

# Ozarka College Connection

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## Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time Begins April 3rd. Don't forget to set your clock forward an hour.

Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.  
Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50

### MENU:

Mon 3/21	Chicken Strips
Tue 3/22	Hamburger Steak
Wed 3/23	Pork Chop
Thu 3/24	Swiss Steak
Fri 3/25	Fish & Chips
Mon 3/28	Grilled Chicken Salad
Tue 3/29	Reuben Sandwich
Wed 3/30	Mexican Plate
Thu 3/31	Chicken Fried Steak
Fri 4/1	Chef's Choice

## Upcoming Fundraising Events: Spring Gala & Auction

✂ The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors will be sponsoring its annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 2, 2005. 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. followed by a short music program. 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 James Spurlock in the Ozarka College Development Office at 870-994-7273.

✂ The Ozarka College Foundation Board is holding a benefit auction and music show on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Perryman and Perryman Auction Company will be donating their time to conduct the auction of nearly \$10,000 worth of merchandise and services given by area businesses and supporters.

Music will be provided by Harmony, Homemade Jam, Leatherwoods and River Rats beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the

main auditorium of the Ozark Folk Center. The auction will follow the music program.

Items to be auctioned include: autographed John Grisham books, various coins and coin sets, gas grill, heater, bed and breakfast stays, pottery, quilt rack, Adirondack chair, white oak basket, a Dell laptop computer, several framed paintings by local artists, a quilt, gift baskets, Ducks Unlimited throw, various furniture items and tools, and a 14-kt. gold, amethyst and diamond ring.

Also included are gift certificates for legal services, computer services, dump truck load of gravel or soil, teeth whitening, manicure, massage, golf rounds, beauty products, canoe rentals, vehicle maintenance, movie rentals, tax preparation, computer repair, yoga classes, Branson Shows and dry cleaning.

Many certificates for dinners and products from area restaurants and businesses are available. Other items are an autographed Dead Kennedys guitar, a men's Pulsar watch and several pieces of locally hand-crafted ironworks furniture.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward building the

Stone County Science Lab. The Foundation Board has been working actively to raise \$100,000 needed by the college to include a science lab in the new Mountain View facility soon to become the permanent home for the Ozarka College education outreach to Stone County. For more information, call 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.
- ◆ **Relay for Life Meeting** - Tuesday, March 22nd 11AM in the Small Dining Room.
- ◆ **Arbor Day Celebration - March 23rd 10:45AM in front of the Hall Bldg. in Melbourne. 2:00PM at the NEW Ozarka facility in Ash Flat.**
- ◆ **SAEA Meeting** - Thursday, March 24th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- ◆ **PTK EVENTS:** Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday, March 24th at 10AM. Induction Ceremony - April 5th at 11AM in the Lecture Hall with orientation for new members on March 29th. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 29th at 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- ◆ **"King Arthur and the Magic Sword" Play** - Thursday, March 24th at 10AM in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Adult Ed. SPRINGFEST** - Thursday, March 31st at 5PM.

## Student Pursues New Career in GIS

One non-traditional student at Ozarka College, Paul Ruehl, is learning a new trade after an injury forced him to quit his job as an over-the-road truck driver. Ruehl is now pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree with a focus in GIS (Geographic Information Systems).



Paul Ruehl

A resident of Leslie, Ruehl took a part time position in the surveying department with CENARK Project Management Inc. headquartered in Fairfield Bay. CENARK is a company that offers services in civil engineering, as well as, design, inspection and construction. After learning that the company planned to upgrade their

surveying equipment from GPS to GIS, Ruehl saw an opportunity to seek a new career and advance with a growing Arkansas based company.

"I heard about a new program on GIS technology at Ozarka College and decided to take some courses to see if it was something that would interest me," states Ruehl. He is currently enrolled in an introductory GIS course and a Homeland Security course, and doing very well, according to Jay D. McCrackin, instructor for the coursework.

The Homeland Security course utilizes GIS technology to focus on management and analysis of the many various geographical elements of local and global

communities. McCrackin explains, "part of the course work involves developing, documenting, and analyzing individual projects. Using the software in our computer lab, Paul has put together detailed maps of a Washington D.C. Homeland Security Preparedness Plan, including evacuation routes and transit locations."

Paul states that he is excited about his new career path and looks forward to learning more about geospatial technology in his pursuit of an Associate of Applied Science degree. "I am eager to learn all I can about this field of study and hope it will open new doors for me in the job market."

## Two Ozarka Students "Tie the Knot"



The Hacker's at their home with the picnic table.

March 12th will be a day two Ozarka College students remember each year. It will mark their wedding anniversary.

