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Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM Daily.
Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50 with dessert.

MENU:

Mon 9/18
Grilled Teriyaki Chicken
Tue 9/19
Tuna Fish Sandwich
Wed 9/20
Grilled Chicken Salad
Thu 9/21
Baked Fish
Fri 9/22
Chicken Salad Sandwich

Mon 9/25
Hamburger & FF
Tue 9/26
Chicken Spaghetti
Wed 9/27
Burrito Bake
Thu 9/28
Chicken Strip Salad
Fri 9/29
Crispitos

Ozarka Achieves Record Enrollment

Ozarka College has again exceeded its record for enrollment during the Fall 2006 semester. The record had been set last Fall with 1,052 students enrolled. This semester's student count has reached 1,069 students.

According to Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm, "We are thrilled to report this increase in students! Credit has to go to the dedicated individuals who work at this institution who put our students first at all times. In addition there have been more courses offered at each of Ozarka's locations making it more convenient for students in our service area and beyond to take the classes they need."

Helm further reports one more record which has been realized during this semester: an increased number of freshmen students who are enrolled. "We have 773 freshman attending Ozarka this semester and we will strive to serve those students until they reach their full potential at this institution."

In Arkansas, there has been a significant increase of enrollment in two-year public institutions above four-year colleges over the past several years. One considerable factor in this trend is the affordability of two-year institutions. It is more feasible for someone who wants to pursue their education to be able to remain in the region of their hometown, especially considering the great number of students who have families and/or children. Another reason for this trend is the atmosphere of a smaller campus. When the student-teacher ratio is substantially lower, students are receiving more personal attention from their instructors, which enhances the learning experience.

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.



See Page Two for more on the success of the *Little Big Town* concert on Sept. 7

Around Campus

- ◆ **PTK** Sept. 26 @ 11AM in Miller Compressed Video C116.
- ◆ **GAP testing (for RNs)** Thu Sept. 7 9AM-Noon & Mon. Sept 11th 1-4PM in the Miller Bldg. Learning Lab.
- ◆ **Ozarka College Board of Trustees Meeting** Thursday, September 21, 4:00PM Miller Board Room
- ◆ **Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)** American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, September 21 10AM-4PM, Miller Auditorium. See Page 3 for details.
- ◆ **Culinary Arts Gourmet Night** Fri. Sept. 22nd (Reservations required)



Student Ambassadors volunteered their time to help load and unload the band's gear.

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-Marty Sellars

Foundation Board Chair

Little Big Town Marks Success

Country vocal group, Little Big Town performed in the John E. Miller Auditorium at Ozarka College, Thursday, September 7 to an excited, sold-out crowd. The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors brought the group to Melbourne in hopes of reaching their goal for a Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant to endow scholarships for students in the north central Arkansas area.

According to Ozarka College Foundation Board Chairman, Marty Sellars, "the success of this concert has brought us to that goal. After much planning by our special events chairman, Son Lamb, the support of several local businesses who served as corporate sponsors for the concert as well as a lot of hard work by college personnel and volunteers, I am thrilled to announce that our five year goal which ends the last day of this month has now come to fruition."

Business sponsors included: Ash Flat Mayor Brien Nix Hall, Bancorp South, Bragg Broadcasting Inc., Coca-Cola Inc., Cone Realty, Corner Drug Store, First National Banking

Company, Garner Family Medical Center, G H Miller and Sons, Hometown Market, Lambs Inc, Mark's Pharmacy, North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, and WRD Entertainment.

One of the members of Little Big Town, Phillip Sweet, is a native of Cherokee Village. This concert was the closest venue that they have played as Little Big Town, and Sweet's family and friends were on hand at the concert to give him a welcome "home." Sweet said he was "overwhelmed and humbled by the great reception he received."

A week prior to the show at Ozarka College, the County Music Association announced the group had received two nominations for CMA awards:



Sweet and Dr. Johnston

the Horizon Award and Group of the Year. Their video for "Boondocks" was also nominated for Group/Duo video of the year by CMT.



Group members were very nice to sign many autographs after the performance.



Culinary Arts prepared dinner for the group, as well as furnishing snacks and drinks throughout the evening.

Ferguson Endowment Created



Coy Ferguson

The Ozarka College Foundation Board announced this week a new endowment fund has been created in honor of IZARD COUNTY native Mr. Coy Ferguson. By endowing the scholarship, the Ozarka Foundation will be able to match the original endowment donation from their Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant. The principal will remain in tact allowing the

Foundation to award a scholarship each year. Ferguson was a lifelong educator, teaching in the Oxford school system and also served as among the first administrators of the new IZARD COUNTY Consolidated School District. Ferguson is described as a person who was always encouraging others to achieve goals and success. Friends and family members of Mr. Fergu-

son have endowed the Coy Ferguson Memorial Scholarship at Ozarka College in recognition of the great value Mr. Ferguson placed on education. The Coy Ferguson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to an ICC graduating senior who will be attending Ozarka College. More information is available by calling Ozarka College at 870-368-7371.

