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June Calendar

- 6 College for Kids: (6th & 13th)
Yoga: A Jungle Adventure
Instructor: Melinda Bunting
- 7 First Day of Summer Classes
- 7 Bobcats Baseball Field Ground
Breaking Ceremony
10am East of Bobcat Den
- 8 College for Kids:
Rockin' Rhymes & Rhythms
Instructor: Roberta Biggs
- 14 TRIO Upward Bound at FCC
- 15 Star Party: east end of RLM lot
8:45pm - Instructor Ken Harris
- 20-22 College for Kids:
Garbage Pail Science
Instructor: Reba Boyer
- 21 IECC Board of Trustees Meeting
Frontier Community College
Bob Boyles Hall: 7p.m.
- 28 College for Kids:
Creatures of the Deep Blue Sea
Instructor: Jenna Montgomery
- 29 College for Kids:
Science of Ice Cream
Instructor: Jenna Montgomery

BOBCATS BASEBALL

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Frontier Community College, in collaboration with the Fairfield Wayne County Area Development Commission, held a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the baseball field on Tuesday, June 7 at 10 a.m. on campus. A nice crowd was on hand with area business leaders and community members, as well as Illinois State Representative David Reis, Illinois Eastern Community College Board of Trustee Members Gary Carter, Jan Ridgely, and Alan Henager, and IECC Chief Executive Officer Mr. Terry Bruce.

The baseball field will be built in the open area between the Bobcat Den Fitness Center and the Learning Resource Center/Classroom Building West on the Frontier Community College campus. The new baseball field is not only planned to be used by Frontier Community College, but will be available for use by community and area baseball teams. The field will adhere to all NCAA regulations, allowing FCC to host region, conference, and traveling team tournaments for multiple age levels in the future. The outfield fence will be 330 feet in the corners, 375 feet in the alleys, and 400 feet at center field.



Several community leaders, FCC staff, and many other important stakeholders were on hand for the ground breaking ceremony. Those up front with the golden shovels are from left: Paul Lunsford of Lunsford Architects, FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren, Bobcats Baseball Coach Jeff Baker, IECC Board of Trustees Member Gary Carter, Jeremy Carter of Carter Trucking, IECC CEO Mr. Terry Bruce, Illinois State Representative David Reis, and Fairfield Mayor Chuck Griswold. Above Mr. Bruce, Gary Carter, and Dr. Edgren give remarks to open the ceremony, while FCC's first president, Mr. Richard Mason observes the historic event.



Over 266 Degrees Conferred at 38th Annual Commencement

Frontier Community College celebrated the 38th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 13 at 7p.m. at Fairfield Community High School with 166 students earning 266 degrees and certificates. A large number of those graduates attended the graduation ceremony to receive their degrees and certificates. The gym was full as family, friends, and loved ones gathered in support of our graduates. FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren presented Chloe Hinkle and Sabrina Seitzinger with the Co-President's Awards. Mr. Gary Carter and Mr. Jan Ridgely, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees members, presented the degrees and certificates.



Above left: Mother/daughter graduates Jamie and Lacey Sams proudly displayed their certificates together at FCC's graduation ceremony.

Above right: The first graduating softball and volleyball players posed following graduation. From left: Kelsea Newman, softball, Sabrina Seitzinger, softball, Alyssa Kollak, softball and volleyball, and Chloe Hinkle, softball.

Adult Ed Graduates 36



The Adult Education program at Frontier Community College recently hosted the 2016 GED Graduation Ceremony and reception on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Classroom Building West, Rooms 103-105.

Thirty-six students who successfully completed the GED® exam during the past year were honored, with thirteen attending the ceremony.

A cake and punch reception was held for the graduates, families and friends, the Adult Education Staff, and other guests following the ceremony.

STUDENT HOUSING UPDATE

Carpet is down, light fixtures are installed, and sidewalks have been poured. It's safe to say student housing is closer to completion and it is exciting to watch the construction unfold right out our back doors here at Frontier Community College!



At left below: One of the four bedrooms and the closet area are nearly finished in the housing unit that will house four-single occupancy bedrooms each.

Center Below: The kitchen and living room area are opened up with a high bar counter separating the two areas.

Right top and center: The two bathrooms are nearly completed in the four-bedroom units.

Right bottom: Double-doors lead to the patio area on the east side of the first building. A concrete patio will be available in each unit, this one facing the Workforce Development Center.



NATALIE GARRISON HIRED AS NEW PART-TIME RECORDS CLERK



Natalie Garrison has been hired as part-time Records Clerk at Frontier Community College. Garrison began her duties on Wednesday, June 1.

At FCC, Garrison will be assisting in admission applications processing, roster management, document archiving, and daily operations of the Registration and Records Department.

Aside from working in the Student Services Office, Garrison also works at Studio 117 in Fairfield as a hairdresser in the afternoons and does graphic design work.

A native of Fairfield, Garrison attended Frontier Community College, Rend Lake College for the Graphic Design program (prior to the program being established at FCC), and the Paul Mitchell School in Indianapolis. Garrison, formerly Natalie Vaughan, as well as both of her sisters Katie and Sarah, attended Frontier Community College.

