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Students participate in welding competition

Olney Central College students Eric Barnard, of Fairfield, and Alec Arnold, of Olney, participated in the David Nuckols Memorial Invitational Welding Competition on Feb. 1 in Owensboro, Ky.

The annual event is sponsored by Horn Industrial Services and allows students enrolled in secondary and post-secondary welding programs to demonstrate their skills in SMAW, FCAW and GTAW welding processes.

"It was a lot of fun," Barnard said. "We had a chance to go there and see what we could do. It was a good learning experience."

During the competition, students had to set up their machines and perform welding tasks within a one-hour time limit. Judges then assessed each contestant's mastery of



OCC students traveled to Owensboro, Ky., on Feb. 1 for the David Nuckols Memorial Invitational Welding Competition. Pictured, from left, are Welding and Cutting students Shawn Donaldson, Alec Arnold, Instructor Curtis Marshall and Eric Barnard.

welding knowledge and skills. The students also completed a 100-question written test, which covered general knowledge of welding processes and

procedures.

"The competition gave you a chance to see what you could do under pressure," Arnold said. "I think it helped boost our selfconfidence."

Instructor Curtis Marshall said this is the first time students from OCC have participated in

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OCC ranked among nation's top community colleges

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has ranked Olney Central College as one of the nation's best community colleges for a third time.

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute included OCC in its list of the nation's top 150 institutions eligible to compete for the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and the \$1 million in prize funds.

The prize, awarded every two

years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. It recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students.

"This recognition is a testament to the hard work of the faculty and staff at OCC," said Olney Central College President Rodney Ranes. "Their focus on student success is

reflected in this prestigious honor."

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than 7 million students youth and adult learners - working toward certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

"Community colleges have tremendous power to change lives, and their success will increasingly define our nation's economic strength and the potential for social mobility for every American," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen

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Tickets for 'Shrek the Musical' on sale Feb. 24

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Shrek the Musical" will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 in the lobby of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

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

Dinner theatres will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: chicken cordon bleu, loaded baked potato, green bean casserole, broccoli and cauliflower salad, double chocolate cake, roll and butter and beverage.

Based on the Oscar® winning DreamWorks film that started it all, "Shrek the Musical" brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to dazzling new life on the stage. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre — not a handsome prince — shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in

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Photos courtesy of Jennifer Balding

Preparations are underway for the OCC Theatre's upcoming production of "Shrek the Musical." Above, material is applied to Caleb Bent's face to prepare the mold which will be used to create the mask he will wear as Shrek. At left, the finished mold is removed. The process took about three hours. The Hastey Pudding Puppet Company is making the mask.

OCC Theatre announces musical cast

Cast members have been announced for the Olney Central College Theatre's upcoming production of "Shrek the Musical."

Names of cast members selected and characters are: Jennifer Balding, Mama Bear; Ivy Benson, Dragon, Fairy Godmother and Bluebird Voice;



Sam Benson, Captain of the Guard; Caleb Bent, Shrek; Sherry Brauer, Mama Ogre and Duloc Dancer; Madeline Bush, Guard, Villager and Fiona Double; Zia Clark, Young Fiona; Claire Downes, Pinnochio, Rat, Duloc Dancer and Dragon Handler; Emily Ferguson, White Rabbit; Dylan Forys, Knight, Duloc Dancer and Little Pig; Bea Gardner, Queen Lillian, Gingy Voice and Dorothy; Hannah Gillis, Young Shrek and Farquaad's Father; Crystal Ham, Sugar Plum Fairy, See Cast, Page 5

your chance to meet Shrek Shrek will be at OCC at noon on Monday.

Don't miss

Shrek will be at OCC at noon on Monday, March 17 in the Swamp (formerly known as the Student Union).

Come for free refreshments, drawings and the chance to meet the celebrity himself.

The OCC Theatre will present the musical March 21-23 and 27-30.

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
- 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
- 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) 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. Once changes are completed, click 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.

Raffle tickets available for scooter

The Olney Central College Automotive Club is holding a raffle fundraiser.

First prize is a 2013 Honda Metropolitan Scooter. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$250 and \$150, respectively.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from club members or by contacting Mark Fitch at 395-7777, ext. 2510. The drawing will be held on March 31.

College closed

OCC will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for President's Day. The college will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 18.



