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Spring 2012 Academic Calendar

January 3 - Osceola Main Spring 2012 Registration
 January 4-5 - Blytheville Main Spring 2012 Registration
 January 5 - Leachville & Paragould Main Spring 2012 Registration
 January 9 - Classes Begin
 January 10 - Late Registration Ends, Day Classes
 January 12 - Late Registration Ends Evening/Internet Classes
 January 12 - Last Day to Declare Audit Status
 January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - COLLEGE CLOSED
 February 20 - President's Day - COLLEGE CLOSED
 March 19-23 - Spring Break - Students
 March 23 - Spring Break - COLLEGE CLOSED
 April 6 - Good Friday - COLLEGE CLOSED
 April 13 - Last Day to Withdraw
 April 16-19 - Early Summer 2012 & Fall 2012 Registration Web Returning Students
 April 17 - Early Summer 2012 & Fall 2012 Registration Walk-in Returning Students
 April 18 - Early Summer 2012 & Fall 2012 Registration Walk-in New Students



Construction of the new Nursing and Allied Health building on the ANC Blytheville main campus is well underway, with anticipated completion in 2012.

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Letter from the President

Dear Reader,

We are excited to launch our first issue of *Connections*, a semi-annual publication of Arkansas Northeastern College, highlighting activities, events, and significant new developments at the College. Our goal is to provide you with information that keeps you connected to Arkansas Northeastern College.

There have been many new developments at ANC over the past year. Our students have been engaged in the traditional academic pursuits, but have also been greatly involved in service to the various communities, cultural events, and other activities. A number of construction projects have been completed including the renovation of the Adams/Vines Library Building. The Nursing/Allied Health Building construction is progressing with anticipated completion in the summer of 2012. The College also completed the accreditation process with both the Higher Learning Commission and the National League of Nursing this past fall.

Arkansas Northeastern College continues to evolve as we serve the citizens of this region. We continue to focus on our core mission of serving our students, while reaching out to connect to our region's citizens in a variety of ways. Our College Foundation also continues to enjoy a tremendous amount of support as evidenced in this publication.

We are committed to serving you through the resources of your College and hope that this publication will assist you in making your connection to Arkansas Northeastern College.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Myers, Ed. D.
President, Arkansas Northeastern College



Area Educators Participate in Student Success Symposium

Arkansas Northeastern College held its first Student Success Symposium on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. Over 400 area educators were in attendance at the daylong conference.

The Student Success Symposium provided a day of professional development for secondary (7th-12th) teachers in Mississippi County. There were a wide variety of both general and breakout sessions offered with speakers such as Paul Vitale, CEO of Vitale Communications; Dr. Brad Garner, Assistant Dean for Teaching and Learning at Indiana Wesleyan University; Dr. Robert Moore, School Improvement Consultant; and Toby Daugtery, Student, Artist, Writer, Poet and Speaker. All speakers for the general sessions presented information targeted at helping both high school and college educators to achieve the common goal of student success. Breakout sessions included topics that dealt with a range of issues, including stress management, student behavior, educational technology and parental involvement. Participants were treated to lunch and enjoyed a day of group collaboration.

According to Sherri Bennett, conference organizer and ANC Vice President for Advancement, local school superintendents were pleased to locally centralize professional development. Hosting the event at ANC maximized quality and reduced costs associated with travel and training. "We heard



A variety of sessions, with topics ranging from building relationships with parents to new web tools, were available to the large group of conference participants to help improve the overall quality of education offered in area schools.

rave reviews all day long from participants who praised speakers for providing excellent, engaging, and relevant sessions," stated Bennett who added, "The long term goal of this collaboration between secondary and post secondary education is to ensure that students graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in college

and careers."

"It was a remarkable day in terms of participation, content, and quality," added June Walters, ANC Executive Vice President.

For more information about the Student Success Symposium, contact ANC Vice President of Advancement Sherri Bennett at 870-838-2945 or sbennett@smail.anc.edu.

Students Attend Dr. King, Jr. Memorial Dedication in Washington

On October 14, 2011 a delegation from Arkansas Northeastern College joined the official Arkansas Tour Bus for a three-day tour to the nation's capitol for the dedication of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Me-

morial. The project, organized by Memphis and Arkansas networks including TCAA Creative Economy Network, Riverfront Development Corporation and Mud Island Riverpark was recognized by the MLK Memorial Foundation and Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton and Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam as an official salute from the Mid-South to the Dedication.

Arkansas Northeastern College students Saprina Aldridge, Bryana Peals, Twanda Ross, Tyeesha Furlow, Michelle Brown, Sandy Gillespie, and Windale Wimbely along with their sponsor, Dr. Blanche Hunt, Associate Vice President of Community Relations and Dean of Developmental Education, were

among the thousands that attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial dedication on Sunday, October 16, in a ceremony hosted by the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation in West Potomac Park in Washington, D.C. The dedication activities began with an hour-long "Morning Joy" program, emceed by Roland Martin. The dedication program, emceed by PBS NewsHour's Gwen Ifill, began at 9:00 a.m. and paid tribute to Dr. King with the words of noted speakers including civil rights leaders and King family members, as well as musicians and poets. President Barack Obama delivered the dedication address.

