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SCCRC endows fifth scholarship

Total donations to Ozarka College - Mountain View reach \$70,000

The Ozarka College Foundation recently received a \$10,000 scholarship endowment from the Stone County Community Resource Council.

The board approved the donation during its Dec. 13 meeting and presented the donation to Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe on Jan. 9.

Ozarka College, with its main campus located in Melbourne, Ark., opened the Mountain View campus in Stone County in 1997. The Stone County Community Resource Council created its first scholarship endowment in March 2007, and since

that time has endowed four other scholarships. They have also donated an additional \$20,000 toward facilities on the new campus, including \$10,000 for the construction of the Student Success Center, which opened in August 2011, and \$10,000 for an amphitheatre that is scheduled for completion in 2012.

Stone County Community Resource Council President Jim Qualls said Council members chose Ozarka College as a recipient based on the idea that they wanted to give the people of Stone County additional help and an additional option. He said the people



The Stone County Community Resource Council presented its fifth scholarship endowment to Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe during its Jan. 9 meeting. Pictured are: back row, left to right: Joel Breeding, Stone County Jail Chapel Representative; Gin Brown, Ozarka College - Mountain View Site Coordinator; Jim Kane, Member-at-Large; Jim Qualls, SCCRC President; Sandy Qualls, SCCRC Secretary; Bill Settle, SCCRC Treasurer; Jane Shipman, Ozarka College Foundation Board Member; front row, left to right: Dr. Richard Dawe; Harry Rogers, SCCRC Board Member.

in the county come to them first when they are in need and that by supporting Ozarka College, they are able to direct those in need toward something that isn't just

a temporary solution, but rather something, such as an education, that can change their circumstances.

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Foundation accepting applications for Cheatham Scholarship

The Ozarka College Foundation Board recently completed a scholarship endowment in honor of Mr. Charles Cheatham.

The memorial scholarship will be offered through the Ozarka College Foundation for students who reside in Izard County. Anyone interested in applying may do so prior to the March 1 deadline by visiting www.ozarka.edu and downloading the scholarship application packet.

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OZC makes list of fastest growing community colleges

Ozarka College was recently named by Community College Week one of the top 50 fastest growing community colleges with less than 2,500 students enrolled. Community College Week is an independent source of in-depth information for and about two-year college faculty, administrators and trustees. Established in 1988, it is published biweekly and distributed to two-year colleges across the United States.

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From the President...

It is already February but the weather reminds us that spring is nearly upon us! We grew enrollment this semester at a modest yet manageable one percent, while many other colleges across our state saw enrollment drop significantly. I attribute this to keeping tuition low, as we were one of only two colleges or universities in Arkansas that decided not to raise tuition this year. We are also seeing growth in our new Criminal Justice and Corrections program; Health Information Technology; strong interest in automotive and welding; HVAC and other programs. I was pleased to see some growth at the Melbourne campus this semester and Mammoth Spring enrollment is growing quickly as well. Our students recognize the tremendous value in an Ozarka education and how dedicated we are to their service.

The Facilities Master Plan for the main campus was completed and approved by our Board of Trustees recently and we will begin the Ash Flat Master Planning process this coming fiscal year. When all campuses have been thoroughly analyzed for future facilities needs the combined master plan will serve as a road map for future buildings to support our students as the College grows.

The city of Melbourne and Ozarka College is presenting a proposal to the Melbourne voters on April 10th, requesting a shared penny sales tax. This would provide the College with 3/8 percent in revenues to pay new bond or loan debt that would be required to build a new two story, modern design, high technology College Center for our students at the main campus. All revenues would be strictly dedicated to the main campus and the building would allow us to bring all student service offices and services to one convenient location. A café, study lounge area and private group study rooms, a new bookstore, and



Ozarka College President
Dr. Richard Dawe

other convenient and needed functions would be provided. The campus will also be given a very modern, new look with more green space, paved walk paths and lighting throughout. Please encourage support of this modest tax that will directly impact our quality of education into the future.

Enjoy the semester and be prepared for the coming spring storm season. We will be having drills in the future to ensure we are all prepared and kept as safe as possible. Remember that your ideas and constructive input are always welcome. I wish you much success!

