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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- End of semester
art show at Ash Flat
campus
**Tuesday, April 30 -
Thursday, May 2**

- Community
Health Fair at
Ash Flat campus
**Wednesday, May 1
from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

- Capping and Pin-
ning Ceremony at
Melbourne
**Tuesday, May 7 at
6 p.m.**

- Final exams
May 6-9

Melbourne plans one-stop Student Services Center

Current and prospective Ozarka College students will soon have access to a full range of student services and information in a single, one-stop location.

The Ozarka College Board of Trustees approved the sale of approximately \$2.9 million in bonds in February to finance construction of a Student Services Center on the Melbourne campus.

In March, the college contracted with Wittenberg, Delony and Davidson Architects of Fayetteville to provide design services for the planned two-story, 20,000-square-foot building.

"We are excited about the opportunities the Student Services Center will provide for our students and the communities we serve," said Ozarka College President Richard Dawe. "Right now, our student services are located in various buildings on campus. The new center will allow us to serve our stu-



Students work in the computer lab currently located in the John E. Miller Education Complex on the Melbourne campus. After the completion of a new Student Services Center, students will have access to more computers and study spaces.

dents and the community more effectively and with a greater emphasis on customer service."

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Employability Skills Conference preps students for interviews

Fifty-two Ozarka College students, as well as several faculty, staff and guests, recently participated in "Inspired to Get Hired," the 2013 Employability Skills Conference at Ozarka College.

The conference, which was sponsored by the Ozarka College Career Pathways program



Students learned valuable information at the Employability Skills Conference, including how to dress for interviews. The conference was sponsored by the Career Pathways Initiative and Student Success Center.

and Student Success Center, featured Dr. Jan McCormick, founder and CEO of FullCircle Career Service, and Charlotte Strickland, educational seminar coordinator at the University of Central Arkansas.

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From the President...

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Ozarka College community.

With plans in development for new academic programs and services, as well as a new Student Services Center on the Melbourne campus, our commitment to student success and workforce development in the region is stronger than ever.

Student success occurs when our students finish what they start and graduate with an associate degree, technical certificate, certificate of proficiency or General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Equally as important is the contribution they will make to our local and state economy as they advance and develop in their chosen careers.

I hope you will join our college community in celebrating the success of our students at the 2013 Commencement Ceremony on May 16 at 7 p.m. in the John E. Miller Education Complex on the Melbourne campus.

Commencement is the highlight of our academic year, and we are honored to have State Rep. Tommy Wren as our speaker this year. Tommy is a true



Dr. Richard Dawe

friend of Ozarka and a strong advocate for our students.

In just a few weeks, summer classes will begin at Ozarka College. I encourage students to take advantage of the flexible schedule we offer at our four campus locations in north-central Arkansas and online through distance technology. Why wait for fall? Summer classes are a convenient and affordable option for students who want to get a head start on their college career or who attend other colleges and universities and are home with their friends and families.

I wish everyone a terrific summer and am very encouraged by your many accomplishments!

*Dr. Richard Dawe
President
Ozarka College*

SKILLS, Cont.

Dr. McCormick's opening session was entitled, "The Top Ten Things Employers Wish You Knew." She explained how important it is to make a positive impression in a short amount of time. Students were encouraged to look through the eyes of the employer and ask three fundamental questions:

- Can they do the job?
- Will they do the job?
- Are they a good fit for the company?

The day continued with alternating breakout sessions featuring Dr. McCormick and Charlotte Strickland, founder of Strickly Speaking and education seminar coordinator for the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

Dr. McCormick's session was entitled, "Resume and Beyond: Your Personal Branding Toolkit"/"Pitch and Presentation: You are Your Business Card."



Kim Lovelace

This informative session took students through the steps of creating a stand-out resume and cover letter and advised them how to appreciate and promote the uniqueness of what they have to offer to potential employers.



Dr. Jan McCormick

During lunch, students were treated to a fashion show featuring Ozarka College students and employees entitled "What Not to Wear for an Interview." The crowd learned a number of tips and suggestions for dressing for success, while all joined in some good-natured laughter at the examples of interviewees who wouldn't get hired because of their attire. Rick Ramsey, system analyst in Ozarka College's Information Systems Department, officiated as announcer for the fashion show.

Strickland's closing keynote session, "Eight Keys to Success," highlighted the eight key steps to success: vision, being teachable, attitude, willingness to assume responsibility, treating people well, involvement, knowing who you are and perseverance.

Strickland shared fun and engaging examples of each step. She concluded by asking students to consider these steps and ask themselves what they need to start doing, stop doing and continue doing to be successful.

Spring Gala

**Annual Foundation Board event huge success,
raises record funds for new Student Services Center**

Cherry blossoms and cheery donors filled the lobby of the John E. Miller Education Complex March 28 for the 2013 Ozarka College Spring Gala.

The event attracted almost 200 friends of the college and raised close to \$30,000 for the Ozarka College Foundation Student Services Center building fund, said Suelen Davidson, director of advancement for the college.

