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April Calendar

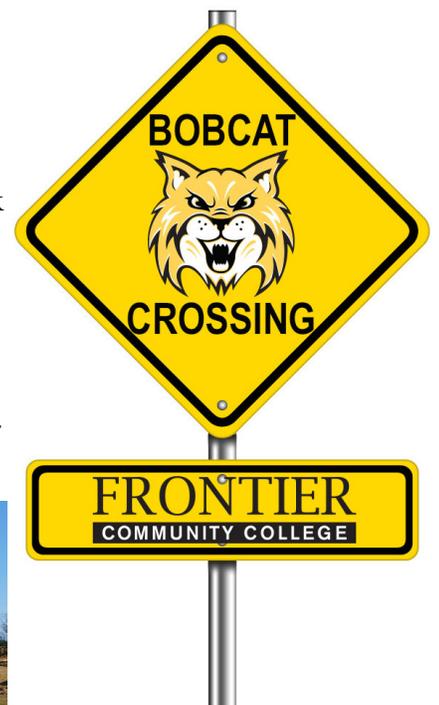
- 1 Wayne County Scholastic Bowl
- 6 Automotive Technology Committee Meeting - Bob Boyles Hall: 6pm
- 8 Community Art Show: 4-7pm Classroom Building West
- 9 Foundation Annual Fundraiser Jackpot Jamboree - Fairfield Elks 6pm
- 13 Community Job Fair: 10am - 2pm Workforce Development Center
- 15 Bobcat Softball Field Dedication Between DH Games vs. LTC
- 16 Bobcats Softball @ Lakeland DH 6pm
- 17 Bobcats Softball @ Shawnee DH 12pm
- 18 Bobcats Softball @ Home DH 4:30pm Vs. Rend Lake
- 18 WVC Instructor Brenda Phegley Book Signing in LRC: 3 - 6pm Prescription for a Cheerful Heart: Scripture Lessons in Happiness A to Z
- 20 Rinda Hahn Book Signing in LRC 1 - 3pm: Unspeakable Journey
- 20 Student Senate Taco-in-a-Bag Sale LRC beginning at 11am
- 23 Electrical Distribution Systems Lineman Rodeo - 10am on campus
- 25 Bobcats Softball @ LTC DH 6pm
- TBD Bobcats Softball Region 24 District Tournament

Student Housing Progress Moving Right Along



Great progress continues to be made on the student housing complex going up adjacent to Frontier Community College. Both buildings are now standing, with the roof and siding being complete. Doors and windows were recently added, making the facility look more like “home.”

In the last month, potential names for the facility have been thrown around. Contractor Dean Kieffer took suggestions from FCC staff and made a final decision on a name for the complex of...Bobcat Crossing!



Student Nurse Association Holds Blood Drive in Honor of Vicky Lemons



The FCC Student Nurse Association held a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on March 14. With a goal of 19 donors, SNA surpassed their goal and had 26 presenting donors



and 24 pints collected! At left, Steve Lemons takes some time after giving blood to thank some of the SNA students for their work and for honoring Vicky with this blood drive. Above, FCC Advisor Kara Blanton gives the gift of life early in the blood drive.

Shana Carter Named TRIO April Student of the Month



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student in the Spotlight

Shana Carter

“I didn’t think college was possible until I was introduced to the TRIO SSS Program.”

Shana Carter is the April 2016 Frontier Community College TRIO Student Support Services Student of the Month. Shana is taking classes at FCC to complete a certificate in Phlebotomy in May. She will continue her studies at Frontier Community College to obtain the Associate in Science and Arts and Associate in General Studies Degrees.

Shana made the Chief Executive Officer’s List for Fall 2015 and currently has a 3.77 cumulative grade point average. After completion of her degrees, her

goal is to be accepted into the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Nursing program at Frontier Community College.

In addition to her academic achievements, Shana is active in the Frontier Community College TRIO SSS Club and the One.Love.Christian Club. Miss Carter has participated in many community service activities because of her involvement in the TRIO Program. These activities include making Veteran’s Day cards for veterans at the local VA Hospital, raising money for Hope Ministries in Geff, making Valentine’s Day and Easter cards for nursing home residents, and donating blankets to the Wayne County Humane Society. Regarding her experience in the TRIO SSS program, Shana explained, “I didn’t think college was possible until I was introduced to the TRIO SSS Program.”

