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ICC breaks ground for CTD Center at Tupelo

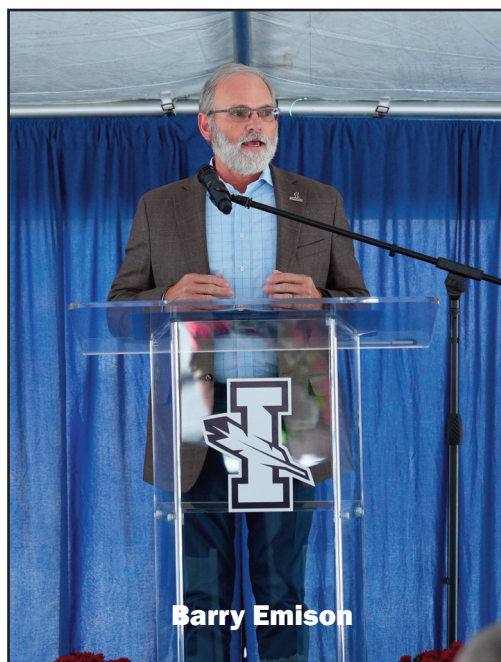
Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College formally broke ground Oct. 21 for its Commercial Truck Driving Training Center which will be located at the new driving range across the street from the Tupelo Campus at 2176 South Eason Blvd.

THE FACILITY

The 8,504-square-foot facility will include multiple truck bays, lab with a truck driving simulator, classroom, exterior wash bay, three offices and storage space.

"Today we break ground on a facility that will not only enhance our institution but will also help us to better meet a need in our region and beyond," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "This new Commercial Truck Driving Training Center symbolizes more than the start of another construction project, but represents our continued commitment to education, workforce development and the future of our students. Our goal, as always, is to provide sustainable pathways to success, and this center will do just that by providing a space for our students to learn and train for a critical role in today's economy."



Barry Emison

ICC Vice President of Career and Workforce Education Barry Emison shared the importance of the trucking industry and the new facility. "We all know how vital the trucking industry is in almost every aspect of our lives. From what we wear, what we eat, our tools, toys, gadgets - almost everything as well as the materials to make it get to ride in a truck at some point."

CAREER OUTLOOK

Emison said that according to the Mississippi Department of Employment Se-

curity, there are 10,000 truckdrivers in North Mississippi alone, and projections indicate that there will be 1,200 openings annually.

THE PROGRAM

"Three years ago, new federal regulations forced many programs across the country to close, and it allowed us (ICC) to take a pause, reevaluate, bring our industry partners together and make a plan not only to comply with new federal regulations, but enhance the commercial truck driver training at ICC. This facility will allow ICC to train hundreds of professional truck drivers annually at a cost that is substantially less than the commercial companies. Thank you to our industry partners, President and Board of Trustees for their commitment and investment."

Allen expressed appreciation to ICC's significant partners in this project, including support from Governor Tate Reeves, Community Development Foundation, Three Rivers Planning and Development District, Appalachian Regional Commission and Accelerate MS. - **See CTD Center, page ten.**



Architect's rendering of the Commercial Truck Driving Training Center, which is soon to be under construction at the Itawamba Community College Tupelo Campus



Eidt selected Humanities Teacher of Year

Staff Reports

Megan Lewis Eidt of Tupelo has been selected as Itawamba Community College's Mississippi Humanities Teacher Award nominee for 2025.

Eidt will be among those honored at the Mississippi Humanities Council Awards Ceremony, March 28, 2025, at the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson. The event pays tribute to outstanding faculty in traditional humanities fields at each of the state's institutions of higher learning.

Since 2004, she has taught history at ICC where her activities have included former two-term president of the Tupelo Campus Faculty Association and former adviser to the ICC Political Science and Humanities Clubs. Her professional memberships include ICC Faculty Association, National Council on Public History, Atlanta History Center and American Historical Association.

Eidt earned the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi, master's degree from Mississippi College; and additional coursework from the Center of Bilingual and Multi-Cultural Studies in Cuernavaca, Mexico. - **See ICC Humanities Teacher, page five.**

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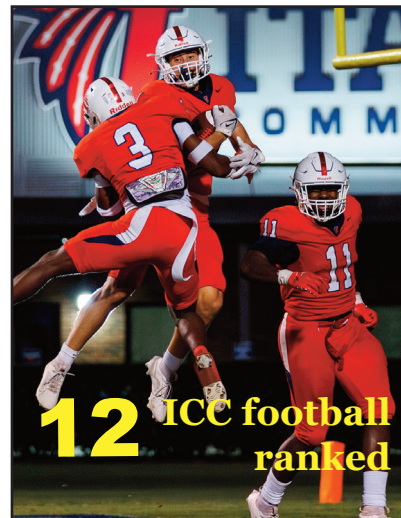
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ANGIE HERRING
Mental Health Coordinator

Winter is coming!

If you are familiar with the well-known series, "Game of Thrones," you will recognize the common saying among The North, "Winter is coming." The mantra serves as a warning for all to be prepared for scarcity, cold and danger. Many laughed at The Northerners and their melancholy ways. However, winter did come, and The North stood guard for all seven kingdoms.

Winter is coming for us, too. Colder temperatures, shorter days, exams and even holidays pose a threat to our mental health. Do you have guards in place to fight against the depression that often accompanies these changes? Like the people of The North, there are things that you can do to prepare your mind for the winter months to come. The key is to support "Happy Hormones" and chemicals that help us battle the symptoms of depression. These are serotonin, dopamine, endorphins and oxytocin.

First, serotonin helps stabilize our mood, helps us sleep, supports optimism and self-satisfaction! A simple way to access serotonin is to count your blessings! It may seem cliché, but studies show that gratitude triggers a release of serotonin that instantly lifts our mood! List three things that you are thankful for or recall 10 happy memories each day during the coming months and enjoy the benefits of instant inner sunshine!



Second, dopamine gives instant rewards! No, really. Dopamine is known as the reward chemical. The energy you get when you hear your favorite song...dopamine! That hit of pleasure when you taste your favorite ice cream...dopamine! The 'A' you worked so hard for...dopamine! Dopamine also has a role in memory, learning and movement. You can activate dopamine release in the winter months with exercise, a high protein diet, eating chocolate and music!

Next, endorphins are pain relievers, acting on the brain's opioid receptors causing a feeling of excitement and increasing energy levels. We access this chemical in many of the same ways as dopamine. Add to the list, art, dance and eating spicy foods. When we eat spicy foods, the tongue receives the information as heat from the sun, initiating a flood of endorphins. So, stock up on cinnamon candy and jalapeno pepper poppers!

Lastly, we cannot forget the love chemical, oxytocin. This little gem is responsible for bonding in relationships. Apparently, Lee Brice was on to something when he sang, "overuse 'I love you'" in his hit song, 'Love Like Crazy.' Saying 'I love you,' showing kindness, spending time with friends and cuddling with a pet produces a flood of oxytocin that gives us a sense of security that is critical to our survival as human beings. Even connecting online has been shown to cause a release of oxytocin. - **See Winter is coming, page four.**

OPINION POLL

“What advice would you give a high school senior?”

