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LSC celebrates with open house

OCC's Learning Skills Center celebrated National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Sept. 22-26 with an Adult Education Open House on Sept. 23.

Adult education and family literacy programs serve adult students who need to improve their basic literacy and math skills, improve their oral and written English, prepare for the GED tests to attain a high school equivalence degree, and transition to community college, vocational training or employment. In Richland County, 7 percent of adults have extremely limited literacy skills and/or English language proficiency.

The LSC serves an average of 200 adult students annually. Every year approximately 40 students earn their GEDs. Many of those students enroll in college while others use their newly earned GED to get a better job. In Richland County, 11.6 percent of adults 24 and older have not earned a high school diploma or GED.



Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center held an Adult Education Open House on Sept. 23 which coincided with National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Sept. 22-26. Students, their families and the public were invited to attend. The LSC serves an average of 200 adult students yearly.

Jacy Ghast joins OCC Nursing Program faculty

Jacy Ghast is serving as a new nursing instructor at Olney Central College.

This will be Ghast's third year teaching at OCC. She previously served as the instructor for the Phlebotomy Program.

"The job is great," Ghast said of her new position. "Everyone is so kind and I couldn't ask for better co-workers. The nursing staff has gone above and beyond to help me. I know I'm going to love it."



Jacy Ghast

Ghast attended OCC before transferring to Southern Illinois

University at Edwardsville where she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing. In July, she completed her master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

Ghast previously worked in the emergency room at Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign for three and a half years. She decided to become an instructor while working with the nursing students there.

"I just love teaching,"

she said. "It was not that long ago that I was a student and I can relate to them. I enjoy sharing my stories and experiences with them."

In addition to OCC, Ghast taught nursing clinicals for two years at Lake Land College in Mattoon.

She continues to work as needed in the Richland Memorial Hospital emergency room.

Ghast and her husband, Tyler, reside in Newton with their two children, Lexie and Piper.

Tickets on sale for OCC Theatre's 'Plaza Suite'

Tickets are now available for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite."

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. An afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. Dinners will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: apricot chicken breast, potatoes au gratin, glazed carrots, seven-layer salad, apple crisp, hot roll with butter and beverage.

Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying Suite 719 of New York City's Plaza Hotel. The first act, introduces the audience to the not-so-blissfully wedded couple Sam and Karen Nash, who take the suite while their house is being painted, and it turns out to be the same room in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before.

This wry tale of marriage in tatters is followed by the exploits of thrice-married Hollywood producer, Jesse Kiplinger, who is meeting his childhood sweetheart now a suburban



housewife, Muriel Tate. Over the years, Muriel has idolized Jesse from afar, but aware of his reputation as a smooth-talking ladies' man she has come for nothing more than a chat between old friends, promising herself she will not stay too long. Jesse, however, has other plans in mind and repeatedly attempts to seduce her.

The last couple is Roy and Norma Hubley, whose daughter, Mimsey, has

locked herself in the bathroom on her wedding day. The Hubleys fight about the best way to get the nervous bride out of the suite and down to the ballroom where the wedding guests await their arrival.

Tickets are \$12 for reserved seats for children and adults for the production and \$24 for reserved seating and the dinner. A special price of \$11 each for the production and \$23 for the dinner and reserved seating will be available for groups of 20 or more.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday in the theatre lobby.

Those who wish to reserve tickets may call 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales. Tickets may be purchased with a Mastercard or Visa.

Reserved tickets will be held for five working days, until picked up in person or a check is received in the mail. Patrons may send a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to OCC and the tickets will be sent by return mail.

Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.

Parenting class begins Nov. 6

Linda Sargent will be helping moms and dads build healthy family relationships through a new parenting education class being offered by Olney Central College.

EDU 2198 Topics/Issues in Education (Parenting) will meet in Room 109 of the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School in Noble. The class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following Thursdays: Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4 and 11.

"It really is a good class and it will help participants to be a better parent to their children," she said.

Sargent, who has worked with families in the past

through the Department of Children and Family Services, will help participants identify their individual parenting styles and teach them how to apply those effectively in the interactions with their children.

Children can push your buttons, Sargent said, but through the course parents will learn how to keep their emotions intact and administer affectionate discipline.

