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Melbourne

July 19

3:00 PM-7:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO. OR TO RSVP:

Call: 870.368.2024 or Email: admissions@ozarka.edu

Fall Registration Days

Ozarka College has been hosting registration days this summer for new and returning students who need to complete their fall enrollment. This is much more convenient than waiting until August and will help ensure students get the classes they want, when they want them. Attendees to these special registration days will have the opportunity to take placement tests, meet with an advisor, register for classes, and have assistance completing the FAFSA while applying for financial aid.

Students will also be able to meet with staff from Ozarka College's Career Pathways, Veterans Support, TRIO, and Career Services departments to learn about the student support services available to help them succeed in college.

One special registration event remains and will take place on **July 19** from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Melbourne.

No appointment necessary, but if you would like to schedule a time to attend the evening Ozarka registration event, please contact Amber Whitaker, Director of Admissions at 870.368.2024 or email: admissions@ozarka.edu

Health Fair



The Ozarka College-Mammoth LPN class checked blood glucose, blood pressure, and handed out health information to attendees at the Fulton County Hospital Health Fair on **June 9**.

President's Perspective

I hope everyone continues to enjoy your summer. Summer one term passed quickly and as we prepare for summer two, we are very aware that the fall term is right around the corner. Due to the great effort led by student services, we are anticipating very healthy enrollment numbers both for summer two and the fall. Enrollment drives revenues, which allows us to have the necessary faculty, staff and support that we need to most effectively serve Ozarka students. That said, please do what you can to continue to share our success stories and encourage additional students to enroll for classes.

I am very pleased that we were able to avoid raising tuition for the coming year; we might be the only college or university in the state in that position! The goal is always to offer exciting programs at affordable cost to students, while we maintain exceptionally high quality certificate and degree programs.

Best of Success!

Dr. Richard Dawe



President's List

Ash Flat: Bobbie J. Johnson
Batesville: Nathan W. Gann, Leslie L. Moody
Brockwell: Korey G. Beck, Kayla Marie Cooper
Cave City: Lacey C. Turner, Jessica M. Wilson
Cherokee Village: Madison K. Harris
Dolph: Tracy L. Post
Evening Shade: Chelsey D. Smart, Elizabeth E. Smith
Floral: Meagan J. Fennell
Fox: Rachel A. Rushing
Franklin: Kelly B. Shelton
Gepp: Adrianna N. Fletcher
Hardy: Rodney C. Duncan, Rebekah A. Perez, Noah D. Sapp
Horseshoe Bend: Carey J. Behm
Mammoth Spring: Ashley M. Hensley, Briana L. Jenne
Melbourne: Sandra A. Conway, Madison A. Deloach, Jamie R. Faver, Krystal D. Johnson, Clay L. Jones, Amy L. Sartin
Mountain Home: Carilla S. Zirkle
Mountain View: Alex J. Beach, Joell S. Columb, Monica B. Day, Dakota W. Dixon, Angela L. McCord, Caleb E. Spann, Stephony M. Trantham, Kimberly D. Yoder
Pineville: Bethany F. Wyatt
Pocahontas: Shannon J. Dougherty
Pottsville: Marjorie M. Griffin
Prim: Amber L. Gilmore
Rosie: Amber G. Young
Salem: Brittney N. Miller, Brody S. Ninemire, Hanna L. Ward, Libbie B. Watkins
Shirley: Teresa L. Radke
Sidney: Emily B. Mathes
Smithville: Abigail C. Shackelford
Thayer, MO: Jennifer M. Baldridge, Christy L. Deree, Marsha L. Earls
Viola: Kurina E. Etheridge, Trevor D. Himschoot
Violet Hill: Zachery M. Thielman
West Plains, MO: Melanie K. Manley
Wideman: Seth J. Stapleton