Kara Graham
Chieftain Staff

“Make sure you apply for financial aid to help pay for college.” - Jimmy Blaylock, freshman, Tupelo

“Talk to an adviser before you start classes..” - Maille Bibeau, freshman, Tupelo

“Just enjoy it. You have so much more free time and meet so many new people. It's a lot of work. Get done what you have to and enjoy the rest.” - Sam Laney, freshman, Tupelo

“It gets stressful and hard at times, but never give up.” - Isabel Moctezuma, freshman, Pontotoc

“Get involved! College isn't just about class but also making the friendships that will last a lifetime.” - Emily Rushing, freshman, Tupelo

“Don't get worried; just try.” - Rachel Chavers, freshman, Saultillo

“Stay on top of everything! Time goes by very fast, and your future self needs you.” - Laniyah Hill, freshman, Tupelo

“Always be yourself. Show respect for others and try to get out of your dorm and get to know people and join a few clubs or sports.” - Ashanti Doss, sophomore, Wren

“Do not procrastinate and get a tutor for subjects you struggle in. Participate in school events to give yourself a break. They are fun.” - Kylan Briggs, sophomore, Tupelo

“Have fun. Don't work yourself to death, but do not procrastinate. Make many friends and get involved. You only get the experience once. No one makes you get up for school. You are treated as an adult, so don't take advantage.” - Sereniti Washington, freshman, Guntown

VIEWPOINT
Chieftain Staff
GRANT EDGER

The classroom and today's technology

The most basic definition for distance learning involves any kind of education done outside of a school environment, and such a vague description means there is a multitude of nontraditional methods that could qualify as a form of distance learning.

Distance learning is noted for being the most practical way many students have of getting an education.

Part of what makes distance learning so appealing to students is that it allows for a more flexible schedule. This added flexibility helps students who are trying to balance other life responsibilities outside of school, such as having a job or taking care of a family.

Many adult learners fall into this category. They have returned to college to upskill or to transition to another career. Those who have limited computer skills or haven't been in an educational environment should take time to adjust. eLearning takes discipline.

Most notable forms of distance learning take advantage of this kind of flexibility. Not everyone's situation allows for the same schedule at the same place, so it's nice to have more options.

Possibly the most popular form of distance learning comes in the form of online education. Since the majority of today's classes take heavy advantage of the Internet, it is possible for online learning to be a practical form of education for many students.

While not a form of distance learning in the most literal sense, alternative campuses/locations offer a similar kind of flexibility by allowing students to reduce or entirely avoid commuting to their school's main or parent campus. Alternative locations also allow students to take advantage of the resources of that location, such as the Library or dining hall, while still maintaining the flexibility that distance learning offers.

Itawamba Community College offers this option with the parent campus in Fulton and satellite locations in Tupelo and Belden.

One of the biggest hurdles for many distance learners is their available educational resources, namely the lack of in-person assistance from a teacher. Online communication is vital for this reason because without it, replicating a similar kind of instructional support would be practically impossible.

Online resources such as an online library or databases are helpful, if not required, for students to complete their work, and while an online library may not perfectly substitute a physical one, it helps bridge the resource gap between distance and traditional learners.

Direct comparisons between different types of distance learning can be hard to make because there is no clearly cut meaning for what distance learning even is, but what clearly conjoins all forms of distance learning is offering an opportunity to learn to those who normally would not have one. - **See Distance Learning, page nine.**



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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

MASHA LANEY

Instructor, History

FAMILY: “Married to Neal Laney for 27 years. Two children, Mason, 25; Caleb, 15; two dogs”

EDUCATION: Both bachelor’s and master’s degrees, Mississippi State University

WHAT DO YOU CURRENTLY TEACH OR HAVE TAUGHT: *American History I and II*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: *Began teaching career in 1998 at Amory; teaching for 24 years, started at the middle school level, then tenth grade American History and then ICC*

WHY DO YOU HAVE A LOVE AND PASSION FOR HISTORY?: *“I never connected with the standard way that history was taught. It felt too rigid and unengaging. I wanted to change that approach and put a creative spin on history, making it exciting and relatable for my students.”*



FAVORITE TEACHING MEMORY: *“My fondest ICC teaching memory, so far, would come from the relationships I’ve built with my students. The connections through my class and the humanities have profoundly impacted me on both a teaching and personal level.”*

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *“I love interacting with students and seeing them ‘get’ what I am teaching - that ‘aha’ moment. I also enjoy my colleagues here at ICC.”*

WORDS OF ADVICE FOR STUDENTS IF THEY DON’T LIKE HISTORY: *“Give it a chance. Engaging with the material and thinking critically about what you’re learning is important. Students can see how relevant history is by making connections between historical events and our present.”*

BILLY MILLENDER
Chieftain Staff



Dean of Advising Mande Miller, second from left, assists with schedule planning for a student in this file photo.

It’s almost time to register for spring ‘25 classes!

SHELBY FRANKS
Chieftain Staff

It’s about time to start registering for spring ‘25 semester classes.

ICC’s Dean of Advising Mande Miller suggests taking the time to email your adviser or see them during their office hours to request an appointment for advising for the spring semester.

“Advisers are assigned to students based on their major area

of study and by location of attendance,” Miller explained.

She said that students can find out their adviser’s information in myTribe or on the ICC app. Those who wish to request an adviser change can visit the Advising Center (Academic and Student Center - Tupelo Campus; David C. Cole Student Services Building - Fulton Campus). There is also an option to email Miller (mwmiller@iccms.edu) or the Director of Advising Lori Lit-

tle (llittle@iccms.edu).

Registration begins on Nov. 4 for currently enrolled Honors College students (2 p.m.) and allied health students (3 p.m.). Registration for currently-enrolled sophomores begins at 7:30 a.m., Nov. 5 and currently enrolled freshmen, Nov. 7 at 7:30 a.m.

Those who wish to change their major should complete the online form in myTribe or email eadviser@iccms.edu.



Kylee Kent uses her ICC student ID card to spend Flex Dollars in the ICC Fulton Campus Bookstore.

Just what good are student ID cards?

KENNA GRANT
Chieftain Staff

There are many ways Itawamba Community College students can use their ID cards, according to Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of Student Services.

WHERE CAN THEY BE USED?

Among them are in the Library, residence halls, bookstore, Fitness Center and dining hall. Student IDs can also be used for entrance into both athletic and student activity events.

ICC students also present their ID cards to use their Flex Dollars in the grill, bookstore or at athletic events, Boggs said. Additional uses are in the Sodexo snack machines and for JUVA in the Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center. Resident students have 200 Flex Dollars each semester, and they can increase or replenish their accounts at any time by using their own money.

HOW TO REQUEST A NEW ID

Though students are not issued new IDs annually, they can request a new ID by going through the Business office at either the Fulton or Tupelo campus. Returning students do not receive new IDs, but incoming students are issued IDs at the beginning of their freshman year, Boggs explained. During the summer, IDs are deactivated but reactivated at the beginning of each fall semester, he noted.

UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION

Students are also allowed to update the information on their IDs. They can change their photo by going through the Business office to have a new one printed. Students who have changed their name must ensure information is corrected in the Admissions office before requesting an updated ID. - **See Student ID cards, page six.**

Student Government Association works for you

SYDNEY BARBER
Chieftain Staff

Itawamba Community College’s Student Government Association is a student-led organization aimed at improving student life at all three ICC locations - Fulton, Tupelo and Belden. SGA consists of four main positions: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The other offices are county representatives for Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties

and at-large.

SGA has big plans to get the student body more involved this year, according to Ana Brook Stephens, coordinator for Student Activities.

SGA will “focus on putting students first because they are the main voice here at ICC,” she said.

Throughout the school year, SGA leaders have plans to work with Student Activities to create flyers and send out emails to improve communication among

the student body and solicit more ideas to enhance student life.

With students being a priority to SGA, Stephens said that they will host multiple events, such as the Homecoming dance, The Voice, talent show, clean up ICC and many more.

To find out more about SGA, email abstephens@iccms.edu.

