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Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.
Cost: \$2.50 or \$3.00 with dessert.

MENU:

Mon 6/21
Deli Roast Beef Sandwich
Tue 6/22
Enchiladas, Rice & Beans

Wed 6/23
Taco Salad
Thu 6/24
Hamburger & FF

Mon 6/28
Turkey Sandwich
Tue 6/29
BBQ & Cole Slaw
Wed 6/30
Chicken Burrito
Thu 7/1
Reuben Sandwich

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President's List - 2004 Spring Semester

One hundred-sixty-three full-time students qualified for the President's List at Ozarka College for the Spring 2004 semester. This included sixty-nine with perfect 4.00 grade point averages. All others earned at least a 3.50 average.

4.00 students from Fulton County were Donna Byers and Jane McIntyre of Mammoth Spring; and Rex Harris and Amanda Shipley of Salem.

Izard County 4.00 students were Vonja Estes and Sara Stephens of Brockwell; Shirley Byler, Rebecca Diaz, and Karinda Teague of Calico Rock; Michele Herron, Allison Shaw, and Helen VanCleave of Franklin; Mark Blankenship, Patricia Gill, Pamela Matteson, and Valdarie Scace of Horseshoe Bend; Lorenda Arnold, Whitney Ballard, Lawrence Bohmfalk, Justin Breckenridge, John Gardner, Debbie Garner, Paula Gipson, Billy Rollins, and Richard Williams of Melbourne; Kobie Edwards and Mendy Halsted of Mount Pleasant; Wanda McConaughay of Oxford; Margo Drinkard of Sidney; and Dody Bush-Retherford of Violet Hill.

Those from Sharp County earning a 4.00 were Bernard Brandenburg, Daniel Hunt, Therese

Raikes, and Susan Rhodes of Ash Flat; Charlene Evans, Ellen Gann, Ronda McLelland, Tina Myers, and Scott Wilson of Cherokee Village; Linda Landers and Vicky Schoeneweis of Evening Shade; Nathan Duncan, Courtney Gregory, Tracy Jared and Peggy Williams of Hardy; Amy Stavely of Poughkeepsie; and Susan Andrews and Virginia Richards of Williford.

Stone County students with perfect grades were Roberta Powell and Ronnie Woody of Fifty-Six; Jamie Buffington of Fox; Ann Arnold, Kassie Burroughs, Barbara Gillihan, Tracy Hadlock, Lynda Holloway, Cheryl Lucier, Yvonne Mitchell, Becky Morrison, Jamey Nesbitt, Marianne Smith, John Swan, and James Watters of Mountain View.

Also making the 4.0 list were Trista Carlton of Edgemont, and Teresa James of Heber Springs, both in Cleburne County; Kimberlee Bledsoe of Bald Knob in White County; Sean Reynolds of Mountain Home in Baxter County; and Debra Blanton of Smithville, and Joseph Howard of Strawberry, both in Lawrence County.

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Stone County Foundation Members Meet for Planning



Ozarka College Foundation members from Stone County: Darrin Chism, Jan Isbell, Charles Hinkle, Suzan Kemp and E. A. Wallace met June 7th with Stone County Judge Stacey Avey, Mountain View Mayor Joe Wyatt and Ozarka Registrar, Gin Brown to develop a fund raising strategy to benefit the science lab which is planned for the new building at Mountain View.

Left to Right: Stacey Avey, EA Wallace, Susan Kemp, Charles Hinkle, Jan Isbell, Darrin Chism, and Joe Wyatt.

General honor roll students from Fulton County included Melissa Bradshaw of Camp; Becky Harris of Glencoe; Lanetta Busch, Ashley Nickels, and Jessica Walsh of Mammoth Spring; Rachel Griggs, Robin Smedley, and Randi Sublett of Salem.

Izard County general honor students included Rachel Hill of Brockwell; Melissa Faulkner, Toni Morgan, and Amy Stevenson of Calico Rock; Kathryn Scarbro, Leslie VanCleave, and Scottie Wolford of Franklin; Amy Anderson, Gerald Arrington, Racheal Johnson, Carole Liggett, and Debora Thomas of Horseshoe Bend; Beverly Barnes, Kristal Bull, Taryn Haley, Frankie Hicks, Amanda McCollum, Carolyn Pate, Pamela Ring, and Amanda Tedeschi of Melbourne; John Anttila, Kimberly Booker, Dawn George, Camron Hames, Tina Langston, Jeff Myratt, and Jesse Webb of Mount Pleasant; Jacob Bennett, Amanda Everett, and Theresa Halamek of Oxford; Pamela Brooks and Deborah Goodman of Sage; and Jacob Goff and Carla Shaw of Sidney.

General honor students from Sharp County included Tiffany Branscum, Beverly Clark, Jerrie Eldridge, Karen Karlsson, Janna Praught, Barbara Shelton, and Stacy Stalter of Ash Flat; Aundria Eckard and Armilda Peterson of

Cave City; Patrica Engelbrecht, Constance Esparza, and Jacquelyn Smith of Cherokee Village; Colleen Dawson, Aaron Estes, Shirley Minick, and Laura Williams of Evening Shade; Tammy Bell, Amanda French, Bobby Holder, Kathy Kimbro, and Cassie McMahon of Hardy; Crystal Morgan, Maxwell Praught, and Timothy Praught of Poughkeepsie; Kelly Self of Sidney; and Laura Poteet of Williford.

Stone County students making the list included Shandle Barnhart and Jon Lancaster of Fifty-Six; Amber Avey, Kristina Crane, June Dupp, Jenny Fudge, Danielle Gould, Chad Holloway, Amy Jones, Heather McClanahan, Christy Mills, Pamela Phillips, Kayla Smith, and Jeanette Totman of Mountain View; Dillon Lawrence of Onia; Hollie Spinks of Pleasant Grove; and Donnie Attaway, Lucinda Avey, and Valarie Verser of Timbo.

