

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE KNIGHTLINE



August 2015

Upcoming Events

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- 19 *New Student Orientation*, 9 a.m., Theatre
- 20 *Fall Classes Begin*
- 20 *Welcome Back Cookout*, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Patio
- 25 *Community Choir Rehearsals Begin*, 6 p.m., Room 216
- 28 *Red Cross Blood Drive*, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Union
- 30-31 *M*A*S*H Auditions*, 2 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Monday, Theatre

College Visits

- Aug. 20** — Franklin University, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sept. 23** — Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 9 a.m. to noon
Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

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The OCC Theatre presents “Li’l Abner,” the first production staged in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center in 1977. The OCC Theatre is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

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OCC Theatre marks 40th anniversary

The Olney Central College Theatre is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Director Ruth Henry was serving as a part-time instructor teaching choir, voice and piano, when Music Instructor Steve Marrs approached her about staging a musical at OCC. Henry, who had theater experience in high school and college, agreed and in the spring of 1976 an all-student cast presented OCC’s first theatrical production, “The Fantasticks.”

“The theatre wasn’t even built yet so we used a portable stage in the Student Union,” Henry said. “We had no sound and no lighting, just a little combo that included a piano, a bass and percussion. That was it.”

The OCC Theatre found a permanent home with the completion of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The facility hosted its first production, “Li’l Abner,” in 1977.

In the ensuing years, Henry has directed 69 shows and seen the OCC Theatre emerge as a hallmark of the college.

“For many people, the theatre is the face of OCC,” she said. “We have patrons come from many miles away. They have been here and know the quality of our shows.”

The OCC Theatre expanded auditions to include area high school students and adults in 1982. Today it continues to draw talent from Olney and surrounding areas. Beginning with its production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in 2008, the OCC Theatre has attempted to bring more modern and elaborate shows to its audience including “Peter Pan,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Seussical,” and “Shrek the Musical.”

“We’ve been doing more difficult and technically involved productions,” Henry said. “We’ve flown people, had more complicated dance numbers and our special effects have increased. We also have improved our lighting and sound capabilities with up-to-date equipment.”

In keeping with its anniversary, the OCC Theatre will present two standards for the 2015-2016 season, “M*A*S*H,” the 1973 play based on the popular, book, movie and television show, and “South Pacific,” the 1949 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Performances will be in October and March, respectively.

Henry also hopes to commemorate the anniversary with a special event later in the year.



HVAC REPLACEMENT

A crane was used to lift Wattleworth Hall's new HVAC units into place on Aug. 12. The project began in late July when a crane was used to assist with the removal of the penthouse roofs and venting systems for the old units.



Collision Repair Open House set for Aug. 17

Olney Central College will unveil its new Collision Repair Technology Center with an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 1:10 p.m. inside the building. Refreshments and tours of the \$1.1 million facility will follow. The public is invited.

Construction began last summer on the 8,000-square foot structure, which features 4,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory space. The new facility includes an indoor wash bay, a separate equipment room and a new downdraft paint booth with an attached mixing room.

The project was funded by the Illinois Jobs Now construction program and overseen by the Illinois Capital Development Board, the state's construction management agency.



Welcome Back Cookout Aug. 20

OCC is hosting a Welcome Back Cookout for students on Thursday, Aug. 20. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the patio outside the Student Union. The menu includes hamburgers, chips and a drink. The meal is free.

Music Department tuition waivers still available

The OCC Music Department is pleased to announce that tuition waivers are still available for students for the current 2015-16 school year.

Students who audition and qualify could earn an eight- or 16-hour tuition waiver for participating in one or more of the OCC Performance Ensembles. These ensembles include the OCC Concert Choir, Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble.

“The administration at Olney Central College is very generous in their support for the Fine Arts programs,” said Suzanne Downes, Director of Bands/Music Instructor at Olney Central College. “There are still waivers available for this season – and we’d love to have more student musicians able to take advantage of this opportunity.”

For more information about the OCC Concert Choir, please contact Andrew Pittman at 395-7777, ext. 2252, or at pittmana@iecc.edu.

For more information about the OCC Concert Band or Jazz Ensemble, please contact Suzanne Downes at 395-7777, ext. 2251, or at downess@iecc.edu.

Student IDs

All students are required to obtain a Student ID Card in the Anderson Library. Students should bring their student course schedules and be prepared to have their photos taken.



OCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Jeffery Cutchin and Automotive Service Technology Instructor Tyler Boyles accept a \$2,500 check from RWCI General Manager Kevin Lewton.

Automotive Service Technology partnering with RWCI in Flora

RWCI in Flora is partnering with Olney Central College’s Automotive Service Technology Program to help students develop skills while assisting area companies and the local economy.

Instructor Tyler Boyles said the opportunity to work together arose when automotive student, Arren Hinkle, was hired by the firm, which rents, services and sells construction equipment. Through the association, Boyles connected with RWCI General Manager Kevin Lewton, who later spoke to the automotive class on how to be successful in any industry.

