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Ozarka M*A*S*H Unit Worked Hard for ACS



Ozarka College participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life this year in Izard County. The team has been actively working for several months to organize and raise funds for the event.

Led by Team Captain, Nancy Dust and a host of Ozarka employees and students, Ozarka's MASH Unit team raised \$1904.23, just short of their \$2,000 goal. Some of the fundraising had taken place back in April during the week of the 24th explains Nancy, "we sold team t-shirts and had a progressive change collection during the week. We also collected funds through the month in order to wear jeans from employees, had a hot dog lunch served by Dr. Johnston, Dr. DeLong and Mr. Helm, which was quite successful."

During the actual Relay on June 6 & 7, the team sold BBQ plates throughout the event. Nursing instructor, Val West and her husband, Lanny donated and cooked the pork and several others pitched in for chips and other "fixing's."

Approximately 65 people participated at the actual event, but many others helped prior to the event. "The nursing students should be commended for their enthusiasm and efforts during the event. They kept our team going with many activities," adds Dust.

The Ozarka MASH Unit won the Most Team Spirit award and the Spirit Stick award thanks to Admissions Secretary, Wanda McConnaughay who designed the stick for Ozarka's team.

All in all, Izard County raised around \$29,000, a successful event for the area.

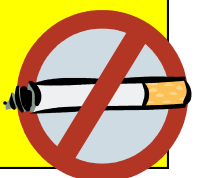
Around Campus

- ◆ **Summer II & Fall Registration**
6/23 - Mtn. View
6/24 - Ash Flat
6/25 Melbourne
- ◆ **Camp Fit & Fun** June 23-26
- ◆ **Summer I Final Exams**
June 30th.
- ◆ **Independence Day Holiday**
July 3 & 4 Campuses closed.
- ◆ **July 7** Summer II Classes begin.

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UNDER NEWS & EVENTS

Beginning July 1, 2008

All Ozarka campuses will be tobacco free



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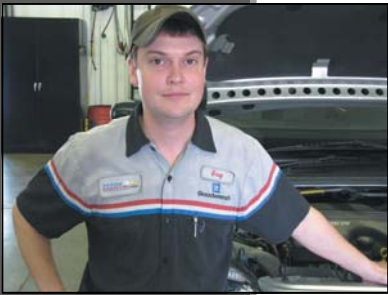
Top: Wanda and the winning spirit stick.

Top Right: Lanny and Nathan West man the grill.

Bottom: nursing students carried each other on a body board around the track.



Auto Grads Succeed at Local Dealership



Top: Greg Taylor.
Bottom: Justin Trewyn



Two graduates of the Automotive Service Technology Program at Ozarka College, Greg Taylor and Justin Trewyn are working in their field at a local dealership. They are service technicians in the service department at Mark Martin Chevrolet, formerly Tate Lawrence Chevrolet in Melbourne.

These former students of Ozarka College were recommended by the Automotive Service Technology (AST) instructor, Larry Wilkes before they had graduated from the program. In fact, each of these techs began work prior to their final semester being completed.

Greg Taylor graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in AST in 2001 and has become a GM certified technician since that time. Greg graduated from Melbourne High School and went right into the AST program at Ozarka "not really knowing anything about auto service beforehand." He adds, "I was green!"

Not the typical automotive student, Greg had to learn

everything in the shop. He was not one who had always tinkered around with cars or trucks. Greg's expertise at Mark Martin is electrical diagnosis. He also performs a lot of warranty work, along with brakes and oil leaks.

Greg explains that the Automotive program gave him a good basis to begin his career with GM products, but the technicians in the service department have to continuously receive training and he has been to many different classes through General Motors. The dealership has to maintain a certain number of certified techs with 100% work in each area of the industry.

A more recent graduate from Ozarka College's AST program, Justin Trewyn, completed his degree in May of 2007 and was referred by Wilkes to the service manager. Although Justin is not certified as a GM Tech yet, he has been to several training courses and hopes to become a certified GM Tech in the future. Currently, he performs oil changes, some accessory installation and diagnosis scanning.

A Mount Pleasant High School graduate, Justin has always enjoyed cars, especially foreign

performance cars like his 1993 Infinity G20. His advice for anyone interested in the Automotive program is to "really study and learn about the electrical portion of the class. The electrical components are a major part of the newer vehicles especially, and to be a successful technician depends on the knowledge of those components.

According to Mark Martin Chevrolet Service Manager, Danny Vest, "The key factor in hiring new service technicians is experience. Most vehicles built today require a technician that is knowledgeable in several areas like; computer diagnosis, inflatable restraint systems, and transmission components. Because of the skills and training that both of these men received from Ozarka's Automotive program, both Greg and Justin possess the knowledge needed to excel in the automotive industry.

For further information on the Automotive Service Technology program at Ozarka College contact Admissions at 870-368-7371 and schedule a tour of the main campus in Melbourne where the AST shop is located.

Fitness Center Offering Equipment to 60+

The Paul Miller Fitness Center at Ozarka College has partnered with the National Council on Aging to offer a Senior Activity Resource Closet through funding from a Health Aging grant.

