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**Be sure and
get your
Ozarka Gear
in the Ozarka
Bookstore!**

**From
the
Kitchen**

The Kitchen has changed the menu up for this Semester.

There will now be a grilled item each day, along with a Salad Bar, Soup, Chicken Strip, and the daily entrée. The menu is online so check it out!
**Lunch Served
11AM-12:30 PM
(12:15 on Fridays)**

Ozarka Mountain View Closer to Expansion

In October of this year, Ozarka College officials announced preliminary planning for expansion at the Mountain View facility, after the College's Board of Trustees had unanimously approved a resolution to provide construction funding through institutional bond restructure at their quarterly meeting held in September.

Ozarka College executed the bond sale of \$3,515,000 on December 2, 2009 for capital construction of the new education building in Mountain View. Bond revenues in the amount of \$1,090,000 will be used for the project and the College will supplement that amount with existing capital construction funds. A portion of the revenues will also be used to retire existing bond debt from their 2002 issue.

During a Special Meeting of the Ozarka College Board of Trustees on December 3, the sale was formalized. Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe stated, "I am appreciative of the Board's support and enthusiasm for this needed facility at the College's Mountain View site. This will allow us to continue to grow student enrollment in Stone County. We're looking forward to selecting an architect very soon and breaking ground early spring of 2010. I would also like to express our appreciation for the local and regional institutions who invested in our bond and as a result have chosen to invest in our students and the communities we serve."

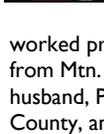
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New Faces Around Ozarka College

Several new faculty and staff members have been added to the fulltime list of employees for Ozarka College. New employees include: Delynne Duerkes, Administrative Assistant in Ash Flat; DeEdra "DeeDe" Steed, Human Resources; Penny Ramsey, Institutional Services; John Petersen, Career Coach Sharp County; and Lori Sullivan, Career Coach Stone County.



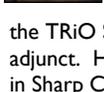
Delynne began working during the Fall 09 semester at Ash Flat after moving to Horseshoe Bend from the State of Maryland a year ago. Having a background working in higher education, Delynne enjoys working with students. She and her husband, have a grown son who recently moved to the area with his wife and son.



DeeDe has a background in Human Resources, as she worked previously in that capacity in ASU Mtn. Home. She is originally from Mtn. Home but moved to Melbourne a little over a year ago. Her husband, Phillip is Farm Bureau Agency Manager for Izard and Fulton County, and they have four children.



Penny has been at the college since mid-November working in the Institutional Services Department. The pride and enthusiasm she takes in her work became evident right away to those who work around her. She and her husband Bob live in Melbourne.



Petersen is not a new face at Ozarka, as he has been part of the TRiO SSS program for several years and worked before that as an adjunct. He has taken a new role beginning in 2010 as the Career Coach in Sharp County.



Lori is a Mountain View native, making her a perfect fit as the Career Coach for Stone County schools. She and her husband Matt, moved back to the Mountain View area several years ago from Houston, Texas, where she was a school teacher. They have three children from a 3 year old to a Fourth grader.



Around Campus

- ◆ **Online Class Orientation**
January 11 at 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Izard County Spelling Bee**
January 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Sr. High Quiz Bowl:**
January 20 at 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Stone County Youth Leadership Program** January 20 at 9:00 a.m. at OCMV.
- ◆ **SGA Meet & Greet at OCAF,** January 13 & 14 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Cyber Café.
(See Page 3 for Details)

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT
EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS
CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS
CALENDAR AT
WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER
NEWS & EVENTS**

Congratulations!

Fall 2009 Nursing Graduates Honored at Capping & Pinning

Practical and Registered Nursing graduates at Ozarka College were honored at a Recognition Ceremony in the John E. Miller Education Complex on December 8, 2009.

Students completing their studies in practical nursing were: Mandy Brokaw of Melbourne, Jerry Clagg of Wiseman, Aaron Dailing of Melbourne, Joy Elrod of Melbourne, Lindsey Faulkner of Melbourne, Kayla Finley of Sidney, Raegan Groves of Melbourne, Katie Lawrence of Melbourne, Joanna Lee of Evening Shade, Jared Middleton of Evening Shade, Kelly Morgan of Hardy, Meagan Hollowell-Vickers of Melbourne, Rebecca Whitten of Melbourne, and Hazel Wilcox of Mammoth Spring.

Students completing studies in registered nursing through the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) program located at Ozarka College were: Angela Carter of Melbourne, Sarah Colvin of Evening Shade, Alexander Easley of Cave City, Donna Galloway of Calico Rock, Jacob Goff of Sidney, Roy Guiltner of Mt. Pleasant, Kasey Lawrence of Melbourne, Toni Lindsey of Calico Rock, Michelle Meeker of Wiseman, Stephanie Patrick of Oxford, Lori Richards of Williford, Mike Rogers of Mountain View, Christina Rush of Melbourne, Kristi Russell of Melbourne, Nathan West of Ash Flat, and Jeffrey Wilson of Cherokee Village.

After Ozarka President, Dr. Richard Dawe welcomed guests attending the ceremony; and Andrea Meeker offered the Invocation;

ARNEC Program Director, Jill Hasley of Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, Nashville Campus opened the ceremony.

Nursing students and faculty members recognized outstanding students, as well as the top facilities and nurses. This semester's Florence Nightingale Awards went to Aaron Dailing for LPN and Mike Rogers for RN. This award is given to a student in each program who exemplifies the true meaning of nursing with hard work and a true dedication to the profession.