Provost's List

Alton, MO: Trista J. Vazquez
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Batesville: Phelicia M. Leal
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Calico Rock: Eliza J. Bevill
Cave City: Kaylee M. Barnes, Courtney C. Croy
Cherokee Village: Dylan S. Burch, Rebecca V. Campos, Alicia M. Griffin, Callie C. Jones, Robert A. Nortier, Lauradonna Shelton, Destiny A. Willis
Clinton: Haylee C. Honeycutt
Evening Shade: Benjamin M. Levenbach
Fox: Bailey J. Bramlett
Franklin: Molly E. Taylor
Gamaliel: Robin C. Gembka
Hardy: Travis L. Lamb, Richard S. Langle, Sasha R. Miller
Higden: Jo E. Cornell
Horseshoe Bend: Elizabeth R. Hall, Amber M. Lee
Koshkonong, MO: Brittany D. Hunter
Leslie: Amber K. Hacker
Mammoth Spring: Schuyler C. Madden, Jessica J. Martin
Melbourne: Makayla E. Gross, Whitney B. Phillips, Paul G. Shaver, Richard O. Smith
Mount Pleasant: Tapanga M. Cooley
Mountain View: Caitlin E. Crawford, Haley L. Everett, Robert E. Ferrau, Megan P. Gosser, Madison B. Green, Jacob T. Harness, Rebecca M. Killion, Ryann M. Lumbley, Taylor J. Mcclanahan, Clara N. Moody, Cheyenne M. Muse, Tony G. Stephens, Brandon C. Trammell, Kristen L. Trantham, Devin M. Traylor, Cassey L. Williams
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Norfork: Melissa L. Biting
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Pineville: Duncan L. McGowen, Laura E. Miller, Fallon M. Rendant
Searcy: Iris D. Benedict
Shirley: Christa N. Burgess
Sidney: Kaitlin S. Coursey, Mandy S. Sollock
Sturkie: Amber N. Reynolds
Thayer, MO: Paga Elizabeth L. Belongy, Grant H. Denbow
Viola: Hannah R. Braden, Arianna N. Stewart
Williford: Carol A. Rynders

To be eligible, 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 GPA of 4.0 (President's list) or 3.5 (Provost's list).

No Tuition Increase for 2016/2017

Although tuition is being raised by most colleges and universities throughout the state and nation this year, Ozarka College students will not incur additional tuition costs. Colleges and universities most generally pass their increased costs on to their students when state funding is cut, or as is the case in Arkansas, remains flat for many years as the costs in Higher Education increase. Ozarka is making every effort to keep the cost of an education as affordable as possible.

On **May 26, 2016**, the Ozarka College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the administration's recommendation to keep the in-state tuition rate at **\$88** per credit hour. Residents of Howell and Oregon counties in Missouri, and all counties that border Arkansas, are considered in-state for the purpose of tuition and fees. Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College president commented, "It's very important to us that we remove all barriers to our students' ability to attain a high quality, affordable college degree. The College was able to avoid raising tuition costs by continuing to take cost-saving measures and economize whenever possible."

Instrument Training Approved

Ozarka College has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to offer an instrument rating course as part of its 14 CFR Part 141 flight school. This FAA approved course allows pilots to earn an instrument rating with less flight experience. An instrument rating allows pilots to fly aircraft under instrument flight rules (IFR) and into weather conditions requiring reliance on flight instruments without visual references such as rain, fog, areas of low visibility and inside of the clouds.

This coursework allows students to more affordably take the next step in training after achieving their private pilot certificate. According to Nick Lenczycki, Director of Aviation at Ozarka College, "This course is vital for low-time pilots, like the students in our program, as it allows them to earn their instrument rating without 50 hours of cross-country time. This will potentially save each student thousands of dollars." Lenczycki continued, "By offering more advanced coursework, the College will better prepare students for a rewarding career in the aviation industry."

This new course was made possible with funds provided from the state of Arkansas. Representative Michelle Gray awarded \$10,000 of General Improvement Funds to Ozarka College on February 10, 2016. The funds were used to add improved navigational equipment to one of the College's training aircraft, improving navigational accuracy and enhancing overall safety. With this new equipment, the College was positioned to apply for the additional authorization.



For more information about Ozarka Aviation, please call Nick at 870-368-7926.

