



# The Knightline

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## Students urge other women to enter welding field

Women have been a rarity in Olney Central College's Welding and Cutting Program, but Ashley Fitzgerald, Dawn Severson and Ashton Boles-Shreve are hoping to change that. The three enrolled in the predominately male program this fall and are encouraging other women looking for a career with numerous job openings and good wages to do the same.

"I really want to encourage women to look into welding," Fitzgerald said. "This isn't just a male program. It's a great opportunity for everyone."

Fitzgerald had been a stay-at-home mom until she decided to return to school following her divorce. The Flora resident, who had previous experience welding, chose to continue her education with the two-semester certificate.

"I was always interested in welding and it is something I enjoy," Fitzgerald said. "I like it because it is more hands-on. You're learning while you're doing it. Now is a great time



**OCC Welding and Cutting students, from left, Ashley Fitzgerald, Ashton Boles-Shreve and Dawn Severson are encouraging other women to enroll in the program.**

to get into the welding field because a lot of the older people are retiring and they need younger welders to take over. As a single parent, I need

a job that will allow me to provide the life I want for my daughter."

According to the U.S. Department  
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## Foundation receives endowment from retired instructor

The Olney Central College Foundation has received a \$98,295.13 endowment from the estate of retired instructor Dr. Gloria Bousley.

Dr. Bousley passed away on April 20, 2013 at age 80. She joined Olney Central College in May 1971 and taught business courses through the 1990s. She served as a Division Chair and oversaw the business classes OCC offered off campus.

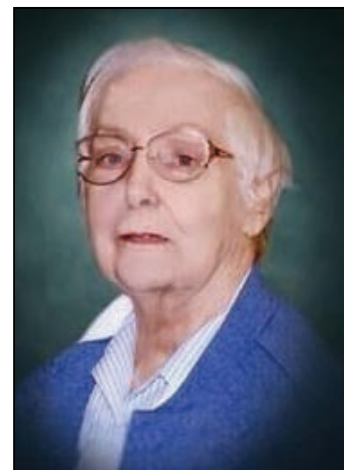
"She was an extremely dedicated educator who worked very hard to complete all the tasks that needed to be done," said retired OCC Instructor Ken Allen. "She was extremely dedicated as an educator to the college, the students and the larger education community."

Retired OCC Instructor Art Miller also worked with Dr. Bousley for many years.

"Gloria was an excellent

instructor at OCC. In fact, there aren't many people teaching in the community college system that have the dedication to the students, colleagues and colleges that Gloria exhibited. She always had time for her students whenever they had a problem both in and outside the school. She had very few family members, so the college became her family. She was usually the first

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**Dr. Gloria Bousley**

# Host families needed for Spring 2015

Olney Central College needs three host families to open their homes and their hearts to international students who will be attending OCC from January until May. Students in need of host families are Anh from Vietnam, Dimitri from Switzerland, and Nakyung from South Korea.

Anh, 18, lives in Ho Chi Minh City with his parents and is excited about coming to the United States and following in his sister Huyen's footsteps. Huyen (Julie) was an exchange student at OCC from 2006 to 2008.

Anh describes himself as an active person with a strong interest in science. He has participated in several rocket science projects and is in the Youth Association (Student Senate) at his high school. He enjoys photography, biking and other outdoor activities.

Anh's family recently hosted two students from the South East Asian Youth Program and he is looking forward to his own host family experience in the U.S.

Dimitri, 20, is eager to come to the U.S. so he can learn English and discover a new culture. He is very easy-going, open-minded and fun. He has had a close group of friends for most of his life and they describe him as fair and helpful.

Dimitri is a good student and has many academic interests ranging from science to business. In his



**Anh**



**Dimitri**



**Nakyung**

spare time, he enjoys swimming, an activity he has pursued for nine years and hopes to continue while in the U.S. Dimitri watches the NBA and recently started playing basketball with his friends.

Dimitri is from a supportive, close-knit family and enjoys spending time with them. He is looking forward to becoming a member of a host family and sharing his Swiss culture with them.

Nakyung, 21, is intelligent and responsible. She enjoys math and likes helping other students as a tutor. She has learned many difficult, but important lessons from working with others and plans to become a teacher.

At her university, Nakyung is involved with a student union group and enjoys taking an active leadership role. Friends describe Nakyung as positive, active and someone who always has a smile on her face, making others feel comfortable and wel-

come.

