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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

-Last day of regular classes:

Friday, Dec. 9

-Final exams:

Monday, Dec. 12 -  
Thursday, Dec. 15

-Campus minimally staffed:

Wednesday, Dec. 21 -  
Thursday, Dec. 22

-Campus closed:

Friday, Dec. 23 -  
Monday, Jan. 9

## Evins appointed to 2012 ACCT Finance and Audit Committee

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) recently appointed Mr. Bob Evins of Cherokee Village as an associate member of the 2012 ACCT Finance and Audit Committee. Evins' term will expire at the end of the Annual Community College Leadership Congress in Boston, Mass. in Oct. 2012.

Trustee Evins is the Vice Chair of the Ozarka College Board of Trustees and is President of Liberty Bank of Arkansas in Highland.

He was appointed to the Ozarka College Board of Trustees in Aug. 2009 for a seven year term by Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe.

After attending the new member conference for ACCT in Washington, D.C., Evins applied to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee. This committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related policies and bylaws, reviewing the annual budget and financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs



Trustee Bob Evins

and services and finally reporting to the Board of Directors.

"I am humbled to be afforded the opportunity to represent Ozarka College on this national level," said Trustee Evins. "The level of commitment and dedication that I have experienced from Dr. Richard Dawe, the Board of Trustees, the Ozarka Foundation, the staff of educators, as well as support staff is second to none. Ozarka is dedicated to providing a quality learning experience for all students in the communities it serves."

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## Foundation accepted Sutton scholarship applications

The Ozarka College Foundation recently accepted applications for the Kenneth and Janice Sutton nursing scholarship through Dec. 9 for the 2012 spring semester. The scholarship was open to Ozarka College – Mountain View students who are currently enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nursing program. Applicants must also be residents of Stone County to qualify.

The scholarship is offered by Kenneth and Janice Sutton, who are life-long residents of Mountain View and Stone County. They are former owners of Mountain View Telephone and avid supporters of health care in the area.

In addition to the regular Ozarka College scholarship application, applicants for this scholarship were required to complete a one-page essay about why they have chosen nursing as their career path.

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## CDC tips for staying healthy

—Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough

—Wash your hands often with soap and warm water

—Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

—Stay at home if you are suffering from flu-like symptoms

—Speak with your healthcare provider about receiving the seasonal flu vaccine

## Mountain View wins top prizes at annual Beanfest

Ozarka College – Mountain View competed in the annual Beanfest Cook-off and Outhouse Races on Saturday, Oct. 29 on the Square in downtown Mountain View.

David Mitchell, Jed O'Brien and Jeremy Nicholson were 'The Bean Cooking Scientists' and were able to secure first place for their decorations. The group had a science teaching lab on the Square to show how to cook beans, noting the scientific names of each ingredient and the reaction that takes place, both while cooking and while digesting.

SGA representatives Crystal Burns, Robert Burns and Leslie Mason helped with serving, along with Kay Adkins, Student Success Coor-



Jed O'Brien, Jeremy Nicholson and David Mitchell won first place for their theme of 'The Bean Cooking Scientists' at Mountain View's Beanfest.

ordinator at Ozarka College – Mountain View.

The LPN class also got involved in the day's events and competed in the outhouse races. The entire class contributed to decorating the outhouse and designed the costumes that were worn by the driver and pusher. Though they didn't place in the race,

they did win first place for Best Dressed (Costume) Driver and Pusher. Amanda Moon, Mark Penter, Lacey Turner, and Chasity Reamon pushed the outhouse, and Jennifer Canard drove.

Together, the group won \$160, which they donated to the Ozarka College Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure team.

## Mountain View students help stock the shelves this holiday season

Mountain View students are holding a food drive in order to help those most in need in their community.

The students are part of one of Ozarka College's Student Success classes, which is a required course for all first time students. Lindsay Galloway of Career Pathways teaches the class and said it was the students' idea to give back in some way.

