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Foundation provides funds for Surface Pros

The Olney Central College Foundation provided funding for the purchase of two new Microsoft Surface Pros with accessories.

Instructors Amie Mayhall and Shasta Bennett will use the combination laptop and tablet in all of their Microsoft Office courses.

Mayhall said the Surface Pro is great for demonstrations and introducing students to Windows 8.

She has even used it to show students in the Medical Coding Associate Program apps they can utilize.

"It also has really been a big help in troubleshooting for students using Windows 8," she added.

Mayhall and Bennett praised the OCC



The OCC Foundation provided funding for the purchase of two Microsoft Surface Pros. Pictured with the new Surface Pros are front row, from left, Kate Patterson, Instructors Shasta Bennett and Amie Mayhall, Carrie Hallam and Cindy Bailey; second row, Misty Melton, Walter Koertge, Morgan Fehrenbacher, Brandy McKinney and Lysie Weiler; and back row, Bruce Peters, Bartley Zuber and Tara Lemke.

Foundation for its continued support.

"We appreciate all the Foundation has done for

our programs and the college," Bennett said. "We are firm supporters of the Foundation. The

Foundation does so much for the college and often doesn't get the recognition it deserves."

OCC to begin offering HVAC classes in January

Olney Central College will again offer heating, ventilation and air conditioning classes beginning in January.

"Since we started advertising the Industrial Maintenance Technology Program this summer, we have had quite a few people who have expressed an interest in taking HVAC classes," said Instructor Logan Marshall. "I am really

excited that we will be able to offer them during the spring semester."

The two-semester Industrial Maintenance HVAC I Program provides students with the skills required to enter the field of heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Students who successfully complete the program will be qualified to find jobs as entry-level HVAC technicians.

The program covers the

installation of new systems and repair to existing HVAC systems for residential and small business purposes. Students will study everything from control circuits and refrigerant cycles to furnaces, boilers and heat pumps.

Spring courses will include Basic Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Basic Heating and an

Occupational Safety (OSHA) class, which students can complete online.

Classes offered next fall will include Advanced A/C Commercial Refrigeration and Air Distribution Load Calculation. Students also will take the Recovery and EPA Technician Certification class, which will prepare them for the exam. Individuals must obtain the certification to

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Oath Keepers hosting luncheon to honor veterans

The OCC Oath Keepers Club will host a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 10 in the Student Union.

Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate the sacrifices veterans have made.

All OCC students who served in the military will receive a free meal. Other students may purchase a meal with the proceeds to benefit the Oath Keepers Club.

The menu will include hamburger or brat, chips and a drink for \$5.

All student veterans are invited to join the Oath Keepers Club.

For more information, contact Advisor Allan Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019, or stop by his office in Student Services.



Oath Keepers Club Special Guests

Student Veterans Director John L. Frisby and VFW District 13 Commander Matt McCarthy were special guest speakers during the OCC Oath Keepers Club meeting on Oct. 15. Both Frisby and McCarthy encouraged student veterans to get involved with local veterans' organizations. Those attending included front row, from left, Matt McCarthy, Oath Keepers President Anthony Hemrich, Anthony Schnautz II, Isaia Valenzuela, Vice President of VFW Ladies Auxiliary 5917 Bethany Foy, John L. Frisby and Club Advisor Allan Alldredge; second row, Anthony Moats, Justin Groeneveld, VFW District 13 Officer Troy Leonberger, VFW Commander Post 4226 Ed Groves and Christopher Sorensen; and back row, Oath Keepers Vice President James Hilderbrand and Oath Keepers Treasurer Jessy Spillman.

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handle and purchase refrigerants.

Marshall said the courses will be offered in a hybrid format, reducing the time students are required to be in the classroom.

"The hybrid classes make it easier for those who want to take the classes, but have time constraints," Marshall said. "The students will be able to go through instructional videos and tutorials at their own leisure."

The face-to-face meetings will then be devoted to instruction on further technical points and to the hands-on lab experience.

"It is a very relaxed atmosphere," Marshall added. "If someone needs extra time to work in the lab, there is always someone here during the day."