Intro. to Art Continuing Education Class Coming to Mtn. View

Ozarka College in Mountain View will host an Introduction to Art course to be offered through continuing education beginning on **July 18, 2016**.

This three-week course, being taught by Leah Balowski, will present a hands-on approach to the fundamental media, techniques, and concepts of making art. A variety of materials and projects will be used to encourage creative problem solving. Painting and drawing will be introduced as well as an emphasis on exploration and individual creativity.

This course will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from **July 18** through **August 3**. Students may register for a morning class that runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or an afternoon session from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The tuition is just \$25.00 per student, \$20.00 for ages 60 and over. Seating is limited and registration is required. Please contact Lindsay Wilson-Galloway, director of Ozarka College in Mountain View, by phone at 870.269.5600 or email: lhgalloway@ozarka.edu

Guest Speaker at Kids Academy



Karla Dement from the Izard County Extension office presented, "Fight Bac" at Ozarka Kids Academy on **June 16**.

Karla spoke to the students about the importance of hand washing, let them view germs on their hands under a special light, and taught them how to correctly clean their hands.

Book Store News



The Ozarka College Bookstore, now operated by BBA Solutions, is excited to share some recent changes!

- Rental books now available
- Online textbook reservations
- Shipping to your home address
- In store or Ozarka campus pick up locations

Additional improvements are coming in the near future, so stay tuned! For more info: Call 870.368.2022 or visit us on the web at: www.ozarkabookstore.com

Harness Earns Ozarka's First Pilot Certificate



Jacob Harness, aviation student at Ozarka College, is officially a pilot! On **May 19, 2016**, Jacob travelled to Paragould, Arkansas and completed his practical examination, earning his Private Pilot Certificate. Prior to this achievement, on April 13, 2016, Jacob was the first student to solo as part of the College's aviation program. He was required to complete a knowledge test as well as a practical examination consisting of an extensive oral exam and demonstration flight with an FAA approved Designated Pilot Examiner.

Jacob's certification has taken the concerted efforts of many individuals over the past few years to ensure the success of the program. When students like Jacob put in the effort required of them, they too will benefit from this experience. When asked about his certification, Jacob explained that he was nervous at first, but once he began the process, he knew he was very prepared. "You are asked to do what you know how to do, while going over every single thing you've learned all semester long," said Jacob.

In addition to being the program director, Nick Lenczycki is also Jacob's flight instructor. Lenczycki commented, "We could not be more proud of Jacob. He has worked hard and has been extremely diligent. Becoming a pilot is not something that is just given, it is earned. Jacob did that."

Jacob is the first to graduate from the College's FAA approved Part 141 flight school and plans to begin the Instrument Training course that Ozarka recently received approval for. Flight schools meet stringent requirements and pass frequent inspections. As a result, applicants are eligible to take their practical examination with fewer hours, reducing the overall cost of their training. "Our students are eligible to earn their Private Pilot Certificate with five fewer hours of solo flight time. This saves every student almost six hundred dollars," said Lenczycki.

For more information about flight training at Ozarka College or the aviation program, please call Nick Lenczycki, Ozarka College director of aviation, at 870.368.7926. Discovery flights may also be scheduled.



Vogt Receives Lesa Bull Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Vogt, aviation student at Ozarka College, has received one of two Lesa Bull Memorial scholarships. Vogt will receive \$250 to be applied to the fall 2016 semester and another \$250 for spring 2017.

For more information about this endowed scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College director of advancement, by calling 870.368.2059.

French Receives FNBC Bank Scholarship



FNBC Bank has announced the recipient of their \$4,000 Ozarka College scholarship. The scholarship has been awarded to Ms. Kaelee French of Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

"FNBC is proud to offer this level of assistance to deserving Ozarka College students," said FNBC CEO and president Marty Sellars. "Ozarka College provides quality education for our communities, and we are fortunate to have them available to train and educate our local workforce. We truly believe we work better together with Ozarka College to create real opportunities for students to reach their fullest potential."

French is a 2016 graduate of Highland High School and plans to major in nursing at Ozarka College, beginning in the fall semester of 2016. Prior to graduation, she enrolled in Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes at Ash Flat Nursing Home and Rehab Center. French plans to become employed as a CNA once she completes her training.