"They really wanted to provide a service to the community and since the Dorcas House Food Pantry serves so many families in Stone County, the students felt like it was a worthy cause," she said. "And the Food Pantry ran a story a few weeks ago in the newspaper about the need for donations, so they decided to help those who are less fortunate, especially this

holiday season."

The students in the class will be responsible for checking the boxes that have been placed out in the community twice a week until the food drive ends on Dec. 12. Each student will also receive 50 points for participation toward their final grade in the class, but they can get an additional 50 points if they go and volunteer at the Food Pantry.

Donation boxes are located at TD Home Builders, Circle K, Wilson's Town and Country, Best Drug Store, and at the Ozarka College – Mountain View campus.

For more information about the food drive, contact Galloway at 870-269-5600 or by email at lhalloway@ozarka.edu.

## Mammoth Spring to offer HVAC courses

Ozarka College – Mammoth Spring will offer Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) courses as part of Continuing Education starting in January.

Classes will begin on Jan. 9 and will be taught in two parts. The first part, which will be air conditioning, will be Jan. 9-20 and the second part, heating, will be Jan. 23-Feb. 3. Both classes will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Spring campus, located at 5th and Archer Street. Each part of the two-part course will cost \$150 and will include a textbook.

The HVAC course will teach students basic electricity, the refrigeration cycle, compressors controls, wiring diagrams, and the different types of furnaces and other heating equipment.

Anyone interested in taking the course should contact Karen Overturf in the Vice President of Academic Affairs Office at 870-368-2005, or by email at koverturf@ozarka.edu, to request a Continuing Education application that must be completed prior to each session.

Applications and payment are due by Monday, Jan. 2.

## Ash Flat to offer CNA course for credit

Ozarka College – Ash Flat will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class for college credit during the Spring 2012 semester. Those who sign up for the Technical Certificate will be eligible to apply for financial aid to attend.

The class will be offered Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 9 p.m. from Jan. 17 to March 16 and two days of clinical will be assigned the first week. Due to limited seating, only 16 applicants will be accepted into the program.

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program at Ozarka College follows the curriculum and meets the requirements as set by the Office of Long Term Care in the state of Arkansas.

Though this is the first semester Ozarka College will offer the class for college credit at the Ash Flat campus, it will continue to be offered at the Melbourne and Mammoth Spring campuses.

For more information about CNA classes offered by Ozarka College, contact CNA Coordinator Tamara Bevell at 870-368-2079.

# International Days: Japan

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Sushi (California rolls) prepared by Culinary Arts.



Participants in Mountain View wore kimonos to celebrate International Days.



Mammoth Spring Site Coordinator Anthem Eder (brown belt) gave a karate demonstration with Career Pathways' Kendra Smith (black belt).



Japanese culture books and cookbooks were on display at all four campuses.

This year's International Days took students on a journey through Japan to learn about its food, people and culture. Over the course of two weeks, all four campuses were able to experience a little bit of Japan.

Karate demonstrations were given by Career Pathways' Kendra Smith and her husband, Larry Smith, Jr. Both have earned their black belts and explained to students the importance of karate to the Japanese culture.

Mieko Peek, a Japanese language instructor from Lyon College, presented 'Japanese Manners' at each campus and told students about social norms of Japan.

Students were also treated to Japanese foods prepared by Ozarka College's Culinary Arts department. The menu included California roll-style sushi, almond bars, green tea cookies and ice cream, as well as hot green tea.

Each campus also awarded \$25 Wal Mart gift cards to winners whose names were drawn after they voted on their favorite Japanese artwork on display. The artwork was produced by Ozarka College students.

Based on the voting at each campus, next year's International Days will take place in Australia. We'll see you down under!



Dr. Richard Dawe's wife, Chris, displayed a traditional Japanese wedding kimono she was given during their time living in Japan.



Mieko Peek gave students and members of the community a lesson in Japanese manners during her presentation at each campus.