Civil rights leaders including Julian Bond, Reverend Joseph Lowery, Congressman John

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ANC students in attendance for the dedication ceremony were (L to R): Saprina Aldridge, Bryana Peals, Twanda Ross, Tyeesha Furlow, Michelle Brown, Sandy Gillespie (back), and Windale Wimbely (kneeling).

Solutions Group Instructor Visits German Factory, School

Robert Snapp, Metalworking Skills Instructional Specialist with the ADTEC Solutions Group at the ANC Crisp Center, recently visited Germany to tour Beckmann Volmer manufacturing plants in both Rhine and Salzbergen, as well as the Handwerkskammer Bildungszentrum Technical School located in Munster.

Snapp spent much of his time at Beckmann Volmer with Christoph Spitzenpfeil, Director of Service. Spitzenpfeil is responsible for all criteria for the ISO 9001 Certification, as well as Welding Fabricator Certification through the American Welding Society. The Beckmann Volmer plants produce various assemblies for the wind energy industry, and there are many critical aspects of the process. Due to advanced methods of utilizing various welding and cutting approaches, consistency of fitted parts and preparations of materials were exceptional, resulting in top quality, properly fitted components and a great finished product.

Snapp's next stop was the Handwerkskammer Bildungszentrum Techni-

cal School, where the tour was led by Christoph Deryk, Master Fabricator, and two additional instructors. The technical school was situated on a large campus, offering training in fifty disciplines. Their welding facilities allowed room for students to weld in all positions, and equipment ranged from fairly new to state of the art. The school also has the ability to perform radiography on welds for qualification purposes. In addition to the high quality of equipment, the instructors are also very knowledgeable, enjoying success in events similar to the Skills U.S.A. competition. Though much of the equipment was top notch, the instructors had also improvised, creating unique brackets to hold handheld mills to bevel plate and pipe.

In addition to Germany, Beckmann Volmer has established a presence in China and Poland. Beckmann Volmer's only location in North America, a Wind Technology LP plant currently under construction in Osceola, AR, is expected to provide employment opportunities for up to 300 people.



(L to R) Christoph Spitzenpfeil, Beckmann Volmer Director of Services, led Robert Snapp, Metalworking Skills Instructional Specialist for ADTEC Solutions Group, through an intensive tour of two of their manufacturing facilities in Germany.

New Intern Class for Steel Industry Technology Degree Program

Fall 2010, Nucor-Yamato Steel (NYS) and Arkansas Northeastern College partnered to offer qualified students paid internships at NYS while pursuing the ANC Associate of Applied Science Steel Industry Technology Degree.

These internships allow students the opportunity to learn more about the steel industry, apply classroom theory to real work situations, and learn career-related skills while exploring their selected career path. The dual internship/study role broadens the students' education and rein-

forces the academic learning. While working as an intern, students learn industry principles for developing productive work behaviors. The ANC course work implements the multidisciplinary, multi-skilled model with courses ranging from general education requirements to electricity, fluid power, AutoCAD, problem solving, organizational management, etc.

Currently, students work up to 24 hours per week during the school year at Nucor-Yamato Steel with assigned work responsibility. Students rotate departments

every eight months to get exposure to different functions of the plant. The internship program is structured for two year completion. Upon successful completion, the student earns an Associate of Applied Science degree and has demonstrated work experience with NYS for a future full-time employment application.

In fall 2011, NYS selected a second group of interns. The NYS-ANC internship partnership continues to offer area students the opportunity to work with a world-class organization while earning a valuable college degree.

Dr. Robin Myers, ANC president, states "Nucor-Yamato Steel is demonstrating their commitment to our community by encouraging local students to take advantage of the educational and career opportunities here in Mississippi County. Additionally, NYS encourages area high school students to attend the ANC Secondary Advanced Manufacturing high school program to gain future priority in the internship selection process."

For more information regarding the internship program please contact ADTEC Solutions Group at 870-762-6222, solutionsgrp@smail.anc.edu, or visit on the web at www.adtecsolutionsgroup.com

ANC Students in the Nucor-Yamato Steel Industry Technology internship program.



ANC Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society Inducts New Members

New members for the Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi were inducted into the honor society on Sunday, November 20, 2011. The ceremony was held in the Governors Ballroom at Statehouse Hall. The new members of Gamma Beta Phi are: Stefanie M. Bradley, Andrew J. Clark, Robert C. Cox, Jessica Yvonne Norris, Christina Denise Odom, and Tracy L. Rose.

Gamma Beta Phi is a national collegiate honor society and service organization with chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States. The society is dedicated to promoting service, scholarship, and character among its members.

Jewelina Perkins, chapter president, welcomed everyone to the ceremony. Kimberly Ings, Points Secretary, then gave the objectives and expectations of Gamma Beta Phi, which are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, to promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to foster, disseminate, and improve education through appropriate service projects.

Tonya Harris, Gamma Beta Phi National Advisor Alternate and ANC Chapter Advisor, then installed the Gamma Beta Phi Officers for 2011-2012: Jewelina Perkins, President; Christina Odom, Vice President; Peggy Sayer, Secretary; Kimberly Ings, Points Secretary; LsShumbie Crayton, Treasurer; and Shelley Greer, Historian.