Sincerely,
Dr. Richard Dawe

Reeves named Bowser-Petersen Nursing Scholarship recipient

Sherry Reeves, a Registered Nursing student from Melbourne, has been awarded the Bowser-Petersen Nursing Scholarship by the Ozarka College Foundation.

Reeves is employed at Area Agency on Aging and Eaglecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ash Flat as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

The Bowser-Petersen Nursing Scholarship was established in Summer 2011 and is offered by Drs. Robert E. and Cheryl Bowser-Petersen of Horse-shoe Bend.

It is available to LPNs currently enrolled in the Ozarka College RN program and is given in gratitude for the exceptional care given to Joseph T. Bowser, whose last days were blessed by his hospice nurses.

In addition to the regular Ozarka College scholarship application, applicants are required to complete either a one page essay or a short recorded message describing what they know about hospice nursing and why they think they would be good at hospice work. Overall GPA and citizenship are also considered in awarding this scholarship.

Reeves wrote in her essay that she has faced two separate situations in her life where hospice care was needed for relatives and that it was the overall compassion and professionalism of the hospice nurses that planted a seed for her to continue her education in nursing.

She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing after she completes the RN program.



Ozarka College Transfer Fair!

When: Monday, Feb. 13

Where: Main Lobby of the John E. Miller Education Complex - Melbourne

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Come by and visit with representatives from area 4-year colleges and universities! They will be here to help you make the best decision about your transition from Ozarka College and to educate you on scholarship opportunities available from their institution!

Popcorn and drinks will be served and students will be able to register to win a free Ozarka College hooded sweatshirt!

GROWING, CONT.

“Ozarka’s rapid growth is a testament to our students realizing the importance of higher education so that they will be more marketable and better prepared to advance in their careers,” said Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe. “Our faculty and staff have done a remarkable job of meeting students’ needs as we’ve increased enrollment, which is particularly impressive given relatively flat or declining state funding. Colleges, like Ozarka, have been impacted the most severely in recent years because we have fewer and fewer resources from the state to fund much larger numbers of students.”

During the Fall 2010 semester, Ozarka College saw record enrollment, reaching 1,573 students. The enrollment growth rate was also among the highest in the state for both four and two year institutions with a 25 percent increase in full-time equivalent (FTE) students. The increase in



Ozarka College has continued to maintain its growth over the past several semesters.

FTE students is an indicator that students are taking heavier course loads to more quickly achieve their educational goals.

Over the past year, the College has also been able to maintain its growth and continued to increase the number of students attending all four campuses. In order to accommodate the needs of students, the College completed the construction of a Student Center on the Mountain View campus in early August 2011 and is in the process of beginning an amphitheatre project. Ozarka College also recently completed a Facilities Master Plan for the Melbourne campus, which will provide

a blueprint for future building and expansion projects to better serve the needs of the rapidly growing student population.

To further benefit students, new programs have been planned and developed, including the recent addition of an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections. A four-year Business degree from Arkansas State University Jonesboro, facilitated on the Ozarka College campus, is also a new option for students, with additional Bachelor and Masters degrees to be offered in the future.

GIFT, CONT.

Each scholarship is awarded through the Ozarka College Foundation and is worth \$250 per semester for a total of \$500 per year. With the newest endowment, five students who reside in Stone County will have the opportunity to pursue their higher education goals.

“The remarkable continued support from the SCCRC is having a powerful impact on Mountain View and Stone County students,” said Dawe. “Their dedication to higher education and to providing greater opportunities for our students is impressive, and deeply appreciated.”

The Stone County Community Resource Council is a non-profit organization that offers support to the citizens of Stone County, Ark. They accept clothing donations to be sold at their consignment store in order to raise funds and is operated strictly by the people of Stone County who volunteer their time, energy and financial resources.

Cake Decorating I and II to be offered

Ozarka College will offer two learning opportunities for those interested in cake decorating this semester through Continuing Education.

Cake Decorating I, offered Feb. 21 through March 13, and Cake Decorating II, offered March 27 through April 17, will take students through basic cake decorating and design to advanced decorating techniques. Both courses will last four weeks and will be on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Melbourne campus.

