



# THE VOYAGER

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## September Calendar

- 2 Softball @ LTC Fall Invite
- 4 College Closed - Labor Day
- 5 Baseball @ WVC - 3pm
- 7 Volleyball vs. SWIC - 6:30pm
- 9 Softball @ DCC Fall Play Day
- 11 Volleyball vs. Kaskaskia  
6:30pm @ Center St. Gym
- 15 Baseball @ Westfield, IN  
vs. Kellogg - 1pm; Triton - 4pm
- 16 FCC Auto Club Car Show at  
Fairfield Fall Fun Fest  
9am-2pm; \$10 Entry Fee
- 18 Volleyball vs. Rend Lake  
6:30pm @ Center St. Gym
- 20 Baseball vs. WVC - 4pm @ FNB Field
- 23 FCC Car & Truck Show at  
Wayne City Bean Days  
9:30am-1:30pm; \$10 Entry Fee
- Softball @ KY Wesleyan  
vs. KWC - 10am; Brescia - 12pm
- Baseball @ SIC - 12pm DH
- 26 Baseball vs. John A. Logan  
3pm @ FNB Field
- Volleyball vs. Vincennes - 6pm  
@ Center St. Gym
- 28 Baseball vs. SIC @ FNB Field - 3pm
- 29 Volleyball @ East Central - 6:30pm

## Over 300 Attend Solar Eclipse Event

Over 300 sky gazers attended the Solar Eclipse Safe Viewing Event on August 21 at Frontier Community College.

Fairfield experienced 98% coverage of the total eclipse this year, but will be in the line of totality for the solar eclipse of 2024. A bigger event is expected at the college for the next event!

People of all ages came out to enjoy the eclipse, with over 150 pairs of eclipse glasses being distributed to attendees. Those in attendance also used colanders, home-made gadgets, and pegboards for indirect viewing of the eclipse.

Some traveled from several miles away to attend the event at Frontier, including a group from Brockton, Illinois which is 120 miles north of Fairfield, a group from northern Indiana, as well as a family from Chicago.



Ice water and popsicles were enjoyed by many during the hot day.

When asked if the eclipse was as exciting as she thought it would be, one young aspiring astronomer from Chicago stated, "No...it was better!"



# Gerry Kinney Visits Electrical Distributions Class

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Former Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative lineman Gerry Kinney visited the Electrical Distributions Systems class on September 5. Since the class is currently discussing safety, Gerry came in to share his experience and pass along things he learned in his 17 years as a lineman.

Kinney gave demonstrations showing the students how his prosthetic arms function, as well as stories of how he has learned to do things differently on a daily basis. After talking with the class, Kinney joined them outside to watch as they climbed poles. Several students took advantage of the knowledge Kinney gained in 17 years by asking him questions on technique and safety.

While working as a lineman at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Kinney came in contact with a live 7,200 volt power line while in a bucket truck near Orchardville in July 2015.

The electrocution accident burned him so badly that he lost both of his hands and arms just below the elbows. Kinney has since been fitted with state-of-the-art prosthetic arms and hands which enable him to do many things that would otherwise be impossible.

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## Auto Students Test Brakes & Brake Pads

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Automotive Technology students at Frontier Community College recently tested brakes in an entertaining and educational project.

Students took turns driving the car and applying the brakes multiple times with different sets of brake pads applied to test their effectiveness.

Tire temperature and distance travelled after braking was also measured. The project is ongoing as they continue to collect and analyze data.



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## LRC Partners with Driving-Tests.org

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Frontier Community College's Learning Resource Center has partnered with Driving-Tests.org, a company dedicated to driver safety and education, to offer free Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) practice tests to library patrons. The new service includes free tests specifically based on the state's DMV materials. It is the only site of its kind to include accessibility tools that allows users to hear selections read aloud, make them into MP3s, translate pages into other languages, magnify text, and mask portions of the screen for greater visibility on the practice tests.

This partnership allows the Learning Resource Center to harness the power of Driving-Tests.org's specialized practice exams to turn new drivers into safer drivers. The new program will work as an outreach to several valued groups of patrons, including teens, those with disabilities, and seniors who need to take a renewal exam, as well as patrons at every stage of life.

Driving-Tests.org is a part of Elegant E-Learning, Inc., an eight-year-old company with a proven track record of revolutionizing online resources for learner drivers. Driving-Tests.org is part of a plan to improve global driver safety by providing free practice tests written by experts to anyone who wants to study, along with online copies of official study guides. To help achieve this goal, the company has also created driving practice sites for the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and India.

To get started, visit <http://frontiercc.driving-tests.org/illinois/>

# Game-A-Palooza a Hit with Students

The fourth Game-A-Palooza at the Learning Resource Center at Frontier Community College was well attended by students and staff alike on August 30. Almost 600 people came through the LRC that day to take advantage of not only the resources, but the games, food, and fun going on from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A free taco bar was provided to the students by the Fairfield Banking Company and the Fairfield Kiwanis Club. Indoor and outdoor games were enjoyed, including Pie in Face, Ping Pong, Cornhole, Hillbilly Golf, water balloons, and much more! Scenes from the day can be seen below.