Marshall said the courses are geared toward both people in the

community, such as homeowners and landlords who want to learn more about HVAC equipment and its maintenance, as well as individuals who are interested in starting or furthering their careers in the HVAC field.

The classes also can serve as technical electives for students in the IMT Program who want to increase their marketability with HVAC training.

Marshall, who joined the college as an IMT instructor this fall, completed OCC's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Program in 2006.

"I started working with a contractor and then started my own business," he said. "It is good training if you are interested in entering the HVAC field."

Marshall has operated MSC Mechanical in Olney since 2008.

The company specializes in heating and air, refrigeration appliances and electrical work.

Marshall said there is currently a shortage of trained HVAC technicians in the area.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employers across the nation are finding it difficult to locate qualified technicians to work on the complex new systems.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics expects jobs for HVAC mechanics and installers to grow by 21 percent over the next eight years.

Those familiar with computers and electronics and individuals with good troubleshooting skills will have the best job opportunities.

For more information about the certificate or to register, call 395-7777. Spring semester classes start Jan. 12.

Denton organizes national Warren Report conference

Olney Central College instructor David Denton organized and participated in a national conference focusing on the Warren Commission Report.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the release of the Warren Commission's findings and the conference brought together leading experts on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as well as the report's critics for the Sept. 26-28 event in Alexandria, Va.

The conference was presented by The JFK Historical Group, which is comprised of Denton and fellow assassination scholars Ed Tatro, Walt Boyes, William Boyes and Ben Boyes. Denton served as the principal organizer for the event, selecting the site as well as scheduling and recruiting speakers.

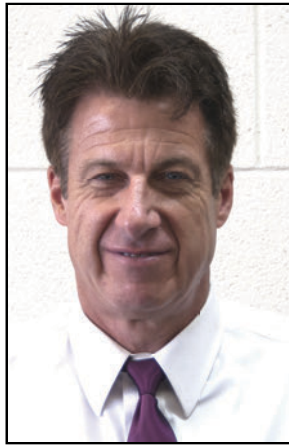
A week after Kennedy's death in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 22, 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson established the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy to investigate the president's murder. On Sept. 24, 1964, the Warren Commission, as it became known, presented Johnson with its 889-page final report, which was released to the public three days later. The commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy and wounding Texas Gov. John Connally and

that Jack Ruby also acted alone when he killed Oswald two days later.

In the ensuing decades, the controversial document has come under increasing scrutiny as more and more inconsistencies have emerged. "The Warren Report 50 Years Later: A Critical Examination" allowed those who have studied the assassination a forum for sharing information and bringing the inconsistencies of the original findings to light.

Last fall OCC hosted a conference on the 50th anniversary of the JFK assassination, which brought together several nationally-known experts. Denton said the event served as a catalyst for this year's gathering.

"Fifty years after the Warren Commission Report was released the theory of a lone assassin is still controversial," Denton said. "This was a critical examination of the commission bringing even more experts together from around the country.



David Denton

The speakers all portrayed their particular positions."

Featured speakers included U.S. research investigator Doug Horne, an expert on the medical evidence, top investigative journalist Russ Baker, long-time JFK research expert Ed Tatro and many leading authors. The keynote speaker was Dr. Cyril Wecht, a renowned forensic pathologist, attorney and medical-legal consultant, author, lecturer, and vocal critic of the Warren Report.

Denton said the conference's opening day included experts and historians who presented the case that the Warren Commission's conclusions were not factual. The following day explored potential scenarios beyond a lone assassin.

"The conference went over really well," Denton said. "Everyone felt very positive about what happened and the information that was brought forth by those who were there."

Denton said a high-quality DVD of the conference is available for \$50.

Details for purchasing the DVD may be found at the following site www.changehistjfk.blogspot.com. Those interested in learning more about the JFK Historical Group and wishing to be added to its mailing list may contact Denton at 618-204-1498.

Curtis Marshall receives welding certifications

Olney Central College Welding and Cutting Instructor Curtis Marshall has earned two new certifications through the American Welding Society.

Marshall has completed testing as both a Certified Welding Inspector and a Certified Welding Educator.

"Having the certifications will be a benefit to the program and make the classes even better for our students," Marshall said. "With the CWI certification, I am qualified to conduct visual inspections and

make sure the students perform acceptable welds according to the set codes."

