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Golf Event Nets Record Funding

The annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament held last weekend generated a record amount of funding for student scholarships and other needs, according to preliminary figures released by tournament officials. This year's event generated just over \$30,000, according to Tournament Chair Dina Hufstедler and IBERIABANK VP/Commercial Relationship Manager Kelly Rose, who is also a member of the BRTC Foundation Board.

IBERIABANK's sponsorship of the tournament annually includes a gift of \$10,000, along with significant assistance from the bank's employees in running the one-day event. "The folks from IBERIABANK, along with the many BRTC staff members who volunteer their time, make this event a success," said BRTC President Dr. Wayne Hatcher. "We really appreciate each and every person who is involved. The continued financial support IBERIABANK provides is truly amazing. I also want to acknowledge the effort and commitment of Tournament Chair Dina Hufstедler in making sure that all aspects of the event were well organized and executed."

This year's event included a total of 68 teams for both

morning and afternoon rounds, according to Hufstедler. In addition, an added feature was a "Scratch-Off" contest, with the three lowest scores being chosen as the winners.



Kelly Rose making announcements before the tournament.

Winners and their prizes are:

1st place with a score of 64 – Jerry Swann of Pocahontas – a week's stay in a beach home in Fort Morgan, AL, along the Gulf Coast, compliments of Ricky and Marsha Walker; 2nd place with a score of 65 – Alma Massey of Pocahontas - \$100 certificate towards a 3-day, 2-night stay at Gaston's White River Resort in Lakeview, plus a \$200 gift card good towards anything at

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Important Dates

- October 17-19**
Chinking & Daubing/Battens/Flooring Workshop
- October 18**
PTK Induction
- October 23-24**
Holocaust Survivor Series
- November 7-8**
PTK Blood Drive
- November 8**
BRTC English Club Talent Show
- November 13**
Business Etiquette Luncheon

Holocaust Survivor Alfred Münzer to Visit

Black River Technical College, in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will be hosting its 8th Holocaust Survivor visit October 23-24. Presentations by Alfred Münzer will be held in the Randolph County Development Center at 9:30 a.m. on both Tuesday and Wednesday, and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.



Holocaust Survivor Alfred Münzer

The presentations are made possible by funding from the BRTC Foundation, First National Bank of Walnut Ridge, Pocahontas, Hoxie and Bono, IBERIABANK, Integrity 1st Bank, and by Mike and Barbara Dunn.

Mr. Münzer will talk about the difficult decisions his parents, Dutch Jews, had to make in the wake of the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands in 1940. The audience will learn about the moral dilemmas confronting ordinary



Dutch non-Jewish citizens and the choices they sometimes made.

Nearly 1700 students from schools around Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri have already made plans to attend, according to Project Specialist Dina Hufstедler. The presentations are free and open to the public, but those who

wish to bring a school group to either daytime presentation should contact Hufstедler at 870-248-4000, ext. 4187, to be sure space is available. Reservations are not necessary for those who wish to attend the Tuesday evening presentation.

"We can read and study extensively in an attempt to understand this watershed event in human history, and we should do so," said Dr. Jan Ziegler, BRTC's VP for Development and instructor of

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Art Club Holds Pumpkin Sale



The BRTC Art Club recently held a pumpkin sale on the Pochontas campus and sold large and small pumpkins they had decorated and autumn-themed wreaths they had made. Home-

Spooky pumpkins were sold by students.

made goodies and string dolls were also sold.

A free pumpkin was given to the prize winner, student VaNessa Gomez, for guessing the number of tootsie rolls in a jar.

"It was a tremendous success," said Dr. Sandy Davis Baltz, club advisor, referring to the sale. "We sold out of everything in one day, even though the sale was originally scheduled for four days."



They also had fall themed pumpkins made by students.

"This fundraiser works toward our goal of providing funds for students to visit major art museums, such as Crystal Bridges in Bentonville this fall, and the St. Louis Art Museum this spring," Baltz explained. "We hope to have a bigger sale next October, and we will be taking preorders in September, giving us more time to decorate the pumpkins for the sale."