Cheiko Johnson performed a traditional Japanese dance at the Melbourne campus.



Origami bookmarks were available for students to take with them.

# LPN, RN Capping and Pinning

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 14 LPNs and 35 RNs were capped and pinned in the traditional ceremony in the John E. Miller Auditorium on the Melbourne campus. The group of graduating nurses were addressed by Ozarka College President Dr. Richard Dawe and by ARNEC Coordinator Alison DeLong. They also attended a luncheon in their honor on Monday, where Kirby Taylor, LPN, and Sherry Marcum, RN, encspoke and encouraged their classmates to follow their dreams.



Ozarka College December 2011 Licensed Practical Nurses



Ozarka College December 2011 Registered Nurses

# Final exam schedule for Fall 2011

**If your class meets:**

- MW 8 a.m.....
- MW 9:30 a.m.....
- MW 11 a.m.....
- MW 12:30 p.m.....
- MW 2 p.m.....
- MW 3:30 p.m.....
- MW 5:30 p.m.....
- MW 7 p.m.....

**Then your final is:**

- Monday, Dec. 12: 8-10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14: 9-11 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 12: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14 12-2 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 12: 2-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14: 3-5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 12: 5-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14: 7-9 p.m.

- TTh 8 a.m.....
- TTh 9:30 a.m.....
- TTh 11 a.m.....
- TTh 12:30 p.m.....
- TTh 2 p.m.....
- TTh 3:30 p.m.....
- TTh 5:30 p.m.....
- TTh 7 p.m.....

- Tuesday, Dec. 13: 8-10 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15: 9-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15: 12-2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: 2-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15: 3-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: 5-7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15: 7-9 p.m.

**Final exams for any class that meets one (1) day per week are scheduled during finals week at their regular hour.**

**Students may request a change in time for an exam, if three or more are scheduled for the same day.**

## SUTTON, CONT.

Overall GPA and citizenship were also considered in awarding this scholarship.

This semester is the first that students have been able to utilize the new Student and Nursing Education Center, which opened its doors in August. Prior to its opening, Ozarka College nursing students were attending classes at the local high school.

The Ozarka College Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible on itemized tax forms. For more information about giving opportunities at Ozarka College, please contact Hannah McWilliams, Development and Alumni Relations Officer, at 870-368-2060 or by email at hmcwilliams@ozarka.edu.

# Two awarded single parent scholarships

The IZARD County Single Parent Scholarship committee recently awarded two scholarships to single parents living in the county.

Sara Lawrence, of Melbourne, is a single mother of two who received a \$500 scholarship and Amanda Martin, of Sydney, is a single mother of one who received a \$250 scholarship. Lawrence is an Ozarka College Licensed Practical Nursing student who plans to graduate in May 2012. Martin began Ozarka College's new Criminal Justice and Corrections program in August and expects to graduate in May 2013.

The scholarship program is designed to provide single parents living in IZARD County the opportunity to pursue a diploma or a degree from a post-secondary school in order to improve their job skills, become



Amanda Martin and Hannah McWilliams



Sara Lawrence and Hannah McWilliams

self-sufficient and improve the lives of their families.

For more information about the scholarship or to apply, contact Hannah McWilliams, Development and Alumni Relations Officer for Ozarka College, at 870-368-2060 or by email at hmcwilliams@ozarka.edu. An online application is available at www.aspsf.org.

# Winter months mean inclement weather

With cold, winter months ahead of us, Ozarka College wants to remind students, faculty and staff of the College's procedures for canceling classes due to inclement weather.

All current students or employees can sign up to receive SMS text alerts by visiting the "Tools" tab in their myOzarka page. A closing announcement will also be placed on the homepage of the Website ([www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu)), as well as on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/OzarkaCollege](http://www.facebook.com/OzarkaCollege)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/OzarkaCollege](http://www.twitter.com/OzarkaCollege)).

