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ICARE Pet Expo, Dog

Show, & Crafts Fair Saturday, April 28, 10am to 4pm at the Izard County Fairgrounds in Melbourne. FREE Admission Leashed pets are welcome. Many contests, games, concessions, raffles and crafts.

> Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM Daily. Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50 with dessert.

MENU:

Mon 4/16 Country Ribs Tue 4/17 Fajita Salad Wed 4/18 Meatloaf Thu 4/19 Baked Fish Fri 4/20 Chicken Fried Steak

Mon 4/23 Fried Chicken Tue 4/24 French Dip Wed 4/25 Catfish Thu 4/26 Salad Fri 4/27 Monte Carlo Sandwich



Ozarka ARNEC Grads Boast 100% Pass Rate

Ozarka College became part of the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) in 2004. The second class of graduates from Ozarka's ARNEC program recently took their NCLEX/RN licensing exams and Allied Health Division Chair, Ruby Johnson is proud to report 100% pass rate for the group.

The consortium of six Arkansas community and technical colleges is one of the first of its kind in the country, utilizing interactive television and the Internet to instruct students in scattered locations across the state. The overall pass rate for the consortium's December 2006 graduates was 90%, which was above the State's average of 88%.

The six colleges involved in the consortium are: Arkansas State University-Newport; Black River Technical College-Pocahontas; Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas-De Queen; Ozarka College-Melbourne; South Arkansas Community College-El Dorado; and the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton. These six colleges serve twenty-seven counties in north-central, northeast, south-central and southwest Arkansas.

The ARNEC program was started to help address the critical shortage of nurses in the service areas, and to provide a career path for Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed Psychiatric Technician Nurses (LPN/LPTN) who aspire to become Registered Nurses.

According to Johnson, "these students are dedicated, motivated and work hard to achieve their dream of becoming a registered nurse. Because of the continuing nursing shortage statewide and nationally, most of our students have positions awaiting them immediately upon graduation."

Ozarka has also recently expanded the practical nursing programs to the off-site centers in Ash Flat and Mountain View. These programs will begin in Fall of 2007 and the deadline to apply has been extended until July 2nd. For more information on the ARNEC program or LPN program requirements, call Ozarka College Admissions at 870.368.7371 or toll free 1.800.821.4335.



SSS Hosted Speaker on Tuesday, April 17

The TRiO Student Support Services program at Ozarka College will present nationally renowned motivational speaker, Allyson Lewis on April 17, at 11AM. This event is open to anyone who would like attend including students, faculty and staff of Ozarka; as well as the community.

Additionally, First National Banking Company is helping sponsor this event by purchasing 50 of Allyson's books to be given away to the first fifty students who sign up and attend the event.

To attend, please pre-register by calling the TRiO office at 368-2036, 368-2034, or toll free 1-800-821-4335. Or email stitus@ozarka.edu or dshell@ozarka.edu.

Around Campus

- Collegiate Ministry Meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
- Allyson Lewis April 17th 11AM - Lecture Hall.
- PBL Blood Drive April 17th 11AM-3PM Lobby of Miller Bldg.
- TRiO Medical Career Night April 19th 5:30pm-7:30PM Miller Bldg Lecture Hall. Call John Petersen for info 368-2039.
- PTK Meeting April 24th 11AM C116 Compressed Video -Miller Complex.
- LPN Capping & Pinning Thursday April 26th @ 6PM Miller Auditorium

For more upcoming meetings & events, check out the campus calendar online ozarka.edu.

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Student Council + J00I Club = Clean Walking Trail



On Thursday, April 12, members of Ozarka College Student Council and Melbourne's local chapter of JOOI (Junior Optimist Octagon International) picked up litter and tidied up limbs blown down by recent winds at the city walking park located adjacent to Ozarka in Melbourne. Both organizations volunteer time for local community service projects.

Pictured left to right: Wacey Bales, Lea Whited, Michael Vest, Paige Vickery, Carlie Vest, Andrew Vickery, Lauren Siebert, and Johannes Robinson

Are You the Academic All-Star!?!?

Ozarka College and the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) present the Arkansas' Two-Year Colleges Academic All-Stars scholarship program. One student is selected to receive a \$500 scholarship and represent Ozarka as the All-Star at the AATYC annual conference.

The Academic All-Stars program is designed to reward excellence in academics and leadership at each two-year college in Arkansas.

To be eligible, students must expect to be enrolled at Ozarka College through Spring 2008, have completed at least 24 credit hours in pursuit of an Associate degree by the end of the current Spring semester, and have a cumulative GPA of not less than 3.25.

Along with the \$500 schol-

arship, students are also offered full transfer scholarships to most four year colleges and universities in the State of Arkansas to continue their education.

For more information or to obtain an application packet, contact Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm at rhelm@ozarka.edu, or 368-2027.

DEADLINE IS MAY 4th

Local Author to Speak at Ozarka-Ash Flat

Mary Worthen, author of Journey Not Chosen will be a guest speaker on April 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the lecture hall at Ozarka College - Ash Flat.