For more information about this scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College director of advancement, by calling 870.368.2059.

Pictured above, left to right: Molly Carpenter, FNBC vice president of marketing and Ozarka College Foundation member, Marty Sellars, FNBC CEO and president, Kaelee French, scholarship recipient, and Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College director of advancement.



Parker Receives Dixie Anderson Memorial Scholarship

James Parker, automotive student at Ozarka College, has received the Dixie Anderson Memorial scholarship. Parker will receive \$250 to be applied to the fall 2016 semester and another \$250 for spring 2017.

The Dixie Anderson Memorial scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Calico Rock High School with a 3.0 or higher GPA. The scholarship was established by Josh and Courtney Wilson of Calico Rock in memory of Mrs. Wilson's grandmother, Dixie Anderson.

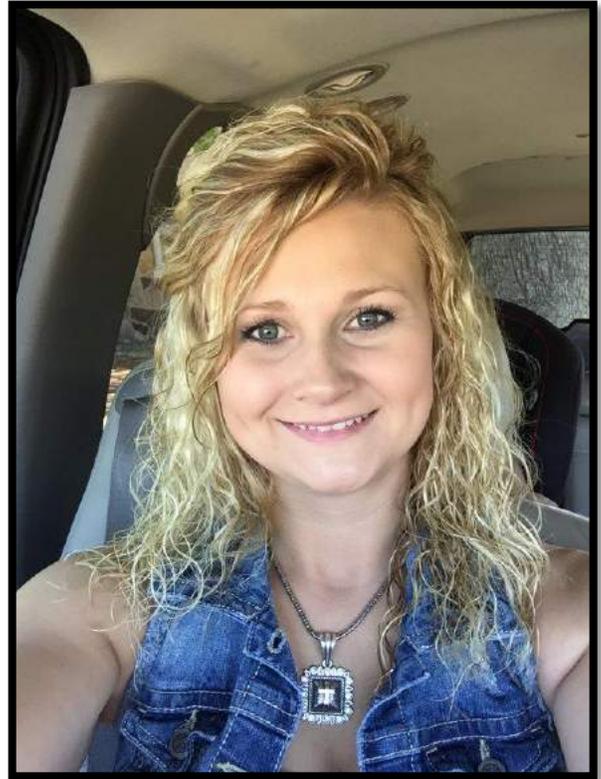
For more information about this scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College director of advancement, by calling 870.368.2059.

Spann Receives Kenneth and Janice Sutton Scholarship



Caleb Spann, majoring in business at Ozarka College, has received one of three Kenneth and Janice Sutton endowed scholarships. This scholarship is awarded to a student residing in Stone County. Spann will receive \$250 to be applied to the fall 2016 semester and another \$250 for spring 2017.

Smith Receives Nursing Achievement Scholarship



Cheyenne Smith, an Ozarka College nursing student from Mount Pleasant, Arkansas, has received one of two Nursing Achievement scholarships. Smith will receive \$500 to be applied to the fall 2016 semester and another \$500 for spring 2017.



Pannell Receives Ozarka Family Scholarship

Alex Pannell, aviation student at Ozarka College, has received one of two Ozarka Family scholarships. Pannell will receive \$250 to be applied to the fall 2016 semester and another \$250 for spring 2017.

For more information about this endowed scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, please contact Suellen Davidson, Ozarka College director of advancement, by calling 870.368.2059.

Lamb Donates Fitness Equipment



Ozarka College has received additional fitness equipment to be used in the Paul Miller Fitness Center. Fred Lamb purchased and donated a punching bag and gloves, valued at approximately \$700. The fitness center also houses a state of the art weight room and several options for cardio.

“We’re excited about our new equipment and really appreciate Fred’s long-time support of the fitness center,” said Stacy Gore, Ozarka College fitness center coordinator. “We invite everyone to come in and let us show you how each machine is operated. We’ll do our best to ensure your safety and help you get the most out of each use.”