Decorating kits required for the courses are included in the cost, which is \$85 for Decorating I and \$95 for Decorating II. Students who have already taken Cake Decorating I may immediately take Cake Decorating II.

Anyone interested in taking the class may contact Karen Overturf in the Vice President for Academic Affairs’ office at 870-368-2005 or by email at koverurf@ozarka.edu to request a Continuing Education application that must be completed prior to the course. Applications and payment must be turned in by Feb. 14 for Cake Decorating I and March 20 for Cake Decorating II so kits may be ordered.

SCHOLARSHIP, CONT.

In 2007, the Ozarka College Foundation Board developed the scholarship fund to honor Cheatham. With the endowment goal of \$10,000 recently met, a new scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2012 semester.

“I am very proud to see the creation of the Charles Cheatham Scholarship,” said Son Lamb, former Ozarka College Foundation Board member. “Charles was such an asset to our community and this scholarship in his name will keep his memory and good deeds for our community alive for many years to come.”

Cheatham held a civic service position in Izard County for over 45 years. He served as Izard County Treasurer and County/Circuit Clerk from 1950 until his retirement in 1999 and continued to chair the Izard County Election Commission for many years after his retirement. He was active in his church, as well as the Melbourne Lions Club, Izard County Historical Society, several local boards, and he chaired the Izard County Democratic Committee.

He and his wife, Mildred, raised their four children in Izard County. Their son Ronald resides in Batesville, son Donald resides in Melbourne, son Lonnie resides in Lone Rock, and daughter Connie Moser resides in Calico Rock. Moser also serves on the Ozarka College Foundation Board.

President's, VPAA's List announced

Ozarka College recently announced that 115 students have been named to the President's List and 84 students have been named to the Vice President of Academic Affairs' List for the Fall 2011 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours, excluding developmental courses, not be on any type of probation and must have a minimum 4.0 grade point average. To be eligible for the Vice President of Academic Affairs' List, students must meet the same requirements, with the minimum grade point average of 3.5 being met. This is the first semester for the VPAA's List.

Fulton County students on the President's List include: James Yar-

nell of Glencoe; Jessica Vest, Julia Shattuck, Emily Ragsdale, Jonathan Reed, and Margaret Reed of Mammoth Spring; Charles Worsham, Tina Boris, Andrea Pate, Esther Anderson, Valerie Samples, Edward Boris, Shelia Eubanks, Heather Bennett, Charity Schaufler, Joshua Coker, Samantha Corsaut, Anthony Stillwell, and Charmaine Coker of Salem; and Cammie Ritcheson of Viola.

Izard County students on the President's List include: Jessica Beaudoin of Brockwell; Casey Townsend, Rylie Beville, Brett Southard, and Hannah Teague of Calico Rock; Angela Sanders of Dolph; Debra Berkenes and Kathryn Reeves of Franklin; Yvette Grisham, Teresa Reeves-Little and Jason Ertle of Horseshoe Bend; Connie Conrad, Sarah Price,

Jennifer Campbell, Eve Banning, Sara Lawrence, Kaylee Ables, Joni Knapp, Joseph Krus, Brenton Tyson, Chelsea Vines, Amanda Treat, and Erica Jewett of Melbourne; Steffanie Evans of Mount Pleasant; Wilma Parker of Oxford; Lisa Schreiner of Sage; and Christina Delargy, Philisha Fountain and Misty Phipps of Wiseman.

Sharp County students on the President's List include: Leah Burrus, Paul Stewart, Lisa Nunnally, and Elyssa Farr of Ash Flat; Brandy Stigall, Tara Barnett and Sarah Humphrey of Cave City; Samantha Redd, Cassandra Flynn, Lindy Brindley, Whitney Wakeham, Jennifer Hill, Cid Herlein, and Adam Askew of Cherokee Village; Susan Cross, Tammy Zeiger, Edith Elliott, and Raegan Groves of Hardy; and Margo Drinkard and

