



## Ozarka College Alumni reConnect

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### Ozarka Adds Campus Coordinator

Ozarka College President Dusty R. Johnston has announced the appointment of Mrs. Eugenia Brown to Campus Coordinator of the college's site in Mountain View.

According to Johnston, Mrs. Brown will manage day-to-day operations at the Mountain View facility to ensure student services and instructional programs are in unison with the college mission. Brown originally joined Ozarka College in 1996 as director of student support services and was promoted to director of counseling/registrar in 2001. She and her husband Stanley reside in Mountain View where she recently served a term as president of the Mountain View area chamber of commerce.

For more information about Ozarka College, call 870-269-5600, look online at **[www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu)** or stop by the Mountain View site just off Hwy 14 on the east part of the city to meet Mrs. Brown.



Gin Brown, Ozarka College Mountain View  
Campus Coordinator



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### *Little Big Town* Marks Success at Ozarka

Country vocal group, Little Big Town performed in the John E. Miller Auditorium at Ozarka College, Thursday, September 7 to an excited, sold-out crowd. The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors brought the group to Melbourne in hopes of reaching their goal for a Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant to endow scholarships for students in the north central Arkansas area.

According to Ozarka College Foundation Board Chairman, Marty Sellars, "the success of this concert has brought us to that goal. After much planning by our special events chairman, Son Lamb, the support of several local businesses who served as corporate sponsors for the concert as well as a lot of hard work by college personnel and volunteers, I am thrilled to announce that our five year goal which ends the last day of this month has now come to fruition."

Business sponsors included: Ash Flat Mayor Brien Nix Hall, Bancorp South, Bragg Broadcasting Inc., Coca-Cola Inc., Cone Realty, Corner Drug Store, First National Banking Company, Garner Family Medical Center, G H Miller and Sons, Hometown Market, Lambs Inc, Mark's Pharmacy, North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, and WRD Entertainment.

One of the members of Little Big Town, Phillip Sweet, is a native of Cherokee Village. This concert was the closest venue that they have played as Little Big Town, and Sweet's family and friends were on hand at the concert to give him a welcome "home." Sweet said he was "overwhelmed and humbled by the great reception he received."

A week prior to the show at Ozarka College, the County Music Association announced the group had received two nominations for CMA awards: the Horizon Award and Group of the Year. Their video for "Boondocks" was also nominated for Group/Duo video of the year by CMT.



Little Big Town with Dr. Dusty Johnston, President of Ozarka College.



## Fitness Courses in the Miller Fitness Center

Ozarka College's Paul Miller Fitness Center located in the Miller Complex at Melbourne, began offering fitness courses Fall semester 2006. These courses are designed to include basic fitness assessment and introduction to fitness activities and equipment. Students who complete these courses will develop individualized fitness plans utilizing aerobic and strength training equipment. Each student scheduled an appointment with the fitness center director for initial assessment and orientation prior to using the facility.

Those students age 60 or over are eligible for a tuition waiver, which decreases their cost of enrolling to \$45. Holly Ayers, Fitness Center Director, announced this week that there are several other fitness programs scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

"We want to encourage overall wellness for the area and will be adding programs such as a walking group, circuit training, arthritis class, and monthly lunch n' learn seminars during the Fall semester."

Further information can be found at the Ozarka College website at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu) under the Fitness Center heading. Students enrolling in the fitness courses are expected to complete a minimum of three hours per week in fitness activities. The Fitness Center has also extending its hours of operation. New hours are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday, 6 a.m. until Noon. For more information, call the fitness center at 870-368-2090.



Holly Ayers, Fitness Center Director

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## Automotive Students Excel On National Exam

Ozarka College graduates who completed the Automotive Service Technology program at Ozarka College recently took an end-of-program test administered by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

According to automotive service technology instructor Larry Wilkes, there are eight areas that students are tested over in the NATEF exam. Those areas include Suspension and Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission and Transaxle, Manual Drive Train and Axles, and Heating and Air Conditioning. The eight areas parallel those offered for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.

Wilkes stated two students, Warren Newman of Salem and Alex Walton of Mountain View scored above the national average on all eight areas of the exam. Steven Parker of Franklin scored above the national average on five of the eight areas.

There are twelve students currently enrolled in the Automotive Service Technology program for the Fall semester. For more information about the program at Ozarka College, contact Larry Wilkes at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.



## Ozarka Student Awarded Crawford Scholarship

Saturday, August 5th, the first Annual Harold Crawford Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament took place at the South Golf course of Cherokee Village. Fifteen teams of golfers assembled to play in this event with proceeds benefiting the Ozarka Foundation.

The team of Marc Goings, Brant Goings, Tommy Eagan and Preston King won the first flight. Brant Goings also made the longest men's drive on hole 7. Second flight winners was the team of Marty Sellars, Trevor Sellars, Charlie Morris and Micah Beard. Sarah Lindsey won the women's longest drive on hole 5.



left to right: Kyle Crawford and Susan Crawford Highland; Martha Flores of Cherokee Village; Chad Crawford and his son Clay of Rockwell, Texas.

Following the tournament, Ozarka College student, Martha Flores of Cherokee Village was presented the first scholarship from the memorial fund by Ozarka Admissions Assistant, Laura Lawrence and Jan Jones of Little Rock. Jones is a family friend of the Crawford family who created the memorial scholarship in conjunction with Ozarka. Flores is currently beginning her second year as an Ozarka College student. The Crawford family was also on hand for the event and to meet the scholarship recipient.

Tournament sponsors included Liberty Bank, First National Banking Company, Hardy Insurance, Goings and Associates, State Farm Insurance, Highland Cabinet Shop, Cherokee Frame, Spring River Homebuilders Association, First Community Bank, Simmons Bank, and Therapy Works of Highland. Hole sponsors included elected officials, Sharp County Courthouse, Timberline Restaurant, Computer Source, Highland Cabinet Shop, Dennis Burton, Larry Kisse, Darrell Kehrli, Circuit Court Judge Kevin King, and District Court Judge Mark Johnson.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be matched dollar for dollar by a federal Title III Strengthening Institutions grant which was awarded to Ozarka College. The grant program ends September 30th.

## Ozarka College to Host Creative Writing Class

Ozarka College Continuing Education Department will host a course in creative writing this fall at Ozarka College in Melbourne. English instructor, Joanna Fulbright will lead the course which begins Monday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. Classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through October 15.

Students who enroll in this non-credit course will discuss different types of literature and writing techniques to determine which area they want to focus on during the writing phase of the course. They will also discuss their areas of interest and why they want to write.

Since enrollment is limited for this course, pre-registration is required prior to September 22. Cost for the creative writing class is \$40.00. To register contact Kim Lovelace at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.