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Current Students Remember - You can register online for Summer Classes through May 6th using your MyOzarka account!

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

MENU:

- Mon 5/2
Beef Stew
Tue 5/3
Chicken Fajita
- Wed 5/4
Spaghetti & Salad
Thu 5/5
Pit Ham
Fri 5/6
Reuben Sandwich
- Mon 5/9
Chicken Strips
Tue 5/10
BBQ Ribs
Wed 5/11
French Dip
Thu 5/12
Turkey Sandwich
Fri 5/13
Catfish

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Commencement Set for May 12

Graduation at Ozarka College is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the John E. Miller Education Complex. Commencement speaker for the ceremony this year is Gary Phillips, Ph.D., of Salem. Phillips is a strong advocate of education and the local community. He served on the Ozarka College Board of Trustees for three years and currently serves on the Ozarka College Foundation Board. He is active in his community and has been an educator for several years. Currently, Phillips owns and operates a website design business in Salem, where he lives with his family. His wife, Dr. Rebecca Plumlee Phillips is a local family physician, and their three children are Isaac, Emma, and Grace.

During this past year, fifty-five students have earned associate of arts degrees, eleven earned associate of arts in teaching degrees, thirty have completed associate of applied science programs and forty-four have met requirements for a technical certificate. One hundred sixty-two adult education students have received the GED diploma this year. Friends and families of the graduates as well as all members of the public are cordially invited to attend the commencement ceremony.

Congratulations All Graduates

Finals Schedule:

If your class meets:

- MWF - 8:00 a.m.
- MWF - 9:00 a.m.
- MWF - 10:00 a.m.
- MWF - 11:00 a.m.
- MWF - 12:00 noon
- MWF - 1:00 p.m.
- MWF - 2:00 p.m.
- MWF - 3:00 p.m.
- MW - 8:00 a.m.
- MW - 9:30 a.m.
- MW - 11:00 a.m.
- MW - 1:00 p.m.
- MW - 2:00 p.m.
- MW - 2:30 p.m.
- MW - 4:00 p.m.
- MW - 4:30 p.m.
- T Th - 8:00 a.m.
- T Th - 9:30 a.m.
- T Th - 11:00 a.m.
- T Th - 12:00 noon
- T Th - 1:00 p.m.
- T Th - 1:30 p.m.
- T Th - 2:30 p.m.
- T Th - 3:00 p.m.
- T Th - 4:00 p.m.
- T Th - 4:30 p.m.

Then your final is:

- Monday, May 2** - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 10:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 12:00 -2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 2** - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3** - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 5** - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 3** - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3** - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5** - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5** - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3** - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3** - 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5** - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5** - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Around Campus

- ◆ **GRADUATION INFORMATION**
Graduates may pick up their caps & gowns in the bookstore May 2-12.

Graduation practice: Tuesday, May 10 at 2PM in the auditorium.

Photographer available before the commencement ceremony from 5:30 - 6:30 (\$5 sitting fee).

Ceremony - Thursday, May 12 at 7:30PM in the Miller Auditorium.
- ◆ **LPN Capping & Pinning Ceremony**
Wed. May 11 @ 7PM Auditorium.
- ◆ **PIONEER DAY**– May 6
Homecoming Singing– Auditorium
May 7 - Parade.
- ◆ **FINALS WEEK - May 2-6**
- ◆ Faculty Development May 9-13

Finals exams for classes that meet one day a week are scheduled during finals week at their regular time. Students may request a change in time for an exam, if three or more are scheduled

Despite Weather, Spring Fling Carnival Fun

Rick Dowdle assists Ruby Johnson as she kisses the pig!



The Ozarka Relay for Life team hosted a Spring Fling Carnival on April 28th to benefit the American Cancer Society. The carnival also served as a way for Ozarka's students to have some fun before finals week to wind up the semester.

Several games and activities had been planned to take place outside around the gazebo, but the weather was uncooperative early in the day. The team decided to move the food and other activities into the student center and added karaoke.

The nursing students attended the event in full force. Their "fearless" leader, Nursing Instructor, Ruby Johnson, not only took part in karaoke, she also won the "Kiss the Pig" contest.

The sun finally came out and the dunking booth became the center of attention. The Culinary

students had a great time dunking Chef Tankersley numerous times, but Mr. Dietzsche definitely spent the most time in the frigid water of the booth!

Others who participated in the dunking booth were TRiO adviser, Deltha Shell; Financial Aid officer, Joyce Goff (who was dressed for the occasion); IST instructor, Steve Benoit; English Instructor, Joanna Fulbright; Maintenance Worker, Sean Ferrari; Adult Ed instructor, Kendall Morrison, and nursing student, Tonya Kissee.

Along with Johnson in the Kiss the Pig event, was VP of Student Services, Ron Helm; Media Specialist, Dan Lindsey; Education Instructor, Craig Keller; Business Instructor, Brad Hollaway; TRiO Director, Carol Sellars; Adult Ed. examiner, Sandra Miller; Biology/Science instructors, Tracie Morris and Bruce Dietsche.

Besides the participants during the events, several people helped in the planning and execution for the carnival. Led by the Trish Miller, organizer for the event, Tina Wheelis, Jill Yancey, Allyson Shaw, Debbie Yancey, Sandra Miller, Judy Sharp, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Dan Lindsey, Ronny Rush, Rick Dowdle, Karla Rush, Linda Morgan, Mimi Newsome, Brenda Morris, Kenda Levett, and Kim Whitten all had a part in pulling off the carnival, along with the entire Ozarka Administration's approval for the activities.

