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BRTC Fills Three Administrative Positions

Three administrative positions at BRTC have been filled, according to Julie Edington, Director of Human Resources. Brenda Gillogly of Helena has been named the new Vice President of Administration, Donna Statler of Pocahontas has been named Division Chair of General Education, and Phillip Dickson of Imboden has been named Division Chair of Technical Education.

Gillogly comes to BRTC from Phillips Community College in Helena where she has served as Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration for the past year. Previous work experience includes VPA at Rich Mountain Community College, Director of Financial Services at Kansas City Art Institute, Controller at Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS, and ten years of K-12 financial accounting in Kansas. She has also served as adjunct instructor of accounting and business law. She earned a BS in Accounting and Business from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, and an MBA from Baker University, school of professional and graduate studies, in Baldwin, KS. "I love higher education finance and administration," Gillogly said, "and I am looking forward to working with everyone at BRTC."

Dickson has been a Business Technology instructor at BRTC since 2001. He holds an AA in General Education and an AAS in Business Technology – Networking option, both from BRTC, and BS and MS degrees in Management Information Systems, both

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Brenda Gillogly



Phillip Dickson



Donna Statler

Important Dates

July 2

**Summer II Classes
Begin**

July 4

**Independence Holiday
Campus Closed**

July 14

**Pediatric Safety Event
REACH Sites Open**

August 11

REACH Sites Open

August 13-17

BRTC In-Service

Large Number Turns Out for Kids' College

The Department of Corporate and Community Education at Black River Technical College held its Annual Kids' College, June 11-14. Approximately 120 children entering first through sixth grades attended the event which provided six classes of educational activities each day.

The classes offered and the presenters were: "Arkansas Wildlife" – Brett Ditto, Arkansas Game and Fish; "Bashful Butterflies" and "Beautiful Birds" – Jessica McFadden, BRTC Office of Development; "BRTC=FUN" – Rhonda Foster, BRTC Office of Development; "Building a Birdhouse" – Mike Andrews, Randolph County Cooperative Extension Service; "Communities Celebrate" – Rhonda Stone, Joyce Radcliff and Pat Johnson, Pocahontas Kiwanis; "Electrical Safety" – Nick Manatt, Clay County Electric; "Encouraging Good Decisions" – Tracy Radcliff and Sandra Tweedy, IBERIABANK; "Fire Facts" – Scott

Baltz, Denny Moore and Jimmy Shields, Pocahontas Fire Department; "Football Toss" and "Pedal Karts" – Sgt. Charles Winberry, Arkansas National Guard; "Fun with

Fabulous Furry & Feathered Friends" – Gail Torok and Netia Olvey, Randolph County Humane Society; "Fun-n-Games" – Roni Farrin, BRTC Community Education; "In the News" – Dalton Sullivan, Star Herald Publishing; "Kids' Safety" – Amber Richbourg, BRTC Campus Police, K9 Deputy Blake Liscomb and dog Ben, Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, and Air Evac team members; "Life-Size Kids" – Anne Simpson, BRTC Library; "Native Americans and the Stars" – Mary Buchman, Lake Charles State Park, and Crystal Watson, Old Davidsonville State Park; "Saving Money" – Maria Kovak and Tasha Lee, BancorpSouth; "Scrapbooking" – Gena Farrin, BRTC Community Education.

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Annual Juneteenth Event is Celebration of Freedom



Out-of-town guests and family descendants (pictured left) visit the Looney farmstead; Cindy Robinett (far right) presents a program at the Eddie Mae Herron Center during the Juneteenth Celebration.



The Annual Juneteenth Celebration was held last weekend at the Eddie Mae Herron Center in Poca-hontas. Sponsored by the EMH Center and Black River Technical College, the event is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Cindy Robinett, local Historian and Adult Education Instructor at BRTC, presented a program on "African American One Room Schools" in Randolph County. She shared with the audience her findings, including information recently attained that indicates the St. Paul school established for African Americans actually existed for much longer than originally believed.

The presentation included information from old school records on four African American public schools in Randolph County documenting the num-

ber of children, the teachers, and the salaries paid. The four Randolph County public schools discussed included Peru, Biggers, New Hope (at Birdell), and Pocahontas (Present EMH Center).