GED Winter Graduation

Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center held its Winter 2014 graduation on Jan. 23. OCC recognized 30 students who completed their GEDs. Among those honored are front row, from left, Samantha Torma, Samantha McDaniel, Justin O'Dell, Colton Rose, Christina Kimpling, Ashlyn Wyatt and James Noble, second row, Will Foreman, Lauren Ireland, Lisa Smigla, Nick Spring, Cody Thompson, Josh Scheuemeier, Mark Kurtz and Bill Lamb; and back row, Teresa Acord, Amanda Bruck, Christina Browning, Nellymth Rossy Contreras-Silvera, Chelsy Dawson, Ricardo Hernandez, Adrianna Gillespie and Christian Kimpling. OCC will offer its next eight-week GED classes beginning March 10. For more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2267.

Lindsey Buck joins Learning Skills Center

Lindsey Buck has joined Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center as its new Developmental Support Specialist.

"I'm looking forward to helping as many people as I can to be successful in reaching their educational goals," she said. "I like working with people and I think this will be a rewarding experience."

Buck previously served as an elementary music teacher in the Fairfield Public School District and taught two years in the Flora Community Unit School District. For the past two semesters, she has been a GED instructor at OCC.



Lindsey Buck

"I felt like I made a difference with the GED students in helping them to be successful with the rest of their lives," she said. "I really enjoyed it and I am going to miss it."

Buck will continue

assisting OCC students in her new position as she ensures they have the accommodations they need to be successful in the classroom. She will administer the COMPASS Test as well as other exams for the LSC, which help to pinpoint learning issues.

Buck also wants to increase awareness about the Learning Skills Center and the services it provides.

"I don't think a lot of students know we are here unless they are referred to us," she said. "We want them to know if there is anything they might be struggling with in their education or that is holding them back from being successful, we can help."

Accommodations the LSC can provide include testing in a quiet place, free tutoring and vision and hearing screening vouchers.

Buck earned an associate's degree from OCC and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She completed a master's degree in administration at Eastern Illinois University.

Buck resides in Flora with her husband, Dr. Wayne Buck, and their 1year-old daughter, Harper.

Career Services now accepting appointments

Olney Central College students preparing to graduate this spring should schedule an appointment to meet with OCC's Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge.

Alldredge can help students through all aspects of the job-hunting process.

He also can assist them with career searches and assessments as well as help them enhance their resume writing and interviewing skills.

In addition, he can provide students with information from job banks.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2019.

Alldredge's office is located in OCC Student Services.

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Institute College Excellence Program. "This competition is designed to spotlight the excellent work being done in the most effective community colleges, those that best help students obtain meaningful, high-quality education and training for competitive-wage jobs after college. We hope it will raise the bar and provide a roadmap for community colleges nationwide."

The Aspen Institute identified the top community colleges through an assessment of institutional performance, improvement and equity on student retention and completion measures. These institutions are located in 37 states across the nation and represent urban, rural and suburban areas. Their enrollments range from fewer than 500 students to more than 100,000.

OCC and the other institutions have been invited to submit applications containing detailed data on degree and certificate completion, including progress and transfer rates; labor market outcomes, employment and earnings; and student learning outcomes. The community colleges must demonstrate that they deliver exceptional student results for all students — including those from racial minority and/or low-income backgrounds — and also use data to drive decisions and to continually improve over time.

The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data from states and transfer data from the National Student Clearinghouse. A distinguished prize jury will select a grand-prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2015.

The Aspen Prize is funded by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Joyce Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Lumina Foundation.

A full list of the 150 community colleges is available at www.AspenPrize.org.

Student Senate hosting Blood Drive Feb. 21

The Olney Central College Student Senate is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 in the Student Union

All attempting donors will receive an American Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last.

Music Department to hold Winter Concert

The OCC Music Department will present its Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 1 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

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

This season the OCC Music Department is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Olney Central College by applying its theme, "Celebrating Our Past, Looking To Our Future," to the programming for the year. Music of the past, present and future will be featured in all of the concerts, culminating in the Alumni Reunion Ensembles that will be presented on the April 11 Spring Concert.

The Concert Band will present a program based on the theme "Life

Lessons." Selections will include "At Water's Edge" by Gary Gilroy, and highlights from the musical "Wicked."

The Concert Choir will present highlights from the Gilbert and Sullivan favorite The "Pirates of Penzance." The scenes will be presented in "black box" style, meaning no set, minimal staging and costumes.

The "Pirates of Penzance" was the only Gilbert and Sullivan opera to have its official premiere in the United States in 1879. In 1939, "Pirates" appeared on one of the first experimental broadcasts of the new medium of television. Poking fun at social conventions, the law and romance, lines from "Pirates" found their way into everyday speech, much the way lines from

popular television shows and films do today.

The Jazz Ensemble will be embracing the history of America's iconic musical art form by featuring songs that highlight the history of jazz.