Natalie is the daughter of Mark and Dorothy Vaughan of rural Fairfield, and is married to Fairfield native Todd Garrison.

STEVE BROKAW HIRED AS PART-TIME CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR



Steve Brokaw of Albion has been hired as a new Part-Time Construction Technology Instructor at Frontier Community College (FCC). Steve will begin his assignment at the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester.

Brokaw will bring a vast amount of real-life experience in construction to FCC students, as he began in the construction field immediately after high school. Projects Brokaw has completed include the construction of the Moose Family Center and what is now the McLean Implement Corporate Office both in Albion, remodel work on the first Subway in Albion, and construction on more homes around the area than he can count.

Adding to his experience, Brokaw just retired this year after fifteen year of teaching Industrial Technology at Edwards County High School in Albion. The class was open to freshmen through seniors and had a waiting list to enter most years.

Brokaw is looking forward to bringing his knowledge and experience to the Construction Tech program, stating, "I really like working with the students. There's always a challenge, but that's part of the fun of it. The biggest reward is making a difference in the lives of the students."

Outside of work, Brokaw enjoys spending time with his kids and grandkids. His son Dustin Brokaw lives in Fairfield with his family, while his daughter Kami Huddleston and her family live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was married over 37 years to the late Gail (Gillard) Brokaw.

At Frontier Community College, Brokaw is currently scheduled to teach CON 1205 Construction Intro and Safety on Tuesdays and CON 1225 Construction I on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this fall.

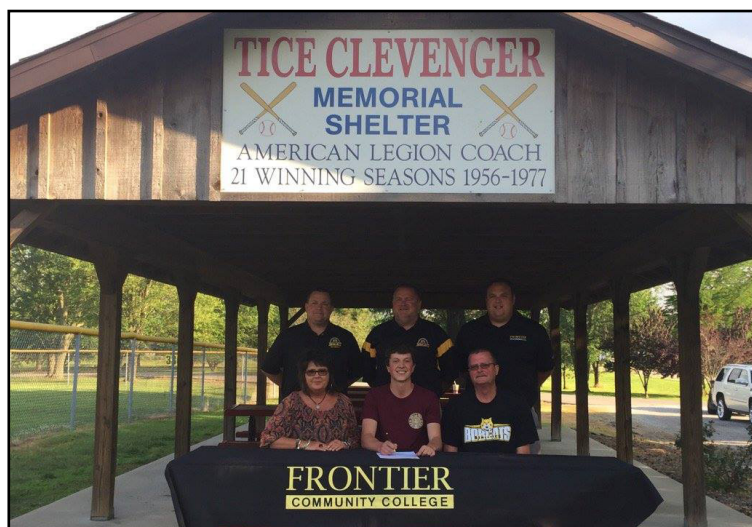
Enrollment is still open for the Construction Technology Program this fall semester at Frontier Community College. The two-year associate degree is designed to provide students with skills for entry-level employment in general construction. Over the course of the program, students will learn skills in framing, roofing, window installation, wiring, plumbing, dry walling, masonry, and finishing skills. Students will receive classroom instruction and hands-on training. Tools are provided.

For additional information about the Construction Technology Program at Frontier Community College, give us a call at (618) 842-3711 or visit our website at www.iecc.edu/fcc.



The Bobcat Beat

RECENTLY SIGNED ATHLETES



Top Left: Fairfield Community High School graduate Brandon Clevenger signed with Bobcats Baseball on June 14 at his grandfather's memorial shelter at Lakeside Park in Fairfield. Brandon will be an addition to the bullpen for the Bobcats.



Above Right: Serenity Whitaker of Clarksville, Tennessee signed with Bobcats Volleyball in May.

FUNDRAISING BEGINS FOR BASEBALL FIELD

Fundraising efforts for the baseball field to be built on Frontier Community College's campus has officially begun. FCC administration, as well as Bobcat Club members have begun meeting with area businesses and interested parties to present opportunities for aiding the construction of the baseball field.

President Dr. Jay Edgren, Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma, and Athletic Director Tommy Kent attended an area development meeting recently in Flora to present these opportunities to many local business leaders. Plans are to hold more meetings in the surrounding communities.

Any and all levels of contributions are appreciated, and recognition will be received for various levels of donations.



Recognition Levels Available

At left: Donations starting at \$100 or more will receive recognition through a granite tile to be displayed at the baseball field with family or business names listed on them. Sizes range from 8"x8", 12"x12", 18"x18" and 24"x24".

Above left: Corporate signage will also be available for businesses to purchase along the outfield fence for either 3, 5, or 10 years. Signs will be 4'x8' aluminum signs built to stand weather and time.

Above right: Individuals or businesses have the opportunity to purchase naming rights for the baseball field. Along with naming rights will come a large sign displayed at the field welcoming patrons to "Your Name Here!" Field/Park/etc. Sponsorship by this means will provide funds for lighting the field.