Guests enjoyed a sponsor reception and dinner of classic prime rib of beef au jus, roasted green and white asparagus, herb-roasted petite potatoes, a spring salad and assorted desserts prepared by the award-winning Ozarka College Culinary Arts department.

A video presentation entitled "Framing the Future" highlighted the college's Student Services division and its efforts in support of student success at Ozarka College.

Liberty Bank served as Spring Gala sponsor. Gold sponsors included Bank of Cave City, Corner Drug Store, First National Banking Company, Freedom Ford and G. H. Miller & Sons. Silver sponsors were BancorpSouth, Century-Link, Cooper Group, First Community Bank, First Service Bank, Hatfield Ready Mix, Mark Herrington, IZARD County Abstract / Bray Law Office, North Arkan-



Guests are shown mingling while being welcomed with a reception of h'orderves and sparkling cider.



Left: Student Government Association President Kelly Shell was the evening's featured speaker. Shell spoke about her experience at Ozarka College, from completing courses that allowed her to graduate high school early to receiving the John E. Miller Honorary Foundation Scholarship that has helped her pay for college expenses.

Below: Mr. Cheatham and Senator Paul Gray Miller share a laugh before the beginning of the night.

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sas Electric Cooperative, Paul Miller Motors, Simmons First Bank, Stephens, Inc., Mark Herrington, Tim Gammill and White River Medical Center.

Tony Watson of Watson and Watson Auction Co. of Melbourne entertained the crowd with a live auction featuring items donated by ARcare, B&B

Supply, Barbara Perryman, BB Johnson, Blayne Allan Photography, Bobby Gray Miller, Cheyenne Diaz, Czeched Aero LLC, First National Bank of IZARD County, Garry Lawrence, Hoover Gilbert, Larry Lawrence, Leon Jennings, M&M Nursery, Mike Watson, Nancy Orr, Pat Kelley, Perry/Munn Pottery, Quality Floor Coverings, Salem Drug Company, Taylor Feed Mill, The Grapevine, The Lemon Tree Boutique, Treva Miller and Williams Equipment. Sysco Foods provided in-kind assistance.

Members of the Ozarka College Foundation Board served as hosts of the event. They include Garry Lawrence, chair, Highland; Diane Zook, vice chair, Melbourne; Leah Rouse, secretary/treasurer, Salem; Mark Herrington, Melbourne; Fred Holzhauer, Highland; Susan Kemp, Mountain View; Beth McEntire-Bess, Ash Flat; and Bobby Gray Miller, Melbourne.

Also, Leta Montgomery, Mammoth Spring; Connie Moser, Calico Rock; Sandy Murphy, Ash Flat; Nancy Orr, Ash Flat; Mayor Jean Pace, Mammoth Spring; Pam Setser, Mountain View; Jane Shipman, Mountain View; Jerry Smith, Mammoth Spring; Donna Sullivan, Mountain View; and Mike Watson, Highland.

CENTER, Cont.

Architects have been meeting with faculty, staff and community representatives to discuss design concepts for the building, which will be located in the center of campus.

In addition to housing admissions and records, counseling and advising services, financial aid, veterans' services, career services, testing services, and group and individual study areas, the building will include the Student Success Center, which offers tutoring and student support services, and space for the Student Government Association, TRiO Student Support Services and Career Pathways Initiative.

"The center will become the hub of activity on campus," Dr. Dawe said, adding that it will feature a modern design with an open student commons area and rooms for student and community events and meetings. A café and catering services will be available.

"While we have money for construction of the building, we will need funding for furnishings, equipment and technology in order to take the project to the next level," Dr. Dawe said. "We plan to launch a capital campaign this summer to raise the additional funds needed to enhance our student services areas in order to make a significant impact on student success at Ozarka College."

Wittenberg, Delony and Davidson designed the master plan for expansion of the Melbourne campus in 2011, Dr. Dawe said, adding that the architects, faculty, staff and community leaders also are working on a master plan for the Ash Flat campus. Master planning is scheduled for the Mountain View campus in 2014.



Students will be able to enjoy additional computer lab space in the new Student Services Center.

Mountain View community turns out for Ozarka, April and the Arts

Ozarka, April and the Arts at Ozarka College – Mountain View focused on the visual, literary and performance artistry of students, staff and community members during Ozarka, April and the Arts April 11 at Ozarka College – Mountain View.

The event included an art exhibit, featuring representative works by Ozarka College

students and staff, the Arkansas Craft School and Mountain View and Timbo high school art classes, as well as a discussion on "The Arts in America Today," by the Ozarka Women's Forum and "Mountain Sounds," a unique blend of musical styles from American and international cultures.



College adds new hires

Chantel Jelks of Mountain View has joined the Ozarka College team as administrative specialist in the Advancement office. Jelks came to Ozarka from Altman Motor Company in Mountain View. She graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1995 and has attended Arkansas State University - Newport.

Shane Kinion of Brockwell has joined the college as a

landscape specialist in the Grounds department. He is a graduate of Izard County Consolidated High School in Brockwell.

