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Pulitzer Prize finalist, OCC grad to visit

Pulitzer Prize finalist and Olney Central College graduate Lee Martin will return to his alma mater for a series of special presentations on Sept. 30.

Students are invited to meet with Martin from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the OCC Banquet Room. A public forum will follow at noon.

Martin, a Lawrence County native, is the author of four novels including, *The Bright Forever*, a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2006. His other books include *River of Heaven*, *Quakertown* and his latest novel, *Break the Skin*, which was published by Crown in June. Other works include the short story collection, *The Least You Need to Know*, and the memoirs, *From Our House* and *Turning Bones*.

"It will be great to come back to OCC," said Martin, who attended the college from 1973 to 1975. "I have fond memories of OCC. I remember my English teachers and how those times set me on my path. I hope my interaction with the students will have the same impact."

Martin's fiction and nonfiction have appeared in such places as Harper's, Ms., Creative Nonfiction, The Georgia Review, The Kenyon Review, Fourth Genre, River Teeth, The Southern Review, Prairie Schooner and Glimmer Train. He is the winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction and fellowships from the National Endowment of the

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Lee Martin

OCC hosts Health Fair for area students



OCC Men's Basketball Coach Mike Burris explains the rules of a game students played while attending the Health Fair. Members of OCC's athletic teams assisted the students.

Olney Central College hosted a Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 13 for children in Grades 4-8 in the East Richland, West Richland and St. Joseph schools.

"For the last couple of years, I have been thinking about having a health fair for the children in the community," said Mary Corry, Allied Health Support and Development Coordinator at OCC. "What really got my attention was the NFL's program called Play 60 to help fight childhood obesity. I have known from attending several health

and exercise conventions in the last few years that Type II Diabetes in children is drastically on the rise."

Usually Type II Diabetes is only seen in adults, but because children are becoming overweight earlier in life they are prone to developing diseases traditionally seen in adulthood, Corry said. Diabetes, coronary artery disease and asthma are just a few of the illnesses children can develop from being overweight and inactive.

"The real tragedy for
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Nursing program utilizing new equipment

Olney Central College's nursing students are utilizing new equipment that will better prepare them to work with patients in a clinical setting.

The Nursing Department recently purchased four IV training arms and a lifelike human torso model for students to use in the labs. The arms allow students to perform IV line insertion and removal while simulating the flow of blood products and intravenous fluids. The chest simulates new surgical incisions and enables students to access different ports.

OCC Nursing Department Head Anne Hustad said the equipment replaces older items, which had deteriorated
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OCC Nursing Instructor Sharen Wolke assists students Ashley Tingley and Samantha Snider as they use the new IV training arm in class.

Tickets for 'The Sunshine Boys' on sale Sept. 26

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 26.

In this classic comedy, Al and Willie as "Lewis and Clark" were top-billed vaudevillians for over 40 years. Now, they aren't even speaking. When CBS requests them for a "History of Comedy" retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries and laughs.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22. An afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23. Dinners will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: apricot chicken, wild rice, peas with pearl onions, garden salad with cheese and sesame sticks, dinner roll with butter, peach cobbler and beverage.

Tickets may be purchased from 10

Cast selected for fall production

Cast members have been selected for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "The Sunshine Boys."

Names of the characters and cast members are: **Willie Clark**, Bill Padgett; **Ben Silverman**, Brent Pampe; **Al Lewis**, Sam

Benson; **Patient**, Bea Gardner; **Eddie**, Dalton Thompson; **Nurse**, Gail Hostetter; **Registered Nurse**, Kathy Neeley; and **TV Director**, Tim Dunahee.

Thompson is an OCC student from Clay City. All other cast members reside in Olney.

a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday in the lobby of the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seats for children and adults for the production and \$20 for reserved seating and the dinner. A special price of \$9 each for the production and \$19 for the dinner and reserved seating will be available for groups of 20 or more.

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.

Nursing

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and become frail from extensive use.

"The new IV arms are more advanced than the ones we were using and the students really enjoy working with them because they are more realistic," Hustad said. "They enable students to learn how to start IV fluids, which is a clinical skill they have to master. We are thankful to Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Tammy Fralicker and OCC President Rodney Ranes for acquiring this new equipment for us. This will enable us to continue leading the way in nursing education in Southeastern Illinois."

Hustad said the nursing program at OCC continues to draw students from across the region. Classes are full this fall and there is a waiting list.

