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Law Enforcement Graduation



Jason Kyle McNeil of Guy, class spokesman

Some fifty law enforcement officers from across the state graduated

from Black River Technical College's Basic Police Training Course on Friday, April 9, at Randolph County Development Center. Jason Kyle McNeil of Guy was chosen to serve as the 2004-A class spokesman during the ceremony. This was the 10th class to graduate from the Law Enforcement Training Academy since its inception in August of 1999. A total of 441 have successfully completed the program.

Tim Daley, LETA Director, presented special honors to the follow-

ing students: Jeremy Konvalinka, Bono Police Department, Top Physical Training Average and Overall Top Student (average of academics, firearms, and physical training); Deanna Brewer, Morrilton Police Department, Top Academic Average; Jimmy Turnbow, Jonesboro Police Department, Top Firearms Average. Colonel Don Melton, Director of the Arkansas State Police, served as guest speaker. John Vorhees of the Green County Sheriff's Office played the bagpipes during the processional and recessional.

Important Dates

April 12

- Open Registration Summer I & II

April 22

- Scholarship/Donor Luncheon

April 23

- Business & Industry Luncheon Paragould

April 29

- Globalization Focus Group

April 29 - 30

- Higher Ed Board Meeting at BRTC

May 1

- Early Arkansas Settlement Study Presentation at RCDC

May 6—11

- Final Exams

June 14

- Fall Registration

Major Historic Announcement Expected

Results of the Early Arkansas Settlement study conducted on three log structures near the Eleven Point River will be announced in a public meeting on Saturday, May 1, at Randolph County Development Center. The announcement of the findings will be dramatic, with potential

for far-reaching impact on Randolph County and the region, according to Dr. Jan Ziegler, Director of Institutional Advancement.

The centerpiece of the research was the dendrochronology, or tree-ring dating of three structures: the

Rice-Upshaw house, the Riggs house, and the Looney-French house.

"I have spoken with Joan Gould, and while she will make the formal announcement of the findings, I can say that the outcome of the study is
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BRTC Faculty honored at A-State



Sandy Davis-Baltz



Jason French

Two faculty members at Black River Technical College were honored with top departmental awards at

Arkansas State University's 25th Convocation of Scholars Honors Program April 13. Sandy Davis-Baltz was honored for Outstanding Achievement for Completion of Doctoral Qualifying Exams in the Department of Heritage Studies. Jason French received the award for

Outstanding Achievement for MPA Public Administration in the Department of Political Science.

Baltz, who teaches fine arts at BRTC, was recognized as being the first person to complete her coursework in ASU's Ph.D. in Heritage Studies program, as well as for successful completion of the comprehensive exam. French, instructor in BRTC's criminal justice and law enforcement program, was cited for his professional excellence, leadership, and academic achievement.

PTK is Collecting Cell Phones for Emergency Use

After throwing around the idea for some time now, the BRTC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has decided to take on a new community service project – collecting unused cell phones. PTK will be collecting cell phones, cell phone chargers, and car adapters to be donated to area residents for use in an emergency. An emergency call can be made to 911 from any cell phone for no charge and without having to purchase a service plan through a wireless company.

PTK plans to collect and distribute the phones to area residents, such as

the elderly, to organizations such as the local women's shelter, or to anyone else that demonstrates a need for such a service.

Darryl Foster, PTK President, said "Dr. Linda Moss, PTK Advisor, was the driving force behind this project.

PTK is beginning to accept donations and encourages the community to get involved. Donations will be taken through the end of April, for this semester. "If the project is successful, we will continue with a new drive in the fall," notes Foster. There are two collection bins – one in the

computer lab, AD130, and one outside Ruth Schaa's office – where donations can be dropped off. Donations may also be given to Dr. Moss in the science building.



(PTK officers are pictured, left to right): Monte Caldwell, Vice-President; Dr. Linda Moss, Advisor; Darryl Foster, President; Tashina Pontzius, Public Relations; Clark Marler, Secretary; Darla Hopper, Vice-President

Nine Single Parent Scholarships Awarded

The Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship (MSSPS) program announces the awarding of nine schol-

arships for the Spring 2004 semester. Each scholarship is for \$500. In addition, four of the recipients were

also named Entergy Scholars, in special recognition of their upcoming graduation from their respective programs of study.

Those receiving the awards include Lynette Bowman, Julie Perkins, Stacey Peoples, Ginger Dildine, Judy Jenkins, Sarah Ingalsbe, Julie Huff, Lisa Jones, and Lisa Hayes. Named Entergy Scholars were Bowman, Dildine, Huff and Jones.

As a member of the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Foundation, the MSSPS receives a match of 150% for every dollar (of the first \$4000) donated locally. In addition, BRTC was recently the recipient of a \$2000 Entergy Grant to support the scholarships. This spring's award

brings to \$41,999 the total scholarship dollars awarded since the program's beginning.

To qualify, students must be single parents with custody of minor children enrolled in a program of higher education, must meet certain income guidelines, and must be residents of Randolph County.

Funding for the MSSPS comes through community donations and through fundraising efforts of the faculty and staff of BRTC, and through donations from the BRTC Foundation. Donations may be made to the MSSPS by contacting Vickie French at BRTC, 870-248-4000, EXT 4070.



MSSPS awardees are, seated, from left: Stacey Peoples, Ginger Dildine, Judy Jenkins and baby, Courtney, and Sarah Ingalsbe and daughter Bethany. Standing, from left, Karla Bowman (daughter), Lynette Bowman, BRTC Financial Aid Advisor Brandi Chester, Julie Perkins and daughter Hannah Perkins. Not pictured, Julie Huff, Lisa Jones, and Lisa Hayes.