"We've all heard about children who were shaken in anger and injured," Sargent said. "A decision made in one second can change everything."

During the class, parents

will learn what steps they can take to reduce their children's behavior problems, deal with power struggles and establish better communication. Sargent also will discuss child safety and CPR as well as the importance of proper food and nutrition.

"What a child is eating can affect their behavior," she said. "If you're trying to reduce bad behaviors, but you're giving the child snacks with sugar, you are defeating the purpose. What you eat makes a difference."

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

Student Senate Halloween event

Looking for a good scare this Halloween? The OCC Student Senate will present Gothic Nightmares in the woods located on the north side of the campus.

Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Nov. 1.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Proceeds will benefit the Student Senate.

OCC Cosmetology offering several specials

The OCC School of Cosmetology is offering several specials. Stop by 104 E. Main St. today.

Brenna Heidinger new LSC Resource Specialist

Brenna Heidinger has joined OCC's Learning Skills Center as its resource specialist.

In her new position, Heidinger will assist students in OCC's adult education program by providing counseling and testing. She also will register students for classes and keep track of their attendance while helping them procure childcare and transportation.

"We want to give those who are seeking adult edu-

cation degrees the resources they need to succeed," Heidinger said.

A graduate of West Richland High School, Heidinger attended OCC where she was active in band and choir, Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Senate. She also was involved in several OCC Theatre productions.

Heidinger completed her associate's degree in 2007 and transferred to Eastern Illinois University where she earned a bachelor's

degree in English Education. She taught sophomore English at Vandalia Community High School before beginning her new position in mid-August.

"I really like working with the students," Heidinger said. "The people here are nice and have been very welcoming."

Heidinger resides in Wendelin with her husband, Sam, 2-year-old son, Spencer and newborn daughter, Penelope.



Brenna Heidinger

PTK welcomes new members

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently inducted new members for Fall 2014.

Those installed include:

Bridgeport: Justin Biggs

Claremont: Aimee Pampe

Clay City: Kaylee Gill and Sydney Lynn

Flora: Marissa Wagley

Louisville: Garrett Rubsam

Newton: Payton Kocher

Noble: Mariah Bennett

Olney: Bridget Brian, Ryan Eagleson, Lauren Givens, Brian Keller, Kristen Leben, Jacob Reed, Jordan Spillman, Chloe St. Pierre, Jeremy Walker, Madison Weems and Haofeng Xie

Robinson: Ashley Taylor

Sumner: Jacob Allen

Wheeler: Shanna Adkins and Michaela Green

West Salem: Linda Goodwin

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for students attending two-year colleges.

To be eligible for membership, a student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

OCC Closed Oct. 13

Olney Central College will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13 in observance of Columbus Day.



OCC Career/Job Fair and Exposition

OCC hosted its first Career/Job Fair and Exposition on Sept. 16 with more than 40 businesses, service providers and educational institutions participating. The event drew 289 visitors. A similar fair is being planned for the spring.

Radiography Program informational meeting

The Olney Central College Radiography Program will host an informational meeting for prospective students at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17 in Wattleworth Hall Room 115.

All students wishing to apply for acceptance into the Radiography Program for 2015 are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn more about the program and how to apply.

Radiologic technologists are in demand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities are expected to grow by 21 percent between 2012 and 2022.

For more information, contact Radiography Director Carol Kochoer at 395-7777, ext. 2139. You can visit the Radiography Program's website at www.iecc.edu/radtech.

Music Department Fall Concert Oct. 31-Nov. 1

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble, and is the first concert cycle of the 2014-2015 Season.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, the Concert Band will present "Music to Make You Shiver" featuring pieces that should capture the chill in the air surrounding late

October. Among these pieces is a selection named Nevermore by Brian Balmages, based on the Edgar Allan Poe poem, "The Raven."

Warming things back up again, the Concert Choir will present a variety of music from across multi-genres. Included will be the African-American spiritual "The Battle of Jericho," the first movement of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" presented by the women of the Concert Choir, and a tribute to the Beatles with "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da,"

among others.

