

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



June 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 18 Supreme Slime / 2 sessions
Mason Hall 23
- 18 IECC Board Meeting / WVC
- 21 Frontier Discovery Camp
9AM-3PM / Mason Hall
- 22 PTK Rummage Sale
7AM-3PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 24 GED Orientation
9-11AM / LRN 105
- 25 GED Graduation
6:30PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 26 GED Orientation
5-7PM / LRN 105
- 28 Rube Goldberg Machine Mania
9AM-3PM / Mason Hall 23

JULY

- 4 College closed
Independence Day
- 16 IECC Board Meeting / FCC
6PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 17 Food Sanitation & Safety
8AM-6PM / Mason Hall 24
- 18 FCC Foundation Meeting
6PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 22 Community Education Trip
St. Louis/The Muny

KINNEY HIRED AS EDS INSTRUCTOR; TO BEGIN IN FALL



Retired instructor Ed Patton and Lead Instructor Gerry Kinney are pictured with the EDS Class of 2019. Pictured, from left to right: Asher Hughey, Dusty McCuan, Joe Fenton, Evan Staat, Ronnie Britt, Jakob Shuck, Patton, Kinney, Charles Ross, Lucas Tobin, Trevor Curry, Hayden Cantrell, and Jonathan Hammack.

Gerry Kinney was recently hired as the Lead Instructor for the Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) Program at Frontier Community College. He will officially begin teaching for the program this fall, with classes beginning August 15.

A lifelong resident of Fairfield, Kinney graduated from Fairfield Community High School in 1981. He earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree from Wabash Valley College before entering the electrical field. Kinney began working at Wayne-White Electric Cooperative as a groundman before completing the three-year lineman apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW).

Gerry Kinney is replacing Ed Patton, who was with the EDS Program for eleven years. He retired from FCC on May 10. Patton was hired in 2008 as a Lab Assistant alongside Lead Instructor Steve Rafferty. He was recruited for the position by Rafferty, as the two worked together at Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company. Patton became the Lead Instructor in 2014 and held the position until his retirement. While serving at FCC, Patton saw over 120 students graduate from the EDS Program and move on to become linemen, tree trimmers, and more.

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Kinney brings many years of experience to the program, having worked at Wayne-White for twenty years. This past year, he served as the Lab Assistant for the program alongside Patton. He also revamped the college's Lineman Rodeo event to include new competitions as well as partnerships with municipalities and cooperatives throughout Southern Illinois. Kinney resides in Fairfield with his wife, Denice.

"I'm very excited to train this incoming group of students and prepare them for careers in the electrical field," said Kinney. "This program continues to improve each year, and I'm looking forward to the new expansions and certifications we will incorporate in the fall."

Enrollment is currently open for the Electrical Distribution Systems Program, which is a one-year certificate. New program additions for the 2019-2020 academic year will allow students to obtain their flagger certification, spray applicator licensure, and Class-A CDL. Interested individuals may learn more by visiting www.iecc.edu or calling Frontier Community College at 618-842-3711.

SUMMER CAMPS UNDERWAY FOR COMMUNITY KIDS



The month of June has been a busy one, as FCC kicked off the lineup of kid camps for the summer. The Community Education Committee planned a total of ten educational camps, and several have already occurred on campus.

Things began last week with an all-day Art Attack class. Children learned about different types of medium, including clay, paper, and acrylic paint. A T-Shirt Tie Dye class was also held, as well as Sign Language.



FCC partnered with the Wayne County 4-H to offer an Animal Care class, which was held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Children who attended had the opportunity to learn how to properly care for both domesticated and farm animals, including a dog, cat, rabbit, chicken, sheep, goat, pig, cow, and horse.



Two sport camps are also on the agenda for the summer. Head Coach Brandon Benton recently hosted a three-day baseball camp with help from Assistant Coaches Jimmy Brenneman and Zach Gerch. Over 25 kids attended and developed their skills in hitting, fielding, throwing, and base running. The final day ended with a fun slip and slide activity and a free T-shirt.

Nixie Hnetkovsky, Head Coach for Frontier Volleyball, has also planned a camp to be held at the beginning of August. Kids entering grades 1-8 are invited to attend the camp, which will be held at Center Street Gym.