April Weaver of Sidney. Stone County students on the President's List include: Whitney Jason and Alicia McIntire of Fifty-Six; Angela Johnson, Chasity Reamon and Connie Daum of Fox; and Sydney Halpain, Sherry Prichard, Vicky Payne, Kara Tibbits, Carita Jo Baird, Amber Sherer, Sterling Minick, Tiffany Wagler, Andrew Hayes, Michelle Vannatter, Daika Everett, Sarah Mickler, Pamela Webb, Leslie Mason, Anna Mickler, Patrick Ward, Austin Wilkie, Jerry Whitaker, Rebekah Ray, and Tiffany Eather-ton of Mountain View; Abby Spinks of Pleasant Grove; and Margo Del Real, Gerry Goodin and Autumn Romine of Timbo.

Other counties represented on the President's List include: Baxter County: Austin

Horne of Gassville; Sherry Marcum of Mountain Home; Lisa Manuel and Marcia Helm of Norfolk; and Lacey Turner of Prim; Independence County: Cheryl Sturdivant, Nicole Morris and Rachel Stone from Batesville; Lawrence County: Lindsey Dahm from Imboden; Amanda Diller from Ravenden; and Hanna Hunter from Smithville; Marion County: Patrick Kelley of Yellville; Oregon County, Mo: Tina Robertson of Thayer, Mo; Ozark County: Dawn Williams of Gainesville; Phillips County: Brie Engle of Marvell; Searcy County: James Suchland of Marshall; Van Buren County: Kara McBroom of Shirley.

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NAEC announces Operation Round Up scholarship recipients

Ryan Walker and Alex Whitten were the recipients of a full semester scholarship to Ozarka College as a result of North Arkansas Electric Cooperative's first ever Operation Round Up® golf classic held at Big Creek Country Club in Mountain Home Oct. 1.

Whitten, of Ash Flat, will complete her Associate's Degree in Biology this semester and plans to transfer to a four year university within the state. Walker is from Brockwell and plans to complete his Associate's Degree in Information Technology next year.

Operation Round Up® is a community outreach program through North Arkansas Electric Cooperative with the goal of investing in the future of the communities it serves. Operation Round Up® was a program started in 2005 whereby cooper-



Ryan Walker and Alex Whitten were awarded full tuition scholarships to attend Ozarka College from North Arkansas Electric Cooperative.

ative members voluntarily round up their monthly electric bill(s) to the next highest dollar.

Funds collected go into a trust that awards money to fund community projects and educational scholarships. Since inception, NAEC's Operation Round Up® program has been able to award over \$30,000

in scholarship funds to area students.

In 2011, the cooperative held its inaugural golf classic for Operation Round Up® to raise additional money for educational scholarships specifically for Ozarka College and Arkansas State University – Mountain Home.

The tournament was held in October 2011 and raised over \$14,000, which will be split in the form of scholarships between the two schools. Both schools graciously donated two semester scholarships, which were awarded as flight prizes in the tournament. The teams who won the scholarships allowed the Operation Round Up® trust board to select the recipients and as such Walker and Whitten were awarded the scholarships.

Tibbits, VanDyke awarded Kenneth and Janice Sutton Nursing Scholarships

Kara Tibbits and Amanda VanDyke have been awarded the Kenneth and Janice Sutton Nursing Scholarships at Ozarka College – Mountain View for the Spring 2012 semester.

Both recipients are full-time Licensed Practical Nursing students from Mountain View. They were selected by the scholarship committee after completing an Ozarka College scholarship application. Overall GPA and good citizenship were also qualities considered.

The scholarship is offered by Kenneth and



Ozarka College - Mountain View Site Coordinator Gin Brown (center) presented Kara Tibbits (right) and Amanda VanDyke (left) with the Kenneth and Janice Sutton Nursing Scholarship.

Janice Sutton, who are life-long residents of Mountain View and Stone County. They are former owners of Mountain View Telephone and are avid supporters of healthcare

and education in the area.

The deadline to apply for Ozarka College Foundation scholarships for the Fall 2012 semester is March 1.

Kids Academy expanding, accepting new children

The Ozarka Kids Academy, located in Melbourne, is nearing the completion of an expansion and renovation project that will allow the daycare to accommodate additional children.

