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Who is ollabelle?

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

MENU:

Mon 2/5

Catfish

Tue 2/6

Pork Cutlets

Wed 2/7

Chicken, Pasta & Red Sauce

Thu 2/8

Taco Salad

Fri 2/9

Chicken Strips

Mon 2/12

Baked Fish

Tue 2/13

Fried Chicken

Wed 2/14

Hamburger & FF

Thu 2/15

Teriyaki Chicken

Fri 2/16

Pizza & Salad

Students of the Fall Semester Announced

The Ozarka College academic and technical departments have named their Students of the Semester for Fall 2006. To be eligible for this honor, students must be enrolled full-time, earn a "B" average or better, and exhibit a positive attitude, good work habits, and a willingness to help others. Other criteria include quality of classroom performance and the ability to get along with peers. The individuals selected for student of the Semester are considered at the end of the academic year for Student of the Year for each department.

Those selected include Melissa Bonds of Mountain View, Associate of Arts in Teaching; Jason Cheatham of Melbourne, Automotive Service Technology; Rebecca Coker of Cherokee Village, Business Technology; Kelly McClung of Mountain View, Associate of Arts/College Transfer; Melonie Gregory of Batesville, Culinary Arts; Terry Pennington of Timbo, Practical Nursing; Misty Scrivner of Sidney, Registered Nursing; Carol Lester of Williford, Early Childhood Education; and Dianna Watson of Hardy, TRiO/Student Support Services.

Benefit Concert and Ceremony to Honor Pittman

On Saturday, February 24, 2007, Ozarka College faculty, staff and student council will host *Ollabelle* in concert at the John Miller Auditorium of Ozarka College in Melbourne. Proceeds from the concert will be used for a scholarship in honor of Dr. Wally Pittman who was a long time social science instructor at the college and passed away on January 5th.

According to Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm, who is organizing the concert, "Wally Pittman will be missed tremendously by his students and colleagues. He had a passion for teaching and was a true asset to Ozarka. The Student Council, faculty and staff members, along with Wally's family wanted to honor him with an endowed scholarship and this concert will serve as a vehicle to raise monies toward that effort."

Along with the concert, a committee has organized a memorial celebration to honor Pittman on Thursday, February 15, at 11AM in the auditorium of the Miller Building. This event is open to the public and will include presentations by college officials, students, as well as the Pittman family.

Ollabelle's music is an eclectic mix of gospel, blues, bluegrass, and country influences to create timelessly rich music that honors the integrity of its sources while remaining effortlessly contemporary. One of the five members of *Ollabelle* is vocalist and musician, Amy Helm, daughter of Levon Helm of *The Band*.

Other members are Fiona McBain, Byron Isaacs, Tony Leone, and Glenn Patscha. They have toured with such acts as Diana Krall, Ryan Adams, and Buddy Miller; and have shared the stage with Alison Krauss and Union Station while touring with the Great High Mountain Tour. For more information on *Ollabelle*, visit their website at ollabelle.net or myspace.com/ollabelle.

The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. on February 24. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and can be purchased through faculty, student council or at any Ozarka College location.

Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
- ◆ **Quiz Bowl** Feb. 7th 8:00 AM.
- ◆ **PBL Meeting** Feb. 8th 11:00 AM C116 Compressed Video -Miller Complex.
- ◆ **Big Discussion** Feb. 12th 10AM Auditorium in Melbourne and 1PM in the Lecture Hall in Ash Flat (See Page 3)
- ◆ **Student Council Meeting** Feb. 13th 11:00 AM C116 Compressed Video -Miller Complex.
- ◆ **VALENTINE'S DAY** FEB. 14TH

CHECK THE NEW ONLINE
CAMPUS CALENDAR FOR
MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Master Gardeners Partner with Urban Forestry Grant



Pictured left to right are IZARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS who participated: Ira Burdine, Betty Best, Jerry Thompson, Tom Hardin, Wayne Boren, Virginia Sulser, Evellyn Williams and Dee Webb.

The Master Gardeners of IZARD County elected to participate in fourth Urban Forestry Grant awarded to Ozarka College in conjunction with the City of Melbourne.

On January 9th, the Master Gardeners met at the IZARD County Courthouse square along with Dave Rush and Sean Ferrari of Ozarka College

to plant six trees. The trees included a blue spruce, a red maple, two rose of Sharon's, and two crepe myrtles.

Future plans include planting trees within the city limits for beautification. There will be trees planted at the new ball field, the sheriff's department, the new Melbourne school, Ozarka College parking lot island, and various locations between Fred's to Lexi's Home Sweet Home on the

north side of Highway 9. There will also be an Arbor Day celebration this spring.

Melbourne Mayor, Mike Cone is hopeful that Melbourne will qualify for Tree City USA before the end of the year.

