



# The Knightline

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## Organ donation registry drive March 30-April 5

Olney Central College is partnering with the Illinois Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Program to host an organ donation registry drive Friday, March 30 through Thursday, April 5.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to add their names to the registry. Information tables will be set up from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 2 and 4 and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on April 3 and 5.

The Student Nurses' Association, which is helping to organize the event, has set a goal of 50 new



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Be an organ/tissue donor

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Office of the Illinois Secretary of State

donors.

According to the Secretary of State's Office nearly 5,000 people in Illinois are currently on the organ transplant waiting list.

More than 300 Illinoisans die each year before receiving transplants.

There is a tremendous need across the United States for organ/tissue donors and this is your chance to get involved.

Illinois has one of the most successful state registries in the country, with more than 5 million participants. The Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor

Registry is unique in that it utilizes the state's driver's license database at no additional cost to taxpayers.

Almost 50 percent of those who visit a driver's license facility join the registry.

If you didn't sign up as an organ or tissue donor at that time or were unable to do so because of age restrictions, this is your opportunity to participate and show that Donors Live Longer.

For additional information visit the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry site at [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com).

## Foundation provides funding for two new pottery wheels

Olney Central College's Art Department has added new pottery wheels with funding from the OCC Foundation.

"With the Foundation's help we were able to purchase two Thomas Stuart pottery wheels, which are the best ones they make. These should last for many years," said OCC Art Instructor Michael Conn.

The new pottery wheels cost \$2,000 and replace older models that could no longer be repaired. In addition, students could only throw 100 pounds of clay on the old wheels. The new pottery wheels are bigger and will accommodate up to 400 pounds of

clay enabling students to create much larger pieces.

Conn said the new equipment will be used by students in the ceramics classes as well as those taking Introduction to Art and Understanding Art courses.

"We also have community groups that use them too," he added.

Conn said the new pottery wheels also will be beneficial to art students planning to transfer to four-year institutions.

"Gaining experience with the bigger pottery wheels will help prepare them to enter larger programs," Conn said.

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**OCC Instructor Michael Conn uses one of the Art Department's new pottery wheels.**

# OCC Employee Awards



Above, OCC part-time employees Rebecca Myers, Sylvia Volk and Bev Ziegler receive their five-year service awards. At left, Judith Hudson receives her five-year service recognition award. Hudson is a nursing instructor at Wabash Valley College.



Above, Vicky Lemons and Anne Hahn receive their three-year service awards. They are nursing instructors at Frontier Community College and Wabash Valley College, respectively. At right, Teresa Diekmann, a nursing instructor at Wabash Valley College, receives her 10-year service award.



## OCC offering mid-semester web construction class

Learn how to design your own web pages with a mid-semester course at Olney Central College.

CIS 1203 Introduction to Web Construction covers the basics of HTML, the language used for creating Internet pages. Students also

will learn web page design and how a markup language works. A brief introduction to using graphics, creating simple hypertext links, organizing links, creation software and other basic skills is included.

This hybrid course combines both

classroom and online learning.

Classroom sessions will meet from 6 to 8:35 p.m. on Mondays, starting March 12.

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

# Massage Therapy grad enjoying success

Mandy Fox was tired of her dead-end job and looking to start a new career when a newspaper article on Olney Central College's Massage Therapy Program caught her eye.

"I knew I wanted to do something different, but I didn't want to go to school for years. I wanted to take classes pertaining to my field of choice and not spend time on stuff I wasn't interested in," she said.

The Xenia resident enrolled in classes in Fall 2007 and today operates her own business, Mandy's Massage and Ear Candling, at 508 W. Main St. in Fairfield.

"I really enjoyed the program," Fox said. "I liked learning about human anatomy and the many different ways to manipulate the tissues."

Fox said her boyfriend, Kyle Parish, was instrumental in helping her achieve her goal.

"If it wasn't for him, I would never have even looked for something dif-



**OCC Massage Therapy graduate Mandy Fox, right, is pictured with Massage Therapy instructor Penny Campbell. Fox now operates her own massage therapy business in Fairfield.**

ferent," she said. "He made it possible for me to go to school and encouraged me every step of the way. He let me quit my job halfway through school and supported us until I

could start massaging professionally."