The Jazz Ensemble will be paying tribute to the great musical spirits of the past. The band will pay homage to Dixieland Jazz and Louis Armstrong, Big Band and Benny Goodman, and the Bop era, hearing music by Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie, among others.

Admission is \$5, and tickets are available at the door, or in advance from any ensemble member. For more information about this concert, please visit the OCC Music Website at www.occmusic.org.

OCC offering beginning class for Entrepreneurship Certificate

Interested in starting your own business? Beginning Oct. 21, Olney Central College will offer the first in a series of courses on entrepreneurship.

ENT 1210 Intro to Entrepreneurship is the first course for OCC's Entrepreneurship Certificate. The class will meet in a condensed schedule for eight weeks from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 105 of the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School, in Noble.

The class is designed for, but not limited to, those without previous college study who may be contemplating starting their own business.

Topics include a study of entrepreneurial character and personality types, business decision

making, feasibility studies, risk analysis, business ethics, communication skills and operations management.

All courses for the 32-hour certificate will be offered in the evening.

"We are very excited we now have the opportunity to offer the program at the West Richland Center," said OCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Jeffery Cutchin.

The instructor for this course will be Brooks A. Cullison. He has accumulated advanced education and a variety of skills in a career spanning 37 years, in public accounting, banking, international business and the practice of law.

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

TEAS-V Test Prep classes available

Olney Central College will offer the TEAS-V Test Prep course for students wishing to enter the Associate Degree Nursing Program in 2015.

Classes will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Oct. 15, 22 and 29.

A TEAS-V score at the proficient level or higher is required

for ranking in the program.

Information about the TEAS-V test and testing dates is available at www.iecc.edu/nursing.

To register for the course or for more information, contact Olney Central College Nursing Program Advisor Linda Horn at 395-7777, ext. 2246, or stop by Room 226A.

Registration appointments

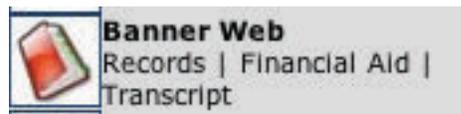
The Olney Central College Student Services Office is now accepting appointments for spring registration.

Stop by Student Services today or call 395-7777 to schedule your appointment.

Registration for current students begins on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Step 1: Log into your Entrata account with your username and password. Click on the Banner Web icon at the right-hand side of your screen.



Step 2: Click on Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online — Credit Card to make your online Payment.

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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC HelpDesk at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-855-519-4357.

GED enables student to land her dream job

Earning a GED enabled Olney resident Ashlyne Denzler to land her dream job.

"I always wanted to do hair, nails and makeup, and now I am," said the 25-year-old, who is employed at Serenity Escape Day Spa in Olney. "It's a great feeling. I always wanted to make people look pretty."

Denzler's journey to her new career began in January 2013, when she decided to enroll in Olney Central College's free GED classes. Denzler, who left high school at 17, said she had started GED classes before, but was unable to follow through.

"Before, I thought I had better things to do," she said. "But, I decided I needed to come back and



Ashlyne Denzler

get my degree. My boyfriend was there to support me in this and he helped me to finish. The GED teachers also helped and supported me. They told me I could do it."

While preparing for her GED, Denzler 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.

After earning her GED degree, Denzler enrolled in OCC's Cosmetology Program. She started classes in August 2013.

"A lot of my classmates helped me," she added. "People supported me at school and at home."

Denzler's hard work and dedication also qualified her for a scholarship OCC awards to GED graduates who want to continue their

education. Students, who meet the criteria, can receive \$1,000 per semester for two semesters to cover their tuition costs.

"I was super excited to get the scholarship," she said. "It meant I didn't have to pay. It really helped."

Denzler graduated from OCC in May and started her job the next day.

"They put me to work from day one. I do all kinds of things from highlights and haircuts to nails and facials," she said. "Earning my GED helped me to succeed at what I wanted to be. Now, I wish I had started when I was younger. Cosmetology is hard, but it is also a lot of fun."

Denzler encourages

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OCC Oathkeepers Club planning event to honor student veterans

The OCC Oathkeepers Club will be honoring veterans with a cookout on Nov. 10 in the Student Union.

All OCC students who served in the military will receive a free meal. Other students may purchase a meal with the proceeds to benefit

the student veterans club.