Shana is a native of Wayne City and graduated from Wayne City High School in 2015. She is the daughter of Gayla Wheeler and the late Ronald Carter. In addition to her involvement on Frontier Community College’s campus, she has been working part time as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Shana also just accepted a position of CNA Secretary at Fairfield Memorial Hospital and will begin her duties once spring semester ends.

If you are currently a Frontier Community College student and would like to learn more about eligibility or the free services that TRIO Student Support Services has to offer, please contact Annie Lankford, TRIO SSS Academic Advisor, at 618-842-3711 extension 4115.

FCC Staff Enjoy Spring Break Week



Showing that Bobcat Pride: Sitting: Chad Noble and Ashlee Spannagel. 2nd Row: Debbie Bryant, Megan Black, Cheryl Holder, Rae Medler, Dena Weber, and Tina Nation. 3rd Row: Tara Farleigh, Kara Blanton, Lori Noe, Carrie Halbert, Jan Wiles, Dr. Paul Bruinsma, and Alyssa Parrott. Back Row: Eric Resor, Tommy Kent, Dr. Jay Edgren, Robert Tennyson, and Andy Hill. Nerds at right are: Dr. Jay Edgren, Tara Farleigh, Dena Weber, Annie Lankford, Kara Blanton, Dr. Paul Bruinsma, and Eric Resor.

While the students were away enjoying Spring Break, the staff at Frontier Community College decided to have a little fun and make each day a themed dress-up day.

Monday: College Alumni Day

Tuesday: Favorite Sports Team Day

Wednesday: Nerd Day

Thursday: Bobcat Day

Friday: Hawaiian Day



Above - supporting their Alma Mater are Front: Tina Nation, Carrie Halbert, Jan Wiles, and Mary Johnston. Back: Alyssa Parrott, Debbi Hosselton, Eric Resor, Annie Lankford, and Julie Crawford.

Above left - Several people sported their favorite athletic teams! Sitting: Kathy Wheeler and Amy Loss. 2nd Row: Lori Noe, Kara Blanton, Mary Johnston, Carrie Halbert, Rae Medler, and Tina Nation. 3rd Row: Eric Resor, Chad Noble, Dena Weber, Annie Lankford, Jan Wiles, Debbi Hosselton, Debbie Bryant, and Alyssa Parrott. Back Row: Dr. Jay Edgren and Dr. Paul Bruinsma.



Left - Despite the cool weather, staff celebrated spring break for Hawaiian Day while daydreaming about being there: Alyssa Parrott, Dena Weber, Debbie Bryant, Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Kara Blanton, Debbi Hosselton, Tina Nation, Carrie Halbert, and Rae Medler.

Automotive Technology Gives Demo, Picks Winner

The Automotive Technology class gave an airbag demonstration this month in their state-of-the-art auto lab. Demonstrating the importance of fastening your seatbelt, the students, as well as ASE Certified Instructor Rodney Maxey, explained to their audience what factors have to happen in order for an airbag to deploy. A small crowd gathered as Maxey initiated the deployment of the airbag to show the effects it held on the dummy placed in the driver's seat.

Just a couple of weeks later, the Automotive Technology Club picked a winner in their 1964 Corvair Raffle. Winner Roger Mann of Ellery claimed his prize on March 21 and plans to make it a project with current auto student Tony Powell.



Frontier Community College President Dr. Jay Edgren Keynote Speaker at Annual Chamber Dinner

Frontier Community College President Dr. Jay Edgren was asked to be the Keynote Speaker this year at the annual Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Monday, March 14, 2016. After dinner, silent auction items, and awards were given out, Dr. Edgren took the stage to enlighten the audience about different things going on at Frontier Community College.

Coming from the northern state of Wisconsin, Dr. Edgren entertained the audience with his explanation of the language gap he experienced when moving to Southern Illinois: explaining how he learned the meaning of “ya’ll,” “you’ins,” and other “southern slang” that he has had to adjust to. Many audience members seemed to relate and were humored by an outside view of the terms.