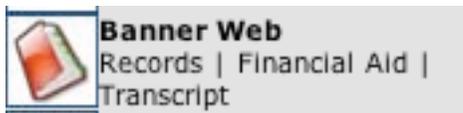
In November, OCC will host a workshop for all Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Olney Central College Nursing Program faculty and students. More than 300 people are expected to attend.



OCC Massage Therapy students are pictured front row, from left, Brandy Brown of Xenia and Rachel Brown of Xenia; second row, Alex Perry of Cisne and Rebecca Chalcraft of Mt. Erie; and back row, Shannon Kessel of Xenia, Stephen Jacobs of Xenia and Instructor Penny Campbell. The Massage Therapy Program will begin its fall clinicals on Oct. 21.

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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.

Massage Therapy accepting appointments for clinicals

Olney Central College's Massage Therapy Program is accepting appointments for its fall clinicals.

The clinics, which are open to the public, will be held Oct. 21, 22, 28 and 29 and Nov. 4, 5, 18 and 19 with appointments scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost for a relaxing, Swedish-style massage is just \$25 for a one-hour session. The massage treatments are for the sole purpose of stress reduction, relief from mus-

cle tension or spasm and to increase circulation and energy flow.

A massage therapy instructor will be present at the clinics.

To schedule an appointment, call 392-2430.

If you are unable to reach someone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

OCC's Massage Therapy and Phlebotomy Building is located at 108 E. Main St., in Olney.

Constitution Day observance

OCC will observe Constitution Day on Sept. 16. A Constitution Day exhibit will be on display in the Anderson Library and free booklets of the Constitution will

be available to students. The video, "Creating the Constitution," will be played from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the monitors in the Anderson Library Gallery.

Sign up now to receive 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.

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



PTK sending invitations to prospective members

The Olney Central College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is sending out membership invitations to prospective new members.

PTK is the international honor society of the two-year college. Membership is by invitation only; in order to be considered for membership, students must have completed 12 college credit hours, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be seeking a degree.

Membership in PTK offers students many great opportunities, including: participating in campus and community service events, leadership roles, and the chance to take amazing trips to Seattle, Wash.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Orlando, Fla.; or

Nashville, Tenn. Even more, as a member of PTK students have access to scholarships from organizations and transfer schools that are only available to PTK members.

If you receive an invitation in the mail, please consider joining this prestigious group.

Membership is simple: just fill out the application and pay the one-time membership dues of \$60. Once that is complete, you are a full-fledged member of Phi Theta Kappa!

If anyone has questions about PTK, please contact advisors Carmen Jones (jonesc@iecc.edu, Room 100A) or Kelly Payne (paynek@iecc.edu, Room 221A).

Find Olney Central College on Facebook

Like OCC on Facebook to keep up on the latest happenings at OCC and for chances to win OCC clothing and other items.

Congratulations to Tamera Herdes Hayes who was the winner of the Back-to-School T-shirt giveaway.



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Follow OCC on Facebook and be looking for your chance to win.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **Sept. 11** – OCC at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
- **Sept. 17** – OCC at St. Joseph, 11 a.m.
- **Sept. 20** – OCC vs. Vincennes, 2 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 21** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 2 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 23** – OCC vs. Danville, 2 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 27** – OCC at Lincoln Trail, 2 p.m.
- **Sept. 29** – OCC at USI, 6 p.m.

Softball

- **Sept. 10** – OCC at John Wood, TBA
- **Sept. 17-18** – OCC at Southern Indiana Classic, TBA
- **Sept. 22** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail, 2 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 24** – OCC at Casey Invitational, TBA
- **Sept. 25** – OCC at Indiana State, TBA
- **Sept. 29** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, 2 p.m. at home

Automotive program accepting donations

Have an old car you want to get rid of? You can donate it to the Olney Central College Automotive Service Technology Program.

Instructor Tyler Boyles said the program will accept most cars, but would prefer vehicles manufactured after 1996. The students will use the cars for training purposes.

The donation is tax deductible and the automotive program will provide donors with a receipt for tax purposes.

For more information or to donate a vehicle, contact Boyles at 395-7777, ext. 2521.

Intramural soccer

Students interested in playing intramural soccer should stop by Dennis Conley's office in Room 101A to sign up.

LSC forming new club for tutors

The OCC Learning Skills Center is organizing a new club for those who serve as tutors at the college.

"We were looking for a way to provide training for tutors and came up with the idea of forming a club. We wanted to make it more entertaining and incorporate some fun activities," said LSC Tutoring Coordinator Lynn Gray.

The SOS (Students Obliging Other Students) Tutoring Club will bring together not only the LSC's tutors, but those from the Student Advantage Network and TRiO programs as well.

