



FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOYAGER

Meet the Bobcats

At the First Ever Bobcats Volleyball Game

It was a big moment in the history of Frontier Community College August 27, 2015, when the first ever Bobcats volleyball game was held. There was a large crowd of community who came out to support the Bobcats and to watch the volleyball game against Southwestern Illinois College. Athletic Director Tommy Kent has provided a recap of the Bobcats softball and volleyball season on page 6 of this publication.



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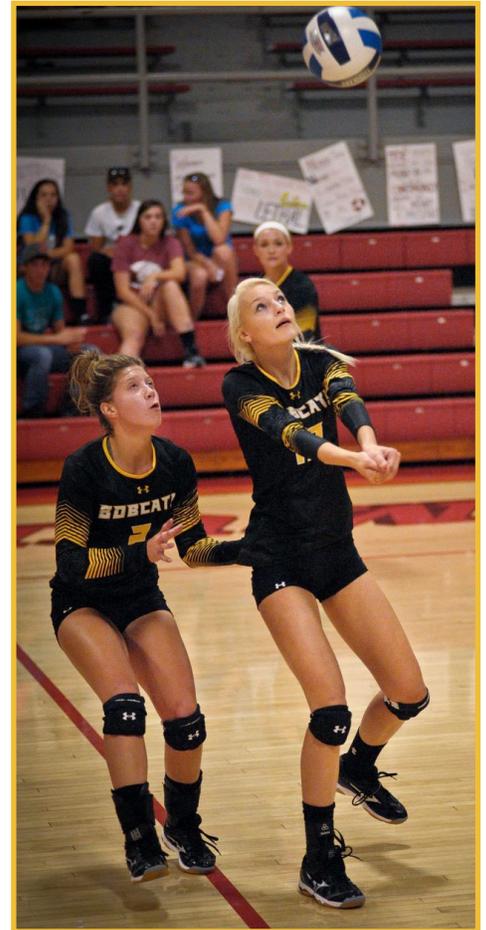


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FCC Graduate Making Dreams Come True at Disney World

The last four years have been a magical journey for Sarah Simpson as she strives to make dream vacations for others become a reality at Disney World.

Sarah is a Tech Support Analyst and a member of the Walt Disney World Resort 2015 Disney Traditions Team, a promotion she received in August. To achieve this, she went through a rigorous audition process over a period of six weeks. She is responsible for facilitating the Disney Traditions classes for new generation cast members, crew members, and imagineers. In the Traditions Program, Sarah introduces them to Disney's story, heritage, and culture. She also encourages them to explore and understand the role they will play in making sure their guests have a magical vacation.

The Fairfield native never dreamed that she would someday be a part of the Walt Disney World Resort team. She had visited the resort with her family back in 1996 when she was just seven years old. However, it was 11 years later when she became interested in working at Disney. "It all started on a whim one day when I was in the college library," stated Sarah. "I saw a brochure for the Disney College Program and took one home that evening to read through. I realized what a great opportunity this was and submitted an online application." Sarah scheduled an interview with a Disney Recruiter for the next week, who was scheduled to be on campus doing an information session the next week.

Sarah was accepted into the Disney College Program and spent January through August of 2008 in Orlando working at the Magic Kingdom theme park. "While I was working at Magic Kingdom, I truly developed a sense of business," stated Sarah. "I was fascinated with the Disney culture and became interested in the heritage and success of the Walt Disney

Company. I also worked closely with casts from all over the world – many of which I keep in contact with to this day."

Returning back home, Sarah enrolled at Frontier Community College for the fall semester. While a student at FCC, she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and active in chapter activities. She participated in the spring show choir, and obtained CEO Honors each semester. Sarah completed the Associate in Science and Arts degree in May 2009.

Sarah transferred to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to pursue Hospitality. However, there was always an underlying desire to move to Orlando and work full-time at Disney World. In the summer of 2011, Sarah returned to Disney World for a vacation and it was then that she made the decision to complete an online employment application and see what turned up. In November 2011, she was offered a position at the Contemporary Resort as a Private Dining Cashier and moved two weeks later.

Eight months later in July 2012, Sarah received a temporary assignment for a pilot test taking place at the Contemporary Resort. During the 4-week assignment, Sarah gathered feedback from guests and cast members to be used in the development of the Next Generation Experience technology project.

In September 2012, Sarah signed on with another 6-month assignment that turned in to two years. In this role, Sarah was a Project Assistant for the Park Support-Hypercare Team. The Next Generation Experience, packaged under the name MyMagic+, was ready and her role was to help implement it in all facets, specifically at Magic Kingdom Park. This included supporting dining locations and merchandise and operations teams with troubleshooting and resolving technological issues. She also

gathered feedback from cast members on a daily basis to report back to the executive steering committee. Sarah is very happy for the opportunity to be working full-time at Walt Disney World.