Shelley Greer introduced the fall in-



(Above left) New members for 2011-12 are (L to R) Stefanie M. Bradley, Christina D. Odom, and Jessica Y. Norris (Not Pictured are Andrew J. Clark, Robert C. Cox, and Tracy L. Rose). (Above right) Mayor James Sanders, with his wife. Sanders served as guest speaker for the event.; (Below Left) 2011-2012 Officers for the ANC Gamma Beta Phi chapter are (L to R) Jewelina Perkins, Peggy Sayer, Kimberly Ings, LaShumbie Crayton, and Shelley Greer (Not Pictured is Christina D. Odom).

duction guest speaker, Blytheville Mayor James W. Sanders. Mayor Sanders began by noting that the Gamma Beta Phi Society helped members to build leadership while promoting scholarship, service, and character. He noted they would need these traits when they moved forward in today's global economy and that when students graduate, they may not know where their degree will take them, but their leadership

skills will help them throughout their lives. Mayor Sanders noted that a person needed to be a good follower before he or she could be a good leader and that he or she should be honest and humble in dealing with others. Mayor Sanders closed by stating these ANC students would be the young minds that would move this city and country forward and congratulated the members on their accomplishments.

ANC Employees Qualify for International High IQ Society

Arkansas Northeastern College hosted a proctored Mensa Admissions Test session at the Blytheville main campus on Saturday, October 22, 2011. The test took approximately two hours to complete and included two tests featuring questions involving logic and deductive reasoning. A score at or above the 98th percentile on either of the two tests is required to qualify for admission into Mensa.

Of the group that tested locally, two members of the ANC family hit this mark. Those qualifying were James Odom of Blytheville, Director of Academic Technology Services, and Ammi Tucker of Osceola, Administrative Specialist to the Dean of Marketing & Development and student. Odom and Tucker each achieved



James Odom

Ammi Tucker

qualifying scores on both tests given.

Mensa is an international society whose only qualification for membership is to score in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. The

word *mensa* means "table" in Latin; similarly, *mens* means "mind" and *mensis* means "month." The name "Mensa" is reminiscent of "mind, table, month," which suggests a monthly meeting of great minds around a table. Members of American Mensa range in age from 2 to 102. They include engineers, homemakers, teachers, actors, athletes, students and CEOs, and they share one primary trait — high intelligence. Members have the opportunity to meet at local, regional and national levels, and can attend entertaining, intellectually stimulating events and exchange ideas with others through a variety of publications and the Mensa online Community.

For more information about Mensa or for upcoming testing dates in the area, visit <http://us.mensa.org/>



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AATYC Recognizes ANC Student, Instructor, and Alumnae

The Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges held its annual Awards Brunch on October 18, 2011, in Hot Springs. The following people were recognized at the event:

Timothy P. Tucker, ANC's 2011 Academic All-Star, is a husband and father who has worked full-time while attending ANC. His commitment to his educational endeavors is evident in his 3.92 grade point average.

Tim began college with a desire to increase his responsibilities at work and plans to earn a bachelor's degree in Business.

Shellie Besharse, ANC's 2011 Outstanding Faculty, is a Business Technology instructor in the Business & Technical Division at ANC.

Tonya Pankey, ANC's 2011 Outstanding Alumni, graduated with honors from ANC's nursing Program in 1990.

While working as a nurse, she continued her studies to complete both her bachelor's and master's degrees. Tonya, a devoted wife and mother, was named in the Top 100 Nurses in Shelby and Fayette County in 2006 and achieved many additional certifications in her field. She joined the faculty at ANC in 2011, and is now teaching students in the very program where she began her career and educational goals.

L to R: Shane Broadway, interim director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Tim Tucker, Academic All-Star, and Dr. Edward Franklin, AATYC Executive Director; Dr. Fraklin with Shellie Besharse, Outstanding Faculty; Mr. Broadway, Tonya Pankey, Outstanding Alumni, and Dr. Franklin.



Student Success Center Offers New On-Demand Workshops

ANC has a unique population of students with a variety of individual needs. Throughout the history of the College, many programs and groups have offered workshops on a variety of topics relating to student success. Many ANC students have jobs and families in addition to the classes they are taking, making it difficult for some to attend these meetings. Leslie Goff Wells, ANC Student Success Center Coordinator, provides a program that can help students have access to valuable information without time constraints.

StudentLingo is a series of interactive on-demand workshops, action plans and valuable resources focused on helping students achieve their academic, personal and career goals. Workshops can be accessed from any computer with internet access at any time. Wells has personally gone through several of the webinars, and is impressed with how well the topics are presented.

When a student logs in to www.studentlingo.com they will be asked to provide a User Name and Password. The user name is "Arkansas

Northeastern" and the Password is "Arkansas21!". They are then given the option to put their name and are required to put the college name. Action plans are also a way for instructors to insure a student completed an assigned workshop.

For more information about StudentLingo or the Student Success Center, contact Leslie Goff Wells at lwells@smail.anc.edu.