The ensemble will begin in New Orleans with Dixieland jazz selections, then move to the Big Band Era with the music of Duke Ellington, Bop through the eyes of Thelonious Monk, and will conclude with the fusion favorite "Birdland."

Admission is \$5 and tickets will be available at the door, or in advance from any ensemble member. For more information about this concert, or how to participate in the Alumni Reunion Ensembles on the Spring Concert, please visit the OCC Music website at www.occmusic.org.

Cast-

Continued from Page 2 and Duloc Dancer; Breeanna Henson, Goldilocks: Shaun Hopkins, Knight, Duloc Dancer and Villager; Alice Ann Hostetter, Rat, Blind Mouse, Duloc Dancer and Dragon Handler; Jason Klingler, Little Pig; Stephanie Klingler, Guard and Villager; Neita Lenear, Guard and Villager; Elizabeth Lynch, Mother Goose; Trevor May, Donkey; **Hunter Meritt,** Little Red Riding Hood; Jessica McDonald, Witch; Chris McDowell, Knight, Duloc Dancer, Greeter and Villager; and **David McNabb**, King Harold and Bishop.

Also, **Bill Padgett**, Papa Bear, Duloc Dancer and Thelonius; **Brent Pampe**, Little Pig and Duloc Dancer; **Rachel Pampe**, Baby Bear;

Autumn Scherer, Peter Pan; Mike Shaw, Mad Hatter, **Kavlee Shouse.** Teen Fiona. Rat and Blind Mouse; Leanna Sisson, Humpty Dumpty; Tracy Snyder, Ugly Duckling; Kate Spiller, Fiona; Chloe St. Pierre, Pied Piper, Duloc Dancer and Dragon Handler; Leonie Vanstappen, Rat, Duloc Dancer, Dragon Handler and Villager; Faith Welty, Shoemaker's Elf; Bill White, Papa Ogre: **Jordan Wiles.** Wolf, Duloc Dancer and Knight; and Jon Wright, Farquaad.

Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29. Afternoon shows will be offered at 2 p.m. on March 23 and 30. Tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 in the lobby of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Participants sought for Talent Show

The Olney Central College Student Senate is seeking performers for its second annual Talent Show.

For more information or to sign up, contact Student Senate

Advisor Michael Conn in Room 200A.

The deadline to enter is Friday, Feb. 28.

The Talent Show will be held on Thursday, April 3.

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

- **Feb. 15** OCC vs. Rend Lake, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 17** OCC vs. Lewis and Clark, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 19** OCC at Lake Land, 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 22** OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 7:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 26** OCC at Shawnee, 7:30

Women's Basketball

- **Feb. 15** OCC vs. Rend Lake, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 19** OCC at Lake Land, 5:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 22** OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 5:30 p.m. at home
- **Feb. 26** OCC at Shawnee, 5:30 n m

Baseball

- **Feb. 17** OCC at Union College, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 18** OCC at Cumberlands, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 27** OCC at Roane State, 1 p.m.

Softball

- **Feb. 16** OCC at Jackson State, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 17** OCC at Dyersburg State, noon and 2 p.m.

Company accepting applications March 10

Chris Hunteman, a recruiter for Jay C Food Stores, a Division of Kroger Co., will be at OCC on March 10.

Hunteman will be accepting applications for approximately 18 positions in the new Ruler Foods store in Olney. Both part-time and full-time positions are needed.

A table will be located in the hallway outside the Student Services Office from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are interested in applying, please visit the careerbuilders.com website to obtain an application for Kroger Co. or bring a resume with you that day.

OCC Career Services Coordinator Allan Alldredge reminds applicants to dress appropriately for their interaction with Hunteman.

"He will decide whom he will call for interviews from the applications he receives and a good first impression will assist him in deciding if he wants to call you for the interview." Alldredge said.

Kroger employs more than 10,000 people nationwide. It offers good benefits and pay with many opportunities for advancement in the company if you are willing to travel.





OCC employee service awards presented

Above, Olney Central College recently presented service recognition awards to full-time employees. Those honored include, from left, Linda Miller, three years; Robert Tice, five years, and Jerry Booker, five years. At left, Olney Central College presented a part-time service award to Ruth Henry, who has been employed at the college for 40 years.

Upcoming college visits at OCC announced

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

- Eastern Illinois University will be here from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, Monday, March 17 and Thursday, April 10.
- Franklin University will be here from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, Tuesday, March 11, Monday, March 24, Tuesday, April 8, Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, May 1.
 - Tosha Baker with Southern

Illinois University at Carbondale will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, April 10.

• MacMurray College will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18.

SNA hosting organ/tissue donor drives

The Student Nurses Association at Olney Central College is partnering with the Illinois Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Program in its new "Be A Hero" Campaign.