Though the fitness center has always been open to the public, new membership rates have been established to better accommodate the community. Members ages 16 to 59 are \$35 per month or \$140 for the semester. Ages 60 and over are just \$17.50 per month or \$70 per semester. For those who are visiting or want to try it out before joining, the College now offers a day pass for \$5 or a full week for \$10. Ages 60 and over pay one half of those prices.

The Paul Miller Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and is located in the John E. Miller Education Complex at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas. For more information, please contact Stacy Gore, fitness center coordinator, by calling 870.368.2090.

EMT Program at Ash Flat



Ozarka College in Ash Flat will begin offering courses for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program this coming fall semester. Classes are scheduled to begin on **August 16, 2016** and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the entire fall semester. Additional clinical hours will also be required.

Program instructor will be Andy Schisler, long time employee and paramedic for Spring River Ambulance of Cherokee Village. Applications for admissions are currently being accepted and early registration is encouraged. To apply for Ozarka College’s EMT program, please contact Kim Whitten, director of Ozarka College – Ash Flat, by calling 870.994.7273 or email: kwhitten@ozarka.edu.

Prospective students who are accepted into the program will be required to pass a drug screening and criminal background check.

Presidential Scholarship to Williams Baptist College



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BAPTIST COLLEGE

Ozarka College students interested in transferring to Williams Baptist College (WBC) in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas now have a new scholarship opportunity. The Ozarka College Presidential scholarship is a full-tuition scholarship, valued at over \$32,000! The \$8,100 per semester scholarship will be awarded to an Ozarka College student who transfers to WBC and the scholarship is renewable for four semesters by enrolling in 12 credit hours and maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher.

To be eligible, a student must be a new applicant to Williams Baptist College, meet all admissions standards, and live in a WBC residence hall on campus. Preference will be given to a student who will transfer an associate degree from Ozarka College. A student may be considered; however, if he or she has completed 48 or more credit hours of acceptable undergraduate work from Ozarka College. The student must have a college cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.

The deadline to apply is **July 21, 2016**. Applications are available online and at all Ozarka campus locations. To be considered for the Ozarka College Presidential scholarship, to be used at Williams Baptist College, please submit a completed application to:

Ozarka College
Josh Wilson, AVP of Student Services
PO Box 10
Melbourne, AR 72556

For more information, please call the Ozarka College Office of Admissions at 870.368.2024 or email: admissions@ozarka.edu

Continuing Education Instructors

Ozarka College is seeking applicants to teach continuing education, non-credit courses. These courses may take place in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mammoth Spring or Mountain View, depending on the instructors preference and community need.

For more information or to apply, please call Candace Killian, Ozarka College director of distance learning, advisement and placement, at 870.368.2003 or email: ckillian@ozarka.edu.

Leslie Love Art Show

Biology Instructor, Leslie Love, wants to invite you to her, "One woman art show." The art show will take place **July 12** through **17** at the Calico Rock Museum. Leslie paints what she feels, sees or imagines and loves the colors, textures, and the promise of a new tube of paint. "I think that an artist is on a journey and their work evolves as they travel their path," said Leslie. In addition to the upcoming art show, her work can also be found at the Spring River Artists Guild Gallery in Hardy, Arkansas and online at: leslielovefineart.com.

Newsome Retires from Ozarka College



Miriam “Mimi” Newsome has retired from Ozarka College after twenty-four years of service. Ms. Newsome was honored at a retirement celebration on Thursday, **June 30, 2016**, where family, friends and colleagues shared their sincere appreciation for the joy that Mimi has brought to their lives. Congratulatory speeches were made and everyone wished her a long and joyous retirement.

Ozarka College vice president of finance, Tina Wheelis, welcomed guests and spoke about how most people come into our lives for a season, a reason or a lifetime, but Mimi has done all of those. “When I think about what I want to be like when I grow up, I think of Mimi,” said Wheelis. “She always has a smile on her face and words of encouragement to share. I’m thankful she’s been a part of my life for so many years.” Scott Pinkston, chief information officer, spoke about Mimi’s caring heart and how she takes care of everyone.