The following radio and television stations will also carry the an-

nouncement: 92.3 KSAR, 95.1 KKountry, 97.9 KTLO, 93.1, 103.3, 99.9 WRD Entertainment, KAIT-TV Channel 8, Jonesboro, KARK Channel 4, Little Rock, KATV Channel 7, Little Rock, and KTHV Channel 11, Little Rock.

If the campuses are not closed, students, faculty and staff are expected to be on campus. If an individual feels they cannot be on campus for any reason, arrangements must be made with their instructor(s) and/or direct supervisors. Students will be counted absent if they miss any classes and employees will be required to use vacation days.

# EVINS, CONT.

Associate members are chosen by voting members of the ACCT Board of Directors and Evins was one of 10 chosen to serve from community colleges across the United States. In his position, he will have full voting rights.

"This service opportunity on a national scale is a perfect fit for Bob's experience and it is not only a tribute to his dedication to the Ozarka mission of providing higher education for our students, but it also allows a voice on the national policy stage for our college and the region we serve," said Dr. Richard Dawe, President of Ozarka College. "I appreciate Vice Chair Evins and his colleagues on our College Board very much."

The Board policies Trustee Evins will help monitor include: Financial Planning and Budgeting, Asset Protection, and Financial Condition and Activity. The Committee will also identify the information it requires for adequate monitoring and establish a schedule for monitoring reports.

Trustee Evins and his wife, Patricia, reside in Cherokee Village and have two grown children and three grandchildren.

# Melbourne set to offer welding class

Ozarka College – Melbourne will offer a beginning welding class at its Melbourne campus starting Jan. 24, 2012 as part of Continuing Education.

The class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. for three weeks. The cost to at-

tend the classes is \$150. In the three weeks, students will learn basic metal theory, welding safety, proper personal protective equipment (PPE), basic welding skills, and the oxyfuel cutting process.

Anyone interested in attending the course

must contact Karen Overturf to request a Continuing Education form that must be returned completed by the start of the course. Overturf may be reached at 870-368-2005 or by email at [koverturf@ozarka.edu](mailto:koverturf@ozarka.edu).

# Ozarka Kids Academy Trick-or-Treat

## Faculty, staff host Halloween event for daycare



On Friday, Oct. 28, faculty and staff of Ozarka College - Melbourne set up tables filled with sweet treats for the students at Ozarka Kids Academy. Each table was decorated with each department's chosen theme and many of the adult participants dressed up along with the kids. More than 20 kids participated in the annual Halloween event.

The Ozarka Kids Academy serves the Melbourne community as the only daycare in the area. More than 40 kids are currently enrolled and once an addition project is completed in the spring, more than 80 kids will be able to attend.

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# 'A Holiday Carol'

More than 500 members of the community came out to Ozarka College - Melbourne for the second annual holiday event. Guests were treated to pictures with Santa, storytime, culinary treats, and a showing of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol,' which was performed by the Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theater. This event was offered at no charge and was sponsored by a grant from the Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee (ACDEC).



Culinary Arts Instructor Mimi Newsome worked on miniature cupcakes for the kid-friendly event. Mimi, along with Instructor Eric Smith and advanced Culinary Arts students, prepared enough food for 600 people.



One of the highlights of the event was writing letters to Santa. Though the kids had a chance to tell Santa everything that was on their wish list, they were able to jot everything down for him to take with him to the North Pole.



Vice President of Student Services Ron Helm read holiday books to kids after they finished taking pictures with Santa.



Some of the treats guests enjoyed were cupcakes, holiday cookies, BBQ smokies, bacon-wrapped chicken, and meatballs.



Guests took advantage of the tasty food provided by Ozarka College Culinary Arts.



Gaye Smith with her granddaughters Allison and Capi.

# Dear Santa...

Future Ozarka College students drop a line to St. Nick

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
4 Wheeler  
with GAS

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
John E Miller

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
NEW GUN / A LOT OF GOATS  
4 Dogs a lot of snow  
SCOT'S

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
Cooper

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
quook/coon.

