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An Ogre, a Donkey And a Princess Head for Warren

The Warren Civic Theatre's summer production, "Shrek the Musical," will be performed Aug.

"Shrek the Musical" features music by Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire.

The play is based on the Oscar-winning Dreamworks animated movie that was adapted from the children's book written by William Steig.

The Friday performances, which will be held on Aug. 2 and Aug. 9, start at 7 p.m. The Saturday shows, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10, also begin at 7 p.m. The Sunday shows, Aug. 4 and Aug. 11, are matinees and start at 3 p.m.

The play will be performed at the Warren Civic Center, 5460 Arden Road in Warren. Tickets are between \$5 and \$12 and may be purchased at the Warren Community Center. To order tickets in advance and learn more about the production, call 586-268-

4-Year Degrees Now Closer for Macomb Students

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Gary S. Pollard, WSU's vice chair of the board of governors, said Wayne State had its first branch in Macomb back in 1983. He added that the university began partnering with MCC in 1995.

"ATAC is a proud statement of commitment to Macomb County," Pollard said. "This facility will allow us the ability to offer students at MCC the chance to obtain a four-vear degree in disciplines that are in high demand while at the same time providing students with collaborative opportunities with local business-

Phyllis Vroom, deputy president of Wayne State, spoke on behalf of university President Allan Gilmour, who was unable to attend. She said 5,000 Macomb County residents, or 17 percent of the student body, attend Wayne State.

"Now, with ATAC, Macomb residents will have even more access to a four-year university degree,' Vroom said. "Now, Macomb will no longer be a county without a four-year university."

She added that the ATAC building has been designed to be flexible and adapt to the future needs of students and faculty.

MCC President James Jacobs called ATAC a deepening of the relationship between the two schools.

"This building will create a pathway to degrees of promise and demand," Jacobs said. "Wayne State was one of the first partners to take a chance on us when we opened the Macomb University Center. Now 4,000 students pursue degrees there."

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel said that when he got out of high school, he knew



MCC, WSU and local government officials handle the celebratory shovels to break ground for the new facility.

he wanted to work with his hands, but he really didn't know what he wanted to do with his life, only that he knew he needed some sort of advanced degree. So, while working at the Macomb Sheriff's Department, he got a two-year degree at MCC. He then went to Wayne State to complete his four-year degree.

An alumni of both schools, Hackel said he is proud to see the schools working together to bring higher education to Macomb.

He credited former MCC President Al Lorenzo and Jacobs for having the vision to seek out partners like Wayne State when they saw that there was a demand for facilities like ATAC for the residents of Macomb County.

Among the disciplines that will be taught to undergraduates are:

- electrical/electronic neering technology;
- computer science:
- construction management;
- mechanical engineering; global supply chain manage-
- · education with a major in elementary education;
- · special education with a major in elementary education (integrated science or math);
- public relations;
- · anthropology or history

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Through WSU's WayneDirect program, Macomb students will be able to take courses at both the Macomb and WSU campuses as they transition into full-time WSU students.

"I can now say that Macomb County has a four-year university," Hackel said. "It starts at MCC and it goes through to Wayne



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Lawrence Tech students will have access to three software packages:

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gineering, which are often referred to as CAD, CAM and CAE;

• Tecnomatix portfolio, the industry-leading digital manufacturing software;

• Solid Edge software, the most complete hybrid 2D/3D CAD system.

Assistant Professor Ahad Ali,

director of the Smart Manufacturing and Lean Systems Research Group in LTU's College of Engineering, played a key role in obtaining the Siemens PLM Software grant. He said using the same tech in the classroom that is used in industry helps students get real-world experience.



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