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Lunch

Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.

Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50

MENU:

Mon 4/18

Chicken Strips

Tue 4/19

Taco Salad

Wed 4/20

Kielbasa Sausage

Thu 4/21

Beef Stroganoff

Fri 4/22

Catfish

Mon 4/25

Baked Chicken

Tue 4/26

Meatloaf

Wed 4/27

Pork Chops

Thu 4/28

Baked Fish

Fri 4/29

Hamburger & FF

Ozarka Paul Weaver Library Celebrates National Library Week

Last week (April 10-16), schools, campuses and communities across the country celebrated National Library Week. This event reminds the public about the valuable contribution of our libraries, librarians and library workers and that there is something for everyone at the local library. The Paul Weaver Library at Ozarka College in Melbourne is no exception.

The staff of the Ozarka College Paul Weaver Library, which includes, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Madeliene Coffey, and Dan Lindsey, showed their appreciation of the past by sponsoring a guest appearance by genealogists Betty McCollum and Sue Crisco. These local authors of several books on Izard County families

and history spoke to students and other interested guests on Tuesday about the methods of researching genealogy.

As part of National Library Week, the Weaver Library has on display student artwork and memorabilia including sculptures and drawings by Jose Aguilar, a kangaroo skin brought back from Australia several years ago by Carol Liggett, and a varied display of items brought back from Alaska by Cheryl Ekenes. These items include an ulu knife with cutting board, a ship's wheel and fishing float from Japan, a collection of codfish "ears" and a picture of a Megaptera Whale. Of special interest to students is the display of baleen from the jaw of a whale.

"These displays will be up for the rest of the month and the public is invited to come in and enjoy these unique items," states Hawkins, and adds, "We hope to see everyone at the library!" The Weaver Library is open from 8AM-7:30PM Monday – Thursday; and 8AM-3:30PM on Fridays. For more information about the library or National Library Week call 368-2054.

Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- ◆ **Student Council Meeting** - Thursday, April 21st at 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- ◆ **PTK Meeting** - Tuesday, April 26th at 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- ◆ **SAEA Meeting** - Thursday, April 28th at 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).

LAST DAY OF CLASSES
April 29th

FINALS May 2-6

OZARKA GRADUATION
May 12



Top left and clockwise: baleen from whale (with Hawkins, Ekenes, and Lindsey); Sue Crisco; Hawkins and Lindsey with kangaroo skin; and various items from Ekenes.

HIM Student and Instructor Attend Convention



Pictured: HIM Instructor, Cindy Conley and Student Debra Davis.

Ozarka College Health Information Management (HIM) student, Debra Davis, of Mountain View was accompanied by HIM instructor Cindy Conley, to attend the annual Arkansas Association for Medical Transcriptionists convention entitled "Spring into Success" in Hot Springs.

Educators and students were highlighted during this year's annual event with recognition and gifts. Conley noted that there are several MT (medical transcription) programs in the state with Ozarka's being among the most comprehensive in course depth. Ozarka's coursework includes: Medical Terminology I and II, Legal/Ethical Aspects of HIM, Body Structure and Function, Phar-

macology; Introduction to Health Care, and Fundamentals of Medical Transcription.

Officials from the state and national organization indicated that there is still a shortage, and forecast a shortage of this career due to the knowledge base one has to have in order to be proficient in the field. Conley states, "Many of the speakers were geared toward students and how they can best prepare themselves for employment in this ever-changing field. They also pointed out exactly what employers are looking for in an MT."

Students were encouraged to take resumes, and medical transcription employers such as hospitals, online companies and transcription service providers were on hand to talk with and possibly recruit students that were present. Vendors were present providing discounted products such

as resource books, software and other information for students and employed MTs.

Debra, who has a bachelor's and master's degree, but decided to make a career change, will graduate next month with her degree in HIM. She is excited about pursuing what she says is an exciting new career. "This conference was the best I have ever attended. I met interesting people and made some promising job leads," she stated.

Conley noted a 90% success rate for Ozarka's HIM graduates. "Ozarka HIM graduates are employed in hospitals, physician clinics, web transcription services and management." For more information regarding the Ozarka College HIM program contact Ozarka Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.

Dave's Arbor Advice



Pink dogwood planted recently by Sean Ferrari, (left) new employee in the Maintenance Department and David Rush, (right) Landscaper.

Ozarka landscaper, Dave Rush, makes recommendations of what tree varieties to plant and the best locations and conditions to plant them.

For trees that are low maintenance, Dave recommends red buds,

oaks, and pines because they are native to this area.