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
Gracie

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
avidyogom

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
aiden

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
the BLIZEN  
Maker

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
an electrich  
SCOOPER.

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
Micha

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
2a caps  
2a Live Mou sea  
2a ferrar.  
2a Laptop.  
50a dog.

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
Zadey

**Dear Santa,**



I have been very good this year. I would like  
A car, A MAKEUP KIT,  
A horse, A Sisster,  
A DS, A lot of games,  
for the DS, A Wii,  
A MP3 Player, A games for th  
Wii,  
for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the  
other reindeer for me. and Mrs. CLause  
and the E-ifs.

Sincerely,  
ZOE

**Dear Santa,**

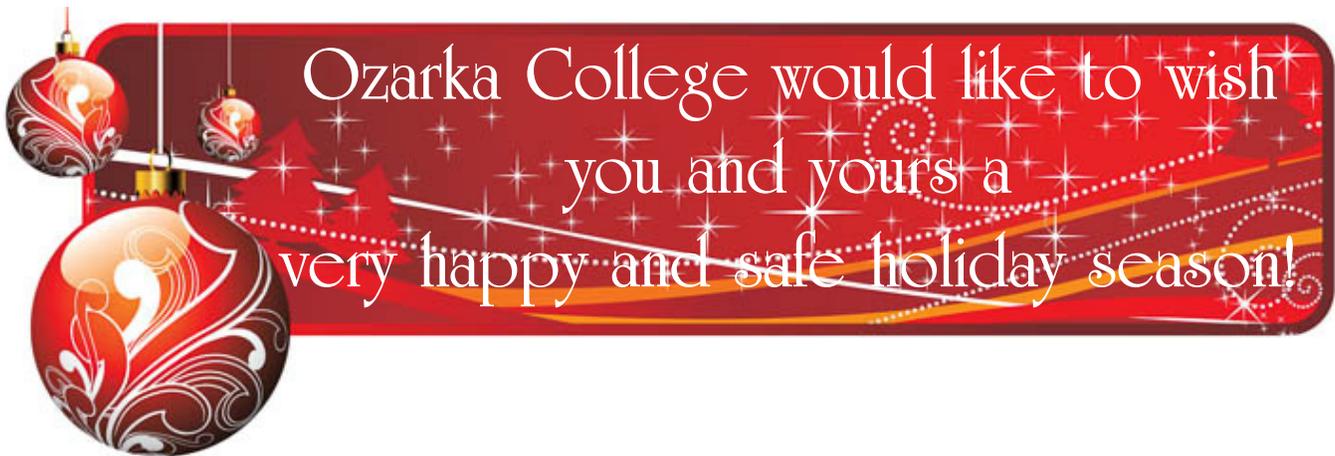


I have been very good this year. I would like  
a xbox / Kinect  
puppy, 2 Justin  
Bieber dolls, Just  
Dance 2, 2, and  
3, Lady 'Gaga cd.

for Christmas. Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer for me.

Sincerely,  
Mariah

Ozarka College  
P.O. Box 10  
218 College Dr.  
Melbourne, AR 72556



### Spring 2012 Registration Dates:

Registration is open for current Ozarka College students for the spring 2012 semester. Any student who has successfully completed a semester at Ozarka College can register online after meeting and planning their class schedules with their academic advisor. Once registered, financial aid arrangements must be made.

Any new first or full time students may register during early registration now through Dec. 16. Students may also register during open registration Jan. 9-13.

Anyone planning to enroll as a new student at Ozarka College must take the ACT or Compans Exam. These test scores are required for placement in English, reading and mathematics.

Compass testing is available by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 870-368-2049 in Izard County, 870-269-5600 in Stone County, 870-994-7273 in Sharp County, 870-625-0411 in Fulton County, or toll free at 1-800-821-4335. A photo ID is required to take the test.

The spring course schedule is available online at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu) or at any Ozarka College location. To request a copy of the schedule, please call Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free listed above.