Left: Members of the baseball and volleyball teams went head-to-head in a heated water balloon fight. Middle: Volleyball player Abby Potter gets a Pie in Face while fellow teammate Bailey Walters and LRC Director Merna Youngblood get a good laugh. Right: Members of the Electrical Distribution Systems program enjoyed the free taco bar lunch. Unfortunately by the time they got their food the only seating left was the kids table!

# Construction Students Off to Busy Start

Students in the Construction Technology program have gotten off to a busy start this school year.

Under the instruction of Construction Technology Faculty Steve Brokaw, students are already doing cabinetry and countertop work inside the concession stand at FNB Field, building a storage shed for athletics, and working on a classroom inside the newly remodeled Emergency Preparedness building (former bookstore).

At right, the students help spread cement for the floor of the new storage building with the help of Steve Brokaw.



The Fairfield Rotary Club donated funds to help build the athletics storage shed. Pictured accepting the donation are: Construction students Bruce Delaney, Mark Andrist, Jeremy Kemplen, Alexis Shaw, Steve Robinson, Haylee Neuman, FCC Construction Technology Faculty Steve Brokaw, FCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma, student Mark Withrow, FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren, Rotary representative Jonathon Farmer, FCC Foundation President Sarah Rush, students Knox Faulkner, John King, Lawson Clayton, and Robin Jones.



# Nursing at FCC Adds New Instructors

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Karen Marks and Beth Wilson have been hired as Nursing Faculty for the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) – Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program located at Frontier Community College (FCC). Both instructors began their duties on August 10, 2017.

Each instructor brings a unique background of experience that they will share with the nursing students. Marks began her nursing career at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois in the 1980s. She then began teaching, starting with Health Occupations at Carmi-White County High School, followed by CNA and LPN courses at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg for eight years. From 2001-2005, Marks taught CNA classes at FCC before teaching in the IECC-OCC Nursing program at Frontier from 2005-2008. Before coming back to FCC, Marks taught in the nursing program at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville, Indiana from 2009-2017.

Karen Marks obtained her Associate Degrees in Business Administration and Nursing from Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois, followed by her Bachelor of Nursing Degree from the Mennonite College of Nursing/Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois. Continuing her education, Marks went on to receive her Master's Degree in Nursing from Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

Outside of her busy nursing schedule, Karen enjoys spending time with her husband Tom at their home in West Salem, Illinois. Together they have three adult children: Randall and wife Kaytlyn of West Salem, Miranda of Evansville, Indiana, and Andrea of West Salem.

Marks brings her love of teaching nursing a little closer to home at Frontier Community College. "I love teaching nursing. There are many educators in my family, so I have always had a passion for teaching and the love of learning. When nursing, you can help people in need. Teaching nursing is the best of both worlds. I am happy to be working closer to home."

Beth Wilson is also not a stranger to teaching at Frontier Community College, as she has taught dual credit Health Careers, CNA, and CPR classes for several years for FCC. She has also worked as a nurse in many areas of healthcare. Wilson has served as a staff nurse in obstetrics, emergency rooms, home health, hospice, and long term care. She has also been the house charge in the hospital setting, and has held management positions in OB, ER, and the Area Health Education Center.

Wilson began her education by obtaining her LPN from Olney Central College, followed by her Associate Degree in Nursing at Frontier in the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Nursing Program. Later, Wilson received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from McKendree College, and is currently working on her Masters through Chamberlain College for Nurses.

Outside of teaching, Wilson enjoys spending time with her husband Keith Wilson. Residing in Fairfield, they have two children, daughter Jessica and husband Jeff, and son Heath. They are blessed with two grandchildren, Rowen and Ashlynn Blevins.

Marks and Wilson join Wanda Douglas and Susan Adams as faculty members at the Frontier Community College location for the Olney Central College Nursing Program. Julie Bullard serves as the advisor for the program.

# EVENTS, CLASSES, AND HAPPENINGS AT FCC!

## FCC Sponsored Car Shows Coming Up!



Fairfield Fall Fun Fest  
**CAR SHOW**  
SPONSORED BY:  
**FCC**  
AUTOMOTIVE CLUB  
**SEPTEMBER 16**  
REGISTRATION: 9AM- 1PM  
AWARDS PRESENTATION: 2PM  
LEMONS CHEVROLET LOT: CORNER OF 4TH & DELAWARE  
**\$10 REGISTRATION FEE**  
**AWARDS PRESENTED**  
SPECTATOR VOTING SO PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY!



