;
General Genghis Kahn Schmitz, Bill Padgett; **Mr. Mayor**, Bill White; **Mrs. Mayor**, Neita Balding; **Yertle the Turtle**, Sam Benson;
The Grinch; Chris Kramer, **The Wickersham Brothers**, Royse Phillips, Keegan Tucker and Dalton Thompson;
The Bird Girls, Alice Ann Hostetter, Claire Downes and Maddie Bush; and **Whos, Cadets and Circus Animals**, Taylor Ahlfield, Paige Anderson, Mary Armstrong, Lisa Benson, Lea Benton, Autumn Bogard, Kristin Brian, Shae Caulfield, Tim Dunahee, Taylor Flanagan, Toree Goodwin, Sarah Guinn, Crystal Ham, Breanna Henson, Katie Hostetter, Chris Kramer, Chris McDowell, Hunter Meritt, Kathy Neeley, Rachel Pampe, Emma Roark, Autumn Scherer, Kaylee Shouse, Jodee Shuler, Kayla Warren and Joshua Wiggs.



Mike Burris

Mike Burris earns 100th win

OCC Men's Basketball Coach Mike Burris captured his 100th career win Jan. 19 in a 68-64 victory against Southwestern Illinois.

Burris is in his seventh year as head coach of the Blue Knights and 11th year with the program. He played for OCC from 1997-1999.

"We're starting to have

some good success," he said. "The players and coaching staff have all contributed to that and hopefully we can keep adding to it."

The Blue Knights are enjoying an outstanding season with a record of 20-3. The Blue Knights lead the Great Rivers Athletic Conference with a 10-1 record.

Donors Live Longer

Join the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry

Olney Central College is encouraging individuals to join the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry and save the lives of thousands of people who may be waiting for a transplant.

According to the Secretary of State's Office nearly 5,000 people in Illinois are currently on the organ transplant waiting list. More than 300 Illinoisans die each year before receiving transplants.

Nationally, more than 110,000 people are waiting for a transplant and every 11 minutes a new person is added to the waiting list. An estimated one in 20 Americans will need some type of medical tissue transplant during their lifetimes.



There is a tremendous need across the United States for organ/tissue donors and this is your chance to get involved.

April is national Donate Life Month and OCC is partnering with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Program to host an organ donation registry drive Friday, March 30 through Thursday, April 5. Students, faculty and staff

are invited to stop by informational tables and add their names to the registry. The Student Nurses' Association, which is helping to organize the event, has set a goal of 50 new donors.

All information is confidential and only released to authorized personnel after all efforts to save a person have failed and death has been declared.

Illinois has one of the

most successful state registries in the country, with more than 5 million participants. The Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry is unique in that it utilizes the state's driver's license database at no additional cost to taxpayers.

Almost 50 percent of those who visit a driver's license facility join the registry.

If you didn't sign up as an organ or tissue donor at that time or were unable to do so because of age restrictions, this is your opportunity to participate and show that Donors Live Longer.

For additional information visit the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry site at www.LifeGoesOn.com.

Bookstore seeks designs for new mural or painting

Students, staff and faculty are invited to participate in a contest to design a new mural or painting for the wall outside of the OCC Bookstore.

The Bookstore is sponsoring the contest, which will run through March 30. The winners will have their drawing, in part or in whole, painted on the wall outside the Bookstore. Multiple drawings may be chosen and all winners will have their names painted onto the wall as the designer.

The design must be original artwork created by the submitter and contain some aspect of the OCC Knight. Preferred colors for the design are navy, Carolina blue and black and white. However, other colors will be accepted.

A committee comprised of OCC faculty and staff will select the winning entries, which will be approved by OCC President

Rodney Ranes, Dean of Instruction Jeff Cutchin and Director of Business Doug Shipman.

Honorable Mention drawings chosen by the committee will receive Bookstore merchandise as prizes and their drawings may be used on signs or merchandise sold in the Bookstore in the future. Prizes will be awarded for any drawing chosen.

Those wishing to participate can stop by the Bookstore to pick up rules and a waiver form, which gives OCC the entire right, title and copyright of the design.