See related article/photos about the ICC Student Government Association officers on page 13.

ICC...#Betterthanevery

College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL 2024

- Nov. 4** Registration begins at 2 p.m. for currently-enrolled Honors College and 3 p.m. for Allied Health students
- Nov. 5** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for currently-enrolled sophomores who have completed 24 or more hours
- Nov. 6** Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning full-term classes
- Nov. 7** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for currently-enrolled freshmen
- Nov. 18** First day of class for eLearning second four-week classes
Last day to add eLearning second four-week classes
- Nov. 20** First day of registration for adult learners, readmission and transfer students and December 2024 high school graduates
Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second eight-week classes
- Nov. 22- Dec. 6** Final exams for eLearning full-term classes
- Nov. 25-29** Thanksgiving Holiday for Students and employees
- Dec. 4-19** Registration continues through the Advising Center if faculty adviser is not available
- Dec. 4** Last day to drop classes with a "W" through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second four-week classes.

Freshman Orientation for December 2024 high school graduates begins at 1 p.m. (Tupelo Campus)
- Dec. 5** Freshman Orientation for December 2024 graduates begins at 1 p.m. (Fulton Campus)
- Dec. 6** Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for traditional full-term day/night and traditional second eight-week classes
- Dec. 9-12** Final exams for traditional full-term night, eLearning second eight-week and eLearning four-week classes
- Dec. 10-12** Final exams for traditional full-term day classes and second eight-week night classes
- Dec. 17** Offices close at noon for Christmas and New Year's holidays
- Jan. 6** Offices reopen after the holidays

For more information and updates on the fall schedule, go to www.iccms.edu



Dayton Hipps of Smithville, Industrial Maintenance major, is the recipient of a Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association scholarship for 2024-25. He is one of only 14 community college and university students statewide chosen on the basis of their application and essay.

ICC's Dayton Hipps recipient of one of 14 MAMA scholarships

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College industrial maintenance major Dayton Hipps of Smithville is one of 14 recipients of the Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association scholarship for 2024-25.

According to the announcement, MAMA awarded the scholarships to community college and university students interested in pursuing a career in the automotive manufacturing industry. "MAMA has supported the growth of a strong workforce essential to the health of all industries in the state since its inception in 2006. This year's scholarships were awarded to technical and engineering-related majors as well as nontraditional majors that can be applied within the automotive industry."

"After speaking with a life coach right after my first year at Itawamba Community College, I finally realized what I enjoy doing and want to do for the rest of my life," Hipps said. "After starting the Industrial Maintenance program at ICC, I quickly started to fall in love with it...Hearing about these different types of industries has really made me want to become a maintenance technician at an automotive plant because of

my love for vehicles." His experience includes an internship/co-op at Tronox in Hamilton, supply chain associate at Fastenal and a lawn technician at Scott's Lawn Care. He said that he plans to continue to work for Tronox as an industrial maintenance technician after graduation from ICC. Hipps' honors at Smithville High School include academic leadership award, honor graduate, member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club and recognition in football as both first team all-state and all-division. He is the son of Leslie and Chad Hipps.

MAMA serves its members by promoting growth, development and improvement in the automotive industry in Mississippi as well as serving as a forum for interaction among automotive manufacturing companies in the state. "Mississippi has an environment conducive to advanced manufacturing," said Skip Scaggs, MAMA's President. "We are proud that Mississippi's higher education system has invested heavily in educational opportunities and facilities which ensure the state will be able to provide the talented workforce necessary to keep the automotive industry strong. MAMA is committed to doing our part to

recognize that workforce. I congratulate each of these students and wish them success in completing their degree, followed by a successful start in our industry!"

Safety and environmental issues, along with the potential to make cars safer and more accessible for everyone, particularly individuals with disabilities, were recurring interests expressed in essays submitted by this year's recipients. The students discussed the possibilities of integrating innovative technologies into vehicle production to create a world where each driver and passenger could embark on safe and enjoyable journeys. They expressed excitement about the opportunity to be part of this transformative process and to witness the continuous advancements in automotive technology.

With the announcements of this year's recipients, MAMA's scholarship fund has supported 243 students enrolled in Mississippi community colleges and universities with a total of \$437,500 awarded since 2006. - **Information from a press release provided by Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association**

Food Management Certification class set to begin Nov. 5

Staff Reports

Registration is underway for a Food Management Certification class that will be offered Nov. 5-Dec. 6 at the Itawamba Community College Belden Center.

The class will meet weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Highlights of the hands-on course include both ServSafe Food Manager and Alcohol Certification, menu planning/preparation, assistance/participation in execution of catered events, résumé/interview skills and both front- and back-of-the-house operations.

Tuition assistance could be available for those who qualify.

For more information or to register, email pathways@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1505.



Winter is coming from page two

While there are things we can do to arm ourselves with our own biology to battle the beast of depression, sometimes there are other factors that we cannot fight alone. Depression is not a character flaw, a choice or a lack of faith as some might think. There are many factors to consider such as personality

type, environment, brain chemistry, genetics, traumatic experiences and our own thoughts. Depression can look like sleep disturbance, changes in appetite, excessive sadness for no apparent reason, hopelessness, loss of motivation, lack of focus, irritability, anger or relationship conflicts.

Finally, depression is a liar. It can tell you that you are not good enough, you can't do it anymore or 'they are better off without you.' Before you make a decision that you can't undo, reach out to someone who can help you make it make sense. If you have struggled with these symptoms for three months

or more and your symptoms are interfering with daily functioning, you do not have to fight alone. Reach out for help at personal-counseling@iccms.edu or call the 24-hour suicide prevention hotline at 988. We need you here! - **Angie Herring is ICC's Mental Health Coordinator**

Meeting Room

CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

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**For more information
on ICC clubs
and organizations,
www.iccms.edu.**

Humanities Teacher from page one

Her other activities include member of the Tupelo First United Methodist Church and supporter of both the Tupelo Community and the Lee County Humane Society.

Eidt's honors and awards include recognition as an outstanding Honors College instructor and the author of numerous publications.

She has had the honor of meeting Nobel Peace Prize laureates Bishop Desmond Tutu, the late South African Anglican Bishop and anti-apartheid activist, and Lech Walesa, the first democratically elected President of Poland and former leader of the Polish Solidarity movement.

She has traveled extensively across Great Britain, Ireland, continental Europe and several countries in the Middle East. She has lived in Belfast, Northern Ireland and Mexico and has worked on behalf of the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C. Eidt is a former Parent of the Year for Rankin Elementary School. She grew up in Tullahoma, Tenn., the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. James Waller Lambuth Lewis, both natives of Natchez. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Susannah Butler Eidt and Harrison Lambuth Crawford Eidt, both Tupelo High School and Ole Miss graduates, who live in Nashville, Tenn.

She will present "In Your Face History: How Technology and Mass Media Have Transformed the Study of History," February 3, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus. The public is invited to attend.



Zombie Run

Itawamba Community College's Film Club hosted its annual Zombie Run at the Fulton Campus, Oct. 22. The event, which was free, attracted both students and those from the surrounding area.

PTK Beta Tau Sigma chapter receives Honors in Action grant

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has received a \$1,000 Honors in Action grant to enhance its 2024 Honors in Action project, according to a recent announcement by the honor society.

Adviser Jenny Bowers said that the chapter is researching Native American stories, specifically the Chickasaw story of Itawamba, and a tentative title is "Native American Folklore." The multilevel endeavor includes a presentation at ICC on Nov. 6, which the chapter hopes to repeat at the Natchez



Trace Visitor Center, and construction of a story tree for the events that they plan to donate to the Lee County Library at the project's conclusion. Other components include a children's book about Itawamba for ICC's Early Learning students.