Currently, the Kids Academy may enroll 45 children, however, with the completion of the project, they will be licensed to enroll up to 84 children. It is expected that new children will be able to start attending in mid-March.

“The new addition is the result of collaboration between Ozarka, the City of Melbourne and IZard County officials,” said Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe. “We are all very pleased that this grant funded project will allow us to serve many more families and children in the Melbourne area.”

The facility is licensed by the Department of Human Services, Division



of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. The daycare was established in 1997 and serves children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The Ozarka Kids Academy is operated by a director and licensed child-care providers.

Anyone interested in having a child attend Ozarka Kids Academy should contact Karen Hall, Director, as soon as possible, as slots are filling up quickly.

She can be reached at 870-368-7868 or by email at khall@ozarka.edu.

CE offering NDT certification class

Ozarka College will offer a Continuing Education certification course in Level II, Non-Destructive Testing-Penetrant March 13-15 from 6-10 p.m. on the Melbourne campus.

The cost of the course is \$600. The textbook is not included and costs an additional \$25.60. It may be purchased at the first class meeting.

Non-destructive testing (NDT) is a wide group of analysis techniques used in science and industry to evaluate the properties of materials, components or systems without causing damage. NDT does not permanently alter the item being inspected, therefore making it a highly valuable technique that saves both time and money in product evaluation, troubleshooting and research.

A Level II technician is someone who would be qualified to properly perform specific calibrations, specific NDT and specific evaluations for acceptance or rejection determinations. Level II's should be able to direct Level I technicians and organize and report test results of NDT tests. This includes system set up, verification, standards check, process items, evaluation of results, and making determinations.

NDT is used in a variety of settings that covers a wide range of industries. Some industries that employ NDT personnel include: automotive, aviation/aerospace, construction, maintenance, and manufacturing.

Industrial plants using NDT include nuclear, petrochemical, refineries, pulp and paper, fabrication shops, and mine processing. Other subcategories include pipelines, railways, amusement parks, medical imaging, and bridges, to name a few.

This is also a high employment career with job possibilities all over the United States. Surveys indicate there are 18 jobs for each technician graduated. Wages generally begin around \$12 per hour, but can run \$16-25 per hour depending on the method and experience. A person with an Associate's degree and five years experience usually averages \$52,000 per year.

After successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the Penetrant Certification Exams, which will also be offered by Ozarka College. The exam costs \$125.

Anyone interested in taking the class can contact Karen Overturf in the Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office at 870-368-2005 or by email at koverurf@ozarka.edu to request a Continuing Education application that must be completed prior to the session. Applications and payment must be turned in by March 9.

Board of Trustees approve Facilities Master Plan

The Ozarka College Board of Trustees recently approved a Facilities Master Plan that will propel the Melbourne campus into the future with additional building projects and will help transition the campus to a more contemporary community college aesthetic.

The purpose of the Facilities Master Plan is to provide a map for the future of the Ozarka College campus in order to create unity throughout any and all updates of existing and construction of new facilities.

A Master Planning Team, consisting of Ozarka College administration, faculty, staff, and community leaders, worked together, along with Wittenburg, Delony and Davidson Architects, Inc. from Fayetteville, to strategically evaluate the existing campus during the fall semester. The team also determined goals and a vision for the direction of the campus in the future. WD&D then compiled the final Facilities Master Plan for the College.

The key master plan goals include moving the campus's appearance to that of a

modern community college, establishing stronger community connections and support, creating a sense of arrival when you drive onto the campus, and developing a central campus organization and more green space.

"The new master plan does not commit the College at this point but rather serves as an important instrument that was developed by the College community to foresee our future needs," said Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe. "A 'College Center' that will allow us to co-locate all student service activities and support offices in one central location is very important for our students' success and is expected to be the highest near term priority. I truly appreciate the support and far-reaching involvement that was demonstrated throughout this project."

It was determined that a facilities master plan was necessary in order to meet the growing needs of students enrolled at Ozarka College. The College has seen tremendous growth over the past ten years



and expanding and updating both facilities and curriculum is needed for the future. While this Facilities Master Plan is exclusively for the Melbourne campus, the plans for the remaining three campuses in Ash Flat, Mountain View and Mammoth Spring will also be developed.