All entrants must sign a waiver when they submit a drawing in order to enter the contest.

Participants can submit as many entries as they wish, but a completed waiver form must accompany each entry.

Concert

Continued from Page 1 is the SAN advisor at OCC, and Rob Krumm, of Champaign.

The concert will be presented from 2 to 4 p.m. in the OCC Banquet Room with the doors opening at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from any SAN member or by calling SAN advisor Jennifer Stroughmatt at 395-7777, ext. 2014.

Refreshments may be purchased during the intermission. Proceeds from the event will fund an end of the year trip for more than 15 SAN students to Chicago. The band is donating its time for this special event.

Cutchin defends dissertation

Olney Central College Dean of Instruction Jeffery Cutchin successfully defended his dissertation on Jan. 24

Cutchin will receive his Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in Community College and Higher Education Leadership from Walden University.

Cutchin began work on his doctorate in February 2007. His dissertation focused on adjunct faculty.

"My dissertation is a qualitative study and exploration in the culture of the adjunct such as why do they teach and what's important to them," he said.

Literature indicates there is a national dissatisfaction



Jeffery Cutchin

among adjunct faculty.

"My intention was to investigate the culture and to learn as much as I could about the adjunct culture so other researchers after me can look at these areas of dissatisfaction."

Cutchin joined OCC as Dean of Instruction in September. Before coming

to OCC, Cutchin was the Assistant Dean of Student Services at Frontier Community College, where he oversaw financial aid, registration and records and advisement.

He previously served as FCC's Coordinator of Instructional Services and was responsible for creating the college schedule as well as managing faculty. Cutchin was a full-time information systems and geology instructor at FCC for more than seven years.

Cutchin earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Southern Illinois University and holds a master's degree in teaching with a specialization in information technology from Webster University.

Seussical

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to life all of the favorite Dr. Seuss characters including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination, Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of Whos.

The story centers around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge — not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo and all the invisible Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg

left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who recognizes "his kind and his powerful heart."

Ultimately, the power of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for the production are \$10 for reserved seating for children and adults.

Tickets for the meal and

show are \$20.

Those who wish to reserve tickets may call 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales. Tickets may be purchased with a Mastercard or Visa.

Reserved tickets will be held for five working days, until picked up in person or a check is received in the mail.

Patrons may send a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to OCC and the tickets will be sent by return mail.

Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.

have changed, please stop by the Student Services Office and update them as soon as possible.

Students should update emergency contact information

It is important that Olney Central College students keep their emergency contact numbers

current. If the land line or cell phone numbers for your emergency contact person

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- **Feb. 11** – OCC at John A. Logan, 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 15** – OCC vs. Rend Lake, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 18** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 22** – OCC at Kaskaskia, 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 25** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 29** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **March 3** – OCC at Lewis & Clark, 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- **Feb. 11** – OCC at John A. Logan, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 15** – OCC vs. Rend Lake, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 18** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 22** – OCC at Kaskaskia, 5:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 25** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 29** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 5:30 p.m. at home

Baseball

- **Feb. 18** – OCC at Roane State, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 19** – OCC at Roane State, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 20** – OCC at Union College, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 21** – OCC at Cumberland, 1 p.m.

Softball

- **Feb. 25** – OCC at Jackson State, noon
- **Feb. 26** – OCC at Dyersburg State, 1 p.m.

FAFSA Frenzy Night March 14

Need help filing for Financial Aid? Olney Central College will offer a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Frenzy Night from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 in Room 207.

The OCC Financial Aid staff will be available to answer questions and assist students and parents as they complete and submit their FAFSA electronically. Students and the school will receive results within two weeks.

Those attending should bring the following: student's and parents' 2011 federal income tax returns, W-2 forms and driver's license.

For more information, please contact the OCC Financial Aid Office at 395-7777 or 1-866-622-4322.

Transfer Times awards OCC student scholarship

OCC student Amy Britton is featured in the spring edition of the Transfer Times as the publication's latest scholarship winner.