The grant will cover materials for the tree, honoraria for speakers and additional supplies "needed" for the presentation or

book. "We are excited to be among the select few Mississippi/Louisiana PTK chapters that received the grant," Bowers said.

"We so appreciate your willingness to go above and beyond with your Phi Theta Kappa engagement to apply for the grant," said Dr. Susan Edwards, PTK senior director of Honors Programs. "We are proud of your work at your college and community and your participation in a robust Honors in Action project. We can't wait to hear and read about your Honors in Action adventures as you move forward."



**It's
fall
y'all!**

*There's been a chill in the air, and the leaves are beginning to show their fall colors...ICC is a beautiful place, no matter the season!
- Photo credit: Caroline Mason*



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Want To Know More?

FULTON CAMPUS

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Admissions/Records	Admissions
Advanced Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
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Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Libraries
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
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Schedule Planning	Adviser
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Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Student Organizations.....	Sponsors
Summer School.....	Coor. of Student Activities
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Testing (Career).....	Career Center
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Use of Campus Property	V.P. of Student Services
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

TUPELO CAMPUS

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Books and Supplies	Bookstore
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Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Library
Job Placement.....	Career Center
Library	Library
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Student Aid.....	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees.....	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Audra Perry
Career Education.....	Dylan Baldwin
Continuing Education	Josh Gammill
WIOA.....	Brad Gates
Workforce.....	Barry Emison

**Contact information available
at www.iccms.edu
by clicking on the area of interest
or by searching
the college directory
at the same location.**

Student ID Cards from page three

Students who lose their IDs must request a replacement by paying a \$20 fee in the Business office. Boggs said that students should ensure that they always have access to their IDs. Losing it can result in possible use by someone else. However, if an ID has been used by someone other than the original holder, it will be deactivated immediately.

Students should never use another student's ID, Boggs said, because it can result in criminal charges, including fraud and/or theft.

If a student's ID malfunctions, they must notify the Housing office if they are living in a residence hall. If the student is a commuter, they must have a new one made in the Library at either the Fulton or Tupelo campus.

"Students should note that they are required to show identification if requested by Campus Police at any of ICC's three locations - Fulton, Tupelo or Belden," Boggs emphasized.



The paintings of John Underwood are currently on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery. Show hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. through Oct. 30.

'Flowers of Fulton' on display in Fine Arts Gallery through Oct. 30

Staff Reports

The paintings of Fulton resident John Underwood are now on display in Itawamba Community College's W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery.

His exhibition entitled "Flowers of Fulton," consists of 16 acrylic paintings depicting colorful arrangements of flower bou-

quets that he says "were grow here in Fulton." Underwood, who is an art and antique dealer by trade, graduated from IAHS in 1988 and attended ICC the following year. Additional degrees in fine arts include the bachelor's from the University of Mississippi and the master's from the University of

Memphis.

Gallery hours for the exhibit, which will close Oct. 30, are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

For inquiries about sales or the gallery, contact Shawn Whittington at (662) 862-8301 or email eswhittington@iccms.edu.

Choir, Chamber, CenterStage continue fall schedule

SHARLEE SHUMPERT Chieftain Staff

ICC's Choral department is continuing to check off dates on its autumn schedule.

COMING UP

The choir's first public appearance was Oct. 21 under the bright lights of Lambert Stadium for the Indians' homecoming game, Oct. 17 to sing the 'National Anthem' and Alma Mater, and their first concert is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 11, at the Link Centre in Tupelo.

Next on their schedule will be a visit to the Courtyard Community Living Center in Fulton, Nov. 13, to spread some musical cheer, and the Chamber Choir will perform for Mooreville High School the following day.

Their last performance of 2024 will be their annual Christmas concert held in conjunction with the North Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the choir from Northeast Mississippi Community College on

Dec. 4.

CENTERSTAGE

CenterStage, ICC's show choir, will perform Nov. 19 at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center on the Fulton Campus. Next spring, they will put on another show and will performing at different area high schools.

Choir, Chamber and CenterStage comprise ICC's Choral department and are all located on the Fulton Campus. While there is some overlap when it comes to student membership in these groups, each serves a unique purpose, according to choir director Dr. Kyle Davis.

CHOIR

Choir is the largest ensemble. It encompasses all singers in the choral department and is the one people see when they attend an ICC choral concert. Chamber choir is a subdivision within choir, Davis said, and it is for more experienced singers with more vocal training. He ex-

plained that the group works with more difficult pieces and that its smaller size allows it to be more versatile than the full choir. He describes CenterStage as a noncompetitive show choir, which features performers who sing and dance, a small jazz band and a crew of student technicians who assist backstage.

HOW TO JOIN

Although no previous experience is mandatory to audition for any of these ensembles, requirements vary. For choir and chamber, Davis said that the auditions take less than five minutes, and a student may either bring a prepared piece of music or choose to be given warm-ups and a melody to sing once they are there.

New singers are welcomed, and if a student can match pitch, they can join choir. CenterStage requires both a choreography and a

vocal audition, and a student's CenterStage audition can double as their choir/chamber audition. A student must do more than match pitch to be selected for CenterStage cast, Davis said, and those who audition for the CenterStage band must have experience on an instrument.

THE CREW

Crew positions are open to hard-working students who want to be involved with the group. Davis said that CenterStage cast members are highly encouraged to also participate in choir. In-person auditions for all three groups are held the first week of classes during both the fall and spring semesters at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center in Fulton. Online options are available as well.

For more information, contact Davis at kb-davis@iccms.edu or Christy Griffith at cagriffith@iccms.edu.



Choir director and music instructor Kyle Davis directs participants in the recent Singing Symposium at the Fulton Campus. He and Christy Griffith also are responsible for ICC's choir, ensembles and CenterStage.



ICC President reflects on 2024 semester...so far

SYDNEY BARBER
Chieftain Staff

Q: How would you describe the fall semester so far?

A: Fall semester is one of my favorite times of the year because everything is new. We have both new and returning students. Of course we miss those who graduated last year, but it's always exciting to see the growth of our students from one year to the next, and then for those freshmen to come in and just blow us away, what they are capable of. So, that's always an exciting time. Our enrollment is up 4.1 percent this fall, and that was on top of last year's 7 percent increase. So, to maintain that and continue to go up is really huge. It's also been interesting to watch this freshman class, much like last year, has come in and been very, very hungry for student engagement opportunities. So, they've responded extremely well to our student activities events, and the in-class and out-of-classroom engagement opportunities have been just wonderful and the numbers have been tremendous. I think BSU is meeting over in the (W.O. Benjamin) Fine Arts Center auditorium because their group is too large even after some of their renovations. The Wesley Foundation is doing well, along with FCA. So many different activities, clubs and organizations that are doing well at the same time is just what we want. That's the environment we've tried to create. Our new Student Activities Center on the Fulton Campus has opened, although renovations to the grill are continuing, and it will be completed hopefully before the end of the fall semester.

Q: Have you noticed any differences from previous school years?

A: I guess the thing that we see differently is just that you can know your student body develops personality. I've seen some of them come back for ball games, which has been fun. I expect a lot of them will come back for homecoming, so that would be great to see. There's a lot left to happen in October with band, cheer, volleyball and soccer...a lot left to happen.

Q: What do you anticipate for the future of ICC?

