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'Beauty and the Beast' sets record ticket sales



Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" set a record for opening-day ticket sales for the OCC Theatre. On Feb. 28, 835 tickets were purchased. As of March 7, ticket sales totaled 1,520. OCC Theatre Director Ruth Henry is encouraging those who want to attend the upcoming performances to reserve their seats as soon as possible.

The Olney Central College Theatre is reporting record ticket sales for its upcoming production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

Director Ruth Henry said 835 tickets were sold on Feb. 28, the opening day of ticket sales.

"The response has been overwhelming," Henry said. "I've never seen anything like it. It's thrilling and exciting. At one point, we had 120 phone messages for tickets and a line stretching from the ticket window to the front door. Previously, the most tickets we had sold in a single day was 500 and we thought that was huge."

As of March 7, 1,520 tickets have been sold.

Performance are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 25, 26 and 31 and April 1 and 2 in the

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Lynn Gray named LSC's Tutoring Coordinator

Lynn Gray has joined Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center as its new Tutoring Coordinator.

Gray has served as a tutor for both GED and college students at OCC for six years. She began assisting fellow students just weeks after enrolling in the GED program.

"I really like being able to help other students," she said. "Helping them further their education is a big reward."

Gray completed her GED in December 2005

and earned her associate's degree in Administration of Justice from OCC in 2008. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminology at Indiana State University in Terre Haute and is serving an internship this semester with OCC Administration of Justice instructor Chad Pusey. Gray is both observing and assisting with instruction in the criminalistics course.

Gray will complete her bachelor's degree in criminology in December.

She then plans to begin graduate work at ISU in the emerging field of victimology. This specialized area of criminology focuses on the relationships between victims and offenders as well as the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system.

In her new position, Gray will be coordinating student tutoring sessions for the LSC and working closely with its Director Donita Kaare.

"I enjoy working with
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Lynn Gray

Have your SIU-C application approved April 21

The Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Service Center at IECC is making it easy to submit your application to SIU-C. Instead of completing an application, mailing it and waiting patiently for an acceptance letter, SIU-C Transfer Coordinator Amanda Sutton will be at

OCC on April 21 to validate your acceptance on the spot. However, she will not be able to conduct on-the-spot acceptance for international or high school students.

Students will need to schedule a 15-minute appointment between 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The earlier you sign

up, the more time slots you may choose from.

Students will be completing the application during the meeting and will need to have their official transcript with them. There is a \$30 application fee, which may be waived for eligible students.

For more information,

contact Emily Newcomb in the OCC Student Services Office. Her office hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

You can also e-mail her at newcombe@myiecc.edu or call 395-7777, ext. 2037.

Thilker raising funds for MDA Muscle Walk

Learning Skills Center instructor Jim Thilker will be participating in the upcoming Muscular Dystrophy Association Muscle Walk on April 2 at White Oaks Mall in Springfield.

Thilker is seeking donations as he helps the MDA

in finding a cure for the muscle-wasting disease. Those interested in donating can contact Thilker at 392-7707.

They can also make donations online by going to www.joinmda.org/2011ilwalk/jthilker.

Last year Thilker collected

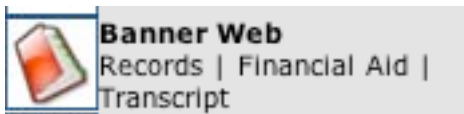
\$1,000 in donations for the fund-raiser and presented a check to the MDA live on CBS affiliate WCIA in Champaign during the annual Jerry Lewis MDA telethon. Thilker was diagnosed with Charcot-Marie-Tooth, a form of muscular dystrophy, 17 years ago.



Jim Thilker

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
Account Summary
Account Summary by Term
Degree Evaluation
Final Grades by Term
Holds on Your Account
Payments - Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online - Credit Card
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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.

Free tutoring available through LSC

The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC. Biology study guides are available, as well as videos for Basic Math, Beginning Algebra and Intermediate Algebra.

Located in the back of the

Anderson Library, the LSC also can provide tape recorders, large screen monitors, readers and note takers. If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC staff. They will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations.