This life-saving mission is designed to promote organ and tissue donor awareness and to increase registration in Illinois.

SNA members will host two upcoming organ donation registry drives. The first will be held in conjunction with the Student Senate blood drive on Feb. 21. This is an opportunity



www.LifeGoesOn.com

Office of the Illinois Secretary of State

for individuals to add their names to the registry from 8 a.m. to noon in the Student Union. The second drive will be March 15 at the IGA in Olney.

OCC encourages everyone to take this opportunity to add their names to the registry. If you didn't sign up to become an organ or tissue donor when obtaining your driver's license or were unable to do so because of age restrictions, this is your opportunity to participate and Be a Hero. One donor

can save or enhance the lives of more than 25 people.

According to the Secretary of State's Office, nearly 5,000 people in Illinois are currently waiting for a life-saving organ. An average of 18 people die each day waiting to receive a transplant.

For additional information, visit the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry site at www.lifegoeson.com. You also can contact committee representatives Shawna Rutien and Em Hunt or SNA Advisor Sharen Wolke.

Massage Therapy can help those suffering text neck

Are you suffering from text neck? Text neck is the pain and a multitude of symptoms that result from texting, phoning, emailing and other activities performed with mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets and readers.

The most common complaints affiliated with the condition are headaches, neck, shoulder and arm pain, as well as numbness and tingling of the upper extremities.

These symptoms are due to prolonged, foward-head posture — the forward bending of the

neck to look down at hand-held devices.

This action puts excessive strains on the muscles, ligaments and tendons on the backside of your head, neck and upper back. It can also contribute to permanent and irreversible changes in the vertebral joints of your spine. It also can lead to the loss of cervical curve and even arthritis.

Instructor Penny Campbell-Henry said massage therapy can relieve many of these symptoms. The program is currently offering spring clinicals. To schedule an appointment, call 395-2430.

LSC offering free tutoring for students

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

Biology study guides are available, as well as videos for Basic Math, Beginning Algebra and Intermediate Algebra.

The LSC also can provide tape recorders, large screen monitors, readers and note takers.

If you have any special learning

needs, come and see the LSC staff.

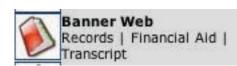
The LSC also is looking for students to serve as tutors. Tutors must have an A or B in the subject they are tutoring. They need a reference from an OCC instructor if possible. The Learning Skills Center is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Stop by to learn more.

Follow OCC on Twitter

You can now follow OCC on Twitter @OlneyCentral. You can also follow OCC Athletics @OlneyCCSports and the Music Department @OlneyCCMusic.

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 Helpless at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.



OCC Oath Keepers Club

Tracy Agney, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 4 Oath Keepers Club meeting. Agney, center, is pictured with members of the club. The Oath Keepers Club formed last year and is comprised of student veterans. Students who served in the military are encouraged to join. For more information about the club, contact the OCC President's Office at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

Advanced digital photography begins March 11

Take your photography to the next level by enrolling in OCC's digital photography course.

During the 8-week class, professional photographer Tim Dunahee will assist students in reviewing basic knowledge of their cameras' prepro-

grammed functions and mode settings. Students also will gain an understanding of ISO, aperture and shutter speed and how one affects the other.

The class will meet from 6 to 7:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning March 11.

Tickets —

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a donkey who won't shut up, a bad guy with a short temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand and his name is Shrek.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for the production are \$12 for reserved seating for children and adults. Tickets for the meal and show are \$24.

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.

Welding —

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the event. A competition was held among the Welding and Cutting students to determine who would represent the program.

Marshall and welding student Shawn Donaldson, of Newton, accompanied Barnard and Arnold to the event.

"This was a really good opportunity

for the students," Marshall said.
"These are the same tests the company uses to hire people and they gave the students an idea of what they can expect when applying for a job."

As participants, Barnard and Arnold received \$200 in gifts, which included welding jackets and gloves, chairs and gift cards.

OCC Spring Break

There will be no classes on Monday, March 3 for the Pulaski Holiday. Spring Break will be Tuesday, March 4 through Friday, March 7. College offices will be open all week.

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:

February

- 3 Teresa Diekmann WVC
- 6 Penny Campbell-Henry
- 8 Dr. Jeffery Cutchin
- 10 Anne Hustad
- 10 Megan Heindselman WVC
- 13 Allan Alldredge
- 14 Rebecca Myers
- 17 Jerry Booker
- 17 Nick Wright
- 20 Ruth Henry
- 23 Anne Hahn
- 23 Lisa Rauch

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the March Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24.

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