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**The Next Edition
of the Ozarka
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Connection will
be April 3**

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

MENU:

Mon 3/13
Philly Steak
Sandwich

Tue 3/14
Lasagna & Salad

Wed 3/15
BBQ Plate

Thu 3/16
Chicken Fajita

Fri 3/17
Veal

3/20-24 Spring Break

Mon 3/27
Ham

Tue 3/28
Beef Tips over
Noodles

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Chicken Strips

Thu 3/30
Patty Melt

Fri 3/31
Catfish

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Further Down to Play at Ozarka



Photo By David Shaw www.DavidShawPhotography.com

Jonesboro based rock band, Further Down will perform at Ozarka College on March 30th. Further Down was a runner up as the best original Arkansas music of all genre by the Arkansas Times in 2005. They were a semi-finalist in the national 2005 Zippo Hot Tour as well as a semi-finalist for the 2005 Disc Makers Southeast Independent Music World Series. Their original sound has been described as a cross between Staind, Stone Temple Pilots and Three Doors Down.

Former Ozarka student, and Melbourne native, Justin Jett of J2 Productions is a booking agent for Further Down and is coordinating the concert for Ozarka. The band has performed with over 20 national acts, including

Seether, Tantric, Saliva, Drowning Pool, April Wine, and Poison.

Further Down will perform at three different times throughout the day on the 30th. This concert will include free admission and is open to all Ozarka students and local high school students at 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The Adult Education Department will host their annual Springfest and Further Down will play for their students during the evening at 6:00 PM.

Foundation to Host Spring Gala

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors will be sponsoring its annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 1, 2006. The event includes prime rib dinner prepared by the culinary arts department to be served in the Ozarka College dining hall at 6:30 p.m. This year the Foundation board will also host an auction event with donated items. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be directed toward the Foundation's ongoing efforts to provide scholarships and other opportunities for Ozarka students.

For more information about the Gala event, to purchase tickets at \$50.00 per person, or make a donation, please contact the Ozarka College Development Office at 870-994-7273 or 870-368-7371.

Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- ◆ **Student Council** Tuesday, Mar. 14th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **SAEA** - Thursday, Mar. 23rd 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **PTK** - Tuesday, Mar. 28th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **Ozarka Board of Trustees** March 14 @ 4PM in the Boardroom of the Miller Building.
- ◆ **SPRING BREAK - March 20-24 No classes, but the Main Campus in Melbourne will be open.**

World Famous Platters Play for Sellout Crowd



Mimi Newsome shows off her poster while standing in line for autographs.

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Trustees hosted *World Famous Platters* on February 28th as a fundraising event to benefit Ozarka College students through scholarships and other opportunities set forth by the Foundation Board.

After the crowd was entertained by Melbourne native, Jeff Pratt and his band from Fayetteville, the *World Famous Platters* came on stage and kept the crowd engaged for more than two hours.

With standing room only, Foundation Chair, and FNBC President, Marty Sellars labeled the night "a complete success!"

Concert organizer and Ozarka Foundation Special Events Committee Chair, Son Lamb, expressed his enthusiasm about this event. "The folks that attended this concert left with smiles on

their faces. That is exactly what we had hoped for with this performance."

He adds, "Even more exciting is the fact that through the efforts of college employees, led by President, Dr. Dusty Johnston, foundation board members and many others in the community, we have helped the cause of education for Ozarka College. With the continued support from our local communities, the Foundation is hopeful to keep increasing scholarship opportunities."

Many area businesses and individuals were helpful in bringing this event to Ozarka College. The Foundation wants to thank the ticket outlets, First National Banking Company locations; Bank of Cave City; Mountain View Chamber of Commerce; First National Bank of IZARD County in Calico Rock; Perryman Realty in Viola; Batesville Music Center; The Carriage

Room in Horseshoe Bend; and Zook's Possum Trot in Melbourne.

The Foundation is also appreciative for advertising by local radio broadcasters, Hometown Radio and WRD Entertainment for their extra efforts in ticket sales. Another expression of gratitude for the food and beverage donations for the *World Famous Platters* by Hometown Market and Shirley Pierce as well as added security by the IZARD County Sheriff's Department. Lamb adds, "A very special thank you to the Pratt family for bringing an especially entertaining group of young men to Melbourne for the evening."

For more information regarding the Ozarka College Foundation Board efforts, contact the college's recent addition to the Advancement Department, Development Officer, Suellen Davidson, at 870-368-7371.

