

# Ozarka College Connection

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**Welcome All New & Returning Students!**

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

### MENU:

Mon 8/15

**Broccoli & Chicken Casserole**

Tue 8/16

**Taco Salad**

Wed 8/17

**Meatloaf/**

**Hamburger Steak**

Thu 8/18

**Roast Beef**

Fri 8/19

**Catfish**

Mon 8/22

**Baked Pork Chops**

Tue 8/23

**Chicken Salad**

**Sandwich**

Wed 8/24

**Grilled Chicken Salad**

Thu 8/25

**Goulash & Salad**

Fri 8/26

**Salmon**

## Ozarka Employees Honored at Breakfast

The Fall Semester at Ozarka College begins on August 22nd, but for Ozarka Faculty, Staff and Administration the semester is already busy. All faculty members that were not teaching over the summer months were back on campus last Wednesday to prepare for a new academic year.

To begin the day, an employee breakfast was held and Interim President, Gayle Cooper recognized those employees who have worked at the college for more than 10 years with certificates and gifts.

Nine employees have been with Ozarka for 10-14 years. Those include:

- \* Shirley Hill - 10 yrs

- \* Tina Wheelis - 10 yrs
- \* Dan Lindsey - 11 yrs
- \* Ron Helm - 12 yrs
- \* Karen Owens - 12 yrs
- \* Rex Whitfield - 12 yrs
- \* Mimi Newsome - 13 yrs
- \* Joyce Goff - 13 yrs
- \* Debbie Yancey - 14 yrs

Six employees have worked fulltime for 15-19 years:

- \* Trish Miller - 15 yrs
- \* Larry Wilkes - 16 yrs
- \* Joyce Baker - 17 yrs
- \* Phil Gillihan - 18 yrs
- \* Mary E. Hawkins - 18 yrs
- \* Ron Stovall - 19 yrs

Serving between 20-24 years are two employees:

- \* Wayne Wilson - 21 yrs
- \* Ronny Rush - 23 yrs

Two employees of Ozarka have worked for the institution for 30+ years:

- \* Gayle Cooper - 30 yrs
  - \* Libby Cone - 32 yrs
- More about Cone and her dedication to Ozarka College since before Ozarka opened its doors, can be found on page two.

The Ozarka College Kitchen Staff, Brenda Morris and Kenda Levett prepared a nice breakfast to welcome everyone into a new semester. Ozarka's Development Officer, Jim Fenton, spoke with employees about the endowment and offered new faculty and staff members an opportunity to donate.



Above, Cooper presents a certificate and gift to Trish Miller for her 15 years of dedication to Ozarka.



Left: Employees enjoy breakfast.

## Around Campus

- ◆ **Open Registration**  
August 15-19
- ◆ **New Student Orientation & Registration -**  
Monday 8/15 - AAT & Technical  
Tuesday 8/16 - Last Name L-Z  
Wednesday 8/17- Last Name A-K  
9AM in Lecture Hall
- ◆ **Day & Evening Classes Begin**  
**August 22**
- ◆ **Late Registration Though**  
**August 25th**
- ◆ **Online Class Orientation**  
August 25th at 3:30 PM

# Cone Surpasses 32 Years at Ozarka



**Pictured (LtoR):**  
Gary Phillips, Ron Helm, Libby Cone, Gayle Cooper, and Barbara Perryman.



**Cooper and Cone**  
receive gifts for  
their 30 years of  
service.

On July 15, 1973, Libby Cone took a position as a bookkeeper in an office building in downtown Melbourne with Dr. Walter Hall in preparation to open a vocational technical school in the area. Two years later forty-three students graduated

from "Ozarka Vocational Technical School", and thirty-two years later, Cone is still an employee of Ozarka College.

Cone says one of the first things she and Dr. Hall did when she was hired was make a trip to Little Rock to learn how to do a payroll for the two of them. She is now the Personnel Assistant II and Administrative Assistant, but her job duties are somewhat different than what they were when it was only she and Hall. Libby is a member of Administrative Council, she handles all personnel documentation including insurance and other employee benefits, she is the recording secretary for the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board of Trustees, and she schedules events for the buildings and rooms on campus.

Cone is a member of the Arkansas College and Uni-

versity Personnel Association (ARCUPA), the Arkansas Association of Women in Two Year Colleges (AAWTYC), the Board of the Melbourne Housing Authority, and the First Baptist Church of Melbourne. In 2003, Libby was honored with being selected by her fellow co-workers as the Arkansas Association of Two Year College (AATYC) outstanding staff person for the year.

Libby grew up in Morrilton and attended college down the road from her hometown, in Russellville at Arkansas Tech University. She has also taken classes at Lyon College and Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. She worked at Worthen Bank & Trust in Little Rock before moving to Melbourne.