The equipment available includes tennis rackets and tennis balls, FitBall Swiss Balls, exercise and yoga mats, jump ropes, volleyball yard kits, tetherball yard kits, softball equipment, Frisbee and ultimate Frisbee, flat football kit, aerobic steps, various hand weights, and more to be added at a later time.

This service is available to anyone 60 years plus with a valid drivers license or other form of ID. For further information, come by or call the Fitness Center at 870-368-2090.

In conjunction with this grant program, two courses will be offered in the Fall Semester. A second rotation of *Active Living Every Day* and a new course entitled *Healthy Eating Every Day* will be available. To enroll, contact Fitness Center Director, Holly Ayers at 870-368-2090 or via email. hayers@ozarka.edu.

Active Living Students Complete Course



The first group of students taking a new series of courses at Ozarka College during this past Spring semester met to receive Certificates of Completion at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 28

The course, entitled *Active Living Every Day*, was offered as introductory course for persons over the age of 60 and was deemed a success according to Director of the Fitness Center and instructor for the class, Holly Ayers. The course was funded through a Health Aging grant funded by the National Council on Aging.

The students met at Hawk's Nest

restaurant at Coopers Hawk Golf Club where they were treated to salad, turkey and ham wraps, fruit and dessert by the grant funding provided for these pro-

grams. Along with the students, Ayers and other staff from the Paul Miller Fitness Center and the college were on hand to congratulate the students for successfully completing the course. The 14 participants received gift bags and the eight students who completed the entire series were presented certificates.

The students shared their enthusiasm of what they learned from taking these courses. "I was already doing things that were considered physical activity, but did not realize I was actually exercising," expressed Rosemarie Carr. Patty Sample added, "part of what helped

is the time management and learning that every day things that we are doing can be enhanced to help us be more active, such as parking further away so we have to walk a little further."

One goal of the course that was met according to participants was having a good social network in order to stay active. "We have had a fun time participating in these activities together and doing so has greatly benefited my activeness in this course." expressed Mary Haley.

Ayers says, "Physical inactivity is the cause of major health problems in the United States. These courses, which are set up for students over the age of 60, are geared toward making sustainable behavior changes. The program focuses on helping older adults fit physical activity into their lives in realistic ways." She adds that the coursework offers a unique approach to behavior change and active living specific to our service area.

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-Rosemarie Carr

Top State GED Score

The Arkansas Department of Workforce Education (ADWE) announced last month that an examinee who tested with Ozarka College's Adult Education Department received the top GED (General Educational Development) test score in the State of Arkansas. The ADWE recognizes the top 25 scorers each year. There were of 6,906 GED recipients of Arkansas High School Diplomas in the State of Arkansas through the GED examination.

Janet Praught of Poughkeepsie was the top score in the State of Arkansas. She was honored and

awarded a plaque on her achievement in the rotunda of the State Capitol in Little Rock, during a Literacy Month celebration on April 22.

This is the second consecutive year that one of Ozarka's GED graduates has had the top score in the State. Ozarka had 178 students pass the GED during 2007.

For information regarding GED classes, testing or enrolling in courses at Ozarka College call (870) 368-7371, or log on to www.ozarka.edu.



Along with Janet Praught (holding plaque) and her family; also pictured is far right: Ozarka Chief GED Examiner, Sandra Miller; second from right: State GED Administrator, Janice Hanlon; back row, right: Director of ADWE, William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.; and back row, second from right: interim Deputy Director for Adult Education at the ADWE, Jim Smith.

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Provide Life Changing
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Ozarka Awards First CRC



Christina DeLargy (left)
pictured with CPI Director,
Kim Lovelace.

Ozarka College Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) personnel recently tested and awarded the first Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) Gold certificate. Christina DeLargy of Wiseman was the recipient of that honor.

Career Readiness Certificates (CRC) have become popular nationwide as a system for certifying the basic skills necessary for success in typical jobs. A Certificate gives specific information about a person's ability to perform common tasks that all employers require. Over 35 states have or are implementing or are interested in implementing programs using the CRC.

The Arkansas CRC program uses results from assessments through a program called WorkKeys® to award certificates in three categories: Gold, Silver and Bronze levels with Gold being the highest. Each level signifies what level an individual has scored in three core areas (Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information). More and more employees are utilizing CRC in the screening and interviewing process. In fact, several large regional companies have recently implemented the certificate.

The Arkansas Department of Workforce Services provides the CRC certificate, which includes the Governor's signature. The CRC complements diplomas, degrees, and resumes, and gives job seekers an advantage in the interview process. It is a portable credential, allowing employees to use it anywhere in the nation.

Christina is currently a student at Ozarka College who is in the Career Pathways program. She is completing pre-requisites for the LPN program and plans to apply for the LPN class that begins in January of 2009.

Anyone interested in learning more about the CRC or who would like to schedule the WorkKeys® assessment may contact Ozarka's Career Pathways office at 870-368-7371.