LPN applications being accepted

Ozarka College will be accepting applications for the Fall 2012 Licensed Practical Nursing program Feb. 1 through April 1. The program is offered at Melbourne, Ash Flat and Mountain View.

To enroll, students should visit www.ozarka.edu and complete the online application for admission and select LPN as the program of study.

To be eligible for the LPN program, students must be currently enrolled in the four pre-requisite courses or have previously completed the pre-requisite courses. The classes required include English Composition I or Technical English, Math for Nurses, Basic Human Nutrition, and Body Structure and Function or Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs.

Students must also take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and the Wonderlic exam offered at Ozarka College in April on the Melbourne Campus. Students may sign up for the testing with the Admissions Office starting Feb. 1 through April 1. The Wonderlic exam will be offered at 8 a.m. in the Lecture Hall of the John E. Miller Building, followed by TEAS at 8:30 a.m. in the Computer Lab on April 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, and 20.

The cost of TEAS is \$40 and the cost of the Wonderlic exam is \$5.

To prepare for TEAS, students may purchase study guides at all Ozarka College Bookstores or they may check out one of the limited number available in the Library. Career Pathways will also offer a prep workshop in late February at all four campuses. The

workshop will cover the details of what to expect on the day of the test and a general overview of what and how to study for the exam. There is no fee to attend and you do not have to be a Career Pathways student. Pre-registration is required by contacting Kendra Smith at 870-368-2043 or by email at Kendra.smith@ozarka.edu.

The following are the dates, times and locations of the TEAS workshop:

- Melbourne – Monday, Feb. 20 in Room H-112 from 1-2 p.m.
- Ash Flat – Thursday, Feb. 23 in Room AFSC 106 from 1-2 p.m.
- Mountain View – Wednesday, Feb. 29 in Room MVSC 115 (Lecture Hall) from 10-11 a.m.
- Mammoth Spring – Thursday, March 1 in Room 102 from 10-11 a.m.
- Melbourne overflow workshop – Friday, March 2 in Room H-112 from 1-2 p.m.

Along with the admission application and scores from the TEAS and Wonderlic exam, students should also submit letters of work experience to the Admissions Office by April 1. For more information about the LPN programs offered at Ozarka College, please contact Admissions at 870-368-2045 or the Nursing Department at 870-368-2077.

Alumni Spotlight

AAT program gave student chance to land dream job

For many of Ozarka College's students, it's proximity that makes it such a valuable asset.

For TaKara Kinion, that was no exception. Kinion came straight to Ozarka College – Melbourne after graduating from IZARD County Consolidated in 2002. In only two short years, she was graduating with both an Associate's Degree of Arts and an Associate's Degree of Arts in Teaching.

She took advantage of the Bachelor's program facilitated through Arkansas Tech University to remain close to home and continue her education.

"It gave me the ability to get a degree so I could get the teaching job I wanted," Kinion said.

After completing her Bachelor's Degree, Kinion landed a job at her alma mater – IZARD County Consolidated. Still driven to accomplish more, she attended classes at Arkansas State University Jonesboro and earned a Master's in Special Education while working at ICC.

Of the six years she's spent teaching at ICC, three of those years were spent in Special Education. She now teaches first grade and is thankful for the opportunity provided by Ozarka College.

"I'm pretty happy with what I did," she said. "I went straight through the summers and got it done as quickly as I could so I could start teaching."

Her advice to teaching students at Ozarka College – work as a substitute teacher before committing to the program to make sure it's the best decision for them.



TaKara Kinion and daughter Addysyn.

"Too many times they [students] go to school, then they get in the classroom and it's too much," Kinion said. Behind a smile, though, she added, "I wouldn't change a thing [about my decision]."

When she isn't in the classroom, Kinion spends time with her husband of almost seven years, Shane, and their two year old daughter, Addysyn.

LIST, CONT.

Fulton County students on the VPAA's List include: James Hoover of Camp; Kelsey Hopper, Megan Carney and Kimberly Mitchell of Mammoth Spring; Naomi Clingan and Amy Painter of Salem; and Garry Goodson of Sturkie.