Wayne City Bean Days  
**Car & Truck Show**  
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017  
Held In The Front Parking Lot Of The Wayne City School  
Route 15 to Market Street to Walnut Street - Follow Signs  
Sponsored by: **FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Awards to be Presented at 1:30pm**  
Dash Plaques to the First 100 Vehicles Entered  
Plaques for the Top 50 Vehicles  
Trophies for "Best of Show Car" & "Best of Show Truck"  
All Judging Completed by Public Ballot  
**Registration: 9:30am - 12pm**  
**\$ 10 Registration fee**  
\*\*Not Responsible for Accidents or Injuries\*\*Held Rain or Shine\*\*No Alcohol Allowed\*\*

## See You at the Pole September 27

ONE.LOVE.Christian Club will sponsor See You at the Pole on Wednesday, September 27 in front of Classroom Building West. Students around the world will be gathering at their flagpoles praying for their schools, families, friends, churches, and communities.

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE™**  
**FIX OUR EYES**

Everyone is invited! Devotion and prayer will begin at noon.

## Program Specific Scholarships Due 10/2

The Program Specific Scholarship Application is now available online at [iecc.edu/fcc](http://iecc.edu/fcc). The deadline to submit the application is October 2, 2017.

Scholarships available include: \$500 Bill Brower Educational Scholarship; Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative EDS Scholarship in Honor of Gerry Kinney covering tuition and fees; \$1,000 Earl R. Pottorff Memorial EDS Scholarship; \$250 Steve Rafferty Memorial EDS Scholarship; \$250 Luke Vaughan Memorial EDS Scholarship; \$500 Debra Jean Withrow Nursing Scholarship; 2 - \$500 Clemence Elizabeth Cox Nursing Scholarships; 4 - \$500 Vicky Lemons Memorial Nursing Scholarships; and \$500 Wayne County Misfit Car Club Auto Scholarship.

**IT'S  
FAFSA  
TIME!**

Are you trying to complete your  
**2018 - 2019 FAFSA?**  
Let us help!

**Frontier Community College FAFSA  
Completion Event:**

**October 4, 2017  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Join us at the Richard L. Mason Building Room 25!**

\* Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event if they would like help filling out the FAFSA. The 2018 - 2019 FAFSA will use prior-prior year data (2016). Please make sure you bring your social security numbers (both parents and students) and 2016 income tax information.



# The Bobcat Beat

[www.fccbobcats.com](http://www.fccbobcats.com)

## 2017 Bobcats Volleyball



Frontier Community College Bobcats Volleyball has gotten off to a tough start, losing some close matches at the start of the season against John A. Logan, Rend Lake College, Southwestern Illinois College, and Kaskaskia College. Scenes from the first home game against John A. Logan College can be seen below.

With several games still left in the season, the Bobcats look to pick up their first win when they travel to Millikin University for a Tri-Match on September 16.

Fans still have a chance to catch the Bobcats at their home venue at Center Street School Gymnasium on September 18 against Rend Lake, September 26 against Vincennes University, and October 1 during a Tri-Match with Lincoln Trail and Parkland College.

Members of the 2017 Bobcats pictured above are, front row from left: Sabria Phillips, Ally Pennington, Shealyn Healy, Bailey Walters, Larissa Hamilton, Cori Cissell, and Misty Gill. Back row: Head Coach Marjorie Jordan, Maddie Gillard, Abby Potter, Lixi Wheeler, Madissen Torrence, Nadia de la Torre, Manager Sumer Jacobs, and Assistant Coach Kristen Wright.





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## Baseball & Softball Off to Hot Start in Fall League

Bobcats Baseball and Softball squads have gotten off to a hot start during their fall exhibition leagues for 2017.

Baseball has begun the fall 2-1, taking wins over Lincoln Trail College 18-8 and Wabash Valley College 12-11, while falling to John A. Logan College 12-7.

Baseball fans have three more chances to catch the Bobcats at home at FNB Field on September 20 against Wabash Valley College at 4 p.m., September 26 against John A. Logan College at 3 p.m., and September 28 against Southeastern Illinois College at 3 p.m.

At right, Lawson Clayton slides home safely on a passed ball.



Softball went undefeated in the Lincoln Trail College Fall Invite, taking two wins over Lindenwood College 3-4 and 7-6, and also beating Parkland College 7-1. At the Olney Central College Fall Play Day, the Bobcats defeated Lincoln Trail College 11-5 and Kaskaskia College 5-2, while tying Olney Central College 7-7.

The Bobcats will play their lone fall home game on September 20 at 5 p.m. against Wabash Valley College in a double header at Southwest Park.

At right, Samantha Finn blasts a two-run homerun on the second pitch of her first at bat of the season.

## BOBCATS SOFTBALL

**5K RUN and WALK**  
 sponsored by:  
 Fairfield Memorial Hospital &  
 Fairfield Banking Company

**OCTOBER 7, 2017**

Open to all age groups! Fundraiser to directly benefit  
 Frontier Community College Bobcats Softball!  
**AWARDS AT THE BOBCAT DEN AFTER THE RACE!**

### FREE T-SHIRT!

Sponsored by Fairfield Banking Company &  
 Fairfield Memorial Hospital

Contact: Kimberly Briggs (618) 599-0534

Location: FCC Bobcat Den - 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL

Race Day Registration: 7 a.m.

Race Begins: 8 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$30

Register Online at:

athlinks.com/event/frontier-bobcats-softball-5k-208908