This project is supported in part by the Arkansas Forestry Commission's Urban Forestry Program and the U. S. Forest Service.

TRiO Hosting Transfer Day

On Thursday, February 22, from Noon until 3PM, Ozarka College's TRiO Department will host their annual Transfer Day in the John E. Miller Educational Complex in Melbourne. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from many colleges and universities from around the State. For further information, contact Transfer Specialist, John Petersen at 368-2039 or jpetersen@ozarka.edu.

"Making it Count"

During January, Ozarka College Tech Prep Coordinator, Kim Lovelace in conjunction with Admissions hosted a seminar for area high school students entitled "Making it Count"

The seminar featured guest speaker Randy Walker, who spoke to junior and seniors about college and the process of admissions, financial aid and other aspects of that process.

The Ozarka College Admis-

sions Department hosted fun games, prizes along with information specific to Ozarka College to the groups while they were not in the session.

Students in attendance were from Melbourne, Mt. Pleasant, Timbo, and Viola.

Student Ambassadors, Ian Williams and Kristine Simmons assisted with the games which includes a cookie stacking contest,

mummy contest, and unique catch game.



Ambassador Simmons helps with the fun and games by supplying "TP" to participants for the mummy game.

County Judges Proclaim February *Big Read Month*



Ozarka College is hosting several events during the month of February in conjunction with the *Big Read*. To help raise awareness of reading and the Big Read, the county judges in Ozarka's service area have proclaimed February as **The Big Read Month**.

As part of its month-long celebration of *The Grapes of Wrath*, there were Big Events scheduled to take place this week which included Nancy Steinbeck, former wife of John Steinbeck's son, John IV. Nancy was unable to participate in these events and they have been cancelled.

Ozarka's coordinator for the Big Read announced today that The Big Discussion will now take place on Monday, February 12 at 10AM in the Miller Auditorium and 1PM at Ash Flat in the Lecture Hall. This event will include David Kipen, director of literature for the National Endowment for the Arts to lead a discussion on *The Grapes of Wrath*. Stirling says the discussion event is open to the public.



DAVID KIPEN

Kipen joined the NEA in September 2005 as the director of literature. Among his responsibilities, Kipen leads the agency's national leadership initiatives in literature, including the Big Read and Poetry Out Loud. He also oversees the review process for literature applications.

Beginning in 2000, Kipen, was the book critic for the *San Francisco Chronicle* where he reviewed six to eight books each month. He was also a book critic and essayist for National Public Radio's "Day to Day" and presented Santa Monica station KCRW-FM's weekly commentary and podcast "Overbooked." Prior to working with the Chronicle, Kipen was the senior editor of *Buzz* magazine, editing and helping to write the "What's the Buzz?" section about his native Southern California.

He is the editor and author of the recently published book *The Schreiber Theory: A Radical Rewrite of Film History from Agee to Zaillian*. Kipen received his bachelor's degree in literature from Yale University in 1985.

Ozarka College is one of 72 communities nationwide participating in the Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA sponsors the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

For more information on this event, please contact Stirling at gstirling@ozarka.edu or 870-368-2007. Later in the month on February 28, the Big Eat and Fashion Show will take place in Melbourne. More details will follow in the next edition.



Pictured: Stone County Judge Stacey Avey (seated in center) signs the Proclamation while area students, youth leadership members and Ozarka personnel look on.

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Paul Miller Fitness Center Offering Arthritis Exercise

Ozarka College will again offer the "Arthritis Exercise" fitness course in the John E. Miller Education Complex beginning on Monday, February 5. The four main components of the class will be exercise, health education, movement activities and relaxation exercises.

This twelve-week continuing education class will meet on Monday

and Wednesday mornings from 10-11:15 a.m. through April 25. Fitness Center staff member, Clara Ballard along with center director, Holly Ayers will coordinate the class for persons who wish to increase joint flexibility and to maintain muscle strength.

Previous participants in this program benefited from increased functional ability and decreased

pain from arthritis. This course will follow guidelines provided by the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program.

Students should register in advance at the Paul Miller Fitness Center or call 870-368-2090, or email hayers@ozarka.edu. Course fee is \$25.00



Anonymous Donation Helps Student

An anonymous donation of \$250.00 was made this month to the Ozarka College Development office with the intention of helping a nursing student at the college. Cindy Hurley, of Batesville, was selected by a scholarship committee as the recipient of the funds. Hurley is a third semester student in the 18-month practical nursing program. She will graduate in May of this year.

Ozarka College President, Dusty R. Johnston; along with Director of Advancement, Karla Rush; and Admissions Assistant, Laura Lawrence awarded the stipend on Monday to a surprised Hurley. She said she was "very appreciative to the donor." Her plans are to work as an LPN after graduation in May and eventually complete the RN program.