StudentLingo topics include:

- Maximize Your College Experience
- What It Takes To Be A Successful Student
- Exploring Careers & Choosing A Major
- Resume Writing & Cover Letters
- Mastering the Interview
- Time Management
- Understanding & Conquering Procrastination
- Stress Management
- Financial Literacy
- 10 Steps To Financing Your Education
- Discover Your Learning Style
- Test Anxiety - Strategies To Help You Succeed
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Paragould, Blytheville Student Nurse Clubs Help Area Causes

The ANC Paragould and Blytheville Student Nurse Clubs (SNC) have participated in several exciting community-based activities throughout the fall semester. Community involvement is a key principle integrated into the nursing pro-

gram as club members understand that it is the people of the community that they will care for.

The SNC began the semester participating in Chili's National Night Out, which benefitted St. Jude's Children's

Research Hospital in Memphis, TN on September 26, 2011.

In October, the group hosted a blood drive at each respective campus. The Paragould SNC, assisted by the American Red Cross and the local community, had a very successful drive, with a total of 29 units of blood collected.

Under the direction of Ms. Sarah Dearing, nursing instructor, the Paragould SNC participated in the 4,000 Steps for Diabetes Awareness Walk on



SNC at the 4,000 Steps for Diabetes Awareness Walk (L-R): Instructor Sarah Dearing with club members Shawna Counley, Lauren Ford, Melissa Huff, Elizabeth O'Neil, Jessica Rogers, and Julie Timmons.

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GBP is "Bookin' with the Chamber"

The Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi has partnered with the Arts Council of Mississippi County to participate in the "Bookin' with the Chamber" reading program. Members of Gamma Beta Phi and the Arts Council of Mississippi County read once a month to Mrs. Ward's second grade class at the Blytheville Primary School. The groups then donate the books that they have read to the class.

For more information about Gamma Beta Phi, contact club advisor Tonya Harris at tharris@smail.anc.edu



Gamma Beta Phi member Pinkey Brooks (right) with Mrs. Ward (left) and her class on November 11, 2011.

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ANC Paragould Campus Fall 2011 Events and Activities

The ANC Paragould campus has been bustling with happenings this semester. In addition to normal daily activities, staff hosted representatives from the Higher Learning Commission and the National League of Nursing for two separate reaccreditation visits.

Nursing student organizations, under the leadership of Sarah Dearing, Roxann Smith and Dara Smith, have held or participated in several events including hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive, assisting Arkansas Methodist Medical Center with the Women's Health Fair, participating in the 4000 Steps for Diabetes Awareness walk, donating supplies for the Greene County Tech Fall festival's MASH tent, and donating food to a local food pantry.

Other student activities included celebrating Constitution Day and dressing up for a Halloween contest, in which participants were eligible to win gift certificates donated by local businesses.

As a way to give back to students, Wes Pillow's Academic & Career Enrichment class assembled and distributed mid-term survival kits to Paragould campus students. The sweet treat bags included things such as Tootsie Rolls to help students "roll" over the hurdles to effective study time and Smarties to help students in answering the difficult exam questions.

Prospective students were also a priority. The Paragould center held three separate nursing information sessions with 70 in attendance. Additionally, the Compass test was administered to 46 prospective students looking to further or establish their careers.

Cindy Burton, Paragould Campus Coordinator, attended the first annual "Countdown To Graduation Expo" held at the Mall at Turtle Creek, Saturday November 19th from 10 am to 4 pm. The expo was sponsored by the Student Council at Westside High School in Jonesboro. The event gave high school students in the region an opportunity to see and hear presentations from schools, civic organizations, and employers who had information regarding recruitment or scholarships.



Amanda Gulley and Heidie Kriske, Practical Nursing students at ANC Paragould

ANC Leachville Treats Kids



The staff at ANC's Leachville campus took part in treating Buffalo Island Central East students on Halloween. The BIC students ranged in age from PreK through sixth grade, and as always the students were very excited to receive the treats.

Seeing is believing and believing is seeing...

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ANC Flag Football, Volleyball Teams Go Undefeated Locally

Arkansas Northeastern College's intramural flag football team had an exciting season, highlighted by both victory and travel. The group of ten players, under the coordination of HPER instructor Matt McCord and assisted by John Diamond (Nucor retiree and spouse of ANC instructor Bobbie Diamond), first traveled to Mid-South Community College in West Memphis to participate in the Arkansas Delta Intramural League (ADIL) tournament on October 14, 2011. They won all three games, and ANC student Kevin Hopkins was awarded the Good Sportsmanship trophy.

The team was rewarded with a chance at playing on the state level. The following weekend, the team made the trek to University of Central Arkansas in Conway to participate in the Arkansas Intramural Recreational Sports Association (AIRSA) state flag football competition. ANC competed against twenty other college and university intramural teams from across the state, but despite their efforts their streak was broken. Though the team didn't make it to the finals, players still enjoyed the weekend-long trip filled with both competition and camaraderie.

ANC hosted an Intramural Volleyball Jamboree in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center on November 2, 2011. The four-team jamboree pitted ANC against Mid-South Community College, East Arkansas Community College, and Phillips County Community College. ANC won all three matches!

The ladies then travelled to Arkansas State University Red-wolf Center on November 16, 2011 to play against their top two intramural volleyball teams. ANC unfortunately wasn't able to secure a win in either game, but enjoyed the opportunity to play with some very competitive teams.