When reflecting back on her time at Frontier Community College, Sarah is pleased with the quality education she received and the strong foundation it laid for her current job. She is also thankful for a staff and faculty that cared about their students and wanted to see them be successful. "At Disney, we primarily communicate through e-mail, so I constantly think back to my Composition 2 and Introduction to Literature classes that I took with instructor Judith Puckett," stated Sarah. "In my business emails, it's important to make sure the messages are precisely and professionally conveyed using proper English."



One of Sarah's favorite quotes is from Walt Disney himself: "You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality."

The Bucksqueez Belt Climb

FCC Grads Providing Assistance

Ed Patton, faculty for the Electrical Distribution Systems program, moved his students to the outdoors during the first full week of classes to try climbing while using the Bucksqueeze belt. FCC grads Ryan Barrett and Tyler Lashbrook came by to assist the students. It takes coordination and practice to move the Bucksqueeze belt with each step up or down using the gaffs on their boots.

The Bucksqueeze system is intended to provide fall protection on the wooden poles. If the user slides or falls, the strap is designed to squeeze the pole, securing the user and preventing a fall.



2012 graduate Ryan Barrett (left) is shown explaining how to tighten up the Bucksqueeze belt. Tyler is employed by the City of Fairfield as an apprentice lineman.



2011 graduate Tyler Lashbrook (right) is shown explaining how to tighten up the Bucksqueeze belt. Tyler is employed by the City of Fairfield as an apprentice lineman.



Game-A-Palooza

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm

In the Learning Resource Center at
Frontier Community College

For more information call

Merna Youngblood at (618) 842-3711



Schedule

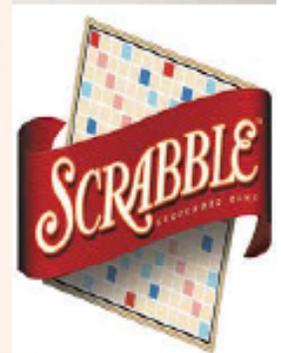
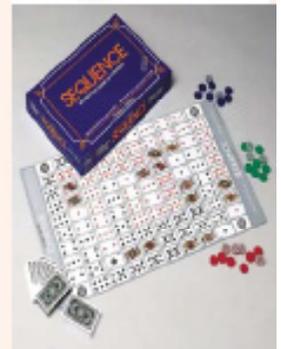
Food

12:00(noon)- Subway
Sandwiches
3:00- Ice Cream Sundae
5:00- Pizza
Chips & Salsa all
afternoon



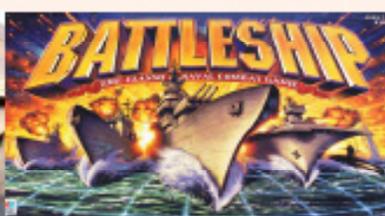
Games

12:00(noon)- 8:00 pm
Scrabble, Checkers, Battleship,
Sequence, Phase 10, Skipbo, Uno,
Othello, Rummikub, Babble On,
Spoons, Apples to Apples, Ping Pong,
Oversized Jenga,
Team Tournament—Pictionary



"How well do you know your friends? Could you tell if they were lying to you? Bring them to Game-A-Palooza and find out."

"Could you and your friends work together to survive a zombie apocalypse? Bring them to Game-A-Palooza and find out."



Food Frenzy

Tuesday, September 8
 Classroom Building West
 Student Lounge
 11am - 1pm
 5:30-6:30pm

To welcome the students to campus,



Christian Club

Weekly meetings each Tuesday at 3:30pm in room 105 at the Learning Resource Center. Open to all FCC students.

Family FUN Night

Tuesday, September 15, 4:30pm-6:30pm on campus

- Games
- Train Rides
- Free Books
- Hot dogs & Cookies



Celebrating Literacy & Adult Education

Frontier Community College's Adult Education is celebrating National Literacy Month and Adult Education Week on Tuesday, September 15, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Frontier's campus. There will be games, free books and the Lion's Club train, which is always a favorite for children. Staff will provide complimentary hot dogs, cookies, and soda throughout the evening for the community.

FCC's Adult Literacy Program encourages reading among families while offering free tutoring to adult learners who need assistance with literacy or English as a Second Language. The Program is made possible by volunteer tutors in Wayne, Clay, Edwards, Lawrence, Jasper, Wabash, Richland, and Crawford counties.

Contact Linda Sargent at FCC for details.

Community Job Fair

September 23

2pm - 6pm

Attending Employers

Aerotek (Toyota Motor Mfg)
 Christopher Rural Health Planning Corp
 Clay County Hospital
 DISH Network
 Elastec
 Executive Building Maintenance
 Heritage Woods of Flora
 IL Dept. of Employment Security
 Manpower
 Menards
 North American Lighting
 Pepsi MidAmerica
 Priority Professional Group
 Priority Staffing Group
 Rides Mass Transit

Schneider National Carriers
 Sheet Metal Workers Local 288
 Southeast IL AHEC
 Southeastern IL Agency on Aging
 Southern Workforce 14
 St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
 St. Mary's Good Samaritan
 Unique Personnel
 United Methodist Children's Home
 WADI
 Walgreen's Distribution Center
 Walmart Distribution Center
 Wayfair Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
 WFIW Radio/The Original Company



To add your business, contact
 Frontier Community College at
 (618) 842-3711, ext. 4009.