Libby's husband, Mike, serves as the mayor of Melbourne and has worked hard for Ozarka College in his position. He is also Vice President and Branch Manager of the Melbourne branch of First National Banking Company (FNBC). Libby's other family members include, daughter, Tiffany Webb and her husband Kelly, who live in Mount Pleasant with their children, Tyler and Kiley. Libby's son Michael and his

wife Tracy live in Melbourne.

Her favorite pastime is spending time with her grandchildren, but she also enjoys traveling. She has been to England, Scotland, Wales, St. Thomas, Hawaii, Alaska, and this Spring traveled to Italy and Greece.

According to another 30 year veteran of Ozarka College, Vice President of Finance, recently appointed as interim President, Gayle Cooper, Libby has been a dedicated employee of the college. "Libby is always willing to do her job as well as assist others when they need help with something. She is also a strong supporter of Ozarka and active in school and community functions. Libby is just a good example of what Ozarka College wants to portray in its employees and this institution is lucky to have her."

When asked her feelings about working in one place for thirty-two years, Cone answered, "It has been an honor and a privilege for me to work at Ozarka and to see it grow from a vocational technical school to a two-year fully accredited institution of higher education." She concludes, "The people that I work with at Ozarka are a wonderful group and have made Ozarka what it is today."



## Geology Lab Includes Field Trip to Blanchard

During the Summer II term, students in Donald Loedding's Essentials of Earth Science Lab took field trips to study minerals, rocks, and fossils. One trip was to Blanchard Springs Cavern (picture at left). These students also visited the LaCrosse rock quarry to identify minerals and rocks as well as performing field tests.

Loedding is an adjunct instructor from Violet Hill. There were seventeen students in the class who are preparing for a degree in Education.

## Ozarka Awarded Third Consecutive Urban Forestry Grant

For the third consecutive year, Ozarka College has been selected as a recipient of the Arkansas Forestry Commission Urban and Community Forestry Assistance grant. This grant program is funded jointly by the United States Forestry Service and the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

According to Joan Stirling, Director of Special Projects at Ozarka, "the previous forestry grants have helped to raise awareness in the communities about the importance of trees as well as enhancing the beauty and appeal of the college grounds. The funds have been used for landscaping, an Arbor Day tree-planting celebration, watering systems, hosting an educational Tree City Dinner for surrounding city officials interested in urban forestry,

education for the college's landscaper, and the adoption of an Ozarka College tree ordinance."

Stirling goes on to note, "this third grant will allow Ozarka College continue its tree planting and maintenance on the three campuses, install a watering system at the new Ozarka College-Mountain View facility, host another Tree City USA luncheon for city officials, phase three of a tree inventory to be carried out as a learning project for students, carry out another Arbor Day tree planting celebration, and host a woodland-urban interface seminar on each campus."

Former member of maintenance, Dave Rush, was offered the new position of Landscape Supervisor this year because of

his enthusiasm and expertise in carrying out the previous forestry projects. He will continue his education in urban forestry as well sharing his knowledge through informational articles in Ozarka College's Campus newsletter.

Several local, state, and urban foresters, will once again serve as project consultants for the duration of this grant to assist with seminars, Tree City luncheon, and Arbor Day celebrations.

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

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-Joan Stirling

## Rush Speaks to AARP Members



AARP Program Director, Charles E. Miller presented Rush with a gift in appreciation for her time.

Friday, August 5, Ozarka's Director of College Advancement, Karla Rush was asked to speak to the Horseshoe Bend AARP members about the opportunities available at Ozarka College. Almost 60 members were present at the meeting which took place at Hill High Resort in Horseshoe Bend.

## GED Testing For August

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne on August 29 & 31 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 August:

- ~Ash Flat - Courthouse  
9:00 a.m. Aug. 15 & 26
- ~Mountain View - Ozarka College MV  
9:00 a.m. Aug. 16 & 23
- ~Mammoth Spring - Simmons First National Bank  
9:00 a.m. Aug. 17 & 22
- ~Salem - Courthouse  
9:00 a.m. Aug. 22 & 30

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated after January 1, 2002. 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.

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## Ozarka College Mountain View Prepares for Fall



The ten acre parcel of land off Meadow View Drive form Highway 14 is situated near the Mountain View High School and Stone County Medical Center. The new road going into the property has been named "Ozarka College Drive".

The 9300 square foot building houses five classrooms, two of which

are interactive video and one computer lab; a reference room, faculty and staff offices, and a science lab which is in the process of being completed.

Currently there are 53 classes being offered in Mountain View for the Fall.

Although there is only a couple of weeks of transition between the end of Summer II and the beginning of Fall semester, plans are set to begin classes at the new Ozarka College facility in Mountain View. Between Maintenance, Grounds, Information Systems, and other staff of the college, the new building will be ready for students on August 22nd.

Open House is planned for 11AM on September 15 for the new facility.



**Director of Information Systems, Scott Pinkston working to get computers up and running.**



**Skilled Trades Worker, Ron Stovall, puts a coat of paint on the television cabinets he built for one interactive video room.**