This event raised over \$400 for the benefit of the cancer society. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Ozarka's Relay for Team, should contact Trish Miller at 368-2047. The Izard County Relay for Life will take place on July 15 at the walking trail in Veteran's park which is adjacent to Ozarka College.



Jill Yancey whips up more funnel cakes.



Rick Tankerley takes his first plunge!



Brad Hollaway, Larry Wilkes, Ronny Rush, and Dan Lindsey perform their version of YMCA.



Joyce Goff was dressed for her time in the dunking booth.

AST and CAH Students Attend SkillUSA Competition

Students from Ozarka's Automotive Service Technology and Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs competed recently against students from other state vocational-technical institutes and colleges in the 39th annual Arkansas Association of Skills USA 2005 Championship Conference. The competition was held at the Hot Springs Convention Center on April 19th with an awards banquet on April 20th.

Greg Walton of Mountain View; Clayton White of Melbourne; and Kyle Yancey of Wideman, competed in the Automotive Service Technology category. This category requires students to compete in different automotive areas as well as a written and hands-on exam. Anthony Hunt of Bexar and Kasey Newman of Salem, com-

peted in Job Skill Demonstration which consisted of assembling and answering questions on a specific component in front of a panel of judges.

Nine Culinary students attended the conference, with eight of those competing and winning medals in their divisions. In the Commercial Baking category, Merideth Luter of Corning won Gold; Brian Allen of Batesville won Silver; and Bekki Taylor of Desha won Bronze.

In the Food and Beverage Service category, Kimberlee Bledsoe of Bald Knob won Gold for the second consecutive time, and Jose Aguilar of Fayetteville won Bronze.

Three students competed in the Culinary Arts category: Sean Reynolds of Mountain Home won Gold for the second year in

a row; Brian Jones of Newport won Silver; and Derrick Baldrige of Mammoth Spring won Bronze.

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.

Assistant Culinary Arts instructor, Linda Taylor also attended and served as assistant chair for the baking competition. First year culinary student, Doug Ford of Wynne, assisted behind the scenes and says he plans to compete next year.

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Scholarship to Honor Crawford



**Honorable
Harold
Crawford**

Like so many who knew him, Janis Jones knows first-hand about the many acts of kindness offered to others by Honorable Harold Crawford and his wife, Susan. Out of her keen respect for Judge Crawford, Jones, a friend of the Crawford family for many years, has initiated a scholarship fund to honor the legacy of Crawford, who served from January 1999 to March 30, 2005, as the Sharp County Judge. Jones said "Because I knew Judge Crawford and had such respect for the work he did for others, I wanted to do something in the area that would be a lasting tribute to him".

That lasting tribute comes in the form of a scholarship endowment at Ozarka College. This

scholarship fund will be designed to support students living in Sharp County who want the opportunities available through higher education. The Ozarka College Foundation Board has agreed to coordinate this program with Jones, Mrs. Crawford and local county officials to establish the Harold Crawford Memorial Scholarship.

Ozarka College President Doug Rush expressed his enthusiasm for creating an endowment in honor of Judge Crawford. "Harold Crawford was a tremendous supporter of Ozarka College and as a visionary leader he truly recognized the importance of encouraging students to get a higher education. He was instrumental in Ozarka's service to Sharp County residents and we are very proud to administer a scholarship in his honor. Ozarka has many deserving students who can benefit from this gift of perpetuity by those who respected Judge Crawford's work."

While the details of the endowment and scholarship criteria are

still being developed, Jones has suggested the funds be used in keeping with Crawford's tradition of helping 'at risk' students who have potential to succeed through education and training. Ozarka officials hope to be able to award the first scholarship for the Fall 2006 semester.

An account has been established with the college's Foundation Board and, for a period of time, donations will be matched dollar for dollar by a federal Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant. The Ozarka College Foundation is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization making donations to this endowment eligible for tax deduction.

Persons who wish to contribute to the Judge Crawford Fund can call the Development Office at 870-994-7273 or submit their donation to the Ozarka College Foundation at PO Box 10, Melbourne, AR 72556.

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*-Ozarka President
Doug Rush*

SkillsUSA *Continued*

The Gold medal winning students are now eligible for the National SkillsUSA competition which will take place June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri. Luter, Bledsoe, and Reynolds, 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 stu-

dents enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations.

**Back Row, left to right:
Baldridge, Luter, Reynolds, Allen, and Tankersley.
Front Row, left to right: Linda Taylor, Bekki Taylor, Bledsoe, and Jones.**



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A Short Drive to Great Distances



Adult Ed Students Honored at State Capital



On April 14th, two local students who have completed the GED (General Educational Development test) through the Ozarka College Adult Education Department during the past year, were among those honored at the State Capital in Little Rock. The ceremony was part of a statewide recognition event commemorating "Celebrate Literacy Month 2005."

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education announced the top 25 GED scores in the State of Arkansas. Jacob Garrison of Calico Rock and Chad Wiles of Hardy were among those who scored in the top 25 out of the 7,915 who were awarded the Arkansas High School Diplomas in the State of Arkansas through the GED examination.

Left to right: Miller, Wiles and Sharp

Wiles was accompanied by Ozarka's Adult Education Department test examiners, Sandra Miller and Judy Sharp. Both GED recipients were honored and awarded plaques on their achievements. Garrison was unable to attend the ceremony and Miller accepted the award on his behalf.

Of the nearly 2,000,000 Arkansans age 18 and over, 491,000 (almost 25 percent) do not have a high school diploma. Of the population age 25 and over, 162,464 have less than an eighth-grade education (*Source: 2000 United States Census*).