The CWI designation is recognized both nationally and internationally and is one of the highest certifications available through the AWS. The CWE is geared for welding professionals specifically in the welding education field. The certification confirms the instructor's ability, talent and knowledge to specifically direct and perform operations associated with welder training and class-

room instruction.

To obtain the certifications, Marshall had to complete a six-hour exam at the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio. The test, which has only about a 50-percent pass rate, covers welding fundamentals, practical application and code application.

"I will be able to implement what I have learned from the certifications into the program and train welders more efficiently," Marshall added.



Curtis Marshall

OCC graduate constructing ethanol plants

Clifton Tewell is getting the opportunity to travel and perform a job he truly enjoys after earning his Welding and Cutting Certificate at Olney Central College.

The Lawrence County native graduated in May 2013 and the following week began working on ethanol plant construction in Iowa for Winbco. The firm, which is based in Ottumwa, provides services in the field of sheet metal work contractors.

“Graduating from the welding program helped push me forward of other people who might have been interested in the job, but didn’t have that training,” Tewell said. “OCC definitely made this possible. I would not have known anything I was doing out there if not for the training I received at OCC. Everything I learned here, mathematics, blueprint reading, I use in the field.”

Since joining Winbco, Tewell has worked on new plants in Emmetsburg and Nevada, Iowa and assisted in repairs to tanks in Lyons,



Clifton Tewell is working on ethanol plant construction for Winbco after graduating from OCC’s Welding and Cutting Program.

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“I enjoy the traveling,” Tewell said. “My wife, Heather, travels with me and she loves it too. We’re getting to

see other parts of the country we may not have had the opportunity to see otherwise. The company has been very generous to me. They took me under their wing and helped make me who I am today.”

OCC Welding Instructor Curtis Marshall noted that in the past welders would often learn on the job but this has changed in the last decade.

“Now they are looking for people who have knowledge before they get out there,” he said. “Employers want someone who is ready to start.”

OCC’s Welding and Cutting Certificate Program is instilling Tewell and other students with the skills they will need to enter the job market. The two-semester program provides both classroom and hands-on instruction designed to prepare welders, cutters, burners and related personnel to meet the needs of area and national industry.

Students utilize equipment

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Basic sign language class starts Nov. 10

Olney Central College will offer a four-week basic sign language course at the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School in Noble.

Through the class, students will gain a basic understanding of communicating in sign language with the hearing impaired community.

The course will include demonstration of the signs and instruction on how to form the signs. Students will practice making the

signs and reading the signs while using sign language to read a book and to complete crossword puzzles.

The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1 in the Media Center, Room 130. The cost is \$40 and students will need to purchase on their own the book, “Joy of Signing,” second edition. The instructor will be Vicki Cretors.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777.

Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring

Need help with a class? Olney Central College’s 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. The LSC also can provide tape recorders, large screen monitors, readers

and note takers.

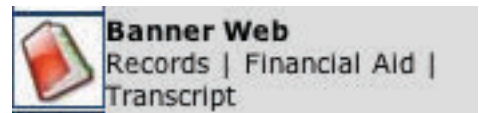
If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC staff.

The Learning Skills Center is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Stop by to learn more.

Interested in serving as a tutor, contact the LSC.

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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 1-855-519-4357.

OCC winter weather closing policy

It is Olney Central College's policy to remain open unless the weather makes it too hazardous to do so.

When the safety of students and staff is threatened due to inclement weather or other emergencies, OCC will be closed or classes canceled or delayed.

Administration will attempt to notify media outlets prior to the 6 a.m. news on the day of the closing.

Don't assume that if the elementary and high schools close, OCC will be closed as well. If no announcement is made, classes will meet as usual.

Closure of day classes does not necessarily mean that evening classes will be canceled.

Announcements regarding evening classes will be made prior to 4 p.m., if at all possible.