Her book is a recounting of her daughter's personal struggle with bipolar disorder. Worthen is a member of the National Depression and Bipolar Support Association (DBSA), National Mental Health Association, (NMHA) and National Alliance for the Mentally III, (NAMI). She was the an honoree last month as part of the Women In History program. She has received recognition for her public service works from Governor Mike Beebe as part of this honor.

She has most recently been contacted by screen writers, to make a movie of her book. The tentative release date for the film is Fall of 2007 with a special adaptation of the film to be shown as a special on the Lifetime TV Channel.

Worthen is a dynamic speaker, who is able to get her message of "Hope and Help" for mental illness, to consumers, families, the medical field, elected officials and the media.

Celebrate National Library Week in The Weaver Library



Ozarka's Paul Weaver Library, along with libraries all across the country, announces the 2007 National Library Week theme, "Come Together @ Your Library and Read." National Library Week, April 16-20, is an annual event which draws attention to libraries of all types and the services they offer.

President Dusty Johnston reads his favorite: Don't Squat with photos of stuyour Spurs On.

this year's theme, the Paul Weaver Library personnel has been snapping dents and staff members caught in the act of perusing some

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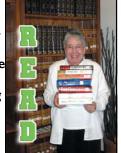
of their favorite titles. Be sure to examine the photo display just outside the library entrance.

Students are encouraged to fill out the Library Word Search inserted in this edition of the Connection. Correct entries will be placed in a box from which there will be a drawing to win a Sonic gift certificate and an Ozarka sweatshirt..

Other events planned for the week include a display entitled "Read for Fun - Read to Learn" highlighting some of the Paul Weaver Library's most interesting titles on a variety of subjects, as well as a display of popular fiction books

Librarian, Mary Ellen Hawkins, adds, "As the semester draws near its close, help Ozarka celebrate National Library Week and what the Paul Weaver Library can offer you!

Madeleine Coffey, who works part time in the Library offers several reading choices.



"Help Ozarka celebrate **National Library** Week and what the Paul Weaver Library can offer you!" - Mary Ellen Hawkins

Scholarship Deadlines Friday April 20

The Ozarka College Admissions Office encourages anyone who is interested to apply for the many scholarship opportunities available at Ozarka College during the Fall 2007 semester. The application deadline of April 20th is quickly approaching for most of these scholarships. Along with numerous national, regional and state-level scholarships, there are several scholarships that are exclusive to Ozarka College and its service area.

First National Banking Company (FNBC) \$4,000 scholarship is available to an Ozarka College student

within the FNBC service area. The scholarship recipient is awarded \$1,000.00 for tuition, fees and/or books for their first semester of attendance at Ozarka. The FNBC scholarship will then be renewed up to three semesters providing the student completes 12 credit hours each semester with a minimum grade point average of 2.75.

The John E. Miller scholarship, which was established by the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1998, awards a \$500 per semester scholarship to an Ozarka College student. The stipend may be renewed for up to three semesters

as long as the recipient is enrolled full-time and maintains at least a 3.00 grade point average at the college.

Candidates for the scholarships must be admitted as a student of Ozarka College, complete the Ozarka College Scholarship Application Packet, and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For further information on any of these scholarships or to apply contact the Admissions Office at 870-368-7371, or pick up the applications at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ash Flat, or Mountain View.

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Ozarka Celebrates Arbor Day

Ozarka College once again celebrated Arbor Day through the Urban Forestry grant that was awarded to the college for the fourth consecutive year.

The first celebrations were on March 28th on Ozarka's main campus and on the Melbourne Court Square, where Melbourne The Arbor Day celebration was speaker and the master gardeners assisted.

On April 12, the Arbor Day celebrations took place at Ash Flat and Mountain View.

Forestry Commission representatives were at each event with trees that were given away through a drawing of participants.

A maple tree planted was

planted this year at each location in memory of long time faculty member who passed away earlier this year, Dan "Uncle Wally" Pittman. At Mountain View, student. Blair Ellis-Tinkle spoke on behalf of the students in honor of Pittman.

Mayor Mike Cone was the guest attended by students, faculty, staff and local city officials. After the trees were planted, refreshments were enjoyed by the attendees.





Above: Students at Ozarka -MV left to right: Amber Wallis, Kathy Jensen, and Blair Ellis-Tinkle.

Right: Ash Flat City council member, Beth McIntire, of Ash Flat wins the tree drawing. Left: Izard County

Judge, Rayburn Finley and Mayor Mike Cone, along with Master Gardener and part-time Ozarka employee, Shirley Wunderlich plant the tree at the Square.



PAUL WEAVER LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2007



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Find the constitutional words and phrases!*

Correct entries will be eligible for a SONIC gift certificate to be given away Friday, April 20.

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*Words can be found horizontally, vertically or diagonally, written forwards or backwards. Letters may be used more than once. Good luck!