Nakyung's hobbies include playing the recorder, violin and piano.

She is looking forward to her time in the U.S. because she believes it will give her confidence and the

courage to try new things. While in the U.S., she wants to try baking with her friends and family.

Upon arrival, the students will live with host families within reasonable commuting distance of the college.

Transportation to and from the college is provided. Students will take part in all aspects of college life, from attending classes to joining sports and club activities, but most importantly, they become a part of your family.

All kinds of families have hosted students in the past: married couples with or without children, single parents, singles without children, as well as families with teenagers.

Your family provides room, board, love, guidance and the experience of what everyday life is like in America.

To learn more about hosting a student attending OCC, contact Tina Pierce at 395-7777, ext. 2024.

## OCC Music Department to present Annual Holiday Concert, Fall Recital

The Olney Central College Music Department will host its annual Holiday Concert, featuring the OCC Community Choir, and the Fall Recital, featuring solo student performances.

The Holiday Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The Community Choir will be joined by the OCC Concert Choir in presenting F. J. Haydn's "Little Organ Mass," featuring chamber orchestra and vocal soloists. There will also be Christmas songs and a

Holiday Sing-a-long.

The Fall Recital will feature student musicians presenting works ranging from Broadway hits to the classics of art music literature. This performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Admission to both events is free. For more information, please contact Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities, at [pittmana@iecc.edu](mailto:pittmana@iecc.edu), or by phone at 395-7777, ext. 2252.

## *Campus Visit*

A representative from Franklin University will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 10. A table will be located outside the Student Services Office.

## **Book Buyback**

Book Buyback will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 through Thursday, Dec. 18 in the Bookstore.

Students must bring the original receipt for their books with them.

# OCC participates in visit for INAM Grant

Olney Central College faculty and students recently participated in two site visits for the Illinois National Association of Manufacturers Grant.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is among a 21-member consortium to receive the funding, which is being administered by Harper College. All four IECC institutions — OCC, Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley colleges — are benefiting from the funds.

Grant monies enabled OCC to acquire new equipment for both its Industrial Maintenance Technology and Welding and Cutting programs to ensure students gain the skills needed in the workplace.

“We have been working with a lot of businesses to determine what their needs are and to prepare our students to fill those positions,” said Michael



**Meaghan Mingo of Westat recently met with faculty and students during a site visit for the Illinois National Association of Manufacturers Grant. Pictured, from left, are OCC Coordinator of Career Services Allan Alldredge, Industrial Maintenance Instructor Logan Marshall, Welding and Cutting Instructor Curtis Marshall, Mingo and Michael Sullivan, IECC Director of Outreach, SBDC and the Manufacturing Project.**

Sullivan, IECC Director of Outreach, SBDC and the Manufacturing Project.

On Nov. 4, Research Analyst Meaghan Mingo of Westat led a focus group with the programs’ students to evaluate how equipment purchased through the grant has enhanced their training. Harper College contracted with the Maryland social science firm to conduct

similar visits at all consortium member sites.

Mingo also interviewed IMT Instructor Logan Marshall, Welding and Cutting Instructor Curtis Marshall, Coordinator of Career Services Allan Alldredge and Sullivan.

On Nov. 19, Harper College TAACCT Grant Administrator Melissa MacGregor visited OCC and inventoried equipment

purchased with the grant. She also met with the instructors as well as Alldredge and Sullivan to discuss the four-year grant’s impact and how efforts to enhance the programs will continue when the grant funding ends next year.

“The responses and reports from both visits were very positive,” Alldredge said.



## *Oath Keepers Luncheon*

**Members of the OCC Oath Keepers man the grill during the club’s Veterans Appreciation Luncheon/Cookout on Nov. 10. Those assisting with the event included President Anthony Hemrich, Vice President James Hilderbrand, Treasurer Jesse Spillman, Anthony Moats and Advisor Allan Alldredge. Oath Keepers collected \$230 in donations and food sales. Leftover food was donated to the Olney VFW for its Veterans Day celebration.**

## **Floral arranging class starts Jan. 15 at WRC**

Learn to create beautiful floral arrangements for your home with a class being offered through Olney Central College.

ART 2198 Topics/Issues in Art (Floral Arranging) will be held from 6 to 7:45 p.m. in Room 109 of the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School in Noble. Classes will meet on Thursdays, Jan. 15 through March 5.