The event also included a presentation by Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, Humanities Scholar and a visit to the Rice-Upshaw House and William Looney Tavern accompanied by Robinett, Dr. Derek Clements, Priscilla Stillwell, and Dr. Jan Ziegler of BRTC. Among the visitors were many family descendants whose ancestors, some of them slaves, had once lived at the Looney farmstead.

Other festivities included opening ceremonies presented by Boy Scout Troop 45, the Northeast Arkansas Heritage Dancers, and performances by the Studio for the Arts, the St. Louis Metro Singers, and Empty Pockets.

The official Juneteenth website explains that June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

The local Juneteenth Celebration was supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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In addition to the presenters, numerous individuals from BRTC and the community served as group leaders and assistants throughout the week. They were: Beverly Edington, Dana Clay, Debbie Sorg, Dina Hufstедler, Emily Swink, Emmy Lambert, Garrett Andrews, Helen Shipley, Janet Crabbe, Jean Wilson, Kitt Miller, Krystal Hendon, Matt Hill, Pat Lambert, Pat Reynolds, Renee Davis, Sharon Miller, Sharon Watson, Sharron White, Trevor Etherton, Linda Bowlin, David Bowlin, Kristina Townsend, Mary Kercheval, Diane Rodgers, Amy Hausman, Robert Murray, Taylor Murray, Diane James, Chloe James, Judith Rountree, Tiffany Hausman, Anna Reeves, and Dan Hersey.

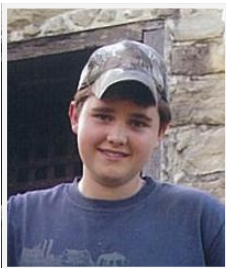
A highlight of the week for children and adults alike was getting ice cream courtesy of East Arkansas Broadcasters of Jonesboro, delivered by Brandon Foster from the Polar Roller truck.

According to Patti Blaxton, Director of Corporate and Community Education, Kids' College is designed to provide children with an opportunity to expand their knowledge and creativity while having fun. "I want to thank the many individuals who gave of their time and talents in working with the students, including Rhonda Swink and Christina Sanderlin in the Corporate and Community Education Department," said Blaxton. "Because of everyone's hard work and dedication, Kids' College was once again a huge success."



Kids' College photos will be on the BRTC website www.blackrivertech.org the first week in July.

BRTC President's Scholarship Awarded to Six Students



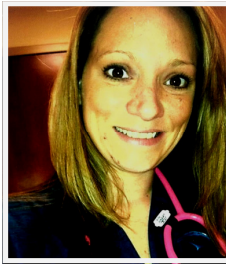
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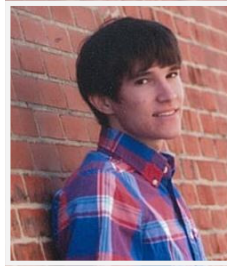
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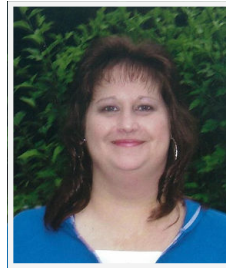
Lesleigh Whitlock



Jennifer Penn



Cody Vowell



Lisa Cook

BRTC President's Scholarships have been awarded to six students for the 2012-2013 academic year. The award covers full tuition for two consecutive semesters provided the recipient maintains at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA for those two terms and is enrolled full time.

Recipients of the scholarship are: Business Education – Hunter Utnage of Pocahontas; General Education – Melissa Weaver of Rector and Lesleigh Whitlock of Pocahontas; Health Education – Jennifer Penn of Strawberry and Cody Vowell of Corning; and Technical Education – Lisa Cook of Paragould.

Utnage is the son of Randy and Julie Utnage of Pocahontas. He is a 2011 graduate of Pocahontas

High School and is currently attending BRTC working towards an AS in Business degree. He plans to major in business or finance.

Weaver is the daughter of Barbara and Loran Weaver of Greenville, MO. She graduated in May from Rector High School and plans to major in Early Childhood Education.

