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Foundation provides funding for engine trainer

Students in Olney Central College's Automotive Service Technology Program will have access to a new state-of-the-art engine trainer this fall.

The OCC Foundation provided funding for the custom-built equipment with proceeds it received from last year's LaGala.

"The engine trainer takes the OCC Automotive Service Technology Program to another level," said instructor Tyler Boyles. "The capabilities of the trainer, along with the live work and existing diagnostic tools and training, will ensure a sound automotive education for students for years to come. It's one thing to have equipment of this quality, it's another to use it efficiently to benefit the students and that is what I plan to do. I feel all programs at OCC and within IECC do a wonderful job of maximizing potential with the equipment we have."

Consulab builds the EM-140, GM Ecotec 2.2L Engine Bench, which features a working 2008 Chevy Cobalt engine. The trainer also includes a control panel that allows Boyles to program faults and simulate problems students have to diagnose.

The trainer will enable students to work with all engine components as well as power steering and air conditioning systems.

"If it is under the hood, this is going to cover it," Boyles said. "We will use it in almost every class we teach."

Boyles will even be able to program the engine

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The OCC Automotive Service Technology Program has purchased a new state-of-the-art engine trainer. The Olney Central College Foundation provided funding for the equipment with proceeds it received from last year's LaGala. Pictured with the trainer, from left, are automotive instructor Tyler Boyles and Foundation members President Deborah Mitchell, Kate Patterson, Allyson Padilla and Tara Lemke.

Kathy Swinson named Transition Center Director



Kathy Swinson

Kathy Swinson is the new director of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Transition Center, located at Olney Central College.

An OCC graduate, Swinson received both a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in College Student Affairs from Eastern Illinois University. She joined

IECC in November 1998 as a case manager for the Dislocated Worker Program and became the Welfare to Work Program Director in 2000.

"I spoke with people about their educational options and helped them transition into the community college," she said.

In 2004, Swinson began working in the IECC Business and Services Center and has worked with a variety of grant programs.

Swinson is now looking forward to working with students in the IECC District through the Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker

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Nursing applicants must take TEAS-V exam

Students wishing to apply to the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Certificate programs for Fall 2013 must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills Version 5 (TEAS-V®) exam to be accepted into the program.

The exam may be taken twice between Feb. 16, 2012 and Feb. 15, 2013 for the ADN program and April 16, 2012 through April 15, 2013 for

the PNC program. In order to be ranked, students must have an adjusted individual test score at the proficient level or higher.

Students who have an adjusted individual test score at the developmental or basic level will not be considered for admission.

For more information, contact OCC Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn at 618-395-7777, ext. 2246 or visit www.iecc.edu/nursing and click

on “TEAS Testing” for a list of scheduled testing dates and sites. Students may test at any of the four IECC colleges – OCC, Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley – regardless of which college site they plan to attend.

Information about the exam is available at www.atitesting.com. Study manuals are available in the OCC Anderson Library.

OCC Community Chorus to begin third season

The Olney Central College Community Chorus begins its third season this August to prepare a holiday concert featuring George Fredric Handel’s Messiah oratorio.

The OCC Community Chorus, comprised of singers from across Richland County and surrounding areas, attracts musicians who love to sing, socialize and perform large and intricate compositions. Comprised of area

music teachers, vocal and instrumental musicians, members of church choirs, high school singers and college professors, there is no audition required, though the ability to read music is a great advantage. A love of choral music and a commitment to the semester-long rehearsal process unites all members of the organization.

Following the success of last year’s performance,

which drew almost 400 listeners, the chorus will again lead a community sing-along as well as present one of the most celebrated choral works of classical music. Handel’s Messiah recounts the story of the birth and life of Jesus Christ. The work is theatrical, dramatic and musically exciting.

“Performing a work of such musical and historical significance marks the OCC Community Chorus’

emergence as an organization presenting consistent quality choral music in our area,” said Mark Doerries, Director of Choral Music at Olney Central College. “It connects the greater Richland County community to an international community of singers who regularly perform and cherish this prized work.”

Founded in the fall of 2010 by Ryan Perry, the OCC Community Chorus
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OCC Theatre to hold play auditions Aug. 19-20

The Olney Central College Theatre will host auditions for its fall production of “Cheaper by the Dozen” at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Parts are

available for adults as well as college and high school students. Children in the fourth grade and up are also invited to audition for several roles.

This hilarious, heartwarming tale, based on the book by Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey, follows the real-life exploits

of the turn-of-the-century efficiency pioneer Frank Gilbreth, and chronicles a year in the life of his large and loving family.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20. An afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Trainer

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to make problems appear intermittently, something automotive technicians encounter often in the real world. Boyles also will use the trainer to reinforce classroom instruction.

“We can talk about something in class and then I can give a demonstration on the engine trainer,” he said. “We will be able to rely less on outside vehicles that come in. I also

will be able to demonstrate major vehicle systems to the students without the access limitations of a complete vehicle.”

Boyles said the engine trainer will continue to ensure OCC’s Automotive students are ready to enter the workforce.

“We are very fortunate to have one,” he said. “The Olney Central College Foundation’s generous sup-

port will set us apart from other automotive programs and aid in our continuing efforts to provide a better clinical experience for our students.”

Boyles added, “Automotive technicians are not just tightening and loosening bolts anymore. Employers are looking for those with diagnostic and critical thinking skills. They are very important when working with today’s vehicles.”

Bookstore seeks designs for new mural or painting

Students, staff and faculty are invited to participate in a contest to design a new mural or painting for the wall outside the OCC Bookstore.

The Bookstore is sponsoring the contest.

