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Now serving an entrée or choice of Salad Bar, Chicken Strips, or deli sandwich.

The menu is online so check it out!
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Breakfast available 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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Ozarka College Exceeds Enrollment Record

Ozarka College's official enrollment count has been reported for the 2010 Fall semester and the number of students attending Ozarka is 1,573. That is a 15 percent increase over the 2009 Fall enrollment and a new record for the College. Full-time equivalency (FTE) is up 23 percent, which indicates students taking larger course loads.

Ozarka College President, Dr. Richard Dawe says, "We are very pleased with the enrollment and knowing that we are providing quality education to so many people in our four county service area. Many factors play a role in this milestone, but credit must go first and foremost to the great team of our faculty, staff and administration and their commitment to keeping students as the top priority. We can all share in the fact that our efforts are helping students achieve their dreams."

Other reasons for the increase include the addition of the evening and weekend LPN program which began this semester, increased retention of returning students from Spring, the Arkansas Lottery Scholarship award to 136 Ozarka students, and the expanded course schedule, which added evening classes in Mammoth Spring.

Ozarka reports 54 students enrolling in the evening-only classes at Mammoth Spring, but expects that number to increase significantly over the next couple of semesters with the addition of day classes to serve the Mammoth Spring area. The Board of Trustees approved Dr. Dawe to begin negotiations for suitable permanent facilities in Mammoth Spring to accommodate the classes and student services. Ozarka College - Mountain View broke ground on a new facility in August and construction is un-

derway to add over 10,500 square feet to provide adequate space for the growth in Stone County. The final stages of the new parking lot are being completed on that site and additional parking is available at Ash Flat. Both off-campus sites have experienced growth this semester with approximately 100 more students, and the main campus in Melbourne had a slight increase in FTE.

For more information about Ozarka College and the programs available, log on the website at www.ozarka.edu, or contact the college toll free 800-821-4335.

Around Campus

- **SGA Elections** - September 23-October 1, 2010 through myOzarka.edu. Contact Ron Helm for more info at rhelm@ozarka.edu or 368-2027.
- **FBLA District Conference** - Friday, October 1, 2010
- **Culinary Gourmet Night** - Thursday, October 7, 2010. See page 2 for more details.
- **TRiO Student Conference** - Friday, October 15, 2010. Details in the next Connection.
- **Ozarka Community Cinema** - Saturday, October 16, 2010. See page 2 for details.
- **TRIO SSS Money Management and Math Lab** - Each Wednesday in Ash Flat 3:30 in AF109 (money) and 4:30 AF106 (math)

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



Golf Winners Announced

The Ozarka Foundation held its 15th Annual Fall Tournament at Coopers Hawk Golf Club Saturday, September 18. The First Flight winning team was (left to right): Kermit Blevins, Monty McCurley, Dennis Wiles, and Travis Lawrence. Blevins also hit a hole-in-one on Hole 4, winning a trip to Las Vegas courtesy of the Hole-in-One sponsorship from Freedom Ford. A complete list of winners and sponsors will be available on the website and in the next edition of the Connection.



SHOWTIMES:
Saturday,
October 16
3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Ozarka to Host Ozarka Community Cinema

The first Ozarka College movie, *Iron Man 2*, on August 28 was a success according to the planning committee for the event. *Ozarka Community Cinema* has now officially released the schedule for the rest of the year's movie showings.

Ozarka Community Cinema benefits the community by utilizing the new 30 foot screen which was installed over the summer in the John E. Miller Auditorium to offer movie events at an affordable price. Since there is not a movie theater in Melbourne, College officials elected to try the movie theater style shows and contracted with a movie rights company to purchase license for public showing of first release films. The College will also be using the screen for various student events and ceremonies.

On October 16, the movie selection is children's animated Summer 2010 release, *Despicable Me*. In a happy suburban neighbor-

hood surrounded by white picket fences sits a black house with a dead lawn. Unbeknownst to the neighbors, hidden deep beneath this home is a vast secret hideout. Surrounded by an army of tireless, little yellow minions, we discover Gru planning the biggest heist in the history of the world. He is going to steal the moon. Gru delights in all things wicked. Armed with his arsenal of shrink rays, freeze rays and battle-ready vehicles for land and air, he vanquishes all who stand in his way. Until the day he encounters the immense will of three orphaned girls who look at him and see something that no one else has ever seen: a potential Dad.

The movie for November 20 will be the blockbuster action-filled, *Inception*. The December movie will be a classic holiday film and the event will include tree lighting, pictures with Santa, Culinary treats, and free admission to the movie.

There will be two showings of *Despicable Me*, including a matinee show at 3:00 p.m. and an evening show at 7:00 p.m. General admission ticket price will be \$4.00, with a discounted ticket price of \$3.00 for children aged 12 and under, senior citizens, and Ozarka students with student ID. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to show times and concessions will be available.

Copyright laws prohibit Ozarka from releasing the name of the movie in local media. For the movie title and more information, visit the Ozarka College Facebook page at www.ozarka.edu/facebook, the Ozarka College homepage at www.ozarka.edu, or contact Ozarka College at 870-368-7371.