Benefit Concert at Ozarka College

Hit songwriter Mark Alan Springer, a native Arkansan, is bringing Nashville to Ozarka College, Melbourne. On October 6, 2006, at 7:30 PM, he will be joined by many other hit songwriters to perform for one night only.

Springer has written such hits as "Two Sparrows In A Hurricane" (Tanya Tucker), "One Boy, One Girl" (Collin Raye), "Where Corn Don't Grow" (Travis Tritt), "Thank God For Believers" (Mark Chesnutt), and "That's Why I'm Here" (Kenny Chesney). He has also had songs recorded by Waylon Jennings, Alabama, Charlie Daniels, Tracy Lawrence and Joe Diffie. Springer is currently heading up Masville Music, LLC.

Joining Springer on stage will be A.J. Masters, who has had songs recorded by Faith Hill, Diamond Rio, Randy Travis, John Berry, Steve Azar, The Oak Ridge Boys,

Ray Scott, Gene Watson and many, many more. Dan Murph will be there to perform his hits "Pray For The Fish" (Randy Travis) and "Bourbon Street" (Sammy Kershaw). Also appearing will be upcoming songwriters Jesse Terry, Britt Lee and Jeff Lindsey.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at Melbourne High School, Calico High School, Mt Pleasant High School, Izard County Consolidated High School and Ozarka College.

This is a benefit for all the county schools. For further information on this event, please contact Ozarka College at 870-368-7371

Creative Writing Course Offered at Ozarka

Ozarka College Continuing Education Department will host a course in creative writing this fall at Ozarka College in Melbourne. English instructor, Joanna Fulbright will lead the course which begins Monday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. Classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through October 15.

Students who enroll in this non-credit course will discuss different types of literature and writing techniques to determine which area they want to focus on during the writing phase of the course. They will also discuss their areas of interest and why they want to write.

Since enrollment is limited for this course, pre-registration is required prior to September 22. Cost for the creative writing class is \$40.00. To register contact Kim Lovelace at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.

Phi Beta Lambda to Host Blood Drive

Brad Hollaway, PBL Advisor announced last week that the Phi Beta Lambda student organization will host their annual Red Cross Blood Drive at Ozarka College in Melbourne.

The blood drive will be Thursday, September 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Lobby of the Miller Complex. Hollaway states, "If you are a blood donor, please make plans to help PBL support the American Red Cross! For those who have never donated blood, the Red Cross volunteers will make certain the experience is a comfortable one."

For more information, contact Hollaway at 368-2082 or via email bhollaway@ozarka.edu.



American Red Cross

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Ozarka College
A Short Drive to Great Distances



Ozarka's TRiO Program Offers Support for Students

Through a federally funded grant program, Ozarka College offers services for many of its students. TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) provides academic, financial and personal support to eligible students at Ozarka College to assist them with their educational endeavors.

The services offered by Ozarka's SSS program include: academic advising; financial or supportive counseling referrals; information on chosen educational major and career choices; aptitude and interest inventories; transfer scholarship information; tours of four-year colleges and universities; help with admissions, financial aid and faculty advisors at other institutions; individual and group peer tutoring; technology training; informational workshops; and cultural events and trips.

Eligibility for SSS is established through the U.S. Department of Edu-

cation. Students applying for the program must meet one of the following qualifications: meet low income guidelines, be a first generation college student, or be an individual with a documented disability. Program participants must also be pursuing an eventual four-year degree and be a U.S. citizen or meet residency requirements.

Ozarka College has five staff members in the SSS Department. Deltha Shell is the Program Director, Karin Brown, is the Academic Services Coordinator, John Petersen is the Transfer Specialist, Tracy Cone is Tutoring Coordinator and Shelia Titus is the Program Secretary.

The SSS department has several activities planned for this semester including new student workshops, student career assessments, goals and skill assessments, several transfer trips in September and October, and

a cultural trip to the Imperial Dinner Theater in September.

Currently, SSS is processing new applicants. Any Ozarka College student who meets the eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply. For more information call TRiO SSS at 870-368-2036.

Ozarka College's TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Federal TRiO Programs. The 2005-2006 funded award is \$265,045. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.

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