All ANC intramural sports teams are comprised of students who, in addition to their athletic participation, also succeed as students by maintaining an acceptable GPA and class attendance record. For more information or to sign up for one of the various ANC intramural teams, contact Matt at 870-838-2999 or mmccord@smail.anc.edu.



Top Right - ANC intramural football players are (L to R): Keenan Russell, LaRodney Rose, Ethan Bryant, Josh Wilson, Stewart Bryant, Dwight Thomas, Jevon Smith, Albert Anderson, Brandon Wilson, Kevin Thomas, Michael Cole, Ervin Torres, and Demarcus Daniels. (not pictured: Cody Johnson). Bottom Right - ANC intramural volleyball players are (L to R): Becca Watkins, Amanda Mikel, Kassie Lipscomb, Kaylee Tubbs, Megan Travis, and Perla Ibarra (not pictured: Jennifer Hamlet and Stephanie Brown)

CDA Honors Native American Heritage

The Cultural Diversity Association, along with students from Mindy Simpson's ACE class, presented Native American Heritage Day on Tuesday, November 29, in the Governors Ballroom on the ANC Blytheville main campus.

Visitors were able to view display tables about various tribal communities and sample authentic foods. Throughout the day, various webcasts were presented, covering topics from traditional dance, American Indian flute music, and storytelling.

The Cultural Diversity Association officers for the 2011-12 year are: Elizabeth Thompson, President; Tiffany Wigington, Vice President; Emily Dunson, Secretary; Perla Ibarra, Treasurer, and

ANC Choirs Spread Holiday Cheer

Arkansas Northeastern College held the concert, "In Thanksgiving" on Sunday, November 6, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall on ANC's Blytheville main campus. Featured music included John Rutter's *Te Deum* and the music of Tallis, Bach, Mozart and many more. Performances featured ANC Concert Singers, Women's Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and Community Choir under the direction of Keith Hearnberger with Den-

Maggie Morgan, Historian. Faculty club sponsor is Scott Simpson, Instructor in Sociology.

For more information about Native American Heritage Day or the Cultural Diversity Association, contact Mr. Simpson at ssimpson@smail.anc.edu.

nis Hay, accompanist. Admission of one canned good was collected and donated to the local mission.

The music department followed with a presentation of "A Festival of Lessons and Carols." The performance was held Sunday, December 4, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. at the Blytheville First Baptist Church. The ANC Concert Singers, Women's Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Community Choir performed, with many community and college leaders serving as readers. The event is sure to be the beginning of a holiday tradition for the community!

For more information about the ANC Music Department, contact Keith Hearnberger, Director of Choral Activities at khearnberger@smail.anc.edu or 870-762-1020 extension 1142.

Foundation Hosts Christmas Tour at Cox-Florida Mansion

The Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation hosted its first annual Christmas Tour of the historical Cox-Florida Mansion, located at 844 W Semmes Avenue in Osceola, AR. Over 270 people attended the two-day event, which took place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, 2011. Tickets were \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit the ANC Foundation.

The beautiful 10,000 square foot property was decorated by renowned designer Tom Chandler. Chandler, an Arkansas native, has owned and operated Chandler and Associates Interiors since 1980 and is a multiple recipient of "Best of Arkansas" recognitions. Since 1980, his firm has also participated annually in the Arkansas Symphony Designer House.

Construction began on the mansion in 1948. It was built on a 15-acre estate by Andrew J. Florida, who at that time was reportedly one of the richest men in Arkansas. The mansion, with its 24 rooms, covers almost a half of a city block and is 156 feet wide. It has a hand-laid brick driveway.

Inside, the mansion has hand carved mantels and archways, not to mention gorgeous ceiling designs, masterpieces by a craftsman in St. Louis. The window sills are all marble. The library features black walnut wood panels, while the dining room is bleached walnut.

There are four bedrooms upstairs, and each has its own private bath. All the bathrooms are amazing with exquisite tile work and heated floors, and include cold water drinking spouts. The house also has an elevator.

In the late 1950s, the Florida family experienced financial difficulties and the U.S. government took over ownership of the



Left: The main dining room of the Cox-Florida Mansion. Above: the beautiful estate was breathtaking with seasonal decorations.

mansion. It went up for sale and Roy Cox bought it as a gift for his wife. For the next 33 years, until her death in 2001, Eloise was the lady of the mansion.

Roy lived in the mansion until his death in 2004. His son Gene then inherited the family home and has since refurnished the mansion. He has painted every room, replaced some drapes, replaced the windows, completely rewired the home, and replaced the old heating and cooling system with a new geothermal system. He has also added key pieces of furniture to the home.

Gene Cox may not have been raised in the Cox-Florida Mansion, but his parents lived in the home for more than 30 years, and it has been a big part of Gene's life for the past 43 years.

That's why the decision to endow the mansion to the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation Board was difficult.

"I wanted someone to take care of it," Cox said, explaining ANC took over the deed to the property Dec. 31, 2010. "My mother loved this house and that's why my dad bought it for her. It would be a shame if it was not kept up. This is a win-win situation."

The ANC Foundation now owns the property, but Cox will have a lifetime interest. The ANC Foundation will insure the facility and will be able to utilize the property for various events, with Cox's permission.