Culinary Gourmet Dinner Reservations for October

The Ozarka College Culinary Arts Department will host another Gourmet Dinner on Thursday, October 7, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The theme for this dinner will be Italian. Planning is underway and reservations are currently being accepted.

The advanced Culinary Arts students under the direction of instructors, Mimi Newsome and Eric Smith plan the menu,

food orders, seating and other details for these events as a learning tool for the students. Dinner guests will order from a menu a la carte.

Gourmet Dinners are by reservation only and seating is limited. Please contact the Culinary Arts Department at 870-368-2062 or 870-368-2061 for reservations on a "first come, first serve" basis or for more information.

Please leave a message with a call back number if there is no answer. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 6.**



Ozarka Unveils Academic Mace



Ozarka College Administration announced the arrival and unveiling of a new college ceremonial artifact, the Ozarka College Academic Mace. An academic mace is a tradition for colleges and universities which dates back to the first universities founded in the middle ages. It symbolizes authority, learning and scholarship, history, reputation, and values.

After options were discussed by Ozarka College leaders, the decision was made to commis-

sion a local artist to design and construct the mace. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Michael DeLong led the planning and completion of the mace. Woodturning artisan and friend of the College, who served as the primary architect and first Executive Director of the Arkansas Craft School, Dr. Wright Pillow donated his craftsmanship toward the mace and stand.

Dr. Pillow, who is a retired theological educator and minister of education and pastor, admits he always had an appreciation of things made of wood from the time he spent in his father's woodshop. He was introduced to wood turning at Arrowmont Craft School in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where he had the privilege of taking courses in woodturning from Nick Cook and Bobby Clemmons, as well as several excellent teachers at the Campbell Folk School.

A member of the American Association of Woodturners,

Pillow says he especially enjoys watching the colors rise out of the wood in the turning process. "There is something magical about the beauty that is hidden in the middle of a log," he adds.

Pillow crafted the mace and stand from Bubinga wood, also called African Rosewood, which is a rich wood, red in color and imported from Gabon, a state in west central Africa. The medallion is a sculpted antique copper piece placed in the mace and represents Ozarka's official College seal.

The newly constructed mace will make its debut appearance during the Ozarka College Commencement in May of 2011. Until then, the mace is on display in the President's Office. Dr. Pillow's contribution to Ozarka College heritage will forever be a part of our culture of service to students.

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-Dr. Wright Pillow,

Ozarka for the Cure

The Ozarka for the Cure team is taking a second order for the team shirts. Shirts are \$10, or \$12 for XXL (additional for other extended sizes). Anyone interested in supporting the team by purchasing a shirt can pre-order by emailing kwhitten@ozarka.edu by **Friday, September 24.**

Proceeds from t-shirt sales will support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Race through Ozarka's team.

Registration is still open for those wishing to join Ozarka's team. There are many ways to participate. Contact co-captains Katie Wilson or Deltha Shell for more information. 870-368-7371, kwilson@ozarka.edu or dshell@ozarka.edu.

The nursing students will host a bake sale in October to benefit the team fundraising efforts, and faculty and staff can pay \$5 per day to wear jeans on Thursday, October 7 and 14.

The Komen Race will take place in downtown Little Rock on Saturday, October 16 and several Ozarka team members plan to participate.



Ozarka for the Cure shirt design

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Provide Life-Changing
Experiences Through
Education.**



Ozarka College Fall Continuing Education Offerings

The Continuing Education Department at Ozarka College has several upcoming courses in October. These courses are offered as non-credit personal enrichment classes and are open to everyone.

There will be the ever-popular Cake Decorating class in Melbourne beginning October 4, 2010. The course will cover the basics of cake decorating. Julie Gosser, instructor, will teach this non-credit class in Melbourne on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m., October 4-October 25, 2010. Cost for the class is \$75.00 and includes all the tools needed for the class. Limited enrollment is available. **The deadline to enroll has been extended through September 22.**

A new course entitled Small Engine Repair will teach students the basic operational theory and repair of small, 4-cycle engines. Matt Bruyette will teach this class in Melbourne on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. beginning October 4, and continue for two weeks through October 14. Cost for the class is \$50.00.

Jerry Bone will instruct two music courses. Beginning Guitar is scheduled in Melbourne on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning October 5, and continue for four weeks through October 26. Beginning Bass will be in Melbourne on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning October 7 and continue for four weeks through October 28. Cost for each class is \$65.00 and students will need to bring their own instrument.

On Saturday, October 9, Ozarka will offer a one day course in Beadwork. Erica Sommer, who has been creating beadwork for the past twenty years, will be teaching the history of beads and how to create bracelets. The course will be from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost for the class is \$55.00 and includes the kit needed for the class. Students are encouraged to bring a small table light.

Limited enrollment is available for all of these courses. For more information or to register for this class, please contact the Continuing Education Department at 870-368-7371 or via email, koverturnf@ozarka.edu or mdelong@ozarka.edu. Visit the Continuing Ed page on the Ozarka website at www.ozarka.edu/cont_ed.