Baltz and members of the Art Club want to thank all faculty, staff and students who purchased items, and give special thanks to Wal-Mart for donating a certificate to purchase the pumpkins.

Dietetics Students Attend State Nutrition Meeting

Students in BRTC's Dietetics program along with their instructors, Tina Harris and Kathy Murdock, recently attended the Fall Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals State meeting in Hot Springs. This two-day event featured various topics such as entrepreneurship, human resource management, employee appreciation, infection control and menu planning.

Tina Harris, Director of Dietetics, spoke to ANFP members and students regarding professionalism and ethics. Students Annaliza Anis, Heather Frost, Christina Derbes and Samantha Saala assisted her in the presentation.

ANFP is a national not-for-profit association established in 1960 that today represents more than 14,000 professionals dedicated to the mission of providing optimum nutritional care through foodservice management.



Students pictured from top left: Tracy Yandell, Jobna Croft, Annaliza Anis, Jason Cartwright, Crystal Sykes, Christy Vallance, Samantha Saala, Sarah Looney. Bottom left: Heather Frost, Allison Brown, Belinda Johnson, Rayah Fortson and Christina Derbes.

Golf Tournament

Gaston's Resort (restaurant, lodging, fishing excursion, or gift shop); and 3rd place with a score of 67 - Kirk Brinkley of Paragould - a two-night stay in a condominium at The Wharf Resort on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, two tickets for a sightseeing cruise aboard the Belle of Hot Springs, and two passes to the Hot Springs Mountain Tower.



John Perry and Charlie Perry of StoneBridge

Winners of the morning "Championship" Flight were: 1st place - Stan Moleski and Joe Jones; 2nd place - Kelly Scobey and Greg Ward; and 3rd place - Fred Cole and Phillip Taylor. "A" Flight winners were: 1st place - Don Liebhaber and Stan Hovis; 2nd place - Chuck Couch and Jerry Lindsey; and 3rd place - Alan Baltz and Don Smart. "B" Flight winners were: 1st place - Nathan Pugh and Johnny Bennett; 2nd place - Tom McClain and Darrell Fears; and 3rd place - John Perry

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and Charlie Perry.

Closest to the Pin Winners in the morning tournament were Kelly Scobey, Gene Bloodworth, Don Liebhaber, and Erik Hearnes.

Afternoon "Championship" Flight winners were: 1st place honors (shared) - Ron Mangold and Joey Gill and Mike Prichard and Bill Prichard; and 3rd place - Pete Kilpatrick and Joey Pfeffer. "A" Flight winners were: 1st place - Jerry Williams and Mark Johnson; 2nd place - Greg Gamso and Ryan Thielemier; and 3rd place - David Baltz and Brian Baltz. "B" Flight winners were 1st place - Dale Dalton and Blake Prater; 2nd place - Krissy Massey and Brent Massey; and 3rd place - Ryan Gibson and Lee Ann Gibson.



Ryan and Lee Ann Gibson about to head out on the course.

Closest to the Pin Winners are Erik Sibrava, Joey Gill, Keith Sutton, and N. Ray Campbell.

Photography Class Takes Field Trip to Memphis

Students in the Digital Photography class at BRTC recently traveled to the Memphis Zoo and Memphis Botanical Gardens to take pictures, according to instructor Kellee Hardage. "Students were able to take hundreds of photos to fill their portfolio as part of their semester final," Hardage explained.

Hardage said "students will also have an opportunity to visit a photography studio, take images of the BRTC campus, historical town sites and local state parks, as well as visit a photography studio during the semester."

In addition to taking photos, students learn about camera features and learn how to manipulate photos using PhotoShop software.

To view some photos taken by students, go to the BRTC website at www.blackrivertech.org. Anyone interested in learning more about the Digital Photography class may contact Hardage at 870-248-4000, ext. 4133.



Kellee Hardage, Jason Ruffkabr, Shirley and Phillip Taylor, and Nicole Johnson.



