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Classes returning to Wattleworth Hall after fire

Olney Central College classes will be returning to Wattleworth Hall on March 16 after a fire resulted in its closing late last month.

OCC's main classroom building sustained extensive smoke damage following a second-floor electrical fire on Feb. 21.

Portions of the facility were closed while cleanup and repairs were underway.

Work included replacing electrical and data wiring as well as ceiling tiles. The building's duct work also was cleaned.

The college was closed on Feb. 23. Classes resumed the next day for programs housed in other buildings.

Limited classes were held Feb. 25 at the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School, in Noble. Classes continued meeting at the facility.

Some nursing classes also were held at Richland Memorial Hospital.



Above, students in instructor Tammie Bohnhoff's class met Feb. 25 at the West Richland Center in Noble. A limited number of courses were relocated to the facility while Wattleworth Hall was closed. At right, students pass time between classes shooting hoops in the WRC gym.



OCC to host daylong music festival April 18

Olney Central College will host a daylong music festival on Saturday, April 18.

OCC Jamfest will feature five different bands and two stages.

Admission is \$5 and includes entry to all five

shows.

Jamfest kicks off at noon as The Thinga-Ma Jug Band brings its brand of mountain music to the stage followed by the classic country sounds of MotherLode at 2 p.m.

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Adam Greathouse

Greathouse Assistant Dean for OCC Student Services

Adam Greathouse is serving as Olney Central College's new Assistant Dean for Student Services.

Greathouse received his law degree from Valparaiso University in Indiana and has spent the past year and a half serving as assistant director of admissions for its law school.

A West Salem native, Greathouse attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. After completing

his bachelor's degree, he worked at First Financial Bank in Olney for more than a year initially serving as a relief teller and later as a loan assistant.

"I like working in higher education administration," Greathouse said. "I'm excited about what I will be doing and working with the people in Student Services. I'm also looking forward to getting to know the students."

Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently inducted new members for Spring 2015.

Those installed include:

Flora: Jessica Payne, Gideon Raley and Lacy Scales

Geff: Kevin Ukena

Louisville: Hailey Oliver and Boyd Rinehart

Noble: Breanne Buerster

Oblong: Nellie Schalasky

Olney: Bree Boley, Caleb Buscher, Clarisse Buydens, Destini Coan, Micah Drummond, Amanda

Gragert, Christian Knobloch, Douglas Muhs, Rachel Shan and Hannah Thomas

Sumner: Hope Rosborough and Amanda Houchin

Evansville, Ind.: Devin Williams

Ferdinand, Ind.: Kayala Hoppenjans

Mooreville, Ind.: Bram Wood

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for students attending two-year colleges. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Cooking class offered

Professional Chef Nada Lunsford is teaching students the hands-on art of creating delicious meals in a safe, sanitary and professional environment through a course being taught at the West Richland Center in Noble.

The class will meet 6 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, March 16-May 11 in the WRC Cafeteria.

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

Jamfest

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Bad Daddies will offer a mix of classic rock and pop at 4 p.m. and the evening will conclude with alternative and rock performers Sidelined at 6 and Flight Fifty at 8 p.m.

"We tried to touch on different genres of music and tried to get as many as we could," said OCC Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge, who is organizing the event. "We wanted performers that would appeal to all ages."

Alldredge said each band will play about a 90-minute set with a 15-minute intermission between the shows.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase with a percentage of the profits going to OCC organizations. Free games will be set up and the college also will hold prize giveaways.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. No alcohol will be allowed on college grounds.

Alldredge said plans for the Jamfest began last summer and a committee has been meeting monthly to organize the event. Members include Nick Wright, Michael Conn, Vicki Thompson, Stacy Hastings, Lloyd Winter, Curtis Marshall, Logan Marshall, David Denton, Shasta Bennett, Amie Mayhall, Theresa Haslett, Doug Shipman and OCC President Rodney Ranes.

"I'm excited that the college is doing something this big for the whole community," Alldredge said. "We want to bring people to the college and showcase what OCC has to offer. This also is an opportunity to raise funds for student activities. The college supports events in the area and it is nice to have a big one of our

own."

Several area businesses are sponsoring the event through cash and in-kind donations including Escalade Sports, Hurn's Lumber, MSC-Mechanical Inc. Air Conditioning Repair Service, Woods' Autobody, Hovey's Diner, Miller Office Supply, Allan's Welding, Hog N Dog BBQ, Rural King, Pepsi Mid-America and Hasketts.