By Tommy Kent
Athletic Director

Updates

The fall semester is upon us, and with that comes a new era for Frontier Community College. The Bobcats have officially begun their softball and volleyball programs and are off to a fantastic start.

Softball

Softball opened its inaugural season with a trip down to Southeastern Illinois College for the annual tournament. They faced off with the Rend Lake Warriors in their first ever game, and though they didn't get the win, they did get a handful of historic firsts. Sabrina Seitzinger from Fairfield threw the very first pitch ever in Bobcats softball history for a laser accurate strike. Chloe Hinkle also from Fairfield drove in the first runs ever with a 2RBI double. They had the Warriors against the ropes with 2 runners on and 1 out when play was called for time.

The Bobcats took on the host team Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) next and fought a tough battle against a very good team. Down 5 runs, they rallied back to tie it up, but SIC came back to go up 7-5. The Bobcats fought back and had runners on 2nd and 3rd again with 1 out, but time was called once again.

The last game of the day became a

historic one. The Bobcats took on Morthland College out of West Frankfort, Illinois. Michaela Beach out of Oakland City, Indiana, crushed the ball over the fence for 3 RBIs and the first ever home run in Bobcats softball history. The Bobcats would hold the lead until the very end picking up their first ever victory 7 to 4.

The Bobcats softball team is lead by their coaches Marty Slover and Jeremy Ellis.

Volleyball

The volleyball program has been busy as well, as they opened their historic first season at home versus a tough team from Southwestern Illinois College. A cookout was held before the game where pork burgers, chips, and drinks were served to a crowd of about 200. Following the cookout, both the volleyball and softball teams were introduced to the crowd along with their parents.

The game kicked off at 6:30 p.m. and though the Bobcats ended up losing in three nail biting games, a lot of positives were taken from their first ever game that were carried over to game 2.

Game 2 came up very quickly for the Bobcats as they only had a few short days to get ready for a well prepared team in Morthland College. The Bobcats fell behind early losing the first game in another nail biter. However, the Bobcats rallied together after some inspirational words from Coach Jessica Hughes to win three straight games and take the match. This historic first victory will be a great building block as the Bobcats prepare to travel to East Peoria on September 8 to take on Illinois Central College, ranked #3 in the nation.

Softball Field Renovation

The Bobcats Athletic Department is also busy renovating its softball field, which is almost complete and will be ready for the spring season.

Baseball Coming Fall 2016

Baseball will be arriving on Frontier's campus in the fall of 2016 and with it another set of historic firsts for the college. Stay tuned for all that is going on with Bobcats Athletics as we continue our mission of building a foundation for success.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

2015 SEASON SCHEDULE

Thurs. Aug. 27th	SWIC	Home 6:30pm
Weds. Sept. 2nd	Morthland	Home 7:00pm
Tues. Sept. 8th	Illinois Central	Away 7:00pm
Mon. Sept. 28th	Rend Lake	Home 6:30pm
Sat. Oct. 3rd	Lincoln (Tri Match)	Away 11:00am
Weds. Oct. 7th	Lewis & Clark	Away 6:00pm
Mon. Oct. 12th	Lincoln Trail	Home 6:30pm
Mon. Oct. 19th	Kaskaskia	Home 6:30pm
Weds. Oct. 21st	Morthland	Away 7:00pm
Sat. Oct. 24th	Lincoln Land (Tri) @Parkland College	Away 11:00am
Mon. Oct. 26th	Rend Lake	Away 6:30pm
Nov. 2nd-7th	Regionals	Away TBA

BOBCATS SOFTBALL

2015 FALL SEASON SCHEDULE

August 22nd- Southeastern Tournament	TBA
August 29th- at Morthland College (Double Header) @West Frankfort City Park	2:00pm
August 30th- at Wabash Valley College (Double Header)	1:00pm
September 5th- John A Logan Tournament (4 games) @John A. Logan College	TBA
September 19th-20th- Booneville Fall Classic (4 games)	TBA

Southwest Park Softball Field

“The grass is always greener on the other sod”



Eleven pallets of sod were delivered to South West Park on August 31. FCC staff spent an afternoon rolling out the sod around the infield, despite the heat and high humidity.



The Bobcat Den Update



Above: Athletic Director Tommy Kent's office will be located at the Bobcat Den. Drywall is up and ready for the mudding to begin. New ceiling tiles will be installed.



Above: Formerly a racquetball court, this classroom that will be used for Zumba and yoga classes. The wood floor has been sanded and is waiting a finishing coat. The walls have been freshly painted.



Above: The Bobcat Coffeehouse is coming along. The walls are painted gray, black ceiling tiles and new light fixtures have been installed. Around mid-September, the concrete floors will be stained and the plumber will finish the restrooms and kitchen/bar area. Furniture has been ordered and will coordinate with the Bobcats colors of black and gold.