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Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Afternoon shows are at 2 p.m. March 27 and April 3. Dinner theatres will be held at 6 p.m. before the Friday and Saturday shows. The menu includes country ham with pineapple glaze, hash brown casserole, green beans with bacon, Waldorf salad, banana split cake, hot roll and beverage.

Henry is encouraging those planning to attend to reserve their tickets as soon as possible. She noted several seats are available for the Thursday show.

"They don't want to wait until the last week," she said. "These

tickets are going fast and large groups planning to attend need to purchase their tickets now or they aren't going to be able to sit together because all seating is reserved."

Tickets are \$10 for the performance and \$20 for the dinner theatre. Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in the theatre lobby or by calling 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales.

"This is going to be such a good show and people won't want to miss it," Henry added. "There are special effects that will be a surprise to everyone."



PTK New Members

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently inducted new members for the spring semester. Pictured are front row, from left, Chandra Daugherty of Claremont, Emily Johnson of West Salem and Laura Whitehead of Flora. Back row, Laura McQueen of Oneida, Patrick Brooke of Newton and Piers Neal of Newton. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honorary society for students attending two-year colleges. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

File your 2011-2012 FAFSA

The 2011-2012 FAFSAs (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

You can also find a link to the FAFSA website on the IECC homepage (www.iecc.edu).

To ensure the maximum assistance from federal and state aid, you must apply early. Students who attend Summer 2011 must apply for both the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 FAFSA.

Please be aware that information from your 2010 Federal 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, is necessary prior to com-

pleting your FAFSA.

If you are a dependent student, information from your parents' 2010 tax return will be required as well.

In 2010-2011, approximately 50 percent of students at OCC did not receive full funding of federal and state financial aid because they did not file early. Students who apply early receive the most aid, as funds are limited.

OCC has a priority deadline of April 15, 2011 for FAFSA filing.

Please contact Vicki, Sara, or Jennifer in financial aid for more details.

Knightline available on website and OCC on FB

Current and past issues of the Knightline newsletter may be downloaded by visiting the OCC website at www.iecc.edu/occ.

The Knightline also is posted on

Olney Central College on Facebook at facebook.com/olneycentralcollege.

Also check both the website and OCC on Facebook for the latest happenings on campus.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **March 7-12** – OCC Trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- **March 16** – OCC at McKendree College, 1 p.m.
- **March 17** – OCC at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 4 p.m.
- **March 18** – OCC at Danville Area Community College, 3 p.m.
- **March 19** – OCC at Heartland Community College, 1 p.m.
- **March 20** – OCC vs. Lindenwood University, 1 p.m. at home
- **March 22** – OCC vs. Vincennes University, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 24** – OCC at Southeastern Illinois College, 1 p.m.
- **March 26** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 1 p.m. at home
- **March 28** – OCC vs. McKendree College, 1 p.m. at home
- **March 29** – OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois College, 1 p.m. at home
- **March 31** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, 1 p.m.

Softball

- **March 10** – OCC at Lake Land College, 2 p.m.
- **March 12** – OCC at Wabash Valley College, noon
- **March 17** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 19** – OCC at Kaskaskia College, noon
- **March 21** – OCC vs. Florissant Valley - St. Louis Community College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 22** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 24** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 26** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, noon
- **March 29** – OCC at Rend Lake College, 2 p.m.
- **March 30** – OCC at Millikin University, 4 p.m.
- **March 31** – OCC vs. Lake Land College, 2 p.m. at home



OCC Service Awards

At left, nursing instructor Lori Phillips, left, presents Vavette Sexton, IECC/OCC nursing program advisor at Wabash Valley College, with a 10-year Service Award. Below, Lori Phillips, left, presents a Three-year Service Award to Mary Doerner, a nursing instructor at WVC.



Food sanitation class

OCC is registering students for its upcoming Food Sanitation and Safety class. This class is designed for individuals who must take the state test for the first time, those who have let their licenses expire and indi-

viduals who must simply renew their licenses.

The class, RST 1601 Sanitation and Safety, will meet from 6 to 8:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 15-May 10. Call 395-7777 to register or for more information.

Summer, fall registration

Current OCC students may begin registering for summer and fall semester classes beginning March 29.

