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Ozarks Technical Community College Discussed at March Luncheon

Knowing the importance of OTC for employment opportunities and the value of the investment the community has made in the college was central to the theme of Dr. Hal Higdon's presentation at our March luncheon.

For instance Higdon said that the drop out rate among the junior and senior high school population has been substantially impacted by the presence of OTC's Middle College. In 2017 100% of the students who participated completed the program, and 94% of graduates are either employed or transfer to a university. The Middle College was developed in partnership with Springfield Public Schools to offer an at risk population of students the opportunity to gain valuable skills training and college accreditation.

In the April election voters will have the opportunity to decide upon either a 20-year renewal of a \$0.05 tax first passed in 1998 that is used to fund technical and healthcare programs, or consider an additional \$0.05

property tax with a 20-year sunset that would also be used to fund technical and healthcare programs, and include the construction of a Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology.

Cindy Wilson, the Associate Director of Middle College, shared her passion for working with the students who have the opportunity to, "step off of their high school campus and come to OTC." The value of that experience said Wilson is, "a student may have 18 credit hours toward an associate degree by high school graduation" In the next year the college will offer, fifteen career paths for students. Wilson extended an invitation to the public to visit their campus; "we'd love to show off the labs to the community and let them see our state of the art equipment."



Cindy Wilson talks about Middle College at OTC



Dr. Hal Higdon (pictured above) is the Chancellor for OTC and President of the Springfield Campus.

On The Agenda

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APRIL 12TH

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Betterment Award Goes to City Utilities

After a few years of looking for the right place to locate the new City Utilities Transit Center, Chris Haller, the Facilities Manager for City Utilities, told the NSBA luncheon crowd that they took



Terry Allcorn (pictured left) presents Chris Haller and Kelly Turner with the Commercial Betterment Award at the March luncheon.

a second look at the property at 211 N Main and realized they found the right location. Haller, along with his co-worker Kelly Turner, accepted the Commercial Betterment Award for March 2018. Haller said he and his staff enjoyed the process of the overall project, and was especially proud they were able to come in under budget.

The Betterment Award is presented for both commercial and residential betterment. If a property in north Springfield has

caught your eye, let Hellen Votaw, Rita Silic, or Terry Allcorn know and we'll invite them to a future luncheon and present them with a plaque in recognition of their efforts.

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Letter from the NSBA President



All across Springfield there are agencies and organizations dedicated to educational success of children. I hope you'll join me in the awareness of the great work NSBA has put into our Annual Attendance Party and its role in reducing the dropout rate in our community. For over 20 years we've been working diligently to encourage students who attend the 14 elementary schools in north Springfield to achieve 99% or better attendance. We're less than 2 months from this year's event and we need your support as a volunteer, corporate sponsor or member of the 100 Club. The students depend on us as we'll one day depend on their success back to the very community that raised them.

As always, it's a great time to live, work and do business in North Springfield.

Marcy Dolleens, NSBA President

Nate's Notes

A 2008 study conducted by the Rodel Community Scholars at Arizona State University that tracked students from kindergarten through high school found that dropout patterns were linked with poor attendance, beginning in kindergarten. They discovered that as early as kindergarten, behavioral differences are apparent between those who go on to graduate and those who drop out, with dropouts missing an average of 124 days by eighth grade.



bet·ter·ment

/ˈbedərment/

noun

1. the act or process of improving something.

"they believed that what they were doing was vital for the betterment of society"

synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

• the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements.
"a betterment charge"



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Mark your calendar for May 8th and join us for the 2018 Attendance Party. Join the 100 club and contribute \$100 or a bicycle, volunteer or become an event sponsor. You do not have to be a member to help us make this event a success. Talk to any NSBA board member about how you can get involved!



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