Fox completed her certificate in Spring 2008. She performed community outreach hours at Clay County Hospital, Clay

City Chiropractic and Total Transformations in Flora. After graduating, she gave free massages at Total Transformations before taking and passing the National Certification Exam in Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork in March 2009.

In May 2010, Fox joined VaQuinNy Salon in Fairfield and began building her clientele.

"I passed out business cards and put them on cars. I got the word out I was there and I did well," she said.

Fox opened her own office on Feb. 14, 2011. She said response has been good and her clientele continues to grow.

A certified independent BeautiControl Consultant, Fox offers the skin and spa products at her office. She said the items complement her other services.

"I'm seeing all kinds of people – young and old, men and women," she said. "It's been a great

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## Music Department Winter Concert March 2-3

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

This concert will feature the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

The OCC Concert Band will musically tour the world as it presents folk music from three distinct cultures. "Slavonic Dance No. 8" by Antonin Dvorak celebrates folk dances from Slovakia in the late 1800s. "Ammerland" by Jacob De Haan is a nostalgic tribute to the Lower Saxony region in Germany.

The final selection, "El Choclo," is an Argentinian tango, which originated in the suburbs of Buenos Aires.

The OCC Concert Choir will present a program of 20th Century minimalist choral works. Minimalist music uses the repetition of short melodic fragments to build a complex soundscape. Small variations in the musical texture compound to craft music that is ever-changing, dynamic, and often unpredictable.

The musical selections include compositions by Meredith Monk, Yehuda Yannai and Eric Whitacre. This music is rarely performed because of its virtuosic nature; the OCC Concert Choir, now 30 strong,

is excited to present this arresting array of textless, minimalistic music.

The OCC Jazz Ensemble will explore the growth of jazz as it incorporates musical elements from the many eclectic cultures across the United States. Selections include the influence of the Latin American culture with "Blue Bossa," a depiction of the life of African-Americans on Catfish Row in the 1930s with Gershwin's "Summertime," and a visit to the Creole culture in Louisiana with "Another Zydebo."

Tickets are \$5, and available at the door, or in advance from any ensemble member.

# Mayhall earns medical coding trainer certificate from AHIMA

Olney Central College Medical Office instructor Amie Mayhall recently earned a trainer certificate for the new medical coding classifications.

Mayhall completed two courses on the International Classification of Diseases 10 before undergoing three days of intensive training in Indianapolis through the American Health Information Management Association.

The workshop focused on the ICD-10 Procedure Coding System and ICD-10 Clinical Modification, which are set to be implemented by October 2013. Following the workshop, Mayhall completed an end of learning assessment to receive her certification.

Mayhall said the new ICD-10-PCS and ICD-10-CM include more codes and additional categories providing greater specificity



**Amie Mayhall**

ty than the existing classification system.

Mayhall has already been introducing the new coding system to students in the Medical Coding Associate Certificate and Medical Office Assistant Degree programs to ensure graduates will be prepared for the changes next year.

OCC introduced its Medical Coding Associate Certificate last fall.

The three-semester program prepares students to work as medical coding

professionals.

Medical coding professionals work in a variety of healthcare settings, including inpatient and outpatient healthcare and for non-providers such as the insurance industry and healthcare software vendors.

The Medical Coding Associate Certificate is an intensive program and students are required to take anatomy and science classes. Many of the classes required to complete the program are available online.

Students are admitted in the fall semester and must undergo background and fingerprint checks. Space is limited and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those interested in learning more about the program should contact Advisor Joyce Nix at 395-7777, ext. 2015.

## FAFSA Frenzy Night March 14

Need help filing for Financial Aid? Olney Central College will offer a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Frenzy Night from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 in Room 207.

The OCC Financial Aid staff will be available to answer questions and assist students and parents as they complete and submit their FAFSA electronically.

Students and the school will receive results within two weeks.

Those attending should bring the following: student's and parents' 2011 federal income tax returns, W-2 forms and driver's license.

For more information, please contact the OCC Financial Aid Office at 395-7777 or 1-866-622-4322.