David Hacker and Shandle Barnhart Hacker met while in Comp II class last year and began their relationship from a picnic table while studying for that same class.

As a special Valentine Day gift in February of this year,

Hacker approached Ozarka College officials about purchasing the picnic table as a gift for his then fiancée. Although the college could not sell the table to him, he was able to buy another picnic to replace the one he wanted for Shandle.

The College's Maintenance Department even delivered the table to Shandle's residence in time for Valentine's Day.

David is pursuing his Associate

of Arts in Teaching degree, while Shandle wants to eventually gain her Registered Nursing Degree.

David also had a plaque made for the table to memorialize the occasion.



# DAR Rep Speaks to Ozarka's AAWTYC



*Elizabeth Cooper of DAR in Independence County.*

The Arkansas Association of Women in Two Year Colleges (AAWTYC) met Tuesday, March 8, in the small dining room of Ozarka College for their regular monthly meeting. Joyce Goff, Vice Chairman, introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Elizabeth Cooper of Melbourne.

Cooper is the Chapter Regent of the Independence County National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Her presentation included the history of DAR, the organization, both on a national and local level, and how to become a member of the DAR. Cooper brought pictures of her participation in the Arkansas State Conference as well as the national conference in Washington DC, where she represented Arkansas as a

delegate and served as the only Arkansas page during the week's session in July of 2004.

During the state conference for DAR last week, Cooper was named as the outstanding junior member of Arkansas.

## VFW to Award Scholarship

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Highland VFW, Post 4772, will fund another scholarship to an Ozarka College student beginning in the Fall 2005. The \$500.00 stipend will be available to one student, at \$250.00 per semester, as long as the recipient maintains at least a "C" average. This will be the second year for this particular scholarship.

The recipient must be a full-time student who resides within the four-

county Ozarka College service area (Fulton, Izard, Sharp or Stone counties), demonstrate a financial need, and either be a veteran of the United States military or be a direct descendant of a United States veteran.

Applicants will be required to prepare a two page essay to be included with the scholarship application, briefly addressing family background, community service, academic plans, career goals, and their financial need. The essay

should not include personal information to reveal the identity of the applicant.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 20<sup>th</sup>. To obtain an Ozarka College Scholarship Packet, contact the Admissions office at 870-368-2028, or pick up the packet at Ozarka College in Melbourne, or the Sharp or Stone County Education Centers.

## "Change Lives by Giving Change" Successful

Ozarka's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life team kicked off their fundraising efforts in March with a week long change collection campaign, entitled, "Change Lives by Giving Change." The following week, the team had a contest to see if anyone could guess how much change had been collected.

Joanna Fulbright won the contest with one of her guesses, which was closest to the \$510.56 that was collected. She won on Ozarka College long sleeve t-shirt.

Including the money collected for guesses, there was \$612.56 collected for the Relay efforts.

Anyone interested in joining Ozarka's Relay for Life team, please attend the next meeting on March 22, at 11AM in the Small Dining Room where plans will be made for fundraising during the month of April. Call Trish Miller, team captain for more information or to make a donation at 368-2047.



**Joanna Fulbright sporting her new Ozarka College shirt.**

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## Online Registration Beginning March 21st

Students currently enrolled at Ozarka College may register online using their [my.ozarka.edu](http://my.ozarka.edu) accounts for upcoming Summer I, II and/or Fall semesters beginning March 21<sup>st</sup>. Those students should first check with their advisor for release and contact the Finance Office to pay tuition and fees.

Summer I classes will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> and be available in Melbourne, Mountain View, Ash Flat, as well as online and telecourses.

Some traditional courses offered at the main campus in Melbourne during Summer I are Microbiology and Lab, Physical Science and Lab, Fundamentals of Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Arkansas History, American History I, Information Processing, Keyboarding I & II, and English Composition I.

Courses available through interactive video at all three Ozarka locations (Ash Flat, Melbourne, and

Mountain View) during the first summer semester are World Literature I, World Civilization I and General Psychology. Interactive courses available in Ash Flat and Melbourne only, include Business Principles and Personal Health & Wellness. Electronic Business Machines, Administrative Support Procedures II, and Electronic Spreadsheet will be available through interactive video at Melbourne and Mountain View only.

There will also be several Internet courses offered during Summer I, including Computerized Accounting, Financial Planning, Computer Information Systems, Interpersonal Communication, Global Communication, Fine Arts: Theater, Developmental Psychology, and Social Problems. Introduction to Sociology will be available as an AETN telecourse.

To see a complete list of the courses available during Summer I, Summer II, or the Fall 2005 terms, log on to [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu) or call 870-368-7371 for more information.