Jamfest is sponsored by OCC and the OCC Student Senate and is being held in conjunction with several other activities including the daylong Spring Fling celebration on April 17 and the OCC Music Department's Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. that evening in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

In addition, OCC will host a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on April 16 in the OCC Gym.

Veralee Harris named Coordinator of Financial Aid

Veralee Harris has been named Olney Central College's Coordinator of Financial Aid.

Harris previously served as the director of the Illinois Eastern Community College's Educational Talent Search Program. She will succeed Vicki Stuckey, who is retiring this month after 25 years at the college.

"I like a challenge and I'm looking forward to the new position," Harris said. "I've been working and training with Vicki and she is a wealth of knowledge."

A native of Champaign, Harris received an associate's degree in nursing



Veralee Harris

from Parkland College and later attended Eastern Illinois University where she earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts with a concentration in special

education.

As ETS Director, Harris worked with more than 500 middle and high school students encouraging them to think about college early and providing them with information about educational opportunities as well as financial aid and scholarships.

"Talent Search looks for students with lots of potential academically, but who need some outside support," she added.

Harris is looking forward to new opportunities at OCC and daily contact with the students.

"I'm so excited to be at the college," she said. "I

love the energy here. I also love Student Services. I like the traffic, the people and just the energy of being on campus."

She also is happy to continue her career in the IECC District.

"It is impressive to me how long people stay in the district," she said.

"They may change jobs and move around, but they don't leave the district. It is like a family. They take the mission statement very seriously working for the students and to improve the community."

Harris resides in Olney with her three daughters ages 14, 12 and 10.

Tickets on sale for OCC Theatre's 'Mary Poppins'

Tickets for the OCC Theatre's production of "Mary Poppins" are now on sale. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on March 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 and at 2 p.m. on March 22 and 29 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Dinner theatres will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: broccoli and cauliflower salad, bacon wrapped pork chop, au gratin potatoes, roll and butter, peach cobbler with ice cream and beverage.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for the production are \$12 for reserved seating for children



and adults. Tickets for the meal and show are \$24.

"Mary Poppins" is the story of the Banks family who live in a big house on Cherry Lane in London.

Unfortunately, things are not going

well for the family. The children, Jane and Michael, are out of control and are in need of a new nanny. The children have their own ideas about what sort of caretaker they should have, while their parents insist on finding someone strict for the job.

When a mysterious young woman named Mary Poppins appears at their doorstep, the family finds that she is the answer to their prayers, but in the most peculiar way. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones she has a profound effect upon. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson from this nanny.

OCC students attend Chicago Auto Show Feb. 20

Students from the Olney Central College Automotive Service and Collision Repair Technology Programs attended the annual Chicago Auto Show on Feb. 20.

They were accompanied by Automotive Instructor Tyler Boyles, Collision Repair Instructor Mark Fitch and Frontier Community College Automotive Instructor Rodney Maxey, whose students also participated.

A few OCC Welding students also

attended the show.

First staged in 1901, the Chicago Auto Show is the largest auto show in North America and has been held more times than any other auto exposition on the continent. This year marked the 107th edition of the Chicago Auto Show.

The Chicago Auto Show utilizes more than 1 million square feet in the North and South Exhibit Halls of the McCormick Place complex. Exhibitions included: multiple

world and North American introductions; a complete range of domestic and imported passenger cars and trucks; sport utility vehicles; and experimental or concept cars.

In total, nearly 1,000 different vehicles were on display. Those attending also had the opportunity to see numerous accessories and auto-related exhibits, competition vehicles and project, antique and collector cars.



TRIO Day

TRIO Upward Bound celebrated TRIO Day with 100 students on Feb. 7 at Olney Central College. The students held a food drive to benefit The Master's Hands, giving back to the community, by helping feed local families. Students started the day with breakfast, followed by four academic and college preparatory classes. Pizza Fast catered lunch and then students spent the remainder of the afternoon socializing with new friends from seven local high schools, skating, playing laser tag and jumping on trampolines.

Summer and Fall registration starts for current students on March 31

Registration for Summer and Fall semester classes will begin on March 31 for current students and on April 7 for new students.

Advisors will meet with new and current students beginning on these respective dates to assist with registration, and new students are required to meet with an advisor.

Students can now call or walk into Student Services to make a registration appointment. Student Services can be reached at 395-7777.

Sign up for IECC Alerts

Students should visit their Entrata accounts to sign up for IECC Alerts text messages.