Instructor Linda Sargent has nearly 20 years’ experience in floral design working at florist shops and as a floral department manager. She continues to create arrangements for weddings and other special occasions.

Sargent said the class is ideal for beginners since she starts with the basics.

“Anybody can learn how to create beautiful floral arrangements,” she said. “There is really no right or wrong way.”

During the class, students will learn about

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## Photography Trip

OCC's Advanced Photography Class recently visited the studio of Tony Gibson, at right, where they learned about fine art photography. Gibson is a professional wildlife photographer and his pictures have been published around the world. You can visit Gibson's art gallery at [www.anthonygibson.com](http://www.anthonygibson.com). This photo was taken by former student Jerry Masopust, who often comes and helps with the classes. Tim Dunahee, center, is the instructor. A new Basic Photography class will begin in January.



## Students

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of Labor, skilled welders with up-to-date training can expect good job opportunities in the coming years. The average salary for an entry-level welder is \$17.45 per hour.

Severson was used to working a non-traditional job as the only female drawing operator at the Southwire Co. in Flora. When she found herself out of work due to layoffs at the power cable manufacturing plant, she decided to return to school.

"I was married to a farmer and at one point he taught me how to weld on an old AC Welder," she said. "I always liked doing it. When I decided to come to OCC, I had to choose between this or the automotive program. I chose welding because women in the welding field are slim and the job opportunities in welding are much better for women."

Severson, who currently works as a bartender, is looking forward to completing her certificate in May and getting a job in the field.

"I'm 32 and I see this as my last chance," she said. "I definitely don't want to sling beer for the rest of my life."

Severson, who is originally from Delaware, said there it isn't uncommon to find women working as

welders or boilermakers.

"I have friends on the East Coast who are working in all kinds of non-traditional jobs," she said. "It seems like women in this area are sticking to the traditional gender roles. Women really need to step out of their comfort zones and explore other options."

Both Severson and Fitzgerald are trying to set an example for their children that women can succeed in any career.

"The message is we can do it," Fitzgerald said. "You may get a little dirt under your fingernails, but it's nothing you can't wash off. It's definitely a good career choice. It's very creative and women welders are some of the best because they are more attuned to detail."

The three women say their male classmates have been very accepting, "They treat us just the same," Severson said.

"If anything, they are harder on us because they want to see us succeed," Fitzgerald added.

While Fitzgerald and Severson entered the program to prepare for welding careers, classmate Boles-Shreve, of Fairfield, originally enrolled to pursue an artistic endeavor.

"I wanted to do some type of art related to sculpture and metal work," she said. "I'm married with three kids and I wanted something that I could stay at home and do. After I complete the class, I hope to sell the sculptures I make."

But, with her newfound skills, Boles-Shreve is also considering working in the welding field.

"Now, I have the skills to make money," she said.

Boles-Shreve had never welded before the class, but that lack of experience isn't holding her back.

"It was difficult the first couple of weeks, but I think I have improved significantly," she said.

The three women praised Instructor Curtis Marshall noting he is an outstanding teacher, who is always willing to help students succeed.

"If you are having a bad day, he will bring you into the office and give you a pep talk," Fitzgerald said. "He reassures you that you are doing OK."

"He is the best," Severson added.

If you would like to learn more about OCC's Welding and Cutting Program, contact Marshall at 395-7777, ext. 2580.

## Auditions for 'Mary Poppins' Dec. 7 and 9

The Olney Central College Theatre will host auditions for "Mary Poppins" at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7 and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Individuals auditioning will be required to give a cold reading from the script and to sing from memory 16 measures from any Broadway musical song. Adults as well as college and high school students are invited to audition. Parts are also available for two children. Girls in Grades 6-8 and boys in Grades 4-5 may audition.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 23 and 30.



### OCC Foundation Wine Tasting Affair

The OCC Foundation held its annual Wine Tasting Affair on Nov. 14. The event featured wines from Homestead Vineyards, Fox Creek Vineyards and Lasata Wines.

## Ben Deaton serving LSC as tutoring coordinator

Ben Deaton has joined Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center as its new Tutoring Coordinator.

"I enjoy everything about tutoring," said Deaton, who has served as an LSC tutor for four years. "Being able to help people is a passion of mine. I'm looking forward to helping them reach their goals and get through classes. It's something very important to me."