A: I hope for continued enrollment growth, not just because we want the numbers to be bigger, but because we know that there are more people out there that need what we have and that we want to serve them. We know that it will improve the quality of life in the communities we serve and

help people reach a higher level of earning potential, which is always good for the region we serve. We're continually looking for more in-classroom and out-of-the-classroom student engagement opportunities. We challenge our leaders at the institution to find new ideas, the new things that we can do to really broaden what we're offering and make them even better.

Q: What should students get excited about for the spring semester?

A: Last year we did a sophomore send off at the end of the spring semester. It was a really neat event. We even had a hot air balloon doing some tethered rides. It was really cool, great opportunity for the sophomores to have a fun night to build some memories, take some photos. I'm hoping that students are going to get excited about those opportunities that are coming, and they are going to hear enough talk about the things that are coming from students from last year that they can't wait to be a part of sophomore send off. Sports opportunities continue in the spring with baseball, tennis, golf and softball. General sports aren't for everybody, but we offer intramurals, such as kickball and softball. We have enough faculty and staff who get together and play kickball and softball. They won softball, and they're pretty bad about trash talking. They were winning, and one of the students was like, come on man, these people are old, they got mortgages. I thought that was great. I always try to get down there if I can catch them and do a little trash talking against the faculty and staff about how old they are. That's how we build memories for students...I'm excited to see that.

Q: Can you share your insights on the development of Chick-fil-A?

A: It's been a long process. Probably we worked about three years on that whole concept of getting Chick-fil-A here. But they've not been in community college settings very often or very long. We're a little bit different, but our numbers are strong on campus, so that helps. We also knew that we didn't want to put it in our Student Activities Center because parking would have been horrendous. I knew that our community would want to be a part of Chick-fil-A, and I want them to be. So, we looked at a couple of sites, and we offered the one where we are now building and asked if they would be comfortable with that location. You're not in the middle of campus, but in a way you

are. We hope our community will come and be a part of that, and they'll come in for breakfast. They'll come in for dinner. They'll come in after a ball game and get milkshakes, because that's what we're looking for. My goal for opening is January 2026.

Q: Can you share your insights on the development of the Conference Center?

A: The (W.O. Benjamin) Fine Arts Center auditorium works well in some settings, but it doesn't work well in a collaborative environment where you need people to mix and mingle before, during and after an event. The only space that we have at the Fulton Campus is our private dining space in the dining hall, and when we have to take that away from our students' ability to eat in those spaces, it makes that facility more crowded. So, we said, let's build a building that would have new meeting space. It's in a parking lot that does not have thousands of students coming in the same building every day, three times a day. We already have a conference center at Belden, so we didn't want to call it that and have any confusion. We expect people to come and connect there, connect in the meetings, connect in the reunions that might occur there. It's going to be a wonderful space!

Q: Could you explain the state appropriations for ICC and the impact on the school's budget?

A: It has a huge impact on a school's budget. The way that state appropriations work is that we really have three main funding sources: tuition and fees, local counties' millage and the legislative appropriation. At the meeting of the Legislature each spring, they designate a specific amount of appropriations allocated to the community colleges to be disbursed in a formula based on full-time equivalency. Some of our students take more than 15 hours per semester, which adds to the FTE and is good for us in that sense. Enrollment is extremely important, so we want to continue to grow because that is about 46 percent of our budget. We are thankful to the legislature for agreeing to continue to support the community colleges and put that money there so we can grow. We try to keep from raising tuition which necessitates our raising fees in other areas because costs continue to rise. We're the second lowest in the state of all higher education. We're lowest in the northern part of the state, North Mississippi. We take that very seriously. Our Board of Trustees takes that very seriously,

they want us to keep costs down, so we work hard at that. We also provide an unbelievable experience while you are here at all three locations. It's challenging to do all that. So, those state appropriations are extremely important.

Q: How do you think the improvements made to ICC will benefit the students now and in the future?

A: You can just see what student activities at Fulton and the Academic and Student Center at Tupelo has really changed the flow of that campus. Because it's the hub, it's the new front door of the college there, but it's also created a different feel on campus. Students hang out there, and it gives them a place of belonging. I believe that the Student Activities Center on the Fulton Campus is going to change the kind of feel and fit on this campus, and people are going to find out that it's a wonderful place for them to go study, hang out, play ping pong. There will be soft seating and the like on the back porch as well as TV screens. So those are the things that are impacting our students right now. But if you look from a nostalgic standpoint, when we opened this building back up, I had a number of our alumni and those from the high school who used to sit on this campus said that they graduated in that building and they attended prom in that building. So, it's kind of neat to see that something that has been around for so long (one of the oldest buildings on campus) that was able to be brought to today's standards and with the amenities that our students are looking for, and now new memories will be built there. So that's exciting! You can imagine what the connection sitting in Chick-fil-A will do and the excitement that will come from that. Our new Robotics lab at our Belden Center...not just students of today will get to experience that, but the students that we can entice with the opportunities and technology that they can get right there. That's huge. So, I look at it as we're building for the future every day. Making investments in those buildings and those experiences will be quality for years to come. With the improvements in athletics (softball and tennis complex and soccer) facilities, I think that students are going to be more likely to attend those games. The baseball field is under renovation. Additional phases include drainage, leveling the field, new dugouts and improving the guest experience. That will come with time.

The BEST start here!!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

OCTOBER 28

*AD Nursing Soup Lunch benefitting
'Wishes for Kisses'
Health Science Education Center - Tupelo
11 a.m.*

*Pumpkin Painting
Tupelo Campus, Fulton Campus
Noon*

*PTK-Fulton Meeting
John S. Crubaugh Technical Education
Building 102 - Fulton - 12:10 p.m.*

OCTOBER 28

*College Transfer Fair
David C. Cole Student Services Building
Fulton - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

*Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton
1-4 p.m.*

*STEM Club Meeting
Natural Science STEM Lab
2:15 p.m.*

*Wesley Foundation Meal/Worship
Fulton - 6 p.m.*

OCTOBER 30

*College Transfer Fair
Academic and Student Center - Tupelo
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

*Halloween Cookout - Belden Center
11 a.m.*

*Tales of Terror
Crane Pavilion - Fulton
7:30 p.m.*

OCTOBER 31

*Choptoberfest
Davis Event Center Lawn - Fulton
4-6:30 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 4

*Clean Up, ICC!
Fulton - 1:30 p.m.*

*Spring '25 registration begins
for currently-enrolled Honors College
2 p.m.*

*Spring '25 registration begins
for currently-enrolled Allied Health students
Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton - 1 p.m.*

*STEM Club
Natural Science STEM Lab, Fulton - 2:15 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 7, 11, 12

*'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Auditions
Academic 125 - Fulton*

NOVEMBER 12

*Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton - 1-4 p.m.
Wesley Foundation Meal/Worship
Wesley Foundation - Fulton - 6 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 13

*PTK-Tupelo Chapter Meeting
Student Support Center 123 - Tupelo
12:15 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 14

*Calliope Journal of Art and Poetry
Submissions due*

NOVEMBER 18

*Operation Christmas Child Drop-off
PTK-Fulton Chapter Meeting
John S. Crubaugh Technical Education
Building - Fulton - 12:10 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 19

*Pizza Party - Tupelo - 11:30 a.m.
Tech Tuesday
Library, Fulton, 1-4 p.m.
Wesley Foundation Meal/Worship
Wesley Foundation - Fulton - 6 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 20

*First day of registration for adult
learners, readmission and transfer
students and December 2024 high school
graduates*

NOVEMBER 21

*Pizza Party
Belden Center - 11 a.m.
Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton - 1-4 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 22

Final exams, elearning full-term classes

NOVEMBER 25-29

Thanksgiving Holidays

Spotlight on STEM



STEM Club

STEM studies include science, technology, engineering and mathematics. ICC's STEM Club meets monthly and features speakers from the areas included. All students are invited to attend. - Photos furnished



*STEM activities include
meetings and more.*



FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

For more information
about ICC emergency
procedures...
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New collaboration offers possible financial help

Staff Reports

Students who enroll in five short-term training programs at Itawamba Community College could have the opportunity for financial assistance through Upskill Mid-South, which is a collaboration with the Three Rivers Planning and Development District and the University of Memphis.