"The house and grounds are a wonderful environment for learning and entertaining," Cox said.

Following completion of the life estate agreement, the college will take over the mansion. Furnishings within the house remain the property of the Cox family, some original to the home.

(Much of the information above compiled from articles written by Sandra Brand for the Osceola Times.)

ANC GBP Receives National Awards

The Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi recently attended the Gamma Beta Phi National Convention October 6-8, 2011, in Orlando, FL.

The ANC chapter received the ECA, The Exemplary Chapter Award, by meeting additional service requirements above the DCA, Distinguished Chapter Award. ANC is only one of three chapters that has received the DCA every year since its inception and has now received the ECA for the past three. Tonya Harris, ANC Gamma Beta Phi Advisor, was recognized at the business session with an engraved pewter mug for her eight years service as a Gamma Beta Phi Advisor.

The convention included various meetings and sessions. Harris attended the National Executive Committee meeting and the Arkansas State Caucus, where she served as the National Executive Committee Advisor member at the national business meeting. Additionally, she served as the Head Scrapbook judge for the convention.

Members enjoyed the convention and Orlando. They returned with a renewed sense of purpose and excitement for GBP.

PN/RN Clubs Support Area Food Bank

The Arkansas Northeastern College Practical and Registered Nursing Clubs from the Paragould campus decided to give hope for the holidays this Thanksgiving. They collected approximately 250 nonperishable items for the 7th and Mueller Food Bank in Paragould.

The food bank is a part of the Outreach program that collects donations in the form of money and nonperishable items for projects like the Backpack Program and the Senior Pack Program. Both programs are designed to ensure that children and the elderly (60 years and older) in the community do not go hungry throughout the year.

If you would like to join the Practical and Registered Nursing Clubs, in the Paragould area, in giving back to the community please contact 7th and Mueller Outreach at 100 South 7th Street, Paragould, AR 72450 or you may call 870-239-9442 to arrange a time to volunteer. If you are outside the Paragould area and would like to help your community you may visit the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas website at www.foodbankofnea.org to obtain contact information for other participating organizations.

ANC Foundation Denim & Diamonds Gala a Crowd-Pleaser

Duke Eastin of Manila went home \$2,500 richer after winning the grand prize at the ANC Foundation Denim & Diamond Gala held Thursday, October 27, 2011. This marked the date for Arkansas North-eastern College Foundation's twenty-third annual fund-raiser. With a format change, the original "Car Party" became a "Denim & Diamonds" Gala which offered area residents the opportunity to enjoy a great meal, a live auction and many chances to win great prizes--all while benefiting the ANC Foundation.

Approximately 200 people filled the Governors Ballroom on the ANC Main Campus in Blytheville in support of the ANC Foundation. Attendees were greeted

and the ladies were given a little "bling" to reflect the diamonds portion of the event theme.

"We thought it would be fun to give all the women a huge, fake diamond ring, and they seemed to enjoy it," said Rachel Gifford, ANC Foundation Executive Director. According to Gifford, the event was changed to offer a more casual format to reach a larger segment of the population.

"Our planning committee realized that it was time to scale the event back a little bit. In recognition of tougher economic times, we lowered the ticket price and included a live auction. The new theme allowed for anyone wanting to

come casual to do so and still fit in. It made the atmosphere more relaxed. Big Butts Bar-b-que prepared pork steaks and chicken that was absolutely wonderful," added Gifford.

Gifford also praised the many businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the event. "We had over fifty really nice prizes, so lots of people left with something. I'm always amazed by how giving our communities are. Certainly, we wouldn't be able to have this event without their support."

That support made the event a huge success. According to Gifford, the event raised more than \$20,000 for the ANC Foundation.



Clockwise from top left: Duke Eastin and his wife Teresa of Manila are all smiles after winning the \$2,500 grand prize at the ANC Foundation Denim & Diamonds Gala held October 27, 2011; Meghan Bearden of Gobler, MO, proudly displays the Razorback grill she won at the ANC Foundation Denim & Diamonds Gala. The grill, given each year by Blytheville Sheet Metal, is always a crowd favorite.; Ringman Lewis Walters, assistant auctioneer Scott Gifford, emcee George Hubbard, auctioneer Stevie Stevenson, emcee Bill Kenner, and Ben Hubbard kept the fun coming throughout the evening; Neil and Teresa Burge of Blytheville enjoying the event.



More than GOLF

Arkansas Northeastern College holds three golf tournaments each year, but it all started over two decades ago with the Yamato-Kogyo Corporation of Japan. Their show of support for the College and community set the bar high and made many great things possible.





this event have totaled over \$370,000.00. Yamato Kogyo sponsors this event in appreciation to the community and in support of increased educational opportunities for its citizens.

In addition to scholarships to help fund education, Mr. Inoue also initiated the Ambassadors to Japan program, where he sponsors a trip for two ANC students each year to Japan. There, they learn about Japanese culture and bring it back to the area. The first ambassadors travelled to Japan in 1996, and since that time 30 ANC students have been awarded this once in a lifetime opportunity.

In addition to the annual Yamato-Kogyo scholarship golf tournament, the ANC Foundation has added additional fundraiser tournaments to their calendar.