Qualifying for general honors from Independence County were Denise Denham, Crystal Gillmore, and Miranda Smith of Batesville. The President's List also included Leah Smith of Mountain Home, and Charles Kellogg of Norfolk, both in Baxter County; and Tammie Ennis and Karan Komm of Thayer, Missouri.

AAT Students From Ozarka Visit ATU



Pictured left to right: (back row) Teresa Sanders, Lisa Lawrence, Dr. David Bell, Renee Lindsey, NorthArk Instructor, Wilma Finney; (front row), NorthArk AAT Advisor, Nell Bonds, NorthArk student, Michelle Ford, Carolyn Campbell, Wanda McConnaughay and Takara Long; on the steps of the Crabaugh Building, which houses the Education Dept.

The first group of Associate of Arts in Teaching degree seeking students from Ozarka College, along with AAT students from NorthArk in Harrison, visited the campus of Arkansas Tech University in Russellville earlier this month. Accompanying them on the trip were AAT coordinator and instructor, Lisa Lawrence and Registrar, Gin Brown from Ozarka College.

The students met with Dr. Byra Ramsey, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, for an online orientation for the summer classes and also did a presentation on Taskstream. The students ate lunch and toured the ATU campus.

Lisa Lawrence reports, "eight students are enrolled in the Arkansas Tech online education classes this summer, with a couple of other students who may join that group." She adds, "We will take another group of students to visit the Tech campus in the upcoming school year."

For information on the AAT degree contact Lawrence at 870-368-2037, or email at llawrence@ozarka.edu.

Ozarka Approved by State Board of Nursing to Offer LPN to RN Program

State officials and members of the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC), which includes Ozarka College, met with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing on June 10th to propose a Pilot LPN/LPTN to RN educational program.

According to Ozarka College President, Doug Rush, the Nursing Board unanimously approved the pilot program which is tentatively scheduled to begin in January of 2005.

He attributes the board's decision in part to Senator Paul Miller of Melbourne and State Representative Paul Weaver of Violet Hill, who spoke to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing on behalf of this much needed program.

"We are so fortunate to have local legislators in our area that will go above and beyond by taking their personal time to support the efforts of education and our communities. Mr. Miller and Mr. Weaver have always supported Ozarka College in its pursuit to serve its students, and this is another example of their diligent work for people in their districts."

Weaver represents District 71, serving Independence, Izard and Stone counties; while Miller represents District 10, which includes Fulton, Independence, Izard, Randolph, Sharp, Stone counties. State Representative Jody Mahony from El Dorado and State Representative Tommy Dickinson from Newport also spoke in support of the proposal.

Other presentations were made to the State Board of Nursing, including Rush, who was asked to speak on behalf of the Presidents and Chancellors within ARNEC; and Ozarka Allied Health Division Chair, Ruby Johnson, who made a presentation on behalf of the nursing educators within the consortium concerning library resources. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Linda Morgan, and Director of Planning and Special Projects, Joan Stirling; along with Ozarka Board of Trustees members, Gary Phillips and Larry Billing also attended the meeting.

The six member consortium, of which Ozarka was invited to join in late March, consists of Arkansas State University-Newport, Black River Technical College in Pochontas, Cossatot Commu-

nity College of the University of Arkansas located in DeQueen, South Arkansas Community College located in El Dorado, the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, and Ozarka College.

The purpose of the pilot program is to increase the number of registered nurses available for employment in rural Arkansas, as well as provide a career path for Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed Psychiatric Technician Nurses (LPNs/LPTNs) who aspire to become registered nurses.

The pilot program will allow the ARNEC member institutions to serve ten students at each college and will offer the coursework by interactive video, as well as other distance learning tools, including on-line testing and virtual clinical excursions.

Rush said, "Now that the State Board of Nursing unanimously approved the pilot program, the consortium will present its proposal and curriculum development to the Arkansas Higher Education State Coordinating Board in August at their scheduled meeting in Bentonville at Northwest Community College."

"We are so fortunate to have local legislators in our area that will go above and beyond by taking their personal time to support the efforts of education and our communities."

-Doug Rush, President

Construction Progresses in Ash Flat



James Spurlock and Jim Fenton, staff members of Ozarka College and the Foundation, have been frequently checking the construction each week at the building site in Ash Flat. On Wednesday, June 16, the building crews were completing the concrete installation on the lecture hall to be located inside the new facility. Crews also continue to

work on installing the plumbing, sewer, and storm drains at the construction site.

The 16,000 square foot building located on College Drive is due to be complete by March of 2005.



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Online Registration for Fall 2004

Ozarka's Online Fall 2004 Registration for returning students will begin July 15th and continue through the first day of classes, August 19, 2004. Students can now log on to www.ozarka.edu to view the fall class schedule.

Students registering online can also take advantage of the eCashier online payment system to make payments on their tuition or pay tuition in full using their bank account or credit card. Students may choose to set up interest free, automated payment plans customized to suit their financial needs, for a nominal fee.

The payment schedule for the Fall is as follows:

July 15th -July 23, pay 10% down and make four equal, monthly installments for Fall tuition costs;

July 24-August 19, 25% down, with three equal, monthly installments;

August 20-August 24 (during late registration), 30% down, with two equal monthly installments.

Always, with eCashier, students can make full payment of tuition

costs, with a \$2.50 enrollment fee.

Current students should meet with their advisors for schedule planning prior to logging on to register for the Fall term which begins on August 19th.

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