The programs include Commercial Truck Driving, Electrician Assistant, Google IT, Residential Carpentry Assistant and Welding, according to Josh Gammill, director of Continuing Education.

"Upskill Mid-South has introduced the new initiative to provide tar-

geted training programs aimed at supporting unemployed and underemployed individuals across a 43-county tristate region," Gammill noted. The program is designed to address critical workforce needs.

Among the Mississippi counties include Alcorn, Benton, DeSoto, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica and Union.

"The Itawamba Community College, the University of Memphis and UpSkill Mid-South Partnership offers accelerated job training and education programs to people in the community as well as help finding a

job," said Diane Pabich, director, University of Memphis, Upskill Mid-South program. "Our programs help individuals develop and refine skills that are highly valued in today's workplace. All are completely sponsored."

To be eligible for Upskill Mid-South training sponsorship, individuals must be 18 years of age or older, U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen with authorization to work in the U.S. and comply with the Military Selective Service Act registration provisions. They must be either unemployed or underemployed (working fewer than 30 hours a week or pay rate less than \$15 per hour), a

legal permanent resident and currently living in the 42-county tri-state service area. In order to document the eligibility information, participants will be required to upload documentation to demonstrate eligibility for sponsorship before beginning a skills training program, Gammill said. Included are age and identification verification, region verification (proof of residency in counties covered) and unemployment or underemployment verification.

For more information, contact jegammill@iccms.edu or continuingeducation@iccms.edu

Itawamba Community College's safety depends on US!

MATHAIUS MALLARD
Chieftain Staff

Safety is always a big priority in our lives, and it is even more important at Itawamba Community College.

ICC has Campus Police offices at all three locations, Fulton, Tupelo and Belden, but they can't be everywhere all the time, said Chief Jason Dickinson.

He said that students should always know their environment, be aware of their surroundings and have Campus Police phone numbers for all locations. They are (662) 862-8300, (662) 687-2750 (Fulton); (662) 620-5300, (662) 687-2751 (Tupelo) and (662) 407-1570, (662) 687-2752 (Belden).

Dickinson noted that everyone at ICC can do more to stay safe, including always locking car doors, walking with somebody and not being alone late at night. He also cautions among other items on the "not to do

list" include driving fast, not taking something that isn't yours, obeying all parking rules and keeping decals up to date.

He also said that speed tables are coming soon, and new camera systems have been installed so that Campus Police can see those who are entering and leaving ICC.

For residence halls, Chief Dickinson says, "Read the handbook and know the rules about the visitation policy and violation and how it works."

He also said that some of his biggest safety concerns are driving safer for pedestrians and slower speeds. Campus Police numbers, all of the laws for all locations and crime reports for the last few years are available on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu. Among the other information available is the Cleary Act of Violence Against Women. "To be safe while walking," Dickinson said,

"there are deterrent alarms for keys that flash that you can buy from the ICC Bookstore for situations at night. You can also use keys for self-defense and not walk alone. If you have an emergency, you should call one of the cell phone numbers or dial 911."

Dickinson said that if you see crimes in progress, you should be the best witness you can and call Campus Police. Their office locations include Fulton Campus (back of the Library), Tupelo Campus (Student Services Building) and Belden Center (upstairs in the left wing). Fulton Campus Police hours are 24/7 every day, but hours at Tupelo and Belden vary.

Dickinson also emphasizes, "Obey the speed limit, remember the crosswalks, be courteous about your driving and parking."

He urges, "Be respectful to us; we are here to take care of you and we will respect you. Don't be afraid to talk to us."

Distance Learning from page two

I believe continuing to develop methods of distance learning is fundamental to developing our country as a whole for reasons just beyond allowing more people to obtain a college degree. For people trying to further their career education, online education is often the only realistic option. It also provides a viable opportunity or option for adult learners who have

family or other responsibilities to enable them to achieve an educational level that will prepare them for careers that could have a greater financial impact on their futures.

In low population areas with few options to further one's education, online learning again stands out as one of the most realistic options.

There are multiple hurdles

with pursuing a higher education, most notably the price of tuition and long-term effects of student debt, with college being as big of a commitment as it is, it only makes sense to allow people to pursue their education in whatever manner works best for them.

Thank you, ICC, for providing this option for an unparalleled educational opportunity!

ICC...The BEST!



YOU can participate

ALEA HUDSON
Chieftain Staff

Intramural sports at ICC provide an opportunity for students to participate in athletic activities throughout the year.

According to Ana Brooke Stephens, Student Activities coordinator, ICC offers 10 different intramural sports.

The program is designed to engage students who may have played sports in high school but not competing at the collegiate level.

“We want to get students involved in activities on campus and help them mingle with other students,” Stephens said.

Students can sign up through links sent to their school email two weeks before each sport begins,” Stephens noted. They have the option to register as part of a team or as a free agent. “If they sign up as a free agent, they will be randomly placed on a team.”

Upcoming events this semester include dodgeball. Winning teams will receive a free T-shirt, and students will have the opportunity to meet new people and build friendships through these activities.



Humanities Club sponsors voter registration
Itawamba Community College's Humanities Club conducted Voter Registration drives at all three locations - Fulton, Tupelo and Belden, on National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 17.



Allen recognized ICC’s Commercial Truck Driving faculty, Jeff Reeder, Greg Taylor and Kenneth Lee. “Your dedication to our students and your commitment to excellence are what make programs like this one so impactful,” he said. “With this new facility, you’ll have even greater resources to continue your exceptional work.”

He also noted that the center is being built with current and

prospective students in mind. “We want you to have access to the best possible training, equipment and opportunities. I look forward to seeing how you will shape the future of this industry.”

ICC’s CTD program prepares individuals to drive Class A semitrucks and other commercial vehicles. It includes four-week or six-week training options.

“As we turn the shovels today, we are turning toward a future filled with opportunity, growth and innovation. This is more than just a building - it’s another step toward fulfilling our mission to enrich lives and build stronger communities through education.”

Hooker Construction of Thaxton is the contractor, and PryorMorrow PC, the architect.

CTD Center from page one



Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

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Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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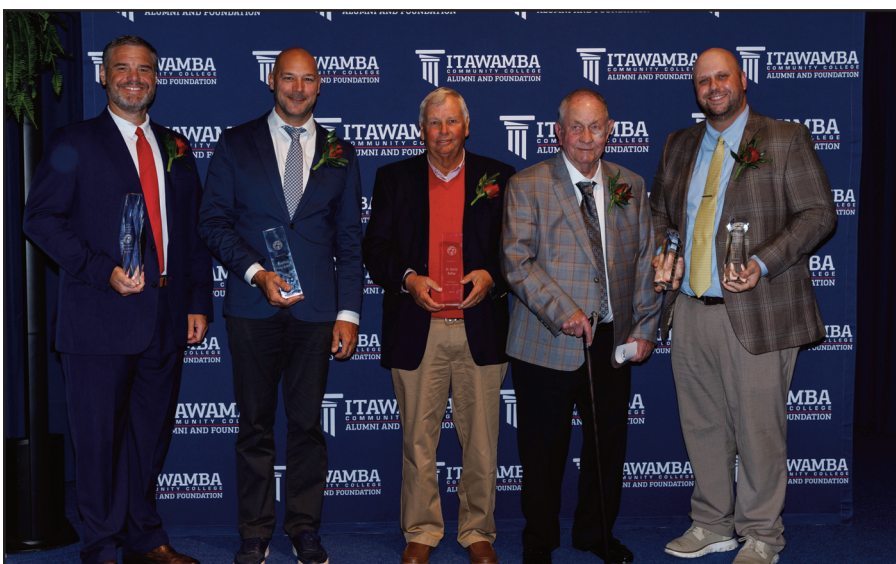
Remember to vote November 5!



