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“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

—Benjamin Franklin



Valley Briefs



WVC to hold in-person graduation

WVC has announced that it will hold an in-person graduation ceremony on May 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Spencer Sports Center. Further details for the ceremony will be announced later on.



Solar array officially commissioned

The new solar array that was installed on WVC's Industrial Studies building was officially commissioned on April 21. The funding for the new solar array came from a grant through the Illinois Green Economy Network and IEPA.



Ag Acquaintance Day & Theatre Productions

WVC's Ag program hosted its annual Ag Acquaintance Day after a year of pandemic cancellations. The event was held in the theatre, which will be putting on productions again this December.

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
—W.B. Yeats

Volleyball coach Mark Colvin logs 300 career team wins



WVC volleyball coach Mark Colvin logged his 300th career win this season.

This athletic season has been a season of milestones.

On February 27, baseball coach Rob Fournier hit 1,000 wins as Warrior baseball coach, and Luke Scheidecker passed 100 wins as Lady Warrior basketball coach.

On March 14, Mark Colvin logged his 300th win as Lady Warrior volleyball coach.

Colvin's team ended their 23-match season with a record of 14-9. The Warriors averaged 11.4 kills per set, 9.68 assists per set, 18.24 digs per set, 1.95 blocks per set, and a hitting percentage of .205.

Fittingly, when the athletics department announced Colvin's 300th win, more than 300 people congratulated the coach. WVC looks forward to Coach Colvin hitting his next career milestone!

Archery Warriors set national records



Archery Warriors Jaylyn Shoemaker, Dillon Thompson, Cuyler Barnum and Asilyn Davis present their records of achievement.

Archery Warriors Jaylyn Shoemaker, Dillon Thompson, Cuyler Barnum and Asilyn Davis all set national shooting records for their divisions.

Jaylyn Shoemaker shot 554 in the bowhunter collegiate division during the 25 meter round at a distance of 25 meters.

Dillon Thompson shot 592 in the compound collegiate division during the 25 meter round at a distance of 25 meters.

Cuyler Barnum shot 572 in the bowhunter collegiate division during the 25 meter round at a distance of 25 meters.

And Asilyn Davis shot 567 in the bowhunter collegiate division during the 25 meter round at a distance of 25 meters.

This comes after the team took first in their collegiate archery competition late last year. The team has consistently performed well in both regional and national competitions, often ranking in the top three.

WVC Faculty and Mt. Carmel Elks make donations to FRESH



Student Senate members Cuyler Barnum, Ashley More, Darcy Clodfelter, Bryce Klingler, Sania Borom & Ian Klingler attend the donation by Allen Brown, Dave Wilderman & Kyle Peach.

WVC's FRESH food program received two donations from community partners. On March 23, the WVC Faculty Association donated to FRESH, and on April 6, the Mount Carmel Elks Lodge donated.

IECC Faculty Association WVC Rep. Dave Wilderman said: "FRESH is a vital program for Wabash Valley College students facing food challenges. FRESH meets a crucial need for many of our students. The WVC faculty association is happy to help meet these needs."

Mathematics professor Allen Brown said, "We hope our donation is just the beginning for faculty's support of FRESH. We want to contribute as an annual tradition."

On Tuesday, April 6, the Mount Carmel Elks donated \$500 to the program.

FRESH's mission is to assist those facing food insecurity on WVC's campus. FRESH's mission is based on a compassionate hand out and hand up as we respect the dignity of each person we serve.

Diesel Technology students hear from PepsiCo & Noregon



Noregon Regional Sales Manager Ed Carpenter demonstrates Noregon's JPRO program.

WVC Diesel Technology students were fortunate to have both PepsiCo and Noregon come talk to them about their career prospects and industry practices.

PepsiCo & Noregon partnered together and donated a license of Noregon's program JPRO to the diesel program.

According to Noregon's website JPRO Professional is the #1 in-shop diagnostic and repair solution. With coverage for all makes and models, plus industry-leading bi-directional controls, JPRO helps

technicians discover all issues on a truck to help fleets maximize uptime.

All JPRO purchases include an embedded troubleshooting module, NextStep Fault Guidance, and customers have the option to add NextStep Repair, a repository of repair manuals and step-by-step instructions for repairing fault or symptom-based issues across all engine makes and models.

WVC is grateful for PepsiCo & Noregon's donation.

WVC professor Dennis Stroughmatt interviewed by French national TV



Prof. Dennis Stroughmatt being recorded in class by French TV personnel.

On March 16, WVC professor Dennis Stroughmatt was interviewed by the largest TV network in France, TF1.

The network was doing a piece on IL-MO French culture, language and music. Being that Stroughmatt is the resident expert on the subject, they flew from Washington D.C. to visit him.

Reporter Jerome Garro and photographer Adrien Ponsard came to Stroughmatt's HUM1111— Intro. to Art & Music Theory class and were treated to

not only a history lesson regarding the French Creole language and culture of the region but also a miniature concert.

Stroughmatt and his bandmate Doug Hawf played several different types of songs for the class and network personnel.

In addition to his appearance on French TV, Stroughmatt has also recorded a series called "French Creole Fiddle Tunes and Tales." The series is available for free on WVC's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/user/WabashValleyCollege](https://www.youtube.com/user/WabashValleyCollege).

WVC hosts Area Planning Council meeting



ASC Director Tabby Niduaza opens up the Area Planning Council meeting on March 16.

On March 16, WVC hosted an Area Planning Council meeting and invited representatives from many different backgrounds to join the meeting.

WVC Academic Success Center Director Tabby Niduaza organized the meeting. According to Niduaza, "the purpose of this meeting is to gather together to discuss resources in our area, and ways we can work together to better serve our community."

Those in attendance were:

Chris Taylor, Guidance Counselor at Mt. Carmel High School; Joy Sherman, Pastor of Community Church of God; Sharmila Kakac, Adult Education/Literacy; Tayna Smith, TRIO Support Services; Tosha Baker, Upward Bound; Amy Dulaney, Transition Center and Perkins; Libby McVicker, Program Director of Grants and Compliance; Gary Underwood, Pastor of First General Baptist Church; Tabatha Niduaza, Academic Success Center; Sandy Craig, Library Director WVC; Debbie Meyer, WADI; and Jeffrey Drake, Rides Mass Transit.

