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The *Campus Connection* can now be viewed in its entirety on ozarka.edu under "Campus News."

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

MENU:

Mon 7/5
July 4th Holiday
Tue 7/6
Grilled Chicken Salad

Wed 7/7
French Dip

Thu 7/8
Catfish

Mon 7/12
Chicken

Tue 7/13
Spaghetti

Wed 7/14
Pork Chop

Thu 7/15
Hamburger

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Ozarka Culinary Students Compete Nationally

After winning Gold medals in their divisions at the Arkansas Association of SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference, which was held in Hot Springs in April, three Ozarka College culinary arts students competed at the 40th Annual National SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City last week.

Kimberlee Bledsoe of Bald Knob (White County) competed in the post-secondary Food and Beverage Service and placed fourth. Laura Beth Simon of Paris (Logan County) competed in the post-secondary Commercial Baking category; and Sean Reynolds of Mountain Home (Baxter County) competed in the post-secondary culinary arts competition.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs

This year, there were over 4,200 contestants in 77 separate events during the competitions, with more than 13,000 people drawn to the competition. Categories include health occupations; leadership development; occupationally-related; official demonstration; and trade, industrial and technical which includes the culinary arts contests.

"To have three students compete at the national level of SkillsUSA is truly an outstanding accomplishment," said Ozarka College President Doug Rush. Rush holds SkillUSA in high regard, as he has been involved with the organization (formerly VICA) in one way or another since 1974, and has been given an honorary lifetime membership.

Rush commended all the technical students, as well as the instructors and advisors for their efforts in SkillsUSA and adds, "We had several students compete and win medals at the state competition in culinary and automotive. These students should be applauded for their proficiency and leadership."

Verna Grice Receives Certification



Verna Lee Grice recently received the Arkansas Children's Program Administrator Certificate. Grice is currently employed as assistant director of Ozarka Kids Academy and earned this certification after completing sixty hours of training. Topics included organizational management, supervision, legal and financial management and family and community relations.

The administrator certificate program increases knowledge and skills of children's program administrators in Arkansas to enhance quality in facilities such as Ozarka Kids Academy. The training course supports administrators in their efforts to educate and care for children through essential services for families and communities throughout the state.

Arkansas State University Childhood Services coordinates the certificate program. The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education provides funding for the program.

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July's GED Testing Schedule

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on **July 13 & 14 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 July:

Mountain View	Stone County Education Center	9:00 a.m.	July 6 & 8
Mammoth Spring	Simmons First National Bank	9:00 a.m.	July 7 & 21
Ash Flat	Ozarka College - Ash Flat	9:00 a.m.	July 12
	Sharp County Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	July 27
Salem	Fulton County Courthouse	9:00 a.m.	July 19 & 22

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 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it will be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

Stone County Medical Center

Breaks Ground in Mt. View



Several Ozarka College Foundation Members, staff and administrators attended a groundbreaking ceremony on June 24 for the Stone County Medical Center's renovation and expansion. The hospital, which is located near Ozarka's new building site in Mountain View, plans to add a new wing to the facility in phase one, which will expand the capacity of the hospital's services. Phase two of the project will include renovating and enlarging the emergency, radiology respiratory departments, as well as the pharmacy and lobby areas.

Foundation members who attended were Susan Kemp, Jan Isbell, EA Wallace, and Darrin Chism. From Ozarka, Karla Rush, Gin Brown, Barbara Dawes, Kim Whitten, Cindy Conley, Gayle Cooper, and Randy Scaggs.