Itawamba Community College's Homecoming activities, Oct. 16, included formal portraits and on-field pictures of the court, crowning of the queen and king, cheerleaders hyping up the crowd, Homecoming dance, fireworks, choir performance of the Alma Mater and the National Anthem, presentation of awards to Alumni honorees and meeting the football Indians and coaches, including Coach Travis Macon.



Homecoming 2024! What a Week!





ICC Athletics on the Move

CAMPUS SPORTS

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The wins keep coming! ICC football Indians enter Top 20

Staff Reports

HOLMES 27, ICC 24

The highly-anticipated game between No. 14 Itawamba Community College and No. 6 Holmes Community College lived up to all the hype, but a questionable call in the final seconds of the game will cast an unfortunate shadow on the 27-24 Bulldog victory.

The Indians were flagged for a questionable pass interference call that set the Bulldogs up for a 32-yard game-winning field goal with 1.8 seconds left in the game.

Despite the last-second shenanigans, the Bulldogs outscored the Indians 20-7 in the second half to rally for the victory.

The Indians took a 17-7 lead into the break on touchdown passes from Ty Davis to Ethan Minor and Jaylen Foster along with a 27-yard field goal by Eli Burciaga.

Davis went 18-of-29 for 188 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

The Bulldogs made it a 17-14 contest on a seven-yard touchdown pass with 9:15 left in the third quarter. The Indians answered with a four-yard run from Jaylen Sulton to go up 24-14 with 1:47 left in the quarter.

After the Bulldogs opened the fourth quarter with a field goal, the turning point of the game came at the 9:54 mark when a shanked punt hit an Indian player in the back, and Holmes recovered the ball at the Indians' 34-yard line. The Bulldogs cashed in with a four-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 24 with 6:33 left to play.

Offensively, the Indians had 347 yards (188 passing; 159 rushing). Chris Reed had 10 catches for 109 yards. Mykel Allen rushed for 99 yards on 14 carries.

Defensively, ICC forced three fumbles and recovered two, both by Orel Gray, who finished the night with nine tackles, two sacks and three tackles for a loss.

ICC 37, COAHOMA 14

Itawamba Community College capitalized on four big plays on its way to a 37-14 road win over Coahoma Community College.

The Indians took a 7-0 advantage before the offense took its first snap of the night. Jordan Johnson picked off a pass and returned it 62 yards for a touchdown. Eli Burciaga drilled a 44-yard field goal to give the Indians a 10-0 advantage with 3:55 left in the first quarter.

Coahoma made it a 10-7 game with less than a minute left in the first quarter when they returned a fumble 21 yards for a touchdown.

ICC answered with a 76-yard scoring toss from Ty Davis to Chris Reed to take a 17-7 lead with 8:45 left until halftime. Burciaga tacked on a 24-yard field goal before Zae Dilworth capped off the impressive first half with a 62-yard interception return for a touchdown to give the Indians a 27-7 lead at the break.

Davis found Tyran Mosley for a 55-yard touchdown pass in the opening seconds of the third quarter, and Burciaga added a 27-yard field goal to make it 37-7 in favor of the Indians.

Burciaga finished the night three-for-three on field goals and four-for-four on extra points.

The Tigers scored on a one-yard dive into the end zone with 5:23 left in the game.

Davis connected on 12-of-16 passing for 184 yards and two touchdowns. Reed had two catches for 81 yards and a touchdown while Mosley added 62 yards and a touchdown on two catches.

Defensively, the Indians forced the Tigers into four turnovers. Noah Classen and Jaylon Blakely each recovered a fumble to go with a pair of 62-yard interceptions returned for touchdowns by Johnson and Dilworth.

The Indians are ranked in the top 10 nationally in five defensive categories: first with four interceptions returned for touchdowns and 10 fumble recoveries; second with 11 total interceptions; sixth with 25 sacks and eighth with 15.3 points allowed per game on the season.

ICC 35, MISS. DELTA 17

ICC's Indians scored 21 unanswered points in the final six minutes of the game to rally for a 35-17 win over Mississippi Delta to remain unbeaten in conference play.

Trailing 17-14, Jaylen Sulton capped off a 10-play, 64-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run to give the Indians a 21-17 lead after the successful extra point attempt by Eli Burciaga.

Sulton finished with a season-high 94 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries, including a 61-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Jaylen Foster scored on a five-yard touchdown run to put the Indians up, 28-17 before Dylan Rowsey put the game on ice with a 43-yard interception returned for a touchdown with 1:10 left in the game.

The Indians had 364 yards of offense. Ty Davis overcame two early interceptions to complete 12-of-19 passing for 170 yards and a touchdown. Zae Davis had nine receptions for 108 yards and a four-yard touchdown catch. Mykel Allen had a season-best 109 yards on 17 carries.

Defensively, Rowsey had eight solo tackles to go along with his 43-yard pick six, and Alex Dawkins returned an interception for 34 yards.

ICC 36, EAST MISSISSIPPI 34

After a disappointing performance in a loss to East Central, the Indians bounced back with a 36-34 win at East Mississippi on a game-winning field goal by Eli Burciaga that drew flashbacks to the Indians' 2012 win over the Lions.

The Lions scored on a five-yard touchdown run to take a 34-33 lead with less than two minutes left to play. The Indians quickly drove the ball 60 yards on five plays to set up Burciaga for a 27-yard, game-winning field goal with 23 seconds left in the game.

East Mississippi looked primed to add to their 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter, but Chuck Taylor tipped a pass and returned the deflection 89 yards for a touchdown. Burciaga added the extra point to tie the game with 6:13 left in the first quarter.

The Lions answered with a 14-yard touchdown run to take a 14-7 lead in the opening moments of the second

quarter. Tyran Mosley returned the ensuing kickoff 69 yards to help set up a 15-yard touchdown pass from Ty Davis to Chris Reed less than 20 seconds after the Lions' score. After a missed PAT, East Mississippi took a 14-13 lead into the break.

Davis found Mosley for a 24-yard scoring toss and Reed with a 71-yard strike to give the Indians a 27-14 lead with 5:05 left. The Lions answered with a four-yard touchdown run and 44-yard touchdown pass to retake the lead, 28-27, with 12:11 left in the fourth quarter.

East Mississippi fumbled a punt, and the Indians quickly drove 42 yards on a three-play drive to take a 33-28 advantage on a three-yard toss to Ethan Minor from Davis, his fourth touchdown pass of the night.

After a facemask on fourth down kept the drive alive, the Lions capped off a 61-yard, 13-play drive with a five-yard rushing touchdown to grab the lead, 34-33, with 1:52 left to play.

Davis scrambled to find Mosley for a 46-yard completion to move the ball to the East Mississippi 17-yard line. Jaylen Foster added a three-yard rush and Zae Davis hauled in a four-yard reception to set up Burciaga for the game-winning field goal.

The Indians' win snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Lions that dated back to a very similar 24-23 win over East Mississippi in 2012 when Tyler Jackson nailed a 43-yard field goal in the final seconds of the game.

