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Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.
Cost: \$2.50 or \$3.00 with dessert.

MENU:

Mon 5/10
NO LUNCH SERVED

Tue 5/11
Chef Salad

Wed 5/12
Reuben Sandwich

Thu 5/13
Chicken Fajita

Fri 5/14
Hamburger

Mon 5/17
Pork

Tue 5/18
NO LUNCH SERVED

Wed 5/19
Grilled Chicken Salad

Thu 5/20
Steak & Potato

Fri 5/21
Catfish

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Stone County Students Get Visit from John Grisham, Sr.

John Grisham, Sr. spoke to Marva Anderson's Beginning Writing & Reading Improvement classes at Ozarka College's Stone County Education Center on April 20th. Anderson's classes had been doing book reports and several of her students read books written by Grisham's famous son, author, John Grisham, Jr.

Grisham, Sr. was a drag-line (heavy equipment) operator for many years before becoming a business owner in Southaven, Mississippi. After several years as a business man, he and his wife, Wanda decided to retire. After having visited the Mountain View area on numerous occasions, Grisham, Sr. said they loved the scenic beauty and peaceful atmosphere of the small town. Upon retirement, the couple decided to make Mountain View their home. They have been Stone County residents for eleven years.

The Grisham's have five children, three of whom live in Mississippi. One daughter lives in England and works for Random House Publishing. Their most recognized son, John, Jr., currently lives in the State of Virginia.

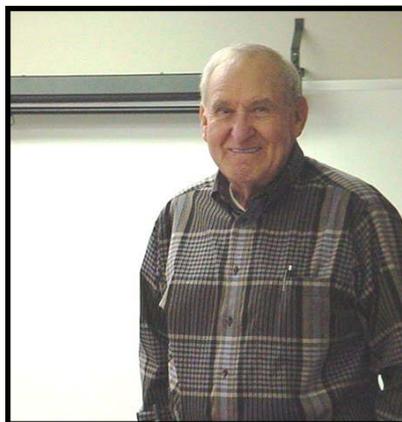
Grisham discussed the success and experiences of his five children and particularly his son John Grisham, Jr., who has authored numerous novels, including *A Time to Kill*, *The Client*, *The Rainmaker*, *Runaway Jury*, *A*

Painted House, and his most recent, *The Last Juror*. Several of his novels have been produced for television and movies. He has casting approval rights for the movies based on his novels and has served as producer for several of the films. His latest movie,

"He writes for six months out of the year and is involved with his other hobby, baseball, during the other half of the year."

Mickey, should air later in April. He also has another movie, *Skip-ping the Holidays*, currently under production.

John Grisham, Jr. was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He is a 1977 graduate of Mississippi State University and 1981 graduate of Ole Miss Law School. He holds an Accounting Degree, as well as a



John Grisham, Sr. of Mountain View

Law Degree. He has been married since 1981 and he and his wife have two children.

After practicing law for about ten years, where he specialized in criminal defense, Grisham, Jr. was elected to the House of Representatives and served as a legislator for seven years. He has since given up his law practice to write. "He writes for six months out of the year and is involved with his other hobby, baseball, during the other half of the year," his father told the class.

When asked if accomplishments or fame has changed their family or the family of his son, Grisham, Sr. stated, "not at all". He went on to say that John (Jr.) is not comfortable talking about himself his accomplishments, or his earnings.

Around Campus

- ◆ **Ozarka Graduation**
Thursday, May 13th @7:30PM
- ◆ **Summer I Registration** -
Continues online through May 28th
WALK-IN: Melbourne May 14
Ash Flat May 17
Mtn. View May 18
- ◆ **Summer I classes begin June 1st**
- ◆ **AAWTYC Meeting**
Tuesday May 11th @11am Miller SDR, *Connect to Color*.
- ◆ **Last Day for Faculty** May 14
- ◆ **Kids College - Mind & Motion**
June 1 - 4, Noon until 4:30 each day. Tuition \$60.

