Ozarka Assists with Storm Aid

After the devastation of the February 5th tornado that swept through Ozarka’s service area and affecting several students, faculty, and alumni, the college has rallied in many different ways to help. Some students completely lost everything, including their textbooks. Ozarka reports that through donations and/or gifts, every book has been replaced for those who lost them by the storm.

Several Ozarka personnel, led by Tracy Cone and the Career Pathways staff collected and organized donations of money, clothing and other necessities and distributed them to those in immediate need within the first couple of days after the storm. That staff along with several volunteers, helped to organize and man the disaster relief center, which was set up in Izard County.

In Sharp County, James Spurlock, the Ash Flat campus coordinator, organized a clean up effort. The group of approximately 40 people were asked by the disaster coordinator to help by unloading supplies at the disaster relief center/Red Cross location in Ash Flat. The group proceeded to unload massive quantities of drinks, food, toiletries, clothing, bedding and other items which had been donated and trucked in from other areas. Several of the nursing students and Ozarka staff also assisted with other activities in that county.

When the tornado hit Mountain View, the college was fortunate in that there was no real damage to the actual building, even though it hit all around the campus and did major damage to the Stone County Medical Center, where the Mountain View nursing students have their skills lab. The only damage to the building was from a stray piece of plywood lodged into the masonry and a parade float that was located on the grounds of the campus was destroyed. The students rallied, not only to salvage some items, including CPR mannequins for the hospital (some of which were over two miles from the lab), but they also helped the hospital by providing care for both residents of the nursing home and hospital patients who were moved there.
Last Week to Apply for Scholarships

Ozarka College is currently accepting applications for various scholarships available for the Fall 2008 semester. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2008. Scholarship applications are available on the Ozarka College website at www.ozarka.edu under the Admissions or Financial section in the "For Students" section located on the left side of the homepage. There are scholarship opportunities with different criteria available; from being in a specific program to having a certain grade point average or community involvement. There is further information available about specific scholarships under the "Ozarka Foundation Scholarship Information" located directly under the Scholarship Application packet link on the website. Or contact Ozarka College directly at 870-368-7371.

Donate by Getting Your Taxes Prepared

Through a non-profit program with H&R Block, anyone having their taxes prepared can help raise scholarship money for the Ozarka College Foundation. H&R Block will donate $25 for any new client who takes a referral form with them and has their taxes prepared by the company. To pick up a referral form or for more information, please contact Development Officer, Suellen Davidson at 368-2059 or via email at sdavidson@ozarka.edu.

This program will continue through November 1, 2008.

Are You Sober?

Come by the Student Success Center next Monday, March 3, 2008 from 8AM-4:30PM and take a sobriety test. Through a grant from the Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee (ACDEC), the new Fatal Vision goggles were purchased for the college. These goggles simulate the visual impairment caused by alcohol or other drugs. Viewing through the goggles is rather clear, but confusing to the mind.

There will be free soft drinks available for those who participate. For more information contact Jenny Miller, Student Success Specialist in the Success Center located in the Miller Education Complex, or call her at 368-2056.

Cake Decorating at Ozarka

The Continuing Education Department at Ozarka College will offer Cake Decorating I classes in Melbourne beginning in March. The course will start with the basics of cake decorating and will include instruction in baking and leveling a cake, making icing and icing the cake, preparing stars, flowers, figures, writing, etc.

Julie Gosser, instructor, will teach this non-credit class in Melbourne on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. from March 24-April 14, 2008. Cost for the class is $75.00 and includes a cake decorating instruction book. Each student will also receive a cake decorating kit with all the tools needed for the class.

According to Gosser, "This course covers all the elements a person would need to decorate cakes for birthdays, holidays or other special events. It is the first of three Wilton cake decorating classes and focuses on basics.”

Limited enrollment is available. The deadline to enroll is Thursday, March 6th. To register for this class, call Kim Lovelace at 870-368-7371 or email klovelace@ozarka.edu.
Dixon Family Endowment Completed

The Ozarka College Foundation Board is pleased to report that the Harry Powell and Velma Fudge Dixon Scholarship is now fully endowed.

Randy and Diane Dixon Zook and Janet Dixon Newton wanted to establish a "lasting acknowledgement to their parents because of their advocacy of education," according to Diane and Janet, daughters of the Dixons. They began the endowment in December of 2007.

"Our parents were fortunate enough to have gone to college and they sent both of us to college. Now, all of their grandchildren are college graduates. We are pleased to know an Ozarka College student will have an opportunity to complete valuable college courses based on the receipt of a scholarship which will also honor our parents each year."

Diane Zook, who serves on the Ozarka College Foundation Board adds, "We want to encourage other families in the area to consider establishing scholarships in honor or memory of family members. We see it as a wonderful way to give back to a community and people who mean so much to all of us."

The Ozarka College Foundation endowment program provides annual scholarships in the amount of $500.00 to deserving students once an endowment fund reaches a minimum of $10,000. The endowment goal can be realized over a period of five years. For more information about endowments at Ozarka College, please contact Suellen Davidson or Karla Rush at 870-368-7371.

Now that the Harry Powell and Velma Fudge Dixon Scholarship is fully endowed, the scholarship will be awarded to an Ozarka College student who plans to major in business, education or technical training during the Fall 2008 semester. The application deadline is quickly approaching! Contact Davidson or Rush at Ozarka College at 870-368-7371 for further information.

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Arbor Day Celebrations Planned

Ozarka College will once again celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees at each Ozarka location, as well as with the City of Melbourne.

On Tuesday March 4, the Arbor Day event will take place at Ozarka College - Mountain View at 10:30 am.

Then, on Wednesday, March 5 beginning at 9:30AM, the Arbor Day activities will be held at City Hall in Melbourne. The event will continue at 10:45AM, at the main campus of Ozarka in Melbourne. At 12:45PM, Arbor Day will conclude at Ozarka College - Ash Flat.

The agenda for each of these events will include VPAA, Dr. Mike DeLong and a student; as well as a representative from the Arkansas Forestry Commission speaking about the history and importance of Arbor Day. There will be a tree planted at each location and refreshments will be served. All students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to celebrate Arbor Day.

Seedling trees will be given away as door prizes to those attending the event.

For more information contact Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joan Stirling at 870-368-7371.
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