New students may reg-

ister for classes starting April 5.

For more information, contact the Olney Central College Student Services Office.

Little League Camp March 27

Olney Central College Baseball will host a Little League Camp from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27 in the OCC Gym and at Dennis Conley Field.

This is a total skills camp and participants

should bring a glove, bat and tennis shoes. The cost is \$50.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by contacting Coach Dennis Conley at 395-7545 or 843-0333.

Gray

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Donita, JoAnne Waggoner and Jessica Parrent," said Gray. "I got to know them over the years and they have been a great help to me."

Gray is enjoying her new job and working with the students.

"Students blossom when they get the help they need and it's great to be a part of that. You can see them grow and transform. It is a wonderful feeling helping students succeed

in reaching their goals."

The LSC offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC and Gray encourages students who need extra help in a class to meet with her to arrange for a tutor.

"We welcome them with open arms," she said. "They can make an appointment or just walk into the office and I'll be glad to help them."

The Learning Skills Center is located in the Anderson Library in

Conference Room 4. Students also can contact Gray at 395-7777, ext. 2269.

Gray said the LSC is always looking for tutors especially for math, science and communication classes.

Tutors must have an A or B in the subject they are tutoring and need references from an OCC instructor if possible.

Gray urges all interested students to contact her.



GED Graduates

Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center held its GED graduation on March 2. Diplomas were awarded to 25 students. Those honored included front row, from left, Aisha Aguirre, Candace Shields, Rebecca Schafer, Katylyn Cavazos, Jake Wimberly and Christian Baca. Back row, Harvey Alston, Velvet Morgan, Tara Brown, Michael Jones, Stephanie Connor and Jasper Troup.

Free GED classes begin March 14

Olney Central College will offer free GED test preparation classes beginning March 14.

The 8-week classes will meet from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Students may

choose from Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday classes. Constitution classes will meet immediately after from 7:40 to 9:20 p.m. The classes

include a general review of test subjects and the books are free.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2267, or toll-free 1-866-622-4322.

Digital photography class starts March 15

Take your photography to the next level by enrolling in Olney Central College's digital photography course.

During the 8-week class, professional photographer Tim Dunahee will assist students in reviewing basic knowledge of their cameras' preprogrammed functions and mode settings. Students also will gain an understanding of ISO, aperture and shutter speed and how one affects the other.

"The class will have hands-on work, where

we will leave the classroom and shoot various photos learning how to adjust the cameras to various light settings, depending on what we are trying to photograph," Dunahee said.

In addition, Dunahee will address basic photo techniques and teach students how to frame photos and pose individuals and groups in photographs. Dunahee will even bring in other professional photographers to share their insights with the students.

Dunahee has been

shooting with digital photography for more than 10 years and has taken thousands of photos from hummingbirds to weddings. You can view samples of Dunahee's work by searching Tim Dunahee on Facebook or visiting www.facebook.com/olneycentralcollege.

The class, HUM 2198 Topics/Issues in the Humanities (Advanced Digital Photography), will meet from 6 to 7:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning March 15. To register, call 395-7777.

Massage Therapy spring clinicals

OCC's Massage Therapy Program is now accepting appointments for its spring clinicals.

The clinics, which are open to the public, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 1, 2, 8, 15 and 16. The cost for a relaxing, Swedish-style massage is just \$25 for a one-hour session.

To schedule an appointment, call 392-2430. If you are unable to reach someone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

College visits

A representative from the University of Illinois at Springfield will be at OCC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 23 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 31. A table will be located outside the Student Services Office.

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:

March

- 3 Carl Sager
- 6 Ruth Lynn
- 24 Janet Kinkade-FCC
- 24 Donna Strawbridge
- 24 Misti Hinterscher-UB

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the April Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on March 18.

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Olney Central College Theatre's

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MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN
AND TIM RICE

BOOK BY
LINDA WOOLVERTON

Friday & Saturday, March 25-26 & April 1-2 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 & April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center

Tickets on sale 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

*Dinner Theatres
Available at 6:00 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays*

Call 618-395-7777, ext. 2408 for reservations