PBL Donates to March of Dimes

The Ozarka College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda donated \$550 to the March of Dimes this year from their sale of beanie babies. Advisor, Brad Hollaway was enthusiastic that this is the largest contribution to the organization since he has been involved with PBL at Ozarka. "We also had a lot of help from the Nursing Department, who bought or sold over a case of the nurse beanies." He adds, "I appreciate everyone who helped PBL with this endeavor." For further information on joining Phi Beta Lambda, contact Hollaway at 368-2082 or via email bhollaway@ozarka.edu.



FNBC Donates to Fenton Scholarship

First National Banking Company donated \$1,000 toward the James F. Fenton Scholarship fund this week. Pictured left to right is Ozarka College President, Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, Ozarka Development Officer, Suellen Davidson and FNBC President, Marty Sellars. FNBC has been a steadfast supporter of education and all Ozarka College projects throughout its four-county service area of Fulton, IZARD, Sharp and Stone Counties.

Grant Educates Against Domestic Violence*



Pictured left to right: Izard County Deputy, Kristy Robbins, Jason French, and Izard Jail Administrator, Kathy Bristow.

Hillary Clinton once said that it takes a village to raise a child. Those familiar with domestic violence know that it takes a community to assist a person in leaving an abusive relationship. Ozarka College in Ash Flat, Melbourne, and Mountain View; Sheriff departments in Izard, Sharp, and Stone counties; and three women's service groups, Safe Passage in Melbourne, Spring River Adult and Child Services in Highland, and Stone County Abuse Prevention in Mountain View are coming together to help promote a safer environment for women in Ozarka's four-county service area.

A \$200,000 grant from the Office of Violence Against Women is being utilized over a two-year period to solidify the relationship between the three groups. The grant will also help these three resources in the communities unite with other resources such as entities serving the aged, serving children, and serving families and with health care venues.

At the conclusion of the grant, when the deputies and victim advocates return to their community positions, they will be better trained for handling incidents of domestic abuse and will leave the college personnel better

trained to deal with these issues on campus.

One of these training events was recently held on the Ozarka Melbourne campus and was attended by 30 persons including five deputies, four victim advocates, and twenty-one staff, faculty, and administrators from Ozarka. Jason French, an instructor at Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy,

explained the Power and Control Wheel of Domestic Violence to the group.

French explained that domestic violence is learned behavior and is influenced by observation, experience and reinforcement, culture, family, and communities. He explained that it is not caused by stress, anger, behavior of the victim, problems in relationships, illness, genetics, alcohol and drugs, and out-of-control behavior.

French dispelled some of the myths about domestic violence with the following facts:

1. No one else, including the woman, is responsible for the abusive partner's behavior.
2. The chances of a victim being killed or seriously injured greatly increase when leaving or attempting to leave.
3. Domestic violence crosses all socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, educational, age and religious lines.
4. Batterers are able to exhibit loving and charming characteristics in their intimate relationships at will.
5. Battering and chemical dependency are two separate issues.

It was further explained that domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent

and coercive behavior exercised by one adult in an intimate relationship over another. It may consist of repeated, severe beatings, or more subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control.

The outside ring of the Power and Control Wheel includes physical violence and the inner rungs of power and control include emotional abuse, economic control, denying, using children, threats, male privilege, intimidation, and isolation.

Information can be obtained by Ozarka students from the victim advocate on each campus (368-2006) by Stone County residents from Stone County Abuse Prevention (269-9941), by Sharp County residents from Spring River Adult and Child Services (856-4119), by Izard County residents from Safe Passage (368-3222), by Independence County residents from Family Violence Prevention (793-4011), and Fulton county residents may contact the agencies for Izard or Sharp County.

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Student Council Auction Considered Successful



The Student Council held their first eve art auction during lunch on Friday, March 10. Many different items were donated for this fundraising cause, including original artwork by students.

Each item was sold and Student Council advisor, Jeremy Nicholson reports the auction a big success, with enough proceeds raised to fund some student council projects.

Student Council President, Nancy Niswonger, served as auctioneer for the event and several members of student council helped display and organize the auction.

The next meeting of Student Council is Tuesday, March 14th at 11AM in the interactive video room in the Miller Building, and via interactive video at each of the other satellite campuses in Ash Flat and Mountain View. Every Ozarka student is invited to attend.

For all the latest Student Council news, log on to the Ozarka College website and follow the Student Council link under "Student Services".