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Dr. Michael Westerhaus Retires

A retirement reception was held for Dr. Michael Westerhaus on Sept. 30 celebrating his 45 years of working in education. Many people were in attendance to commemorate including Pratt Community College colleagues, friends, family and two very large celebratory cakes. Even with the sweet treat in attendance, the parting gifts presented to Westerhaus were that much sweeter. Laughter erupted as Westerhaus opened up what used to be artwork hanging in his office. Now a "piece of PCC" to take with him. Along with the print was a plaque gifted by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick engraved with a personal message to Westerhaus in honor of his years of service in education.

In between gifts, applause and laughter Westerhaus spoke to his colleagues with gratitude for the last 23 years at PCC as an educator and a member of the administration. He spoke fondly of his experience and said that working never seemed like work because of the students, faculty, and staff he has worked with throughout the years.

Fitzpatrick assumed the role of Vice President of Instruction more than two months ago and he said he is grateful for the time he had with Westerhaus.

"He has been an asset to me acclimating and I cannot thank him enough," said Fitzpatrick during the ceremony.

Westerhaus referred to retirement as "phase two" and he said he has plans to do work around the house and spend time with family.

Upcoming Dates

- **Mid-Term Week**
10/5-9
- **Fall Break - No Classes**
10/12
- **Early Enrollment Begins**
10/13
- **A Night on Broadway**
10/23-25 | 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.



PCC Receives Award for Employee Breastfeeding Support

On Sept. 24, the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition awarded Pratt Community College the Silver Level "Breastfeeding Employees Support Award" for efforts to make working and breastfeeding easier for employees. Over the summer PCC implemented a Lactation Policy that gives breastfeeding mothers access to a private pumping room and time during working hours to utilize this room free of interruption and intrusion.

Student Success Specialist, Hannah Shaw is on the PCC Healthy Lifestyles Committee and said that they are thrilled to announce support for working mothers by providing this new policy as well as the private room. The room is located in the Benson Education Center, room 27.

"It was formally a photography and film development lab and it provides table space, electrical outlets, a sink, a refrigerator, and plenty of room" Shaw said. "We are pleased that our breastfeeding employees can successfully merge their important priorities of family and work through on site lactation support, and urge supervisors and coworkers to lend their support."

Lactating mothers interested in utilizing the room can request a key. Access to an electric breast pump for quick and efficient milk removal is currently provided at 100 percent reimbursement through the college's insurance provider, BMI. The room is ready for use and employees who would like to utilize it for their needs can speak to their supervisor.



Room 27, Benson Education Center

Ag Department starts Collegiate Farm Bureau



To give students one more club to be involved in on-campus, along with give them the chance to network, Pratt Community College's agriculture department has teamed up with the Farm Bureau to form a Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Last school year, members of the Pratt County Farm Bureau Association spoke with ag instructors Bill Hunter and Lori Montgomery about coming together to form this college group. The group will allow students to improve their leadership skills, network and have fun.

"I was so excited when they presented this to us and am excited to have this group on campus," Hunter said. "With help from the local and state bureaus we are going to be able to do a lot and it's going to be a great opportunity for the students."

This year Hunter said the group plans to work the ag center booth at the State Fair, go to the State Young Farmer and Rancher conference in Manhattan, where not only will they be able to attend the conferences but also have a team in the Discussion Meet, along with have socials, participate in community service and fundraise.

Hunter said the group is also hoping to do other events, including something for National Ag Day, but isn't sure yet what that will look like.

Anita DeWeese, Coordinator of the Pratt County Farm Bureau Association was fundamental in getting this group set up and has already had some of the students going with her to the local school districts to help teach students about agriculture, which Hunter said will continue in the future.

The group is meeting every other Tuesday with the next meeting being Sept. 8 in the ag building. Any students are welcome to attend. There is a \$20 membership fee.

Program Leverages Resources to Increase Student Success

Pratt Community College's Electrical Power Lineman Program recently acquired a 2003 Chevy C7500 Altec Digger. Coordinator of the program David Campbell found this digger when searching for a well maintained, low mileage unit to replace their current 1996 Chevy Kodiak Texhoma that is way past its prime.

PCC's goal is to conduct business with local and regional vendors to make major purchases; however, in this particular instance there were no real affordable options.

"We researched all avenues from purchasing a more expensive unit to leasing. Unfortunately leasing ranged between \$2,000 and \$3,000 monthly and would quickly deplete revenue versus a onetime expenditure," Vice President of Finance Kent Adams said.

Half of the cost was covered by the Kansas Board of Regents' Vocational Education Capital Outlay Aid Distribution which can be applied towards purchasing equipment.

The digger has 17,593 miles and can be used to dig holes and set poles. It has a sheave height of 50 feet. The EPT Program has locations in Pratt, Wichita, and Coffeyville.

"The unit that we had the students would never see in industry because it was obsolete," Campbell said. "Although the 360 rotation collector block is no longer repairable, the older unit will be used for practice driving for CDL training."



Artificial Insemination Course Offered On-Campus



With farmers starting to think about breeding their cattle, Pratt Community College Agriculture Department is offering an artificial insemination class.

The one hour course will be offered Nov. 8-11 from 6-10 p.m., each day, and will cost \$599. People must pre-enroll in the course.

During the course, students will get hands-on experience AI'ing cattle. They will also learn about heat detection, breeding, synchronization, semen handling, technique and cattle management.

The course will be taught by ABS representative Sandra Levering.

"This is a great course for anyone who lives on or plans on living on a cattle farm someday," said ag instructor Lori Montgomery.

For more information contact Montgomery at 620.450.2186 or to enroll in the call 620.450.2221.