In his new position, Deaton will be coordinating student tutoring sessions for the LSC and working closely with its Director Donita Kaare. He also will administer Pearson Vue Testing and coordinate GED testing preparation.

Deaton earned his Associate in Science and Arts Degree from OCC and transferred to Eastern

Illinois University. Deaton has taken classes toward his bachelor's degree at EIU and plans to become a chemistry instructor.

The LSC offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC and Deaton encourages students who need extra help in a class to meet with him to arrange for a tutor.

The Learning Skills Center is located in the back of the OCC Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Students also can contact Deaton at 395-7777, ext. 2269.



**Ben Deaton**

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# OCC winter weather closing policy

It is Olney Central College's policy to remain open unless the weather makes it too hazardous to do so.

When the safety of students and staff is threatened due to inclement weather or other emergencies, OCC will be closed or classes canceled or delayed.

Administration will attempt to notify media outlets prior to the 6 a.m. news on the day of the closing.

**Don't assume that if the elementary and high schools close, OCC will be closed as well. If no announcement is made, classes will meet as usual.**

Closure of day classes does not necessarily mean that evening classes will be canceled.

Announcements regarding evening classes will be made prior to 4 p.m., if at all possible.

The following radio and television stations will be notified of any cancellations or delays:

- WVLN-AM and WSEI-FM in Olney

- WIKK in Newton
- WAKO in Lawrenceville
- WFIW-AM and -FM in Fairfield
- WNOI-FM in Flora
- WSJD in Mt. Carmel
- WCRC in Effingham
- WVJC in Mt. Carmel
- WTWO and WTHI in Terre Haute, Ind.

- WEHT, WFIE and WTVW in Evansville, Ind.

Closings also will be announced on the following websites:

- [www.iecc.edu](http://www.iecc.edu)
- [www.weatherclosings.com](http://www.weatherclosings.com)

Closings also are announced through IECC Alerts. When you create an Entrata account, you will be automatically registered for an alerts account.

Account creation for alerts will take approximately 24 hours.

IECC Alerts will automatically go to your Entrata email account, but you can opt-in for text messages or receive messages at another email account.

To do so, login to Entrata

([entrata.iecc.edu](http://entrata.iecc.edu)) and select Emergency Alerts. Enter your cellular information under the Text and Voice Preferences section. A phone number is required. The Cellular Provider is optional.

You also may enter another email address in the Email Preferences area Under Contact Email. Then Save.

While there is no direct cost for signing up for this text message service, you may be charged a text message fee by your cell phone provider.

Please check your cell phone plan to understand the costs you may incur using this service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures and test messages.

Students previously signed up with IECC Emergency Alerts should verify contact information and preferences are current.

If you do not have an Entrata account, please contact the Records Office at 395-7777, ext. 2267.

## Endowment

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instructor to arrive at the college in the morning and the last to leave. She always volunteered for committee assignments at the college and was involved in many community organizations."

Allen said Dr. Bousley was very active in state educational organizations and served as President of the Illinois Business Education Association.

Dr. Bousley received her bachelor's degree from Evansville College and earned her master's degree and doctorate at Indiana University. She taught business courses at Bridgeport High School before coming to OCC.

"My office was next to her office for 20-plus years, and during that time we often talked about things that pertained to both inside and outside the college," Miller said. "I was not surprised when learning that Gloria had left a sizeable sum of money to OCC. OCC was her

family."

Dr. Bousley's endowment is earmarked for the OCC Business Department and the income generated from the gift will be used for equipment purchases.

"On behalf of the Olney Central College Foundation, I sincerely appreciate the generous endowment provided by the estate of Dr. Gloria Bousley," said OCC Foundation President Bartley Zuber. "Dr. Bousley's endowment will specifically be used for the Business Department, where she was an instructor for many years. Thanks to the benevolence of Dr. Bousley and others like her, the Foundation is able to purchase equipment, instruments and other materials for departments throughout the college. I would like to encourage people who are formalizing their estate plans, and estate planners themselves, to please consider the OCC Foundation as a worthy recipient."

## Registration underway for spring semester

OCC is currently registering students for spring semester classes.

OCC offers two-year associate degree programs that can be tailored to the major you select or you may enroll in one of the college's many technical programs, including Accounting, Administration of Justice, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Human Resource Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, Office Administration, Phlebotomy, Professional Bookkeeper, QuickBooks, Information Systems Technology and Welding and Cutting.