The following radio and television stations will be notified of any cancellations or delays:

- WVLN-AM and WSEI-FM in Olney

- WIKK in Newton
- WAKO in Lawrenceville
- WFIW-AM and -FM in Fairfield
- WNOI-FM in Flora
- WSJD in Mt. Carmel
- WCRC in Effingham
- WVJC in Mt. Carmel
- WTWO and WTHI in Terre Haute, Ind.
- WEHT, WFIE and WTVW in Evansville, Ind.

Closings also will be announced on the following websites:

- www.iecc.edu
- www.weatherclosings.com

Closings also are announced through IECC Alerts. When you create an Entrata account, you will be automatically registered for an alerts account.

Account creation for alerts will take approximately 24 hours.

IECC Alerts will automatically go to your Entrata email account, but you can opt-in for text messages or receive messages at another email account.

To do so, login to Entrata

(entrata.iecc.edu) and select

Emergency Alerts. Go to Notifications by Text. Enter your cellular information under the Text and Voice Preferences section. A phone number is required. The Cellular Provider is optional. You also may enter another email address in the Email Preferences area Under Contact Email. Then Save.

While there is no direct cost for signing up for this text message 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 this service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures and test messages.

Students previously signed up with IECC Emergency Alerts should verify contact information and preferences are current.

If you do not have an Entrata account, please contact the Records Office at 395-7777, ext. 2267.

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manufactured by the Lincoln Electric Co., including V350 Pro Multi-Process welders, C300 Advanced Process welders and a 225 Precision TIG welder. The Cleveland, Ohio-based firm is a global leader in the manufacturing of welding machines and welding consumables.

"It's what I'm using now," Tewell said. "Working with it at OCC definitely prepared me for what I would be using out there. My time at OCC was very much hands-on learning and I enjoyed that. But, bookwork was important as well to understanding the fundamentals of the process so when you stepped out in the shop you knew what you were doing. I really enjoyed the program. The instructor looked at you as an individual and helped you out."

While at OCC, Tewell and his classmates even worked on a project that required them to weld outside in the elements. Tewell's job often requires him to work outdoors and last winter he was still welding outside when the

temperatures dipped below zero.

"It is very physically demanding work," he added.

Tewell is thrilled with the doors the Welding and Cutting Program has opened for him and the opportunities working for Winbco has afforded.

"I absolutely love what I do," Tewell added. "I get up in the morning and get to create something with my hands. I'm involved in something that is going to be there for years to come and I'm putting my stamp on it. This is a skilled labor not everyone can do. It is a very well respected career and something you can take pride in. People can look at the welds and they can tell a craftsman did that. We are also creating jobs for America. It doesn't stop with us. Hundreds of people will be working because of these plants."

Tewell is a union boilermaker mechanic with Local 687 in Rock Hill, S.C. He said the union stresses safety as the number one priority and being a member enables him to receive union wages.

"I do quite well," he added. "When I was accepted into the union, I received the union pay scale of \$35 an hour, plus the company provides a 75-day salary for living expenses. I have a career that provided help with starting a family and allowed me to pursue the American Dream."

Welding is a career Tewell never envisioned for himself as a teenager. After graduating from Lawrenceville High School, he began working a series of factory jobs until he was 24.

"I was actually inspired to enroll in the program by a friend who died in a motorcycle accident," Tewell said. "I really wanted a chance to provide for my wife and build a family. I wanted something hands-on that would be a career not just a job. With the help of my friend, I found a career choice that I could take a lot of pride in and that was also in demand. It was a big turning point for me. There is nothing wrong with working in a factory. Some people just want something different."

Parrent serving as Coordinator of Human Services Program

Jessica Parrent is serving as Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' new Coordinator of Human Services Program.

In the position, Parrent is helping individuals, who receive assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services to enhance their education and obtain employment. Through IECC's Human Services Program, students can receive free books and tuition for pre-approved vocational classes of up to seven credit hours. These include both the Nurse Assistant Training as well as the Food and Sanitation courses.

Parrent also can assist qualified individuals with resume writing, job interview skills, communication skills and money management. In addition, she can help students navigate through job searches.

Counties served by the Human Services Program include Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne. Parrent will be traveling to and working with students at all four IECC colleges — Frontier Community in Fairfield, Lincoln Trail in Robinson, Olney Central in Olney and Wabash Valley in Mt. Carmel.