The LPN class awards were: Hazel Wilcox, first place, with a tie for second between Kayla Finley and Lindsey Faulkner for Theory awards. Hazel Wilcox, first place in clinical and Jared Middleton, second in Clinical awards. Students awarded Penny Briley as nurse of the year, and White River Medical Center as the facility of the year.

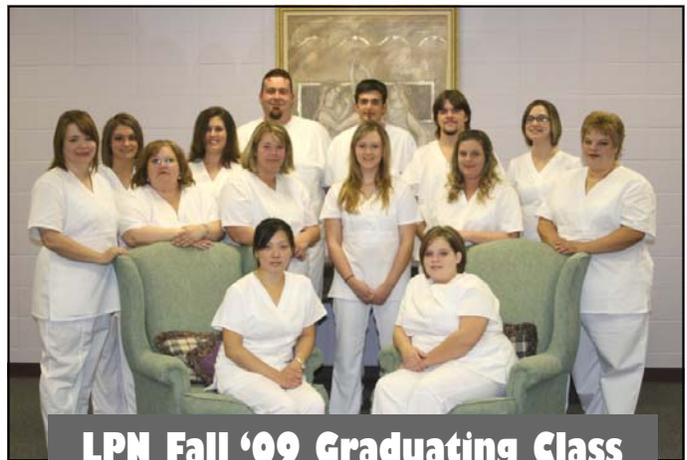
The RN awards were Roy Guiltner, first place and Mike Rogers, second for Theory awards. Mike Rogers was first place and Kristi Russell was second for Clinical

awards. Students awarded Paula Bennett as nurse of the year and Baxter Regional Medical Center was facility of the year.

A slide presentation was given courtesy of Nursing Secretary, Stacy Dale, followed by family honors offered by the entire class of students to their family members. Nursing faculty, Alison DeLong, Jill Hasley, Ruby Johnson, Susan Thielemier, Valerie West, and Katie Wilson presented graduates with caps, pins and lamps. Allied Health Division Chair and instructor, Ruby Johnson offered closing remarks and Jerry Clagg offered the Benediction.

The Culinary Arts department catered a reception for the graduates, their families and friends and other guests following the ceremony.

For further information regarding Ozarka's 18-month LPN program, the 11-month programs in Ash Flat or Mountain View, or the RN program through ARNEC please contact the admissions department at 870-368-7371 or via email, admissions@ozarka.edu.



LPN Fall '09 Graduating Class

Health & Nutrition Corner

by Hunter Caraway, guest writer

January is Cervical Cancer Screening Month. This is a good time to shed some light on a disease most of us do not know much about or do not deal with on a daily basis.

Every year 500,000 women will develop cervical cancer and almost 300,000 die of cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide. In the U.S., 11,070 women were diagnosed with cervical

cancer and 3,870 died from it in 2008.

Cervical cancer can be prevented using the Pap test, the HPV test and the HPV vaccine. Working together, we can make sure that girls and women everywhere have access to these life-saving tools.

For more information check out *The Cure Research* website that shows the cancer fighting benefits of many nutritious foods.

http://www.cancure.org/cancer_fighting_foods.htm

Statistics and information from <http://www.pearlofwisdom.us/>

January is Cervical Cancer Screening Awareness Month. Health & Nutrition Corner will shed some light on this particular cancer..

SGA Meet & Greet Set in Ash Flat

Student Government Association (SGA) in Ash Flat will host a Meet and Greet on January 13-14 in the Cyber Café of the Student Center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. According to Richard Williams, SGA Sponsor for Ash Flat, "Students will have an opportunity to sign up for SGA when classes resume January 11 to January 14. Sign up boxes will be placed in both buildings at the Ash Flat site. Students who sign

up will also be automatically signed up to win one of three items.

The SGA Meet and Greet event will give students an opportunity to get to know their SGA representatives as well as get to know other students attending Ozarka.

There will be beverages and refreshments served.



Ozarka SGA Officers



Mountain View Expansion (continued from Front Page)

Then, during their quarterly meeting on December 17, the Board approved the President's recommendation of Polk, Stanley & Wilcox as the architect firm for the Mountain View project. Polk, Stanley & Wilcox was selected by the College administration based on their

previous experience with higher education institutions both in Arkansas and outside the state. Their firm has been utilized by Hendrix College, Henderson State University, Arkansas State University Mountain Home and others.

The College administrative team will begin working with the architects immediately to begin the next phase of designing the Mountain View facility. The anticipated start date for construction is spring 2010.

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*Our Mission is to
Provide Life Changing
Experiences Through
Education.*

ARNEC Students Excel at National Exam



In November of this year, nursing students from across the State of Arkansas preparing to complete the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) program took the Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) Comprehensive NCLEX Predictor. Those 116 students scored in the top 1% in the nation on that exam.

Ozarka College is part of this consortium comprised of six rural community colleges across the State. Also in the consortium are: Arkansas State University Newport, Black River Technical College, Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, University of Ar-

kansas Community College Morrilton, and SouthArk Community College.

According to ARNEC Nursing instructor, Alison DeLong, "this proctored exam is administered across the country to thousands of registered nursing students who are preparing to graduate and take the NCLEX licensure exam. The purpose is to assess students' comprehensive nursing knowledge base and serve as a predictor for success on the licensure exam."

The ARNEC program student retention rate is at 95%, which is a phenomenal statistic for any RN program across the state, according to Allied Health Division Chair and site coordinator at Ozarka College, Ruby Johnson. This program has grown considerably since its inception in 2004 with an increase in seating from 10 to 20 students at each facility.

A new cohort of ARNEC students will begin in January 2010. For more information about the requirements for this program, or to apply contact Ozarka College Admissions at 870-368-7371; or visit the ARNEC website at www.arnec.org.