FALL SPORTS RECAP

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PCC @ WICHITA STATE JK GOLD CLASSIC - 6TH PLACE
PCC @ TERRY MASTERSON INVITE - 3RD PLACE
PCC @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN STAMPEDE - 9TH PLACE
PCC @ OSU COWBOY JAMBOREE- 16TH PLACE

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

PCC vs. HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 0-8
PCC vs. ROSE STATE 1-3
PCC vs. EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE 0-3
PCC vs. COFFEYVILLE 0-2
PCC vs. NOC 0-2
PCC vs. KCK 0-2
PCC vs. BUTLER 0-5

MEN'S SOCCER

PCC vs. ROSE STATE 0-4
PCC vs. EASTERN OKLAHOMA 1-1
PCC vs. COFFEYVILLE 3-1
PCC vs. BARTON 2-1
PCC vs. NOC 4-0
PCC vs. HESSTON 5-1
PCC vs. KCK 3-1



Nationally Ranked

On Sept. 30, Soccer Coach Kevin Kewely announced that for the first time in the programs 5 years that the Men's soccer team is ranked #20 in the NJCAA Junior College National Poll that ranks schools every week. The men's soccer team has a six game winning streak since September.

VOLLEYBALL

BLINN COLLEGE PREMIERE TOURNAMENT
PCC vs. HILLSBORO 0-3
PCC vs. TYLER 0-3
PCC vs. BLINN 0-3
PCC vs. POLK 1-3

PCC vs. CLOUD COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2-3
PCC vs. SEWARD 2-3
PCC vs. HUTCHINSON 2-3
PCC vs. GARDEN CITY 3-0

HESSTON COLLEGE TOURNAMENT
PCC vs. HESSTON 1-3
PCC vs. SOUTHEAST 3-0

PCC vs. DODGE CITY 3-0
PCC vs. BUTLER



PCC Staff Member Places in Rodeo

Michelle Jochems competed at the Sunbelt Rodeo on Sept. 26. Competing in Poles, keyhole, and the flag race Jochems placed second in her division as well as runner up in Top Hand. The Top Hand is awarded to nominated participants who meet criteria in sportsmanship and experience in riding and handling horses throughout the year.

The Sunbelt Rodeo is a yearly event held in Parsons, KS. This was Jochems ninth year to attend and compete.

Pro Bull Rider Joins Coaching Team



After volunteering his time to work with the Pratt Community College rodeo team the last few years, Cooper Kanngiesser formally took a leadership position when the assistant rodeo coach position came open this fall.

"I enjoy teaching the students what I know," Kanngiesser said. "They are good kids who are excited to be better in their sport."

Kanngiesser is a professional bull rider from Attica, Kan. He has won the Dodge National Circuit Finals, runner up in the Championship Bull Riding, has gone to the National Finals Rodeo and won the Kansas High School Finals three times.

Kanngiesser was able to get to know rough stock students last year when they would come out to his ranch to buck on the bulls he and his dad raise. One of the bulls they raised was named Professional Bull Riding Bucking Bull of the Year.

Kanngiesser is excited to join Rocky Patterson, head coach and three times World Champion Steer Roper.

"The program is already established so we can only make it better," Kanngiesser said. "Rocky and I have the same mentality. He's a great roper and I'm pretty good with rough stock. Hopefully together we can make this program even better than what it already is."

When Kanngiesser isn't working, he enjoys spending time with his family, boating, hunting and fishing.

PCC and Bucky at Kansas State Fair



PCC Alumna Featured in Art Gallery



Mendi Egging, a long-time resident of Pratt, is owner and operator of Mendi Egging Photography, a photography business operating in Pratt and Wichita, KS. Mendi is a graduate of Pratt Community College and Fort Hays State University, where she received a BFA in photography. In college, Mendi developed a passion for a lost art, film photography. Her passion for film photography may not seem important with today's cameras, but the precision and patience behind it helped her realize that photography is an art form, sometimes lost in a digital age.

After years of experience in the field, including studio and film photography, Mendi began her venture into business for herself. That has led to the creation of Mendi Egging Photography. Mendi was the photographer for Skyline High School's 2015 Prom and Sacred Heart Catholic Church's 2015 First Communion. In 2015, Mendi was honored to meet and photograph an event with all the Miss Kansas contestants, including Miss Kansas Hannah Wagner.

Medi's exhibit can be viewed at the Delmar Riney Art Gallery at Pratt Community College Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by appointment. For more information or to be considered as a "Featured Artist of the Month," contact Lisa Perez Miller at 620-672-3559 or lisam@prattcc.edu.



Example of Eggings film photography,
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Example of Eggings digital photography,
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New Dance Troupe Coming This Spring

Blues on Point is the newest addition to the Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department. The Blues on Point Dance Troupe will join the department in Spring 2016. The troupe will perform all types of dance including: tap, jazz, lyrical, ballet, music theatre and hip hop. The group will be featuring performers in a variety of venues throughout the year.

Dancers may audition for full tuition and books scholarships by contacting the performing arts department.



STUDENT LIFE



Ethanol Plant Tour



EPT - Hotline school



Fly Kansas Air Tour



Physical Science Class

October Student Activities

OCT. 1	POOL TOURNAMENT	9 P.M.	REC CENTER
OCT. 8	SMORES AND HOTDOGS	9 P.M.	OUTSIDE NORTH HALL
OCT. 12	GROCERY BINGO	9 P.M.	WOJ. HALL
OCT. 13	WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT	9 P.M.	DENNIS LESH SPORTS ARENA
OCT 14.	BEAVER OLYMPICS	9 P.M.	DENNIS LESH SPORTS ARENA
OCT. 15	OUTDOOR DANCE	9 P.M.	OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT
OCT 23-25	A NIGHT ON BROADWAY	7:30 P.M.	CARPENTER AUDITORIUM