MONROE, Mich. – The Monroe County Community College Whitman Center will host two presentations and a display on aviation and the contributions of various women to the field.

“100 Ohio Women in Air and Space,” a display featuring 30 to 40 photographs and biographies of Ohio women who took part in the field of aviation, will be available for viewing in the Whitman Center lobby from Sept. 30 to Oct. 20 during the center’s regular hours. The Whitman Center is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The exhibit is being loaned from the International Women’s Air and Space Museum.

A presentation entitled “Women in Aviation” will take place on Oct. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 9. The interactive seminar will discuss the contributions women have made and continue to make in aviation. Attendees will learn stories about local women pilots from Michigan and Ohio whose lives involved flying jets and crop dusters, delivering mail and helping both people and pets. Corinne Barringer, a certified forensics judge and researcher of aviation, will lead the discussion.

“Guess How We Got Here: Unique Paths to Exciting Aviation Careers” will be held October 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 9 of the Center. A diverse panel discussion will highlight the career paths of several women in aviation. Attendees will hear how various, seemingly ordinary women were able to
combine their backgrounds, skills and passion for flying into unique aviation careers. Discussion will focus on the varied opportunities within the industry and reasons to consider aviation for a career.

The panel will consist of Rachel Krumwiede, education coordinator for the Yankee Air Museum; Elgene Doinidis, administrator at Schoolcraft College; Amy Kienast Linderman, national director of business relations at the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology; Alyssa "Izzy" Novak, flight instructor at the Eagle Flight Center; and Holly Czupich, contract administrator for USA Jet Airlines.

The display and presentations are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information on the exhibit or presentations, contact Sandy Kosmyna, director of the Whitman Center, at (734) 847-0559.

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