The Wayne Taylor Memorial tournament is held each year in the early summer months and takes place at Big Lake Country Club in Manila. This year marked the thirteenth year of the tournament, which has raised over \$60,000 in scholarship funds.



Japan Ambassadors of 2010 Chelsea Pierce of Kennett, MO, Kyle Cassidy of Armorel, and their peer tour guides visited the Peace Memorial Museum and Itsukushima shrine in Hiroshima, which stretches out into the ocean.

The late Wayne Taylor, who served on the ANC Foundation Board of Governors, was instrumental in the creation of the tournament. He served on the planning committee from the beginning and worked at all of the tournaments as well as personally contributing by sponsoring a tee-box each year. Mr. Taylor passed away in August of 2004, and the ANC Foundation changed the name of this tournament

The 21st Annual Yamato Kogyo ANC Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament was held Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Blytheville Country Club. The tournament draws participants from all over the world.

Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo, Ltd., established the Yamato Kogyo Scholarship in 1991. Thanks to the support of the Yamato Kogyo Company of Japan, as well as funds raised through tee box sponsorships and participant entry fees, hundreds of Arkansas Northeastern College students have received financial assistance with their college expenses. Since its inception, the proceeds from

ANC Foundation Board of Governors accept a \$20,000 donation from Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd. L to R: Bill Sullivan, Lewis Walters, ANC Foundation Board of Governors Chairman Bill Kenner, David Burnett, ANC Board of Trustees Chairman Clif Chitwood, ANC President Dr. Robin Myers, Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd. President Hiroyuki Inoue, and Kazuo Iida of Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd.



and scholarship to honor his memory and to recognize his dedication and contributions to the College. Students eligible for this scholarship must be from the Buffalo Island area or the Bootheel of Missouri and may be full-time or part-time students and must maintain a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. each semester.



Janet and the late Wayne Taylor at the 2004 tournament.

In 2010, the Great River Promise Scholarship Golf Tournament was established in Osceola and is held at the Osceola Municipal Golf Course. The tournament, held in early to mid-summer, has experienced a very warm and enthusiastic welcome, raising nearly \$9,000 for Promise scholarships in its first two years.

The Great River Promise is a program that has been endorsed by Arkansas Northeastern College, the ANC Foundation, the Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce and the South Mississippi County Chamber of Commerce. As of the Fall 2011 semester, this fund provides tuition and mandatory fees to Arkansas Northeastern College for students who attend all four years and graduate from any Mississippi County high school or Buffalo Island Central and meet the criteria. To qualify, students must attend regularly, avoid alcohol or drugs, and graduate.

The Great River Promise is funded by generous gifts made by businesses and individuals, either by private donations or through fundraising events such as the golf tournament.

The enthusiasm and support of the sponsors and participants of all three tournaments speaks well for our area and lets everyone know our youth live in an area that cares about its citizens



and wants the best for our young people. By contributing to these and other scholarship funds, you are investing in the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, and ultimately the future success of Mississippi County.

ANC faculty, staff and students wish to thank all sponsors and participants for supporting these events.

For more information about Arkansas Northeastern College, our Foundation, or any of the scholarship funds mentioned, visit our official website at www.anc.edu or contact Foundation Executive Director Rachel Gifford at rgifford@smail.anc.edu or 870-838-2902.

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TRiO EOC staff, clockwise from top left: Media/Communications Specialist Kristi Rose with adult education graduates, Education Advisor Nancy Fergus with student, Education Advisor Denise Bogard with a client, and Administrative Specialist Janie Greenwell.

ACEI Club Participates In “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF”

During the month of October, the ANC Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) Education Service Club collected money for "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" fund. There were 10 students who collected \$257.20.

ANC participants included Carly Kennedy, Carolyn Yarbrough, Ashley Thomas, Ashlei Wrinkles, Linda Miller, Summer Jamison, Rosetta Robinson, Savannah Lewis, Kizzie Lucas, and instructors Peggy Hill and Sonja Burnett. It is amazing to think of the statistics that the money can buy: \$25 give 10 kids clean water to drink for a day; \$1 pays for protein biscuits; \$17 keeps a kid safe from 6 killer diseases; \$24 supplies an emergency first aid kit; and \$257 buys a School-in-a-Box so kids can learn anywhere.

ACEI is proud to announce that they will be able to purchase one "School-in-a-Box" for children.

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ANC Tours: Prague and the Legendary Danube Cruise

Note: This article is an abbreviated version of the travel log, written by Beth Alexander. To read the log in its entirety, visit www.anc.edu/communityed

A group of thirty individuals took part in a European cruise with ANC Tours, a division of the Department of Community and Continuing Education, in late June and early July of this year. ANC Tours Group Leader was Sharyn Stevenson and her husband, Steve. Travelers in the group included: Beth Alexander and Lib Shippen, Osceola; Carter and Brock Whisenhunt, Little Rock; Sarah Bagley Peterson, Philadelphia; Nancy Melton, Jonesboro; Becky Little Powers, Germantown, TN.; Becky and Gary Landes, Dallas; Angie Majors and Linda Downs, Orlando; Mary Ann and Mac Williams, Becky and Bob Ramey, Nancy and Dean Gurley, Ann and Allen Bush, Shelly and Doug Bush, Joan Horner, Melba Justus, Molly Patterson, Gail and Sonny Berry, Susie and John Langston; Blytheville.