The menu will include hamburgers and brats.

Watch the OCC website for more details or visit OCC Oathkeepers on Facebook at facebook.com/OCCVETCLUB.

All student veterans are invited to join the club.

OCC Foundation Wine Tasting Affair

The Olney Central College Foundation will host its sixth annual Wine Tasting Affair from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 at the Richland Country Club in Olney.

Local wineries Fox Creek Vineyards, Homestead

Vineyards and Lasata Wines will be featured. Light hors d'oeuvres also will be served.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring

Need help with a class? Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

The Learning Skills Center is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Stop by to learn more.

OCC Sports Schedule

Men's Baseball

- **Oct. 5** – OCC vs. Bedford AAU, noon at home
- **Oct. 8** – OCC at Vincennes University, 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 15** – OCC vs. Danville Area, 2 p.m. at home
- **Oct. 18** – OCC at University of Indianapolis, noon

Women's Softball

- **Oct. 5** – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 3:15 p.m. at McKendree
- **Oct. 5** – OCC at McKendree, 6:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball

- **Oct. 5** – OCC at Danville Jamboree, 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 12** – OCC at Lincoln Jamboree, 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 19** – OCC at Vincennes Jamboree, 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 22** – OCC at Danville Scrimmage, 5:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 31** – OCC at Vincennes Classic, 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- **Oct. 11** – OCC at ICC Jamboree, TBA
- **Oct. 26** – OCC at Vincennes Jamboree, TBA
- **Oct. 31** – OCC at Wabash Valley Classic, TBA



OCC Oathkeepers Club Guest Speaker

Catherine Matyas, a veterans representative from the Illinois Department of Employment, met with members of the OCC Oathkeepers Club on Oct. 1. Pictured with Matyas, from left, are Oathkeepers Advisor Allan Alldredge, Treasurer Jesse Spillman, Vice President James Hidebrand and President Anthony Hemrich.

Student veterans invited to attend meeting

The Olney Central College Oathkeepers Club is inviting all student veterans to attend its next meeting at 11 a.m. on Oct. 15 in the OCC Banquet Room.

Student Veterans of America Representative John Frisby will be sharing information about the Student Veterans of America Group.

Other special guests will include Matt McCarty, area VFW District Commander, and Catherine Matyas,

veterans representative from the Illinois Department of Employment.

For more information, contact Oathkeepers Advisor Allan Alldredge at 395-7777, ext. 2019. Alldredge is a retired U.S. Navy Military Police Officer.

All student veterans are invited to join the club.

To learn more about the club, visit [OCC Oathkeepers at facebook.com/OCCVETCLUB](https://facebook.com/OCCVETCLUB).

Upcoming campus visits scheduled at OCC

Representatives from the following institutions will be visiting OCC. Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

- Franklin University will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 14, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and Dec. 10.

- Tosha Baker, with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, will visit OCC from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on

Oct. 8.

- Illinois State University will be here from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 15.

- Indiana State University online will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 29.

- Eastern Illinois University will be at OCC from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 and Nov. 20.

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others without a high school diploma to enroll in GED classes and begin pursuing their dreams too.

“Getting your GED will inspire you to do whatever you want to do,” she said. “Take advantage of the opportunity and grab hold.”

OCC will offer free GED test preparation classes from 5 to 9 p.m. on

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Oct. 21. The classes include a general review of test subjects and the books are free. Eight-week daytime classes start Oct. 20 and include math, reading, science, social studies, English and the Constitution.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2267, or toll-free 1-866-622-4322.

OCC Zumba class

Have fun while you're exercising with OCC's new Zumba class. PEI 1136 Physical Education Aerobics (Zumba®), will meet from 6 to 7:40 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the West Richland Center, formerly West Richland High School, in Noble.

The eight-week class begins Oct. 20 and will be taught by licensed Zumba instructor Casey Stallard. Call 395-7777 to register.

Keep vehicles locked

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

Lost and found items

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

Happy Birthday To:

October

- 3 Wain Davis
- 4 Julie Crawford - FCC
- 12 Tiffany Cowger
- 16 Libby McVicker
- 17 Chris Webber
- 20 Kathy Swinson

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the November Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

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