Automotive and Culinary Students Win at SkillsUSA

Pictured below from Left to Right, Automotive Department: Anthony Hunt, Champ Tyrone, Blake Howard, Nathan Walling, Larry Wilkes, Shannon Patty, and Clayton White.



There were six Automotive students who attended the conference. Champ Tyrone of Calico Rock won a silver medal in Job Skill Demonstration; and

Joseph Blake Howard of Strawberry won a bronze medal in Automotive Service Technology. Tyrone assembled and answered questions on an automatic transmission clutch pack in front of a panel of judges. Howard competed against 60 other students in eight different automotive areas. He was required to take a written and hands-on exam. Also attending the competition was Anthony Hunt of Bexar, Nathan Walling of Cave City, Shannon Patty of Newburg, and Clayton White of Melbourne.

Pictured at Right, Culinary Department: (Back row), Sean Reynolds, David Taylor, Kyle Price, Adam Berry, and Chef Tankersley. (Middle row), Beverly Strauser, Laura Beth Simon, Kimberlee Bledsoe, and Jose Aguilar. (Front row), Bekki Taylor, Crystal Bozeman and Jolene McMullen.

Eleven Culinary students competed at the conference, with three students taking Gold Medals and four other medal winners in their divisions. In the Commercial Baking category, Laura Beth Simon of Paris won Gold; Beverly Strauser of Morrilton won Silver; and Crystal Bozeman of Pleasant Plains won Bronze. Also competing in that category was Jolene McMullen of Fayetteville and Bekki Taylor of Desha.

In the Dining Room Service category, Kimberlee Bledsoe of Bald Knob won Gold and David Taylor of Dardanelle won Bronze.

Four students competed in the Culinary Arts category: Sean Reynolds of Mountain Home won Gold, and Kyle Price of Marion won Bronze. Adam Berry of Greers Ferry and Jose Aguilar of Fayetteville also competed.

Ozarka SkillsUSA Advisors, Automotive Service Technology instructor, Larry Wilkes; and Culinary Arts instructor, Chef Rick Tankersley, accompanied the students to Hot Springs.

Tankersley served as the technical chair for this year's culinary competitions.

The Gold medal winning students are now eligible for the National SkillsUSA competition which will take place June 21-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. Simon, Reynolds and Bledsoe, Ozarka's Gold Medal winners in their culinary divisions will attend the National Skills and Leadership Conference in June to compete in their technical field.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations. The state competition boasted a record number this year with 1,371 students competing in 55 events.



Ozarka Continues Improvements to Campus



One of the older buildings at Ozarka College is the old nursing building, which is located behind the Hall Building. Last summer, the inside of the building received a new look, as it was remodeled to serve as the student center.

Currently, the building is getting a much needed "facelift" on the outside. Independent contractor and bricklayer, Steve Riley of Melbourne, is bricking over the metal siding of the building. He and Van Tate are about halfway complete with the work.

Please be cautious around this area over the next several weeks until the project is complete.

Ozarka's Continuing Ed Announces Upcoming Classes

Ozarka's Director of Continuing Education, Karla Rush has announced several opportunities for courses coming up in the next several weeks from golf to fundraising.

❖ **A beginning golf class** will be available on Monday afternoons in conjunction with Coopers' Hawk Golf Club in Melbourne. Students will learn basic USGA rules, fundamentals of the golf swing, holding golf clubs, equipment needed and other general concepts of the sport.

Since this class is strictly for beginners, no advanced or individual instruction will be provided. Students will receive reference materials and will participate as a group in putting, chipping and driving exercises at the golf course.

Chaney Coleman will teach this non-credit course which meets at 6:00 p.m. on May 17 and 24, and June 7 and 14. Cost for the class will be \$40.00 not including the purchase of range balls at the golf course. Since enrollment is limited, pre-registration is required prior to Thursday, May 20.