This spring students can begin taking classes toward a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Certificate. Choose from day or evening courses.

Schedules are available from the Student Services Office or visit the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges website at [www.iecc.edu/occ](http://www.iecc.edu/occ).

Spring semester classes begin on Monday, Jan. 12. For more information or to register, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777.

# GED opens new opportunities

Bill Lamb is excited at the prospect of starting a new career after earning his GED.

"For years, my wife encouraged me to finish my high school education so I could better myself," said Lamb, who put his education on hold. "Then, I lost the job I had for 14 years and the most logical thing to do was come back to school. Most of the jobs that paid what I had been making required a high school education. My wife brought me here and I decided to do it."

Lamb enrolled in the free GED test preparation classes offered through Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center in Spring 2013.

"I was nervous," the Noble resident said. "I had been out of school for 30 years. I came here wondering if I would be able to do this, but it was great. The teachers were awesome and everyone worked with me. It was fun."

Not only did Lamb excel, but he encouraged classmates as well.

"Bill is a wonderful mentor to younger students who are struggling," said Jessica Parrent, who worked with Lamb as Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Adult Education Transition/Data Technician. "He succeeded in the classroom and helped a number of other students."

The LSC recently recognized Lamb's outstanding contributions by nominating him for the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Associations' Student of the Year Award. The winner will be



**Bill Lamb, of Noble, completed his GED after enrolling in classes at Olney Central College. After receiving his degree, Lamb took truck-driving classes at Wabash Valley College and earned his CDL. He is currently working for Prime, Inc. He joined the trucking company after completing its training program, which required him to drive 30,000 miles across 37 states. Pictured, from left, are IECC Coordinator of Human Services Jessica Parrent, Lamb, and Sylvia Lancaster and Pam Wallingford, both of the Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc.**

announced in February.

While preparing for his GED, Lamb also participated in the Learning Skills Center's Transition Skills Class. The course assists students as they transition from GED classes to college courses or the job market. The class covers a variety of topics from applying for financial aid and taking the COMPASS Test to resume writing and career planning. The class also assists students with setting goals.

"The transition class set me on a goal and gave me the idea of working for the state highway department," Lamb said. "I learned what classes I needed to take. I did job searches and found out what the pay and benefits were. It set me on this path."

Lamb said he especially appreciated the assistance Instructor Maranda Tate

provided.

"She really helped me with information about what I needed to do to work for the state," he said.

After completing his GED in September 2013, Lamb enrolled in truck-driving classes at Wabash Valley College. With financial assistance from the Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc., he was able to finish his studies and earn his CDL.

Lamb recently completed a civil service exam, which is required for state employees. While he hopes to eventually work full-time with the Illinois Department of Transportation, he has applied for a temporary position assisting with snow removal.

In the meantime, Lamb is working for Prime, Inc. He joined the trucking company after completing

its training program, which required him to drive 30,000 miles across 37 states. His schedule will remain flexible so he can work for IDOT this winter.

Lamb encourages others without a high school diploma to enroll in GED classes at OCC.

"It was very thorough," he said of the GED program. "It really helped to prepare me and everyone was great."

OCC will offer free GED test preparation classes from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 13. The classes include a general review of test subjects and the books are free. Eight-week daytime classes start Jan. 12 and include math, reading, science, social studies, English and the Constitution.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2267.

# Community Band to begin ninth season

Olney Central College will host the OCC Community Band, with its first meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 in Room 216 at Olney Central College.

The band is directed by Suzanne Downes, Director of Bands at OCC. Its membership over the past eight years has been a diverse mix of varying musical experiences, ages and backgrounds.

“This band was originally started as a way to provide an opportunity for people who had not played in several years to play again – maybe those who were in their high school

or college band but hadn’t played since,” said Downes. “The band includes several members who fit that definition, as well as current high school and college students who want to add to their musical experiences, area music teachers and many who play in church or other venues and enjoy having another outlet to make music.”

The OCC Community Band rehearses on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and will perform a concert on Thursday, May 14.

The theme of this year’s program is “Moments in Time,” featuring

works that represent major milestones of American history, as well as milestones in individual lives.

“There will be new faces in the band this year, as well as returning members – it is always exciting to come to the first meeting and meet the new group each year,” Downes stated. “The goal of this band is to bring together those who enjoy making music, and to have fun doing it.”