“How special someone is, is determined by his or her heart. And you, Mimi, have a heart of gold,” said Suellen Davidson, director of advancement. Many other attendees also shared stories about working with Mimi and the kind of person she is. Dedicated, energetic, the true meaning of

a friend, one who has touched the lives of many, and the list goes on. Dr. Keith McClanahan, provost and executive vice president of learning, also commented on Mimi’s energetic personality as he presented her with a plaque to honor her years of service.

Dr. Richard Dawe, Ozarka College president, was unable to attend due to a family medical need but added; “Mimi has a very kind and generous heart, and a personality that makes everyone she comes into contact with feel appreciated and welcome. The Ozarka family will miss her dearly and we wish her much happiness.”

“When my husband first moved me here, I did not like it,” said Newsome. “But my family encouraged me to take some food service classes at Ozarka College and the people here became a second family to me. I remember so much that my teachers taught me, but never thought I’d be one of them.”

It’s a tough call to say whether Mimi will be most remembered for the peanut butter pies she made famous while working in the culinary arts department, or for the love that she showed all of the children when working at Ozarka Kids Academy, but there is no doubt that she will greatly be missed.

Nursing Career Fair



Ozarka College hosted the 4th annual nursing and health professions career fair on **June 29, 2016** for their current nursing students and those who have recently graduated from the ARNEC program. The career fair took place in the John E. Miller Education complex in Melbourne, Arkansas and had several facilities recruiting approximately 40 students who attended.

“The Ozarka College nursing department began coordinating this annual event in 2013 after seeing the

need,” explained Cheryl Ekenes, Ozarka College Instructor of Nursing. “Students are taught that nursing is a profession, not a job. Our students are highly desirable and we frequently receive calls from facilities wanting to hire them. This is a great way to bring them all together and let them make a career choice that is best for them and their families.”

Facilities attending represented a vast array of employment choices such as urban hospitals, rural hospitals, home health, prison systems, clinics, hospice, and nursing homes. They came with applications in hand and presented employment specifics such as pay, benefits, and opportunities for advancement.

A resume’ workshop was also provided during the career fair. Students arrived with a rough draft resume’ and during the workshop their resume’ was critiqued and edited as necessary. They were then able to pass out a professional resume’ to the facilities in attendance.

Nursing faculty provide a comprehensive program of classroom theory with hands on clinical skills that prepare the graduates to ‘hit the ground running’ when hired. This in turn results in decreased orientation time for employers and improved patient care in the end. Being able to manage multiple patients with differing medical needs all at the same time is what is demanded of nurses in today’s critical shortage situation. Ozarka’s commitment to providing quality clinical education prepares their new nurses for these demands.

Ozarka College offers 11 month and 18-month programs with daytime and evening/weekend schedules to meet the needs of a diverse population of students. By providing flexible classroom and clinical experiences, Ozarka is able to reach out to students who are balancing work and family obligations which might otherwise prevent them from attending.

For more information, or to register for fall classes, please call the Ozarka College Office of Admissions at 870.368.2024 or email: admissions@ozarka.edu

Creative Writing Course in Ash Flat

Ozarka College in Ash Flat, Arkansas will host a creative writing continuing education course **July 25-27, 2016** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ozarka College English faculty, Tena Rosse, will instruct the course.

Rosse has written, presented, and participated in many writing symposiums and workshops. She has been editor and co-editor for *The Tributary* and was editorial assistant on *The Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies*. She also collaborated with Dr. Rob Lamm on a college textbook: *Dynamic Argument* (published in 2007), which is used in the English Teaching/Education program at Arkansas State University. Rosse has published many short stories and poems; and has been recognized as a Poet of Distinction by the International Poets Society. Her book entitled *Full Metal Baskets* was published in 2012.

"Anyone can write," said Rosse. "In fact, if you have ever told a 'fish' story, then you can write. Great storytelling is what we love about reading. This class will be open to all phases of the writing process, but we will concentrate on short stories, character development and description."

Tuition is \$25.00 per student, \$20 for students ages 60 and over. Seating is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Ozarka College – Ash Flat by calling 870.994.7273 or email: kwhitten@ozarka.edu

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