## Foundation

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Students in OCC's Art Department frequently transfer to Eastern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University. Former student Matt Hahn recently transferred to EIU after taking ceramics classes at OCC and is doing extremely well in the program.

"He is really blowing them away with

the things he is doing," Conn added.

The Foundation is undertaking two future projects at OCC.

The Foundation will use funds it received from LaGala to purchase an engine trainer for the Automotive Service Technology Program and to provide laboratory equipment for the Radiography Program.

## Sports Schedule

### Baseball

- **March 16** – OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
- **March 17** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, noon at home
- **March 19** – OCC at Mid-Continent, 1 p.m.
- **March 20** – OCC at Rose-Hulman, 4:30 p.m.
- **March 21** – OCC vs. Vincennes, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 23** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 1:30 p.m. at home
- **March 24** – OCC at Lincoln Trail, noon
- **March 28** – OCC vs. Harper, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 30** – OCC vs. Lake Land, 1:30 p.m. at home
- **March 31** – OCC at Lake Land, noon
- **April 2** – OCC vs. McKendree, 1 p.m. at home

### Softball

- **March 13** – OCC vs. Rend Lake, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 15** – OCC at Lake Land, 2 p.m.
- **March 17** – OCC at Wabash Valley, noon
- **March 22** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 24** – OCC at Kaskaskia, noon
- **March 26** – OCC at St. Louis-Meramec, 2 p.m.
- **March 27** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 29** – OCC vs. John A. Logan, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 31** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois, noon
- **April 3** – OCC at Rend Lake, 2 p.m.

# 'Seussical' sets ticket sales record

The Olney Central College Theatre has set a new record for single-day ticket sales.

Director Ruth Henry said 951 tickets for the upcoming production of "Seussical" were sold on Feb. 27, the first day of ticket sales.

This is the second straight year opening-day sales records have been set. Last year 835 tickets were purchased for Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" on Feb. 28.

"Seussical" performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Afternoon shows will be offered at 2 p.m. on March 25 and April 1.

Dinner theatres will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: bacon-wrapped pork chops, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, seven-layer salad, hot roll and butter, double chocolate cake and beverage.

Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, "Seussical" is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza.

Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have brought to life all of the favorite Dr. Seuss characters including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination, Jojo.

Henry is encouraging



People wait in line for tickets to the OCC Theatre's upcoming production of "Seussical" to go on sale Feb. 27. A new record for opening day ticket sales was set.

those planning to attend to reserve their tickets as soon as possible.

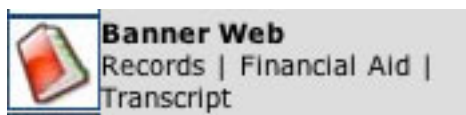
Tickets are \$10 for the performance and \$20 for the dinner theatre.

Tickets may be pur-

chased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in the theatre lobby or by calling 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales.

## 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 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.

## OCC emergency alerts

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has contracted with e2Campus to provide alert notification services.

The system will notify students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by e-mail and/or cell phone text message. Log onto Entrata and click on the alerts link to activate an account.

IECC Alerts is an opt-in service. While there is no direct cost for signing up for the 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 the service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures, test messages and notifications when accounts are about to expire.

Unfortunately, SMS text alerts are not currently working with the Alltel carrier.

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



## LSC offers students free tutoring

The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

Study guides and videos are available in several subjects.

If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC

staff.

They will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4.

# Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

Olney Central College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently inducted new members for Spring 2012.

Those installed include Stephanie Cornell of Bridgeport; Tanara Diggs and Alissa Murbarger of Calhoun; Stacie Cowman and Virginia Graham of Claremont; Dalton Thompson and Cassie Lybarger of Clay City; Delaynee Adkins, Christine Chickini and Kimberly Smith of Flora; Brianna Harbold, Collin Kincaid, Lauren Worthey and Natalie Yates of Louisville; Jo McGlothlin and Craig Pritchard of Newton; Cody Yager of Oblong and James Best, Corinthian Garner and Brandy Jarvis of Olney.

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's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently inducted new members for Spring 2012. Pictured are Delaynee Adkins of Flora, James Best of Olney, and Cassie Lybarger of Clay City.