The winners will have their drawing, in part or in whole, painted on the wall outside the Bookstore. Multiple drawings may be chosen and all winners will have their names painted onto the wall as the designer.

The design must be original artwork created by the submitter and contain some aspect of the OCC Knight. Preferred colors for the design are navy, Carolina blue and black and white. However, other colors will be accepted.

A committee comprised of OCC faculty and staff will select the winning entries, which will be approved by OCC

President Rodney Ranes, Dean of Instruction Dr. Jeffery Cutchin and Director of Business Doug Shipman.

Honorable mention drawings chosen by the committee will receive Bookstore merchandise as prizes and their drawings may be used on signs or merchandise sold in the Bookstore in the future. Prizes will be awarded for any drawing chosen.

Those wishing to participate can stop by the Bookstore to pick up rules and a waiver form, which gives OCC the entire right, title and copyright of the design.

All entrants must sign a waiver when they submit a drawing in order to enter the contest.

Participants can submit as many entries as they wish, but a completed waiver form must accompany each entry.

Youth and adult Karate classes

Olney Central College will offer two Karate classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning Aug. 16.

The non-credit class for children in first through eighth grades will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$70 for the 16-week class.

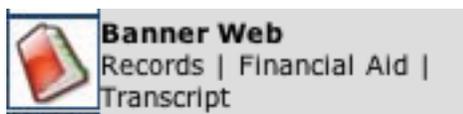
The credit class for high school freshmen through adult will meet from 6 to 8 p.m.

To register for the classes, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777.

To learn more about the classes, contact Charles Mick Jr. at 843-9631.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Step 1: Log into your Entrata account with your username and password. Click on the Banner Web icon at the right-hand side of your screen.



Step 2: Click on Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online — Credit Card to make your online Payment.

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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC HelpDesk at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.

OCC emergency alerts

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has contracted with e2Campus to provide alert notification services.

The system will notify students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by e-mail and/or cell phone text message. Log onto Entrata and click on the alerts link to activate an account.

IECC Alerts is an opt-in service. While there is no direct cost for signing up for the service, you may be charged a text message fee by your cell phone provider.

Please check your cell phone

plan to understand the costs you may incur using the service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies,

weather-related closures, test messages and notifications when accounts are about to expire.

If you do not have an Entrata account, please contact the Records Office at 395-7777.



LSC offers students free tutoring

Need help bringing up a grade in one of your classes? The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

Study guides and videos are available in several subjects.

If you have any special learn-

ing needs, come and see the LSC staff.

They will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4.

Knightline available on website, Facebook

Current and past issues of the Knightline newsletter may be downloaded by visiting the OCC website at www.iecc.edu/occ.

The Knightline also is posted on

Olney Central College on Facebook at facebook.com/olneycentralcollege.

Also check both the website and OCC on Facebook for the latest happenings on campus.

Chorus

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is currently led by Doerries. Last season's performance of Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols was met with tremendous praise and overflowing crowds.

"The chorus performs beautiful music for our family, friends and neighbors that celebrates the festive holiday season with caroling and classical music," Doerries said.

The chorus performed last fall at the annual Community Thanksgiving Service and at Immanuel United Methodist Church of Olney in collabo-

ration with Hamburg Opera singer Thomas Florio and organist Hillary Doerries.

The OCC Community Chorus will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays beginning Aug. 20 in Wattleworth Hall Room 216 on the OCC Campus. All interested singers are welcome to attend the first meeting to learn more about the ensemble and begin making music. Family, friends and entire church choirs are welcome to join. If you have questions or concerns regarding the ensemble, please contact the OCC Music Department at 395-7777, ext. 2252.

Swinson

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Program, which assists students in gaining marketable employment skills.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," she said. "I'm getting acquainted with all of the existing Single Parent students and arranging for the fall workshops. I'm looking forward to advising them and helping them to overcome the barriers to education they may face."

Services provided by the program include education and career exploration, financial assistance to cover tuition, fees, transportation and books and other support services. To qualify for the program, participants must be unmarried or legally separated from a spouse; have a minor child or children for which the parent has either custody or joint custody; be single and pregnant; be currently enrolled or enrolling in a career and technical certificate or degree program; or be a displaced homemaker (widowed, separated or divorced) and currently enrolled or enrolling in a career and technical certificate or degree program.

Although she has worked with students for several years, Swinson said this is the first time her office will be located on campus.

"It's nice coming back to OCC," she said. "I've come full circle. The office I have now was called the Women's Center when I went to college. It's where we would go between classes to study and relax. It was a very positive experience and very helpful to me."

Swinson hopes to establish support groups for single parents at OCC, Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley colleges.

"It would enable students to meet people who are facing the same challenges they are," she said. "It was very helpful to me. Student support is as important as academic support for our students to be successful."

In addition to college students, Swinson will work with pregnant and parenting teens attending area high schools.

"The Teen Parent Program provides services to help students be successful as they graduate high school and transition to college," Swinson said.

She also will participate in pregnancy prevention programs in the middle and high schools.

For more information about the Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker Program, contact Swinson at 395-7777, ext. 2238.

Sports Schedule

Men's Baseball

• **Aug. 25** – OCC at WVJC Showcase, TBA

Lost and found items

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

Keep vehicles locked

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

Happy Birthday To:

August

- 3 Rob Mason
- 3 Sharen Wolke
- 15 Reba Stanfield
- 16 Vet Pritchard (WVC)
- 17 Terrilynn Majors
- 17 Angelia Williams (LTC)
- 18 Carole Fusco (LTC)
- 18 Mark Doerries
- 19 Amie Mayhall
- 27 Mike Burris
- 28 Rodney Ranes

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the September Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27.

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