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simply incredible news, and is of tremendous potential benefit for this area," Ziegler said.

The meeting will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. in Randolph County Development Center, with Gould presenting the study summary and a slide show. The public is invited to the presentation, and in the afternoon, to tour the three house sites from 1-3 p.m. Transportation and/or guided caravans will depart from the

campus at 12:45.

The study was conducted over a period of several months and involved efforts by Historic Preservation Consultant Joan Gould of Fayetteville, along with Dr. David Stahle of the Department of Geosciences, University of Arkansas, members of the Arkansas Geological Survey, and other scientists. BRTC partnered with these entities to secure a grant from Arkansas Humani-

ties Council to fund the research. This partnership entailed the participation of BRTC art students of Sandy Davis-Baltz and English students of Gary Buxton and Dr. Ziegler

Scholarship/Donor Luncheon
Thursday, April 22
11:30 a.m.
in RCDC

Attention BRTC Students and Staff

Fun Before Finals

Wednesday, May 5,
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Food ♦ Games ♦ Music ♦ Prizes

Between BRTC Bookstore & Adult Ed Bldg.

Students Share Reading Skills

Gale Bewley of Brookland says she "had a ball" reading to preschool children at the Head Start Child Development Center on the campus of BRTC recently. She is enrolled in Reading Development at BRTC, taught by Dale Cullison.



Dale Cullison

Each semester Cullison's students have opportunity to complete a project such as the one

Bewley did, showcasing their reading skills in a cooperative project with the many Head Start classrooms throughout the region.

Bewley chose as her reading *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, by Peggy Rathman. She explained it is a children's book about a canine

officer, and incorporated into the activity a poster with pictures of

different canines used in law enforcement. "We had so much fun," she said. "I loved it! And I would recommend this activity to others."

Bewley plans to apply for admission into BRTC's LPN program.



Gale Bewley reading to preschool children at Head Start Child Development Center



Rhonda Bounds (far left) and Debra Halford (far right), both students at BRTC, are presented with Camera Corner Achievement Scholarships given by Cindy and James Throgmorton.

BRTC 2004 ASSET TEST DATES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 20	9:30 a.m.	GCITC/Paragould
April 28	8:00 a.m.	Cont. Ed. Bldg./Pocahontas
May 6	5:00 p.m.	GCITC/Paragould
May 12	8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.	Cont. Ed. Bldg./Pocahontas
May 26	8:00 a.m.	Cont. Ed. Bldg./Pocahontas
May 27	9:30 a.m.	GCITC/Paragould

**Business & Industry Luncheon
Paragould
April 23, 11:30 BRTC/GCITC**



Junior and Senior LPN Nursing Students Attend Competition in Batesville

Nursing Students Compete for Awards

Students in the LPN program at BRTC attended the annual ALPNA Competition held April 1 -2 in Batesville. Awards earned from the group during the competition included 1st

Place in Skit; 2nd place in Quiz Bowl with team members Allecia Troxel, Rene Butts, Chris Hicks, and Rhonda Bounds; and 2nd place in 2-person CPR with team members

Chrystal Trich and Kara Malin. Attending along with the students were nursing instructors Paula Lewis, Susan Ramsey, Verna Smith, Sandra Green, and Judy Forrester.



The dietary management students at BRTC applied their skills in an authentic setting for the LETA graduation luncheon held Thursday, April 8 at RCDC. Student Melody Hill is shown presiding over the dessert table, which featured ice sculptures created by the students in the dietary program.

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From the President's Desk



Richard Gaines

Globalization and its impact on the South will be the topic of a community focus group scheduled for April 29 on our campus. This meeting, which will be the only one held in Arkansas, is part of an effort by Southern Growth Policies Board and will be conducted by Dr. Linda Beene, Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, and Dr. Edward Franklin, Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges. We are very honored to have been selected as the community and host site for this

event. The time of the meeting has been set to coincide with the upcoming quarterly meeting of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board on April 29-30.

Approximately 20 people from this and surrounding counties have been invited to participate in the focus group. Their input will represent the "rural voice" from Arkansas in a major report on how Southern communities are responding to the effects of globalization and connecting to the opportunities of the global economy. The effort will culminate with the release of the *2004 Report on the Future of the South* later this year. Such events as this help to remind us that we, too, are a part of the global community.

**AHECB
Quarterly Meeting
April 29 – 30
BRTC**

Business Stat Students Analyze Data for BRAD

BRTC students have recently completed an analysis of data to assist BRAD (Black River Area Development Corporation) in its Community Services Block Grant program. The students are enrolled in Lisa Jackson's Business Statistics class.

Jackson said the students compiled and provided a written analysis of the information from 1,235 needs assessment surveys administered by

BRAD in Clay, Randolph and Lawrence counties.

"This was an excellent learning opportunity for the students at Black River to get practical hands-on experience analyzing surveys," Jackson noted.

Jean Oaks of BRAD expressed her appreciation for a "great job" to Jackson, the students, and BRTC.

Car Wash



Rodney Wall (left) & Phil Baiza

Auto Body students of Butch Dail held a car wash April 14 to raise funds for their upcoming trip to the Saturn and Corvette Plants in Nashville, TN, and Bowling Green, KY, April 27-29. Approximately \$350 was raised with 35 cars being washed. All funds raised by the students will be used to defray the cost of the trip, which will be the 14th visit by BRTC auto body students.