The tour began with a scenic drive through Prague before arriving at the thousand-year-old Prague Castle and the town Hradcany which was once occupied by Slavs. Several of the group members visited the infamous Nazi World War II concentration camp, located in Terezin. Those that went were glad to have had the opportunity pay respects to those who lost their lives there and to honor those who served with the Allied forces to liberate them.

In the Prague Old Town Square, an Astronomical Clock that dates back to 1410 is a highlight of the city. Before leaving Prague, the group was entertained at a "Folklore Dinner" filled with good food, Czech folk music and dancers.

The tour group boarded their cruise ship *MSAmalyra* in Nuremberg and made a scheduled stop in Karlovy Vary (locally called Karlsbad) for a tour of the mineral rich spas, lunch and shopping. They also visited the "Medieval Nuremberg," one of Europe's greatest trade towns devel-

oped in the 13th century, and various World War II sites.

On Tuesday, travelers arrived in Regensburg located in Bavaria in full view of a 1,000 year old bridge that connects one part of town with the other, crossing the Main-Danube Canal. Regensburg, unlike most German cities, was spared destruction by the bombs of WWII and was once home to Oskar Schindler, who was remembered in the movie "Schindler's List". After a morning tour of Regensburg, some chose an afternoon bike ride to Walhalla to the visit the Walhalla temple. Others departed for Kelheim, where they enjoyed a ferry ride toward Weltenburg, near the entrance of the scenic Danube Gorge. The tour ended with a visit to the Hall of Liberation, a monument constructed in commemoration of the victories against Napoleon.

When the group docked in Passau, a few of the passengers left for a bus tour taking them to Salzburg, Austria, the birthplace of Mozart and where the world famous film "The Sound of Music" was made. The tour included a visit to the Mirabell Gardens, Salzburg Cathedral, Mozart's Square and his birthplace, Hohensalzburg Fortress, and St. Peter's Cemetery. The next morning the group toured Melk, Austria, a cultural center over 1,000 years old.

After sailing from Melk, the tourists passed through the Wachau Valley with its picturesque landscapes including Schonbuhel Castle, Aggstein Castle Ruins and the most charming village of Durnstein. The region is noted for its wines and apricots used in making "Marillen-schnapps" (apricot brandy).

The first evening in Vienna, the group attended a concert, where they were entranced by Mozart and Strauss

music performed by a 40-piece orchestra and featured several top-quality vocal soloists. A bus tour the following morning took the visitors to great plazas, past many old palaces used as museums and private homes or shops, and St. Stephen's Cathedral, located in the very heart of Vienna. They visited the world famous Spanish Riding School to watch the classically trained stallions' public performances.

The group arrived in Budapest, Hungary the next morning. Originally two cities divided by the Danube, Budapest became one in 1873. In Pest, they saw the famous Heroes Square and passed along the city's most important boulevards and monuments, including the synagogue. On the Buda side, they saw the Royal Palace, the Mathyas Church and the Fisherman's Bastion.

The group arrived back in time to celebrate the Fourth of July. It was especially poignant after traveling to countries in Eastern Europe who had struggled for so long before enjoying their freedom.

For more information about ANC Tours or the Department of Continuing and Community Education, contact Sharyn Stevenson at sstevenson@smail.anc.edu.

L to R: Imperial Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, Austria; at Terezin, Nazi WWII concentration camp; Astronomical Clock in Prague Old Town



MLK Memorial Dedication *Continued from Page 2*

Lewis, Marian Wright Edelman, Ambassador Andrew Young, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Lee A. Saunders, and Reverend Al Sharpton spoke as well as members of the King Family and Dan Rather, who covered the civil rights movement early in his career.

At 11:00 a.m., a ceremonial dedication took place in the forecourt of the Memorial and was broadcasted on jumbotrons in West Potomac Park. Herman "Skip" Mason, general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Aretha Franklin, Harry Johnson, president and CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Foundation, and President Barack Obama participated. Special guests included Vice President Joe Biden, United States Trade Representative Ambassador Ron Kirk, Secretary

of Education Arne Duncan, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, and more.

The dedication was a celebration of the life, the dream, and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as democracy, hope, justice, and love.

After the ceremony, ANC students toured the monument, which is located on the National Mall, situated adjacent to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and in a direct line between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.

An invitation from Little Rock has been extended for ANC students who attended the event to come to the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center to share highlights from their experience during the month of December.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C.

Student Nursing Club *Continued from Page 6*

November 2, 2011. The walk was sponsored by AMMC and the Paragould Diabetes Group in an effort to raise diabetes awareness in children. The group had the privilege of making the 4,000 steps with several area school districts. The walk took them on a two mile, winding trail through downtown Paragould.

In preparation for the holidays, club members from both campuses have collected canned goods and nonperishable food items for the local food pantries. All food pantries have more people requesting help during the holiday season and often their food supply runs short, so the SNC is doing what they can to help the supply last

a bit longer during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Additionally, students in the Accelerated Nursing Program celebrated their achievements at the Winter Nursing Pinning Ceremony on December 8, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in Blytheville, AR, hosted by the Blytheville First United Methodist Church.

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