PLC organized Breast Cancer Awareness day and encouraged BRTC faculty, staff and students to wear pink. They also raised \$137 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Sign Up Now for Workshop Series

October 17-19

Chinking & Daubing/Battens/Flooring

October 31– November 2

Constructing a Shaving Horse/Furniture

November 14-16

Fencing from Renewable Resources

For more information or to sign up call Jessica McFadden at (870) 248-4000 ext. 4189 or visit our website at www.blackrivertech.edu/community/ece and click on Pocahontas Campus

Parker is New DE Coordinator

Daniel Parker of Jonesboro has joined the staff of Black River Technical College as Coordinator of Distance Education. A native of Piggott, Parker has assumed duties formerly held by Regina Moore, who was recently named BRTC's new Director of Distance Education.

Parker's primary responsibilities will be providing technology assistance to instructors and students teaching and studying via Distance Education, including those online classes.

He received an MS degree in Information Science through his studies at City University, London, in 2011. While there he worked on community projects, including the "Our Story" project, and provided instruction in computer classes. Parker also holds a BA degree in History from Arkansas State University, and had spent time as an undergraduate international student as well.

Online education is a rapidly growing component of BRTC's course delivery system. BRTC's DE program recently gained formal approval from the Higher Learning Commission, signaling the accreditation agency's affirmation of the quality of the college's various applications of technology to provide instruction to near or distant students.

"We look forward to the expertise of Daniel," said BRTC President Wayne Hatcher. "His technology skills as well as his international educational experiences, enthusiasm and high energy make him a valuable asset to our institution."



Daniel Parker

Survivor

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The Holocaust course. "But no matter how many books we read, or how much video footage we view, nothing can bring the enlightenment we gain when we hear firsthand from someone who was there, someone who lived the experience we call the Holocaust. The opportunity to do this is quickly coming to an end, and so we are extremely fortunate here at BRTC to meet Holocaust Survivor Alfred Münzer and to hear his story."

An added feature of the Survivor Series this year will be a presentation for area Law Enforcement officials and students of BRTC's Law Enforcement Training Academy. Sarah Campbell, Program Coordinator of Law, Justice and Society Initiatives at USHMM, will be presenting on "Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust." This presentation will take place Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., also in the Randolph County Development Center. Mr. Münzer will be on hand to talk to participants. For more information on the law enforcement presentation, contact LETA Director Steve Shults at 870-248-4000, ext. 4194.



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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

For those that check out this corner regularly you know that I often emphasize the importance of leadership. This will not be an exception. To be a part of Black River Technical College is to work in a place where leadership would be routine—if not for the standard of excellence that we set for ourselves. Such examples are exhibited in the quality of activities that our new student organizations are producing, in the quality of the different instructional methods our faculty are incorporating to engage more students in active learning and in the attitude of excellence constantly demonstrated by our Board of Trustees and a growing number of Foundation

Board members.

I take pride in the fact that BRTC does not follow what many may refer to as the standard “success model.” In my opinion we are neither a “top down” organization nor a “bottom up” one. We really do practice teamwork—and we continue to build on a tradition of success. Our faculty have a tradition of giving hours of their time to assist students academically. Recently many decided they wanted to give students more leadership and “real life” experiences, so they have created student organizations and other extracurricular activities to enhance their in-class instruction. These and other faculty are also participating in professional development activities to be even more effective in assisting in the success of their students.

Additionally, representatives of our Board of Trustees have volunteered to attend the Association of Community College Trustees this month and our Foundation Board Chair will be in attendance at the Council of Resource Development next month. To have our trustees and foundation board members care enough to give days of their time to be more effective in leading us and in helping our students and communities take advantage of current and

future opportunities speaks volumes to the rest of us here at BRTC—and it should to you as well. At the least it exhibits the power of attitude. To our faculty, trustees and foundation board members I dedicate this quote:

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us.

But how we react to what happens:

Not by what life brings to us...but by the attitude we bring to life.

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes.

It is a catalyst...a spark that creates extraordinary results.

Yes, with attitudes like we have...extraordinary results will soon be routine...and we intend to prove it!

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