

Upcoming Events Rolling Thunder recognizes Welding Program's efforts

March 24-25 OCC Theater, "The Little Mermaid," 7:30 p.m.

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14 Spring Holiday, College Closed

College Visits

A table will be located outside Student Services

March 15 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 22 SIU at Carbondale, Free Application Day, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

March 22 Upper Iowa University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 23 Greenville College, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 27 Franklin University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 29 Eastern Illinois University, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The area Rolling Thunder Inc. chapter recently honored the OCC Welding Program and its students for their efforts in assisting the organization with its POW/MIA Chair of Honor Program.

OCC students fabricated and welded numerous chain support poles and plaque stands, which the Chapter 3 Illinois members placed during chair dedication ceremonies around the state. The Chair of Honor Program supports Rolling Thunder's mission to publicize the POW/MIA issue and to educate the public about the many American prisoners of war who were left behind. The chair remains empty as a reminder that even though the soldiers are not here,

"there is still a space for them."



OCC Welding students built numerous plaque stands and chain supports for the Rolling Thunder's POW/MIA Chair of Honor Program.

"The students' work was phenomenal," Chapter President Frank Hull said in a recent letter thanking Instructor Curtis Marshall and his students. In recognition of their hard work, the chapter added OCC's Welding Program as an Honor Chair sponsor.

The program got involved in the efforts after a Rolling Thunder member contacted Marshall asking if he would be interested in helping to construct the needed items.

"I will always support any veterans in any way possible, so I told him I would be happy to help out," Marshall said.

While aiding the Rolling Thunder, the project also gave the welding students added experience in fabrication.

"The students had to make sure every pole and plaque stand was perfectly square," Marshall said. "Cutting the proper angles with the band saw gave the students experience cutting different angles and seeing which one worked the best."

Hull hopes the partnership will continue as poles and plaque stands will be needed for future dedications.

Nursing Program extends application deadline



The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Olney Central College Associate Degree Nursing Program is extending its application deadline.

Space is limited so those wishing to apply should schedule an appointment as soon as possible to meet with Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn to discuss program requirements. Horn may be reached at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or by email at hornl@iecc.edu.

For further information about the nursing program at any of the IECC colleges, please visit www.iecc.edu/nursing. **OCC students Sidney** Eckel. Rhonda Anderson. Hope Rosborough and Amy Fulk will be inducted into the Alpha Delta Nu nursing honor society at 2 p.m. April 23 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing **Arts Center. Students** from Frontier Community. Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley colleges also will be inducted. These students have maintained a grade average requirement and have demonstrated good character.



Tickets on sale for OCC Theater's 'The Little Mermaid'

Tickets are still available for the Olney Central College Theater's production of Disney's "The

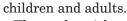


office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for the production are \$12 for reserved seating for

Little Mermaid," sponsored by Richland Memorial Hospital.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 26, April 1 and 2. Dinner theaters will be held before the Friday and Saturday evening performances at 6 p.m. The menu features fried chicken for adults or two chicken legs for children, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, ice cream bar with toppings and beverage. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.iecc.edu/occtheater or at the box



Those who wish to reserve tickets may call 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales. Tickets may be purchased with a Mastercard or Visa.

Reserved tickets will be held for five working days, until picked up in person or a check is received in the mail.

Patrons may send a check with a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to OCC and the tickets will be sent by return mail.

Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.



OCC offering Concealed Carry Class April 20-22

Individuals interested in obtaining an Illinois Concealed Carry permit are encouraged to enroll in an upcoming course at Olney Central College.

The Concealed Carry class provides 16 hours of required firearms training, including classroom and range instruction.

During the course, participants will receive instruction on how to safely handle a handgun while honing their marksman skills.

They also will learn how to survive a real-world encounter and to maintain the proper mindset, skills and abilities that come with "bearing arms" for the purpose of self-defense. The course is designed for both the beginner and experienced shooter.

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 at OCC. On Saturday, April 22, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney Gun Range.

Tuition and fees for the class are \$183 for residents of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, and must be paid in advance to reserve a seat in the course.

Tuition is waived for residents of the IECC District who are age 60 and older, but course fees must be paid. To register, call 395-7777.

For questions regarding the program, email Concealed Carry Coordinator Bryan Hart at hartb@iecc.edu, or call 879-9420.

Free tutoring available

The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library. If you have trouble locating it, just stop by the library desk and the staff can direct you.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

March 14 — OCC vs. Vincennes University, 3 p.m. at home

March 16 – OCC vs. Frontier Community, 3 p.m. at home

March 17 — OCC vs. Moraine Valley, 1 & 3 p.m. at home

March 18 – OCC vs. Frontier Community, noon & 3 p.m. at home

March 19 — OCC vs. Moraine Valley, 10 a.m. at home

March 23 — OCC at Kaskaskia College, 3 p.m. March 25 — OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, noon & 3 p.m. at home March 27 — OCC at Rose-Hulman, 4 p.m. March 28 — OCC at Vincennes University, 4 p.m. March 30 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 3 p.m. at home

Softball

March 19 — OCC vs. Frontier Community, 1 & 3 p.m. at home March 20 — OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 2 & 4 p.m. March 21 — OCC at Lincoln Trail, 2 & 4 p.m. March 23 — OCC vs. John A. Logan, 2 & 4 p.m. at home March 25 — OCC vs. Shawnee Community, noon & 2 p.m. at home

March 26 — OCC at Wabash Valley, 1 & 3 p.m. March 28 — OCC vs. Lake Land, 2 & 4 p.m. at home March 29 — OCC vs. Parkland, 3 & 5 p.m. at home

March 30 — OCC at Kaskaskia, 2 & 4 p.m.

February was a busy month for TRIO Students

February has been a busy month for the IECC **TRIO Student Support** Services program. It started with a visit to Eastern Illinois University for the Transfer Open House. This was the first transfer open house that EIU has offered and per the students in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity to visit and speak with advisors in the various areas of study in which they are interested.

The next day the Wabash Valley College TRIO SSS group took part in helping serve at the WVC Foundation Crystal Ball. Many of the



Above, TRIO SSS students volunteering at The Master's Hands. At right, students at Eastern Illinois University's Transfer Open House.



TRIO SSS students are involved in different clubs and organizations on campus as they feel the more involved they are, the better experience they will have while in college. They enjoy helping out in their various communities as well.

On Feb. 25, the IECC TRIO SSS students attended a workshop held at Olney Central College. At this workshop, Ashley Spannagel, the Program Director of Grants, Compliance, and Research. presented on the IECC Sexual Harassment policy and presented the documentary "The Hunting Ground" to help facilitate a conversation about sexual assault on larger college campuses.

Since the TRIO SSS program encourages its students to transfer to four-year universities, the academic counselors want them to have knowledge of all aspects of being in a larger academic setting and be prepared. After lunch, the group headed to The Master's Hands in Olney where they helped clean, organized the food pantry, and organized the thrift store.



WINTER CONCERT The OCC Music Department presented its Winter Concert Feb. 17-18 featuring the Concert Band, Concert Choir and the Jazz Ensemble.