IZARD County students on the VPAA's List include: Ryan Walker and Wesley Sylar of Brockwell; Jacob Moss, Matthew Townsend, Cheyenne Diaz, Kary Foster, and Christian Wiberg of Calico Rock; Jessie Conyers of Dolph;

Christina Sirian, Regina Cagle and James Grisham of Horseshoe Bend; Charlotte Billingsley, Shonda Trewyn, Ronicia Smith, Ashley Sherrill, Kerri Smith, Kendra Woods, Timothy Overbey, Krystal Ramsey, and Timothy Guenther of Melbourne; Blake Conyers, Samantha Goodson, and Lynsey Ford of Mount Pleasant; Samantha Price of Sage; Liana Greenway of Violet Hill; and Gage Wolford of Wiseman.

Sharp County students on the VPAA's

List include: Alexandra Whitten, Courtney Mofett and Sarah Rapert of Ash Flat; Tonya Holt and Anthony Thacker of Cave City; William Lamb, Kaitlin Sellers, Lynette Stone, Tara Wise, and Jessica Cubillas of Cherokee Village; Megan Graddy and Samantha Walls of Evening Shade; Tiffany Dienst, Sophia Willcockson, Sherry Davis, and Jimmy Clouse of Hardy; and Kimberly Zeiger and Jerry Despain of Williford.

Stone County students on the VPAA's List

include: Kari Bearden and John Fitzgerald of Fox; Luke McMahan, Lachelle Green, Taylor Baldrige, Leandra Murray, Sandra Whitaker, Connie Wilson, Clinton Stanley, Jennifer Canard, Lyn Craig, Robert Burns, Marissa Richardson, Rex Vannatter, Willie Smith, Mary Burns, Paula Marshall, Iris Gomez, Joseph Everett, Rebecca Clark, and Sarai Aaron of Mountain View; and Audra Flether and Jennifer Gonzalez of Timbo.

Other counties represented on the VPAA's

list include: Baxter County: Tanya Woods of Mountain Home; from Cleburne County: Karen Ring of Edgemont; Craighead County: Gregory Simpson of Bono; Faulkner County: Christina Patton of Conway; Independence County: Cortney Goodwin and Kaila Dunegan of Batesville; Van Buren County: Leeone Gilland of Clinton; Joshua Huie of Dennard; Heather Holland of Shirley; and Lisa Smith of Dalzell, S.C.

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Arkansas' ACCESS 'Bridges Out of Poverty' Conference set for Feb.

The Arkansas Communities Connecting Effective Services for Success (ACCESS) will host the 'Bridges Out of Poverty Conference' Feb. 21-22 at the Vada Sheid Community Development Center on the Arkansas State University – Mountain Home campus. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and its purpose is for participants to learn about the mental models for the economic classes and the hidden rules that govern each.

ACCESS is a consortium exploring the meaning of poverty in seven counties in North Central Arkansas, including Baxter, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Searcy, Sharp, and Stone. Funded by a grant from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, the vision of ACCESS is that all people in North Central Arkansas become educated, have fulfilling jobs and are productive citizens with civic pride and all children are safe, nourished, cared for, and have hope and determination.

Anyone interested in being a part of fighting poverty and finding solutions for the future of North Central Arkansas are encouraged to visit the ACCESS website at www.nccess2success.org, where they can also register to attend the February conference. For more information about the conference or ACCESS, contact Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research at Ozarka College, Joan Stirling, by phone at 870-368-2007 or by email at jstirling@ozarka.edu.

February GED Testing Schedule

The GED® Test will be given at Ozarka College – Melbourne on Feb. 8 and 22 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building.

The test will also be given at the following locations in February:

•Mountain View	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Feb. 2 and 21
•Ash Flat	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Feb. 6 and 29
•Calico Rock	City Hall	9 a.m.	Feb. 9
•Mammoth Spring	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	Feb. 9 and 23
•Salem	Courthouse	9 a.m.	Feb. 16

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated within the last year. There is no cost to take the GED® Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you MUST register by calling Ozarka College at 368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it may be necessary to allow two days for the testing.