Offensively, Davis connected on 17 of 31 passing for four touchdowns and three interceptions. Mosley caught six passes for 128 yards and a touchdown. Reed added 116 yards and two scores on four receptions. Defensively, Jayden Thompson had 18 tackles with one sack, two tackles for loss, a pass breakup and two quarterback hurries. Taylor and Zae Dilworth each had an interception while EJ Stovall added a fumble recovery. Carson Langford averaged 44.4 yards per punt with two going for touchbacks, two downed inside the 20-yard line and no return yards by East Mississippi on five punts.

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ICC's Bass Fishing teammates qualify for nationals



ICC's Noah Daniels of Oxford has qualified along with his teammate Jonathan May of Hickory Flat for the National Bass Tournament, which is scheduled in the spring in South Carolina.

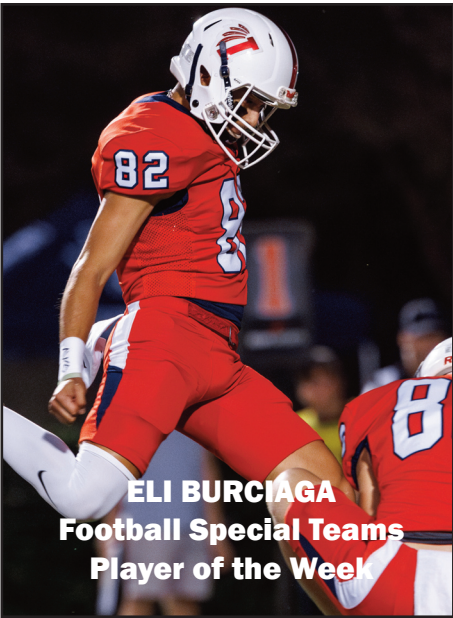
Women's soccer moves up in ranking

The Itawamba Community College women's soccer team moved up in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Top 20, according to an announcement by the association. ICC moved up two spots after falling to No. 1 Northwest Mississippi Community College before defeating then-ranked No. 5 and defending national champion Jones College.

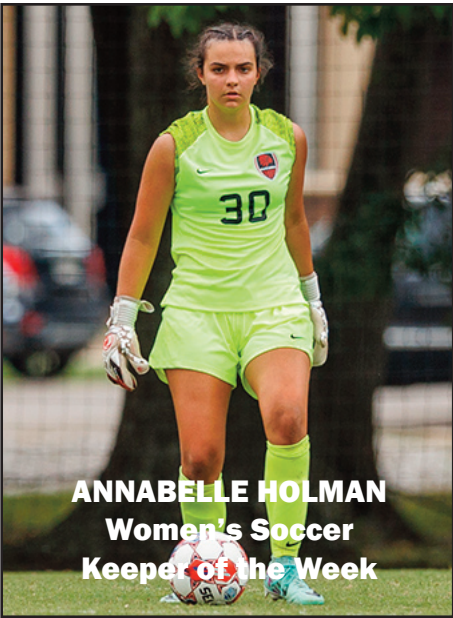


Lady Indians knock off defending national champs

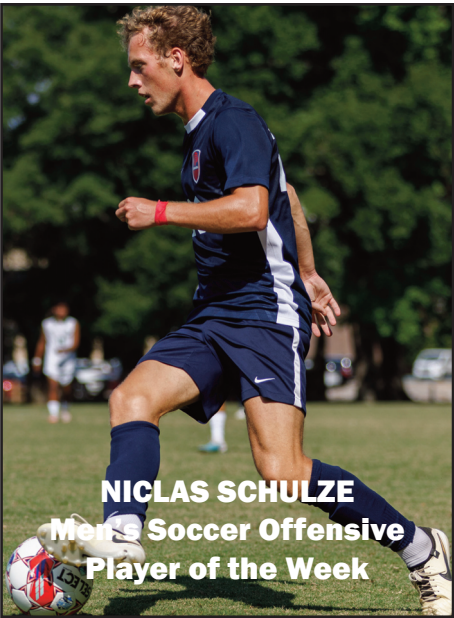
Staff Reports
The Itawamba Community College women's volleyball team picked up a milestone victory over Jones College at the Davis Event Center, Oct. 21. The No. 20 Lady Indians picked up its second win of the season over a ranked opponent with the 2-0 win over No. 5 and defending national champion Jones College. It was the first win over the Lady Bobcats since 2008. Isobel Kinsella set the tone for the Lady Indians with a goal 45 seconds into the match. Millie Webb pushed the lead out to 2-0 when she sent home a rebound in the 26th minute, a carbon copy of Kinsella's goal. A sliding block from Addy Stanford negated the Lady Bobcats' best scoring opportunity with less than six minutes left in the match. Annabelle Holman recorded four saves and her seventh shutout of the season.



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Football Special Teams
Player of the Week



ANNABELLE HOLMAN
Women's Soccer
Keeper of the Week



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Men's Soccer Offensive
Player of the Week

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

11.1	@Calhoun Classic	
11.2	@Calhoun Classic	
11.4	Ark. St. Mid-South	7:30
11.7	Marion Military Ins.	3 p.m.
11.9	@Hinds	6 p.m.
11.11	@Bevill State	6 p.m.
11.13	@Marion Mil. Inst.	7 p.m.
11.16	@Wallace St.	4 p.m.
11.20	@Calhoun	5:30
11.21	@Ark. St. Mid-So.	7:30
12.3	Wallace St.	7:30
12.5	@Northeast	7:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11.1	Vol. State	2 p.m.
11.2	@Calhoun	5 p.m.
11.4	Ark. State MS	5:30 p.m.
11.7	@Columbia St.	2 p.m.
11.11	Enterprise St.	5:30 p.m.
11.14	Freed-Hardeman	5:30 p.m.
11.16	@Wallace St.	2 p.m.
11.18	@Enterprise St.	5:30 p.m.
11.21	@Ark. St. Mid. So	5:30 p.m.
12.3	Wallace St.	5:30 p.m.
12.5	@Northeast	5:30 p.m.
12.9	Calhoun	5:30

FOOTBALL

10.31	Northwest	7 p.m.
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GOLF

10.28	@Gulf Coast Invitational	
10.29	@Gulf Coast Invitational	

SOCCER

10.29	@Pearl River	5/7 p.m.
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VOLLEYBALL

10.29	Bevill State	5 p.m.
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Officers of the Fulton Campus Student Government Association include front, from left, Caroline Riley, Chickasaw County representative; Abi Grace Warren, Pontotoc County representative; Natalie Ryals, president; Callie Kelton, treasurer; Shelby Sullivan, Monroe County representative; back, Will Hathcote, Itawamba County representative; Jasmier Coleman, vice president; Abbie McQuary, at-large representative; Ashanti Doss, secretary; Shelby Morgan, at-large representative; and Sydney Palmer, Lee County representative.

About the organization
Itawamba Community College's Student Government Association plans social activities, encourages student discussion of campus/location concerns, presents recommendations to the faculty and administration and acts in an advisory capacity to all ICC students.

Bottom photo:
Officers of the Tupelo Campus/Belden Student Government Association include front, from left, Teneshia Shells, Itawamba County representative; Harley Blagg, vice president; Sennett Watkins, president; Victor Salgado, treasurer; Yazmeen Alwaisi, secretary; Ella Von Strahl, Pontotoc County representative; back, Susana Worsham, Lee County representative; Pedro Aguilar, Monroe County representative; Grey Autry, Chickasaw County representative; and O'Shea Crump, at-large representative.



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