❖ **An Advanced Cake Decorating class** will begin Tuesday Nights 6-8 p.m., May 25 through June 15, at Ozarka in Melbourne.

This class is open to students who have previously completed Wilton Cake Decorating Parts I and II. Tuition cost is \$60.00 which includes supplies and materials. Registration deadline is May 10.

❖ **A Fundraising Course** is Set For June at The Center for Workforce Education at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville. UACCB and the Business Outreach Division of Ozarka College are cooperatively offering a four-week training course titled "Fundraising Essentials". The class will provide an overview of fundraising activities, evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, discuss how various activities work for specific organizations, and look at integrating different activities and strategies into a successful annual fundraising plan.

Topics for the four-week class include how non-profit groups can generate funds, what works for different organizations, marketing activities and public relations, and development of annual fundraising plans.

Bob Pest will be the instructor for this non-credit course. Pest has worked successfully to secure funding for projects for the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) and has extensive experience as a consultant

for non-profit organizations. He is co-founder of the Ozark Foothills Film-Fest and currently chairs the board of directors for that organization.

Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. on June 8, 10, 15 and 17 at Independence Hall (Room 103) on the UACCB campus in Batesville. Cost for the course is \$60.00. To register, contact Kathleen McNamee at 870-612-2081 or Karla Rush at 870-368-7371.

❖ **Instant Piano** For Hopelessly Busy People will be offered again this summer on Thursday, July 1, 2004 6-9:30 p.m.

This workshop is provided by Music Masters School from Tunnel Hill, Georgia. The seminar is a short course on how to teach yourself to play piano by ear. The workshop will be held in the Lecture Hall of the Miller Education Complex. Cost includes \$40.00 tuition plus \$25.00 for materials.

To register, call 368-7371 or email karla@ozarka.edu. For more information on any of these courses or to register, please contact Karla Rush at 870-368-7371 or email at karla@ozarka.edu.

Ozarka Boasts Successful Grantwriting

Ozarka College is proud of some recent success in the grant writing department. Several different departments have been awarded grants for improvements.

The Ozarka Library will receive \$2 for every \$1 they raise up to \$350 from the Libri Foundation. This money can be used to purchase children's books for the library.

The Stone County Education Center has been awarded \$1,000 from Entergy. This money has been designated for the Science Lab in the new building.

Ozarka in Ash Flat has been awarded a \$500 Environmental Grant from Wal-Mart in Ash Flat. This grant money will be used for landscaping materials.

The Department of Human Services has awarded the Ozarka Kids Academy \$2,000 for new playground equipment.

The National Education Association awarded \$2,000 to the AAT Program for its Future Teachers Conference that took place in March.

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New Face in Ozarka's Nursing Department



The Practical Nursing Department of Ozarka College has a new staff member. Stacy Dale of Melbourne was hired last month to join the Ozarka College family as LPN secretary. She began on Monday, April 26th and is already receiving praise from the instructors in the department. Division Chair and LPN Instructor, Ruby Johnson compliments Dale, "She is absolutely wonderful! After only a week, Stacy is on top of everything and is very efficient in her work."

Stacy may be a new face to the nursing students, but she is not a new face at Ozarka. She has been a student of the college as well as a work study in the Finance Department for a year-and-a-half. A lifelong resident of Melbourne, Stacy graduated from Melbourne High School and worked at the wood flooring plant for 14 years.

Her many hobbies and interests include raising calves, walking and being an active member of her church, the Melbourne Church of Christ. "My favorite thing to do is play with my five nieces and nephews," Dale admits. "I spend as much time as I can with them," she adds. Stacy will also be participating in Izard County's Relay for Life later in the summer.

Stacy says, "I already knew that Ozarka was a great place to work with its friendly atmosphere." She continues, "I am excited about working with the Nursing Department. This job will give me the opportunity to help students the way I was helped by Ozarka faculty and staff when I was a student."