More information about the camps may be found in the Summer 2019 course schedule, available online at www.iecc.edu/fcc. Photos from each of the camps may also be found on the Frontier Community College Facebook page.

FCC OFFERING 1-DAY TRIP TO ST. LOUIS, COMPLETE WITH MUNY PERFORMANCE



Everybody cut loose!

Frontier Community College is offering a one-day cultural trip to St. Louis on Monday, July 22, complete with a musical performance of *Footloose* at The Muny. Registration is now open for the trip, and it is available to individuals of high school age and older.

Based on the 1984 Academy Award-nominated blockbuster hit, *Footloose* shows how a little teenage rebellion and love of music can open hearts and transform a town. Featuring chart-topping hits, including “Let’s Hear It for the Boy,” “Holding Out for a Hero,” and “Footloose,” this dancing sensation will have the entire family burning and yearning to cut loose.

The Muny is a beautiful, outdoor theatre located in Forest Park of St. Louis. Seven shows are performed each summer season, and showtime begins shortly before sunset. Serving as America’s oldest and largest outdoor theatre, The Muny is celebrating its 101st season with a lineup of shows including *Guys and Dolls*, *Paint Your Wagon*, and *Cinderella*.

The charter bus will depart at 11:00AM from the West Hall parking lot on FCC’s campus and head for the St. Louis Gateway Arch. Guests will take a tram ride to the top of America’s tallest man-made monument, as well as a visit to the Arch exhibits.

The St. Louis Riverfront Cruise is next on the agenda, and guests will be treated to a one-hour riverboat tour on the Mississippi River. Afterwards, the group will have dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory, just two blocks from the Arch. The meal will include salad, bread, a choice of three entrée options, and homemade Spumoni ice cream.

The group will then head to Forest Park for a backstage tour at The Muny, available only to group ticketholders. The tour will show visitors how stage sets are designed and built, and it will culminate on the grand stage, where the cast faces an 11,000 seat audience. The Muny has spent the off-season undergoing major renovations, so guests will have the opportunity to see the new stage, orchestra pit, and more.

Thanks to the Wal-Mart Community Grant that FCC received in May, the total cost for the all-inclusive cultural package is only \$125 per person. To reserve your seat, call FCC at 618-842-3711.

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11:00AM / Depart FCC from West Hall parking lot

1:30PM / Gateway Arch tour

3:00PM / Riverboat Cruise

4:30PM / Dinner at The Spaghetti Factory

6:30PM / Backstage tour of The Muny

8:15PM / *Footloose* performance

12:30AM / Approximate return to FCC

HOLDER RETIRES FROM ADULT EDUCATION

Cheryl Holder has retired from FCC after nearly five years of service. She served as the Director of Adult Education beginning in November 2014.

In her position, Holder oversaw Adult Education classes as well as instructors at the FCC campus and off-site locations. FCC offers GED Test Preparation classes in Albion, Bridgeport, Flora, Lawrenceville, and Newton. Holder also had the opportunity to recruit and advise students for the program.

While she has already left the Adult Education Office, Holder will return for the GED graduation on Tuesday, June 25. The ceremony will begin at 6:30PM in Bob Boyles Hall.

The college held a retirement celebration for Holder in the Adult Education Office, and many employees stopped by to wish her well in her retirement. Cake and punch were served.

Congratulations to Cheryl!



The Adult Education department, pictured from left to right: Sharis Wilson, Receptionist; Dena Weber, Program Director of Adult Education; Cheryl Holder, Director of Adult Education; Angel Maguire, Coordinator of Transition Services; and Hayden McDuffee, Coordinator of Literacy Development.

Frontier in a Flash

A photographic reflection of recent happenings within the FCC community

- 1) The student lounge area of The Bobcat Den has been given a facelift, complete with new rugs, couches, tables, and decorations. Andy Hill, Manager of The Bobcat Den, is excited for new and returning students to see the improvements when they return in August.
- 2) FCC faculty hosted a luncheon for Ed Patton, who retired in May. Pictured, from left to right: Mary Morris, Linda Monge, Patton, Nixie Hnetkovsky, and Jodi Peach.
- 3) Students in the Construction Technology Program built a storage shed that is now for sale via closed bidding.
- 4) Several were in attendance for the Barn Quilt Painting class on Saturday, June 8. Students completed a patriotic pallet just in time for Flag Day (June 14).