The OCC sophomore received a \$100 scholarship to a transfer institution after her entry was selected in a random drawing.

"I'm paying for college on my own and saw the scholarship and entered," she said. "I got it and was surprised. I got lucky they selected my name."

Britton is a special education major and plans to transfer to Eastern Illinois University.

She graduated from North Clay High School in 2010 and started taking college classes as a junior

in high school.

"I enjoy OCC and will miss it when I graduate in May. It's a great atmosphere and I really like the instructors."

Britton is a member of the OCC Concert Choir and Phi Theta Kappa.

The article featuring Britton is on Page 4 of the Transfer Times, which is available around campus.

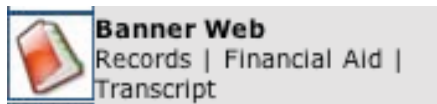
The publication also featured an article on OCC.



Amy Britton

ONLINE PAYMENT

Step 1: Log into your Entrata account with your username and password. Click on the Banner Web icon at the right-hand side of your screen.



Step 2: Click on Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online — Credit Card to make your online Payment.

Student Records

- Account by Term
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- Account Summary by Term
- Degree Evaluation
- Final Grades by Term
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- Payment History and Statement
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- Student Information
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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC HelpDesk at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.

OCC emergency alerts

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has contracted with e2Campus to provide alert notification services.

The system will notify students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by e-mail and/or cell phone text message. Log onto Entrata and click on the alerts link to activate an account.

IECC Alerts is an opt-in service. While there is no direct cost for signing up for the service, you may be charged a text message fee by your cell phone provider.

Please check your cell phone plan to understand the costs you

may incur using the service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures, test messages and notifications when accounts are about to expire.

Unfortunately, SMS text alerts are not currently working with the Alltel carrier.

If you do not have an Entrata account, please contact the Records Office at 395-7777.



LSC offers students free tutoring

The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

Study guides and videos are available in several subjects.

If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC

staff.

They will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4.



Biology II Students Learn About DNA

OCC students Corey Stewart, left, and William Miller work on a diagram of an insulin molecule being constructed by students in Jim Burnett's Biology II class. The diagram will aid students in understanding the chemical structure of DNA. Each semester students in the Biology II class make a project that will stay in the classroom and be used by future students.

Medical Coding informational meeting

Olney Central College will host an informational meeting for its Medical Coding Associate Certificate from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the OCC Banquet Room.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the program, its requirements and to meet Medical Office Instructors Amie Mayhall and Shasta Bennett.

This three-semester program prepares students to work as medical coding professionals. Coders are responsible for translating healthcare providers' diagnostic and procedural phrases into coded form. Coding professionals do this by reviewing and analyzing health records to identify relevant diagnoses and procedures for distinct patient encounters.

Medical coding professionals work in a variety of healthcare settings,

including inpatient and outpatient healthcare and for non-providers such as the insurance industry and healthcare software vendors. Medical coding also offers higher wages and more employability than other medical office positions.

According to the American Health Information Management Association, there is currently a nationwide shortage of certified medical coders in hospitals, physician practices and other healthcare facilities.

Students are admitted to the program in the fall. Space is limited and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are unable to attend or would like more information about the Medical Coding Associate Certificate, contact Advisor Joyce Nix at 395-7777, ext. 2015, or nixj@iecc.edu.

Campus visits

Representatives from the following universities will be visiting OCC. Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

- Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 15
- Eastern Illinois University, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 29
- Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 20
- Western Illinois University, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 28

Lost and found items

If you have lost an item, please check with the switchboard in the Student Services Office.

Keep vehicles locked

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

Happy Birthday To:

February

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| 3 | Teresa Diekmann (WVC) |
| 6 | Penny Campbell |
| 6 | Suzanne Downes |
| 8 | Jeff Cutchin |
| 10 | Anne Hustad |
| 14 | Rebecca Myers |
| 17 | Nick Wright |
| 17 | Geneva Forsy |
| 17 | Jerry Booker |
| 20 | Ruth Henry |
| 23 | Lisa Rauch |
| 23 | Anne Hahn |

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the March Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20.

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