“During the discussion, he asked if we would be interested in repairing equipment that needed more extensive work and returning it in operating condition,” Boyles said.

Under Boyles’ direction, the students recently repaired a Terex telehandler for RWCI.

“It was a good experience for the students,” Boyles said. “Live projects always provide an excellent opportunity for students to apply and expand their skills.”

RWCI recently sold the equipment and presented the Automotive Program with a \$2,500 check from the proceeds.

RWCI has been in business for more than 21 years. Since purchasing the company in 2013, owner Jim Bindon has been raising the standard and quality of delivered and rented equipment with the goal of providing not only

“a piece of equipment, but peace of mind.”

With that goal in mind, RWCI became one of the first companies in the industry to offer a money back guarantee on specific models after being fully serviced by its team. RWCI also has tripled its rental fleet to improve local service and reliability.

“The only way to drive improvement in quality and reliability is to improve the skills of our employees so the partnership with Olney Central College is very important,” Lewton said. “OCC has been helpful in providing resources in training the existing staff as well as allowing us to participate in this type of program. All skills development not only helps the individual, but improves the community where we live.”

Lewton noted the partnership with OCC enabled students to experience a “real business” situation.

“In this case, the Terex telehandler was not functioning properly for several reasons and it was going to require several different skills sets to make it operational,” he said. “Not only was there an opportunity to increase the students’ understanding of using their specific skills, but also the chance to discuss how to plan, budget and meet end-user expectations. We are pleased with the results and look forward to partnering with Olney Central College on these types of programs in the future.”

M*A*S*H auditions Aug. 30-31

The Olney Central College Theatre will host auditions for its fall production of "M*A*S*H" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Parts are available for 15 males and 14 females. The play includes all of the beloved characters from the original movie and television show.

College and high school students as well as adult community members are invited to audition.

Rehearsals begin Sept. 14 and will continue each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening until the performances. Shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24. An afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Oathkeepers Club

The Oathkeepers Veterans Club will meet at noon on Sept. 4. The location will be announced. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

Student Senate

The OCC Student Senate will meet at noon on Aug. 27 in the Art Room. The meeting will last about 45 minutes.

Lost & Found Items

If you have lost an item, please check with the switchboard desk in the Student Services Office.

Energy cost-saving opportunities

Elevate Energy is helping homeowners and businesses understand how basic changes in building, design, maintenance and monitoring can decrease energy use and create savings.

OCC Director of Evening Studies Adena Rivas is serving as a local advisor for the non-profit organization which is funded through an educational outreach grant provided by the Illinois Science & Energy Innovation Foundation.

Rivas and other local advisors are making presentations and talking to people about new advanced technologies and the availability of energy- and cost-saving programs.

These savings will be created by the advanced "Smart Grid" system that utility companies are currently installing across the nation and state.

The new "Smart Grid" will come with an advanced metering system (Smart Meter) that will allow homeowners, renters and businesses to view their energy use in real-time in order to make practical adjustments to save energy and money.

Along with monitoring, the new "Smart Meter" will allow individuals and businesses to

choose pricing programs that better suit their energy use practices, if available from a utility provider or within the local area.

For example, many residents are unaware of America's Power Smart Pricing program, which allows participants to pay the real-time price of electricity as it fluctuates throughout the day.

Customers with "Smart Meters," who have signed up for this program, will be able to check current prices and adjust their usage accordingly to save money by shifting their electricity usage to lower priced hours such as evenings, early mornings and weekends.

For more information, contact Rivas at adena.rivas@elevateenergy.org, or call toll-free 1-844-922-1222,



ELEVATE ENERGY
Smarter energy use for all

New career services software available

Students soon will have access to a new career services software.

Through Purple Briefcase, students will be able to post resumes for prospective employers and peruse job openings listed by participating businesses.

"This can be a one-stop shop for all students' career services needs," said OCC Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge. "We already have eight to 10 area employers who have signed up."

Students can control which employers see their profile and can send information to spe-

cific companies.

Allredge will be able to stay connected to students and employers through the software's messaging capabilities.

"If the students want me to, I can give them feedback and suggestions on their resumes," he said. "The software even includes instructional videos, which address everything you need to know to get a job, from preparing for an interview to how to dress appropriately."

Allredge said Purple Briefcase will be available to students at all IECC schools.

"We are still working on a few minor issues, but hope to have it fully operational by early September," he said.



Community Choir rehearsals begin Aug. 25

The OCC Community Choir's sixth season will feature Vivaldi's "Gloria" in a joint Holiday Concert with the Lincoln Trail Community Choir on Dec. 13 and Dec. 17, including strings, trumpet, organ/harpsichord and professional soloists.

The Choir will begin rehearsals at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at OCC in the

Choir/Band Room 216 on the second floor. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join, regardless of experience.

For more information, contact Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities, at pittmana@iecc.edu, by phone at 395-7777, ext. 2252, or simply attend the first rehearsal.