## Massage

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experience. I've achieved what I set out to do. I have my own office, but I can't stop there. I have to keep going."

Fox continues to hone her skills in an effort to better serve clients. She has taken additional classes in Robert Haase Myotherapy deep tissue massage.

"Deep tissue techniques are helpful in relieving low back pain, false sciatica, carpal tunnel syndrome, golfer's and tennis elbow and much more," she said.

Fox also has studied ear

candling, a remedy that has been used for thousands of years to relieve sinus problems and ear-wax build up.

"I enjoy helping the people who come in and seeing the look of relief when they feel better. Helping them resolve problems really makes me feel good," Fox added.

Fox has been active in the community by participating in a wellness fair and visiting area schools to talk about careers in massage therapy.

"I try to educate people about how beneficial and therapeutic massage can

be for their health," she said. "It's not just a luxury."

Fox added, "I want to provide an alternative approach to pain and stress management rather than prescription drugs or other invasive methods. Massage isn't designed to take the place of medical treatments, but it is good for pain management and stress reduction. Stress is the number one cause of illness."

Fox encourages others to consider enrolling in Olney Central College's Massage Therapy Program, which offers

innovative techniques, beginning with Swedish massage and touching on trigger point therapy, reflexology, energy work, spa treatments and hot stone therapy.

Students can complete their certificate in less than a year.

Employment opportunities for massage therapists exist in hospitals, chiropractors' offices, health care facilities, spas and resorts.

For more information or to enroll in the program, contact the OCC Student Services Office at 395-7777.

# 'Transforming Your Future' brings students to college

Seventh- and eighth-graders from five area counties attended the "Transforming Your Future" workshop on Feb. 24 at Olney Central College.

OCC Learning Skills Center Director Donita Kaare said the event was designed for students with some type of disability and focused on career assessment and awareness. The program drew 100 students from 11 area schools.

"The goal is to get students looking at career options before they enter high school," Kaare said. "We want to make sure they are aware of what courses they need to take in high school to follow a program of study for their career.

This helps students make a smooth transition to college. We also want them to know that college is a possibility and disability accommodations are available for those who need them."

The daylong event included a guest speaker, who discussed self-advocacy. The students also took career assessments and were then divided into their respective career clusters. Students explored potential careers looking at salary, job availability and educational requirements. Students were treated to lunch at OCC and given tours of the college by the Student Advantage Network. They also played a game of Deal or No Deal focus-

ing on careers and pay per hour.

Students also learned more about the services available to those with disabilities as they transition from high school to college.

The program was funded with grants from the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. The event was sponsored by the Southeastern Illinois Transition Planning Committee, which includes representatives from the Division of Rehabilitation Services, ARC Community Support Systems, Southeastern Special Education and OCC.

## Campus visits

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

- Tosha Calvin of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 9 a.m. to noon on March 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 11 and 9 a.m. to noon on April 25

- Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 20

- Western Illinois University, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 28

## Satisfaction surveys

Students are encouraged to complete the Student Satisfaction Survey which is now available on Entrata. Just log into your Entrata account and click on the Student Satisfaction Survey link at the top of the page.

## 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:

### March

- 3 Carl Sager
- 3 Ed Wright
- 6 Ruth Lynn
- 9 Jennifer Jennings – UB
- 13 Kyle Ziegler
- 24 Janet Kinkade-WVC
- 24 Donna Strawbridge

## Knightline Information

Please submit information for the April Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

# Mid-semester classes available

Olney Central College is offering three mid-semester transfer courses that will enable students to earn college credit in just nine weeks.

The classes provide a great opportunity for students who dropped courses to complete

additional general education hours before the semester ends.

Classes being offered include ART 2101 Understanding Art, which will meet from 8 to 8:55 a.m., and PSC 1111 Introduction to Astronomy, which will meet from 2 to 2:55 p.m.

Both classes meet Monday through Friday. An online course, MUS 1101 Music Appreciation, also will be offered.

For more information or to register, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777. Classes start March 12.

## Concert

Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole preformed at OCC on Feb. 12. The concert was a fund-raiser for the Student Advantage Network.



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