"I like traveling and meeting new students," Parrent said. "I like to help them better their education and find a new or start a career. If someone is interested in learning more about the program, they can contact me and we can meet at the college closest to them."

Parrent, of Newton, has worked in adult education at IECC for six years. She previously served as IECC's Adult Education Transition/Data Technician and the Learning Skills Center Resource Specialist at OCC.

Parrent completed her associate's degree at Lincoln Trail College and earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University. She received her master's degree from Liberty University.

For more information about the program, contact Parrent at 395-7777, ext. 2249.



Jessica Parrent

Radiography Informational Meeting Nov. 17

The Olney Central College Radiography Program will host an informational meeting for prospective students at 6 p.m. on Nov. 17 in Wattleworth Hall Room 115.

All students wishing to apply for acceptance into the Radiography Program for 2015 are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn more about the program and how to apply.

Radiologic technologists are in demand. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities are expected to grow by 21 percent between 2012 and 2022.

For more information, contact Radiography Director Carol Kocher at 866-622-4322 or 395-7777, ext. 2139. You can visit the Radiography Program's website at www.iecc.edu/radtech.

Keep up with latest OCC happenings on social media

Keep up with the latest news and events from Olney Central College.

You can follow us at [facebook.com/olneycentralcollege](https://www.facebook.com/olneycentralcollege) or on Twitter @OlneyCentral.

OCC Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- **Nov. 5** – OCC vs. Lincoln College, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 7** – OCC Rotary Classic - OCC vs. Ancilla College 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 8** – OCC Rotary Classic - OCC vs. South Carolina Sports Academy, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 12** – OCC vs. Highland Community College, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 15** – OCC vs. St. Catherine College JV, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 22** – OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 25** – OCC at Vincennes University, 6 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- **Nov. 5** – OCC vs. Parkland College, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 8** – OCC vs. Danville Area Community College, 3:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 18** – OCC at McKendree University JV, 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 22** – OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Nov. 25** – OCC at Vincennes University, 4 p.m.
- **Nov. 29** – OCC at Parkland College, 6 p.m.

Campus Visits

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

- Franklin University will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 10 and Dec. 10.
- Eastern Illinois University will be at OCC from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 and Nov. 20.

Registration underway for spring semester

Spring registration is underway for current OCC students.

Stop by the Student Services Office today to schedule a registration appointment or call 395-7777.

New students may register for spring classes beginning Nov. 10.

Register early to ensure you get into the classes you want. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 12.



OCC Music Department Fall Concert

The OCC Music Department presented its Fall Concert on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The event included performances by the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble. The annual OCC Community Choir Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Lora Smith new Career Advisor

Lora Smith has joined OCC as an advisor for Career and Technical Education as well as Pre-Radiography students.

"I'm looking forward to working with students and faculty and learning more about OCC's CTE Programs," she said. "Being an advisor is something I've wanted to do."

Smith completed both an Accounting Degree and an Associate's in

Science and Arts Degree at OCC. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Franklin University.

Smith worked 15 months in the Records Office at Wabash Valley College before beginning her new post at OCC in October.

Smith is from Albion and currently resides in Olney with her husband, Cody, and their 5-year-old daughter, Cally.



Lora Smith

OCC Foundation Wine Tasting Affair Nov. 14

The OCC Foundation will host its sixth annual Wine Tasting Affair from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 at the Richland Country Club in Olney.

Local wineries Fox Creek Vineyards, Homestead Vineyards and

Lasata Wines will be featured. Light hors d'oeuvres also will be served.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

Parenting class to be offered at WRC on Nov. 6

A new parenting education class is being offered by Olney Central College.

EDU 2198 Topics/Issues in Education (Parenting) will meet in

Room 109 of the West Richland Center, in Noble. The class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following Thursdays: Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4 and 11. Call 395-7777 to register.

College closed

OCC will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The college also will be closed Nov. 27-28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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:

November

- 1 John Kendall
- 2 Michael Conn
- 7 Kelly Payne
- 13 Susan Adams - FCC
- 17 Grayson Flittner
- 19 Chris Mathews
- 24 Cristina Siegel
- 24 Nick Short
- 30 Teresa Beehn

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the December Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21.

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