Whitlock is the daughter of David and Kathleen Whitlock of Pocahontas and graduated in 2011 from Pocahontas High School. She is currently attending BRTC working towards an AA in Gen Ed degree. She plans to transfer to ASU and earn a bachelor's degree in Social Work or Speech and Language Pathology.

Penn graduated in 1997 from River Valley High

School. She is the daughter of Sarah Cavanaugh and Jimmy Huskey. She and her husband, Vance, have three children. She plans to earn a degree in Respiratory Care and work in a hospital.

Vowell is the son of Philip and Marsha Flurry and Randy and Sandy Vowell, all of Corning. He is a 2011 graduate of Corning High School and plans to become a nurse and have a career in the medical field.

Cook is the daughter of Oliver Wendall Barnes and Lucy Barnes of Paragould and graduated in 1990 from Ridgecrest High School. She and her husband, Robert, have one daughter. She is currently attending BRTC working on an AAS in Business Technology degree with Health Information option.

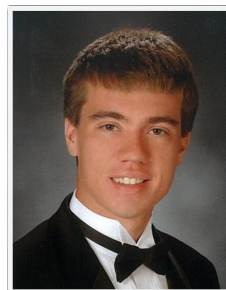


Loggins and Harper Awarded Scholarships

Abbey Loggins of Pocahontas and Jason Harper of Walnut Ridge have been awarded scholarships at BRTC for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Loggins has been awarded the BRTC GED Foundation Scholarship. She plans to graduate in December from BRTC's Practical Nursing program and then apply to the RN program. Upon completing the RN degree program, future plans include earning a BSN at Arkansas State University. She is a member of BRTC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Jason Harper of Walnut Ridge has been awarded the Academic Distinction Scholarship at BRTC for the 2012-13 academic year. He is the son of Chris and Sarah Harper of Walnut Ridge and a May graduate of Black Rock High School where he was Salutatorian of his class. He was also a graduate of the Ralph Joseph Youth Leadership Program, a Boys State Delegate and recipient of the Citizenship Award.



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BRTC Mission Statement

*Blending tradition, technology and innovation
to educate today's diverse students
for tomorrow's changing world.*

From the President's Desk



Dr. Wayne Hatcher

Recently I began preparing curriculum materials for my incoming group of students that will serve on the President's Leadership Council (PLC). My primary texts are authored by John Maxwell, a widely respected leadership expert. In his *Leadership 101* text there is a passage where he states that no leader can do it all alone. The leader of the organization needs a team of good *leaders* to succeed, and that the larger the organization, the stronger, larger, and deeper the team of leaders needs to be. This passage holds multiple implications as it relates to the concept of team leadership, which will be discussed in more detail in my PLC class.

This year, as I reviewed the text, it reminded me that because we have a strong board of trustees who have a good understanding of leadership, BRTC will have more depth in its leadership pool. Their vision to approve the reinstatement of two division chairs plus some new faculty positions will allow BRTC to enhance our ability to accomplish our mission and our strategic priorities (click "About" on our webpage). I am excited about the opportunity for leadership growth and development that will be available for our two new division chairs. Donna Statler will be the General Education Chair and Phillip Dickson will be the Technical Education Chair.

How important are Division Chairs? Well, that response may differ by institution. Here at BRTC it's not hard to see how important they are. They will be coordinating the activities of approximately 70 full-time faculty and scores of adjunct faculty, in addition to their teaching load. Leadership responsibilities related to policy, curriculum formulation/enhancement, evaluations, budget construction/input, etc., come with the position. Progress will always be expected, and this requires leadership.

In the initial paragraph I referenced a Maxwell passage in which "team" was repeatedly used. For

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from Arkansas State University.

Statler is a graduate of Pocahontas High School and holds both BSE and MSE degrees in Math from Arkansas State University as well as Adult Education Certification. She has served as Math Department Head at BRTC for the past two years and math instructor since 1994. She began at BRTC in 1987 as Employment Transition Coordinator and then worked as Adult Education Instructor from 1988-1994.

Both Dickson and Statler will continue teaching with the addition of administrative responsibilities.

leaders to be highly effective they must be able to work with other leaders as a *team*. Among my favorite quotes is this one on teamwork: *Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, and to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.* We are fortunate to have two quality academic division chairs to help direct the academic areas of BRTC...and to help our students be successful.