Dr. Edgren also briefed the audience on the state of the State of Illinois and some facts surrounding the current budget issue. Explaining how that effected FCC, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, and what the future held for our district, audience members were surprised at the figures shown for the change in the Illinois budget in the past several years.

Moving on to the growth that Frontier has been able to sustain during the budget crunch, Dr. Edgren concluded his discussion by presenting information and pictures of some of what is new at FCC: Bobcat Field at Southwest Park, an update on student housing, the Bobcat Den Fitness Center, Frontier Perks Coffeehouse, and explained the plans for the future baseball field on the Frontier Community College campus for Spring 2017.

Area Residents Enjoy Annual Senior Citizens Day at FCC

Nearly 100 area residents enjoyed the annual Senior Citizens Day held in the Workforce Development Center on the Frontier Community College Campus on March 18. Staff from Fairfield Memorial Hospital provided the sessions for the day, discussing topics ranging from nutrition and wellness to preparing for the end of life. The day began with a welcome from Dr. Paul Bruinsma, followed by a keynote speech from FMH CEO Kathy Bunting-Williams. Guests enjoyed lunch provided by the Dietary Department at FMH, followed by a healthfair with many vendors to chat with. Many guests then made their way to the Bobcat Den for guided tours by Fitness Center Director Tommy Kent.



Left: FCC phlebotomy students provided free finger stick blood sugar checks to patrons. The finger sticks will count towards the number the students have to perform in a semester.



Right: Tommy Kent provided tours and answered questions for those interested in the facilities and services provided by the Bobcat Den Fitness Center.

Community Art Show 2016 a Success

A crowd of over 160 attended the Community Art Show at Frontier Community College on April 8. There were 136 adult entries and 83 high school entries.

Guests attending the show voted for one favorite overall and one favorite from the stained glass pieces. The Overall Best of Show and \$100 went to Ryley Pampe from Edwards County High School for his drawing "Lady Smoking." The Overall People's Choice voted on by the public went to Robert Krajec of West Salem for his sculpture "Rockin Cycle." Sharon Troyer of West Salem received the Stained Glass People's Choice for her piece "Feathered Angel."

Prior to the show, all the artwork was judged with First through Third Place ribbons awarded, along with Best of Show.



A large crowd visited and took in over 200 displays of art in categories of Drawing, Painting, Graphic Design, Photography, Sculpture, and Stained Glass.



Wayne County Scholastic Bowl Held

Frontier Community College hosted the 28th Annual Wayne County Scholastic Bowl on Friday, April 1, 2016 in Classroom Building West.

Sweeping the board and taking First Place was Geff Grade School, followed by New Hope School with just one loss for the day in Second Place. Taking Third Place was Center Street School who played a close match in the third place game.



Frontier Community College Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma presents the plaque Geff Grade School Coach Sally Dye and her First Place winning team.



Summer & Fall 2016

Registration

HAS BEGUN!

Contact the Advisement Office NOW to schedule your appointment!



618-842-3711



The Bobcat Beat

INAUGURAL BOBCATS HOME SOFTBALL GAME!

Bobcats Softball Remaining Games

4/15	LTC	4:30
Field Dedication		
4/16	@ Lakeland	6:00
4/17	@ Shawnee	12:00
4/18	Rend Lake	4:30
4/25	@ LTC	6:00

Region 24 District Tournament TBD

****All games double headers****

The Bobcats Softball crew was finally able to play their first ever home softball game at Bobcat Field in Southwest Park on Wednesday, March 16 against the nationally ranked Wabash Valley College Warriors. A large crowd was on hand to witness the historic event, with the Bobcats defeating the Warriors in the first game of the doubleheader by a score of 5-1. Wabash came back to win the second game of the doubleheader, but spirits were still high as coaches, players, and fans were excited to see college softball played in Fairfield for the first time and to witness a win at that! Scenes from the first game can be seen below.



Above: Bobcats Pitcher Cyporah Kirk of Newburgh brings the heat.



Below: Fairfield native Alyssa Kollak rips a hit for the Bobcats.

Left: Wayne City native Sara Green makes the play at second base for the out.

Right: Past and present - FCC's first President Richard Mason and our current President Dr. Jay Edgren discuss the excitement of having Bobcats Softball for Frontier Community College at the first ever home softball game.