For further information, contact Downes at 395-7777, ext. 2251, or via e-mail at [downes@iecc.edu](mailto:downes@iecc.edu).



## Photography Class Visits Zoo

The OCC Advanced Photography class recently took a trip to the Evansville Zoo where they learned how to use their digital cameras in a variety of ways. Pictured are Sam Jarvis, Bobby Jarvis, Instructor Tim Dunahee, Cheryl Mesnard and Linda Johnson.

## OCC Sports Schedule

### Men’s Basketball

- **Dec. 6** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Dec. 9** – OCC vs. Greenville College JV, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Dec. 11** – OCC at Rend Lake College, 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 7** – OCC at Lewis & Clark Community College, 4 p.m.
- **Jan. 10** – OCC vs. Lake Land College, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Jan. 14** – OCC at Lincoln Trail College, 7:30 p.m.

### Women’s Basketball

- **Dec. 6** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Dec. 8** – OCC vs. McKendree University JV, 7 p.m. at home
- **Dec. 14** – OCC at Rend Lake College, 1 p.m.
- **Dec. 15** – OCC at Mineral Area College, 5:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 5** – OCC at Millikin University JV, 5:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 10** – OCC vs. Lake Land College, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Jan. 14** – OCC at Lincoln Trail College, 5:30 p.m.

## Floral

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floral tools and materials while creating a bud vase and basic floral arrangement as well as a Valentine’s Day and spring arrangement. The course includes a \$50 supply fee, which covers the cost of all materials.

“We will have fun in the class and the students will have something really pretty they can take home with them,” Sargent added.

For more information or to register, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777.





OCC's Learning Skills Center recently donated materials to the Olney Public Library. Pictured, from left, are LSC Director Donita Kaare and Librarian Judy Whitaker.

# LSC donates materials to Olney Public Library

Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center recently donated several books to the Olney Public Library.

LSC Director Donita Kaare said the library is encouraging teenagers to utilize the facility and recently conducted a survey to identify their specific needs.

In their responses, the youth said they would like access to more college and career readiness materials.

The LSC presented the library with several publications including books pertaining to GED testing, study skills and both college and career preparation.

## OCC Foundation Valentine's Benefit Feb. 7

Enjoy a special evening with your sweetheart and support the Olney Central College Foundation by attending its Valentine's Benefit on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Olde Tyme Steakhaus in Olney.

The event will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. and include hors d'oeuvres and

an auction.

The Steve Greenwell Trio will perform.

Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased by contacting Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003. Tickets also may be obtained from any OCC Foundation Board member.

## College closed

OCC will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 for Winter Break. The college will reopen on Jan. 5. Spring semester classes start Jan. 12.

## Lost and found items

If you have lost an item, please check with the switchboard in the Student Services Office.

## Keep vehicles locked

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

## Happy Birthday To:

### December

- 2 David Casstevens
- 13 Peggy King
- 16 Kristi Urfer
- 17 Donna Rude
- 18 Leann Gumbel
- 20 Vicky Lemons - FCC
- 21 Clint Burris
- 23 Deborah Hunley

## Knightline Information

Please submit information for the January Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

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## OCC FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER, 2014

For classes that meet MT R, M W F, MTWR, MT RF, or M WR, the final exam will be during the exam period listed for MTWRF classes.

### FOR CLASSES THAT MEET

MTWRF	9:00 a.m.
MTWRF	11:00 a.m.
MTWRF	1:00 p.m.
MTWRF	1:45 p.m./2:00 p.m./ 2:15 p.m.

**Monday**  
**DEC 15**

### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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T R	8:00 a.m.
T R	9:30 a.m./10:00 a.m.
T R	1:00 p.m./1:30 p.m.
T R	2:00 p.m./2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
**DEC 16**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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MTWRF	8:00 a.m.
MTWRF	10:00 a.m.
MTWRF	12:00 p.m./12:30 p.m.
Makeups	

**Wednesday**  
**DEC 17**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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T R	9:00 a.m.
T R	10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
T R	12:00 p.m.
Makeups	

**Thursday**  
**DEC 18**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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If any student has four final exams scheduled on the same day, they should see the Dean of Instruction.

### EVENING CLASSES

Classes after 3 p.m. will have their final exam on the last night of the regularly scheduled session (Monday, December 15 through Thursday, December 18, 2014).

There will be no exceptions to this schedule unless authorized by the Dean of Instruction.