Another good choice is a ginkgo, dogwood or magnolia because they are somewhat drought tolerant. "These three varieties do need plenty of sun, except the dogwood

which can go from part sun to shady areas," says Rush.

For a tree with fast growth, Dave says the Bradford pears are a good choice, but also warns that they are a somewhat high maintenance tree as are most fruit trees. "The Bradford needs sun and a lot of water to be strong. Also it is important to keep them treated with insecticides and fungicides," Dave notes. He also adds that Weeping Willows are fairly fast growing and do well in wet conditions.

A nice choice for their beauty in the fall is a maple, but they

need full sun and plenty of water.

When planting a tree in a place with low quality soil, Dave says to make the hole three times as large as the root ball of the tree and replace the area with a good quality topsoil to give it a good start.

Dave says, the biggest mistake people make when planting new trees is they have a tendency to crowd them. "The best advice I can give about planting trees, regardless of the variety, is to allow enough space for future growth of the tree."

PTK Inducts New Members



New PTK Inductees Congratulations!

Ozarka College's Beta Alpha Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a national honor society for students in two-year colleges, inducted new members during its Spring Induction Ceremony, held on April 5, 2005.

Ozarka Administrators, Director of Business Outreach and Marketing, Karla Rush and Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joan Stirling each spoke at the ceremony and congratulated the inductees on their academic success and leadership capabilities. Ozarka Admissions Officer/Recruiter, Randy Scaggs, offered the Invocation for the ceremony.

PTK officers assisted in the induction ceremony. The Beta Alpha Eta Chapter officers for 2005 include President – Connie Esparza, Vice President – Ronda McLelland, Records Secretary – Susan Andrews, and Treasurer – Joyce Densford. Advisors for the PTK Chapter are Ozarka instructors, Samantha Thornsberry, Michael Orf, and Rick Tankersley.

Students eligible for membership in PTK must have a grade point average of at least 3.50 on twelve hours toward an associate's degree. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa revolves around the four Hallmarks of Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership, and Service.

Following the induction, PTK members and guests enjoyed a reception catered by Ozarka's Culinary Arts students in honor of the new members.

The following students were inducted during the ceremony, although some were unable to attend: DeAnn Anglum, Kimberlee Bledsoe, Kathleen Clayton, Barbara "Crystal" Coble, Mary Foote, Taryn Haley, Charlotte Hall, Pamela Matteson, Pamela McFarlin, Anita Miller, Nancy Niswonger, Angela Poteet, Sean Reynolds, Valdarie Scafe, Heather Stevens, Marie Vines, and Ilein Webb.

World Lit II Class Interprets Whitman

Samantha Thornsberry, who teaches World Literature II at Ozarka, had her class read Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself" this Spring.

After finishing the assignment, each student was asked to illustrate the images that they thought were reflected in Whitman's poem on the white board in their classroom. They entitled their artwork "A portrait of New

America" because Whitman is known for painting in words the landscape of his 19th century America (Civil War era), through his poetry.

According to Thornsberry, "Whitman was big on trying to make connections between the rich, the poor, the everyday, the above average, the good, the bad, and even the ugly! Thus, he illustrated democracy in his work."

The students in the class responsible for the illustrations are: Dody Bush-Retherford, Mary Foote, Jacob Goff, Taryn Haley, Rita Havner, Amanda Keys, Bill Long, Misty Lowery, Betty McCollum, Christopher Siebert, James West, and Charles Wolfe.



A portion of "A Portrait of New America".

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A Short Drive to Great Distances



Successful Auction in Mountain View



After many weeks of planning, the Mountain View Science Lab Benefit Auction took place on April 5th and was hailed a success.

More than 200 people were on hand at the Ozark Folk Center's auditorium for music, fun and to place their bids for close to 150 items and services which were donated by area businesses and individuals.

Danny Perryman, Auctioneer, donated his services for the benefit auction.

The auction raised around \$8,000, putting the Mountain View facility closer to their goal of \$100,000 for a science lab in the new facility currently under construction in Mountain View. The total amount collected is now \$72,000.

The evening's success is due to the hard work by many people: Ozarka employees and Foundation members, volunteers, as well as Perryman & Perryman Auction Company, and the musical groups, which were: The Leatherwoods, Harmony, The River Rats, and Homemade Jam.

Academic All-Star \$500 Scholarship

To be eligible for nomination, a student must be currently enrolled in a two-year college and should expect to be enrolled at that same college through Spring, 2006. The nominee must have completed at least twelve credit hours in pursuit of an Associate degree. The student must also currently post a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.25 out of a possible 4.0 in all credit coursework taken at that college. If you meet this criteria, contact any of your instructors for an application.

Deadline is Wednesday, May 4th.