The club held its first meeting last month and plans to elect officers in September. Gray said members will hold fund-raisers in the near future to pay for upcoming events.

"We would like to send our tutors to other facilities to see what they are doing," Gray said. "They may have practices we can incorporate here to enhance our program."

Gray also hopes the club can host some tutoring programs for area elementary, junior high and high school students.

"I think it would be great to have the tutors not only here, but working within the community," she said.

The LSC currently has 22 tutors,



Those attending the organizational meeting for the SOS (Students Obliging Other Students) Tutoring Club are front row, from left, Tiffany Cowger, Andi Pampe and Donita Kaare; second row, Shanshan Ou, Duyen Nguyen, Susan Cook and Chandra Daugherty; and back row, Wain Davis, Logan Carlson, Troy Zhang, Jin Young Park, Debra Utley, Kali Jones, Lynn Gray and Adam Smashey.

which include both OCC students and community residents. They assist students in a number of subjects ranging from math and science to language arts.

Gray encourages those interested in serving as tutors to contact her.

"We have a great need for tutors," she said. "Students or anyone in the community is invited. Those who have an educational background and are retired can come in and share

their knowledge. We would encourage and welcome that. We also are looking for people with specialty skills, such as working with the computer, to help students in those areas."

Those interested in knowing more about the Learning Skills Center tutoring program can call Gray at 395-7777, ext. 2269, or contact her via e-mail at grayl@iecc.edu.

Free tutoring available at OCC

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

Biology I and II, Human Growth and Development, Sociology, Anatomy, Chemistry, Psychology and Introduction to Business study guides are available. Videos are available for Basic Math, Beginning Algebra and Intermediate Algebra.

The LSC also can provide tape recorders, large-screen monitors, readers and note takers, as well as assistive technology.

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

LSC staff, and they will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations.

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. Tutors are required to attend some training and are paid minimum wage.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4 and is open during regular business hours Monday through Friday or call 395-7777, ext. 2268, to schedule an appointment.

OCC Foundation 2011 Wine Tasting

The OCC Foundation will host its third annual Wine Tasting Affair from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at The Gypsy in Olney.

Wines from Fox Creek Vineyard of Olney and Lasata Wines of Lawrence County will be featured.

College closed Oct. 4

Olney Central College will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 4 for the IECC Faculty and Staff Professional Development Day. There will be no day or evening classes.

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Arts and The Ohio State University, where he was the winner of the 2006 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Martin's newest novel is told through the first-person narratives of Laney Volk, a shy 19-year-old high school dropout, and Miss Baby, the nearly 40-year-old owner of a Denton, Texas tattoo parlor. Much of *Break the Skin's* action unfolds in the fictional Southeastern Illinois communities of New Hope and Mt. Gilead, which also is the setting of Martin's *River of Heaven*.

The novel opens with the police coming to question Laney and she soon finds herself reconstructing a story of suspense, deceit and revenge. Meanwhile, Miss Baby meets a stranger who claims he can't remember his real name or his past. In him, Miss Baby believes she has finally found love. But, Laney and Miss Baby's lives are connected by the actions of Delilah Dade and a horrible crime in Illinois.

"It is another novel of suspense set in a small town — this one having to do with the desire of everyone to love and be loved in return," Martin said. "It also examines the lengths people will go to in their efforts to obtain it at any cost and of revenge. It is at the heart a story of love, no matter how roughed up and ugly and stained. Laney and Miss Baby are desperate for love. They strive for it. They are two women who live similar lives even though they don't know each other."

As Miss Baby says at the end of the book, "It was all about wanting to matter to someone, wanting it so badly that you did things you never could have imagined, and you swore they were right, all for the sake of love."

Martin spent about three years working on the novel and its various

drafts.

"The challenge in this book was getting the two different first-person narratives because one story is necessary to the other," he said. "Laney's story sets everything in motion and leads to Miss Baby. You have to be patient and eventually you will see how the two stories intersect."

Martin says he was drawn to the character of Laney, who calls herself "as ordinary as bread from the wrapper."

"She has this great talent for singing, but couldn't bring it to expression because she is too shy and timid," Martin said. "This person became so influenced by Delilah and she mattered so much that Laney would do whatever she could to make her happy. This is the story of a young girl who could have had so much in life if she had made smarter choices."

But, Laney doesn't see those possibilities. "You have to understand what happens to people who start to believe they have no choices," she says in the novel. "People like us."

Martin, who sees writing as "an act of empathy," enjoys crafting and exploring characters who are very different from himself.