Carol Langston of Salem is the executive assistant to the president and development officer. She also will serve as the college's legislative liaison and will supervise the college's public relations and marketing technician. Prior to coming to Ozarka,

she served as vice president for college advancement and executive assistant to the president at Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock.

She has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Central Arkansas and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism/Public Relations from Arkansas State University. She is a 1981 graduate of Salem High School.

2013 Commencement Ceremony Set

More than 400 Ozarka College students are expected to receive associate degrees, technical certificates and certificates of proficiency during the 2013 Ozarka College Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the John E. Miller Education Complex Auditorium at Ozarka College – Melbourne.

State Rep. Tommy Wren of Melbourne will deliver the commencement address during the ceremony, which also will feature recognition of honor graduates and remarks by Ozarka College Board of Trustees Chair Dennis Wiles and President Richard Dawe.

"Commencement is the highlight of the year for the Ozarka College community," Dr. Dawe said. "It's a time to honor our graduates for their academic achievements and to recognize the faculty, staff, family members and friends who played major roles in their success."

Rep. Wren is serving his second term in the Arkansas House

of Representatives. He represents District 62, which includes Izard County and part of Stone and Sharp County.

During the 89th General Assembly, Rep. Wren served on the Revenue and Taxation Committee and the Joint Budget Committee. He also served as chair of the Insurance and Commerce Committee.

For the 88th General Assembly, Rep. Wren served on the House Education Committee, where he was the chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee. He also served on the House Insurance and Commerce Committee, along with the House and Joint Committees on Advanced Communications and Information Technology.

A graduate of Mountain Home High School, Rep. Wren received a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He is involved with Arkansas Farm Bureau, and he enjoys hunting in his free time. He and his wife, Ann, have three young sons.

Summer and Fall registration set

All returning and new students are encouraged to meet with an advisor to plan and register courses for summer and fall semesters. Summer I courses begin May 28, and the summer II session begins July 1. Fall courses begin Aug. 19.

New student orientation is required for all degree-seeking new and transfer students who are enrolling in at least six credit hours for the fall semester.

Students who are required to attend an orientation session but fail to attend orientation will be removed from fall courses. High school students enrolled concurrently are not required to attend an orientation session. Orientation will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates:

- Aug. 5 - Mountain View
- Aug. 6 - Ash Flat
- Aug. 7 - Mammoth Spring

- Aug. 8 - Melbourne
 - Aug. 16 - Melbourne
- Anyone planning to enroll as a new student at Ozarka College must take the ACT or Compass placement assessments. These assessments are required for placement in English, reading and mathematics. The Compass assessment is given by appointment. Photo ID is required to take the assessment.

Lawrence joins Ozarka as VPA

Jason Lawrence joined Ozarka College in January in the new position of vice president of administration. In his role with the college, he is responsible for overseeing the bookstore, cafeteria, physical plant, grounds, safety and all non-academic functions at all four Ozarka campuses.

"Jason's experience in higher education and leadership style have complemented the executive team and helped us achieve greater levels of service to our students," said Dr. Dawe. "Jason is a team player who clearly understands and is committed to the Ozarka mission."

Lawrence holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Arkansas State University and a Master of Business Administration from the Uni-



Jason Lawrence

versity of Arkansas at Little Rock.

He is no stranger to Ozarka College, having served as a faculty member and distance learning specialist. He also served as the director of student resources at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville and left a position in Medical Device Sales at Johnson & Johnson to return to Ozarka College.

A Melbourne native, Lawrence and his wife, Mandy, have two children, Gabe and Jenna.

Gourmet Dinner successful

The Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department hosted three Gourmet Dinners this semester, offering a unique, fine-dining experience for those who attended at the Melbourne campus.

Advanced Culinary Arts students prepared and served the dinner under the direction of instructors Mimi Newsome and Eric Smith.

Gourmet Dinners will be offered again to the public during the fall semester.

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Shell attends Future Leaders Institute

Deltha Shell, Ozarka College's director of TRiO Student Support Services, participated in the American Association of Community Colleges John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute (Roueche-FLI) hosted by GateWay Community College on Feb. 17-22 in Phoenix, Ariz.

The week-long institute is an innovative leadership seminar designed for mid-level community college administrators who are ready to move into a higher level of leadership. These individuals typically have the title of dean, associate dean or director and are responsible for multiple employees on their campus.



Deltha Shell

May GED Testing Schedule

The GED® Test will be given at Ozarka College – Melbourne on May 13 and 22 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building.

The test will also be given at the following locations in February:

•Mountain View	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	May 9 and 21
•Ash Flat	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	May 6 and 13
•Calico Rock	City Hall	9 a.m.	May 30
•Mammoth Spring	Ozarka College	9 a.m.	May 7 and 14
•Salem	Courthouse	9 a.m.	May 7

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated within the last year. There is no cost to take the GED® Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you MUST register by calling Ozarka College at 368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it may be necessary to allow two days for the testing.