All students should verify that their contact information and preferences are current.

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



TRIO Student Support Services workshop

The TRIO Student Support Services program held a district-wide workshop Feb. 7 at Olney Central College.

Students from Wabash Valley College, Olney Central College, Frontier Community College and Lincoln Trail College were in attendance and the day included community service activities as well as valuable informational workshops.

The students went to four different community activities in the Olney

area — Equine Lead, SWAN, The Master's Hands, and the 4-H paper drive.

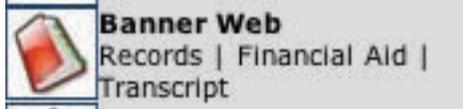
Students participated in service projects such as painting, food distribution and outside cleanup.

After the students returned to OCC, there were breakout sessions on the topics of healthy relationships, the FAFSA process and budgeting.

This is the third of four workshops held this year.

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.

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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.



Bowl for Kids' Sake

Students from the OCC Welding Program along with Instructor Curtis Marshall participated in the Big Brother/Big Sister Bowl for Kids' Sake on Feb. 21. Funds from the OCC Welding Club account were used for the signup fees of \$150. Pictured are front row, from left, Maverick Fisher and Dakota Hill and back row, Jake Leist, Curtis Marshall and Kelsey Leathers.

Olney Central College Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **March 7** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 5 p.m. at Southern Illinois University
- **March 8** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 4 p.m. at Southern Illinois University
- **March 17** – OCC at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 4:30 p.m.
- **March 19** – OCC at Southeastern Illinois College, 3 p.m.
- **March 21** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, noon & 3 p.m. at home
- **March 23** – OCC vs. Lindenwood University-Belleville, 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. at home
- **March 24** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley College, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 26** – OCC vs. Shawnee Community College, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 28** – OCC at Shawnee Community College, noon & 3 p.m.

Softball

- **March 9** – OCC vs. Danville Area Community College, 8:30 a.m. & OCC vs. John Wood Community College, 10:30 a.m. at Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- **March 10** – OCC vs. Danville Area Community

College, 9:30 a.m. & OCC vs. John Wood Community College, 11:30 a.m. at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

- **March 11** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 8:30 a.m. & OCC vs. Genesee Community College, 10:30 a.m. at Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- **March 12** – OCC vs. Genesee Community College, 9:30 a.m. & OCC vs. Hagerstown Community College, 1:30 p.m. at Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- **March 17** – OCC at Shawnee Community College, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.
- **March 19** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail College, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. at home
- **March 21** – OCC at Kaskaskia College, noon & 2 p.m.
- **March 22** – OCC vs. Morthland College, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. at home
- **March 24** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 2 & 4 p.m. at home
- **March 26** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. at home
- **March 28** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, noon and 2 p.m.
- **March 31** – OCC at Rend Lake College, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.



SNA activities

The Student Nurses Association held a combination bake sale and Be A Hero Organ Donor Campaign during the OCC and Lincoln Trail College basketball games on Feb. 18. Above, SNA members Barbara Scoles, James Haddox and Michael Wyatt provide information about becoming an organ donor. Watch for more information on organ donor campaigns in the upcoming weeks. At left, SNA members Michelle Drummond and Shannon Banes display items at the bake sale.

Upcoming campus visits for March and April

The following institutions will be visiting OCC.

Tables will be located outside Student Services.

- Brittany Trimble from Eastern Illinois University will be here from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 17 and April 7.

- Tosha Baker from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

March 25 and April 21.

- Nicole Jackson from Franklin University will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 23 in front of the Nursing Department and on March 31 and April 23 in front of Student Services.

- Michael Harbin with the Southern Illinois University Criminal Justice Department will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 30.

OCC to host Hiring Exposition on April 16

Olney Central College and the Illinois Department of Employment are hosting a Hiring Exposition from 9 a.m. to noon on April 16 in the OCC Gymnasium.

A number of businesses and educational institutions will be attending.

Participants should come prepared to apply and possibly interview for jobs in the community.

College closed

Classes will not meet on Monday, March 9 to observe the Casimir Pulaski Holiday. Classes will not meet March 10-13 for Spring Break. The college will be open.

Food Service special

Stop by OCC Food Service on St. Patrick's Day and receive a free fountain drink, of any size, with the purchase of a sandwich at regular price.

Anyone wearing green on March 17 will receive a free cookie.

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
- 3 Ed Wright
- 9 Jennifer Jennings

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the April Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 23.

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