"I'm fascinated by characters living on the fringe," he said. "What they desire and fear isn't much different than our desires and fears."

Martin's other novels also include memorable characters, who find themselves coping with loss and guilt.

The Bright Forever centers on the disappearance of 9-year-old Katie Mackey from a small Indiana town on a hot summer evening in 1972. The circumstances surrounding the fateful night are recalled some 30 years later by the girl's summer math tutor, Henry Dees; her brother, Gilley Mackey; and Mr. Dees' neighbors, Raymond R. and his wife,

Clare. The novel explores the choices people make that change their lives forever.

River of Heaven revolves around 65-year-old Sam Brady. He is a man who has resigned himself to a life of loneliness as he attempts to conceal the secrets he harbors regarding both himself and the death of his boyhood friend, Dewey Finn, half a century ago.

Sam admits he purposely avoids others, but he finds it hard to escape his recently widowed neighbor, Arthur Pope. The two eventually forge a friendship as they labor together to build Sam's dog, Stump, an elaborate doghouse.

Sam's past and present collide when his long-absent brother, Cal, returns to Mt. Gilead after getting caught up in a deadly hostage stand-off in Ohio. As the mystery surrounding Cal and his ties to Michigan militiaman Leonard Mink unravels, Sam realizes he can't conceal the truth of Dewey's death forever.

Martin developed an interest in writing as a child. He began his education in a two-room school in Lukin Township before moving in the third grade to Oak Forest in the Chicago suburbs. The family returned to Southern Illinois a few years later, residing in Sumner, where he completed high school.

While attending OCC, Martin was involved in the college's literary magazine.

"I've been serious about writing since I transferred to Eastern Illinois University," he said. "I got involved in the literary journal and started writing short stories."

Martin received a master of fine arts degree at the University of Arkansas and holds a doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He is the director of creative writing at The Ohio State University.

OCC Heart Walk team to host fund-raiser Sept. 14

The Olney Central College Heart Walk team is hosting a fund-raiser at Bobe's Pizza on Sept. 14. Come and support the Richland County

Heart Walk by eating at Bobe's.

The OCC team will receive 20 percent of the check, which will go directly to the Heart Walk totals.

A flier must accompany your order to apply.

Contact Amie Mayhall at ext. 2229 to obtain one.



Customer Appreciation Day

OCC Bookstore Manager Cristina Siegel serves students during the Customer Appreciation Day on Aug. 29. The Bookstore had free doughnuts and juice along with hourly giveaways during the event.

Health Fair

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some of these children is they will not live to be as old as their parents," Corry said. "As a health care professional and step-parent, I wanted to do something to help combat this problem."

Each grade spent about 75 minutes at the college. The students viewed a video about the NFL Play 60 program, participated in a physical activity with college athletes, created a healthy snack and talked with different health care professionals in the community.

Corry said the Health Fair utilized curriculum from the afterschool program Recharge which is endorsed by the NFL Play 60 program.

This event also kicked off East Richland Elementary's afterschool program.

About 1,000 students benefitted from the Health Fair and each received a souvenir T-shirt. An autographed Chicago Bears' team photo-

graph and tickets to an upcoming Southern Illinois University football game also were given away.

"I want to personally thank Rodney Ranes, Sherry Geier and Marilyn Holt who have been instrumental in helping me to make this day possible," Corry said. "A special thank you also goes to Dennis Conley, his coaching staff and all the athletes who made this day very special for these kids.

"For their generous donations, I also want to thank Richland Memorial Hospital, the Johnsie Grant Committee, Olney Central College, Pacific Cycle, Atwood Medical, Citizens National Bank, First National Bank, Ready's Sporting Goods and the SIUC Athletic Department. For all the volunteers and health care professionals who donated their time to spend with the children, thank you for caring enough to try to make a difference."

Massage Therapy to host cookout

National Massage Therapy Week will be Oct. 23-29.

OCC's Massage Therapy Program will host a cookout at Buehler's Buy-Low in Olney from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Proceeds will fund the Massage Therapy Club's trip to the Grey Bear Retreat in Tennessee.

Campus Visit

A representative from Lakeview College of Nursing will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 21. A table will be located outside the Student Services Office.

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: September

10	Sharon Hoffee (FCC)
10	Jessica Parrent
11	Jodi Schneider
12	Bob Tice
16	Nicole Weber
17	Jim Burnett
18	Lynn Gray
20	Shirley Smithenry
20	Cheryl Knight (LTC)
20	Tim Bower
25	Mark Fitch
29	Kathy Slichenmyer

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the October Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Sept. 26.

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