



Pratt Community College  
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## Call for October newsletter content

If you have information, ideas for new content, fun facts, or PCC trivia, send them to Jennifer for inclusion in the next newsletter!

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## 93 Represent PCC at Relay for Life

On August 21, Pratt Community College participated in the 2015 Pratt County Relay for Life. The PCC team included 93 students, faculty, and staff, and raised \$1,494 towards ending cancer. PCC's Encore! ensemble also performed vocal selections throughout the evening. *Each year, the members of the PCC family contribute more than 13,000 hours in community service and engagement to South Central Kansas. Our middle name is community.*



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## Upcoming Dates

- **Labor Day - No Classes**  
9/7
- **South Central Kansas Artists Guild**  
9/9 | 7 p.m.
- **Kansas State Fair - College Booth**  
9/11 - 9/20 | Meadowlark Building
- **Joint Council / AQIP Committee**  
9/15 | 2 p.m.
- **Performing Arts Showcase**  
9/20 | 2:30 p.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
9/21 | 7 p.m.



## PCC Welcomes New Admissions Director



On Aug. 24, Pratt Community College welcomed Jackie Mundt as the new Director of Admissions and Recruiting.

"Jackie brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team, having over five years of corporate sales, brand marketing, and customer accountability, forecasting and market analysis," said Lisa Perez

Miller, vice president of students and enrollment management. "We are fortunate to hire someone with Jackie's credentials and I am confident she will bring many valuable attributes to our team."

Mundt is a graduate of California State University, Fresno, and is completing her Master of Science degree from Kansas State University. She comes to Pratt from Indianapolis where she was employed with Dow AgroScience. Her responsibilities included management, development and production of cross-brand communication pieces and management of a sales territory.

"I'm very excited to join the PCC family and be part of the Pratt community," said Mundt. "The admissions team has been very welcoming and invested in helping my transition be as smooth as possible. I look forward to helping students recognize what PCC has to offer, and assisting them down the path to successful careers through academic and community involvement."



Mundt pictured with the 2015-2016 admissions team

## Haskell Joins EPT Faculty

Wanting to teach students what he learned during his 36 years in the field, Jerry Haskell has taken over the Electrical Powerline Technology program in Wichita at Pratt Community College.

Haskell will be teaching high school and college students both classwork and hands-on training at the new Grove Campus, which is located at Wichita Area Technical College.

"I feel like I can benefit the students," Haskell said. "I've been in the business for many years so feel I can teach them things they wouldn't learn in a book."

The main things Haskell hopes the students know at the end of a class is proper climbing technique and how to handle tools and trucks properly. He added that just positioning the trucks a certain way can be beneficial and make the job easier.

"I want to teach them to be the best in the field and also to do it safely," he said.



Haskell heard about the teaching position after Dave Campbell, head of the EPT department, sent the position to Haskell's supervisor. He has considered teaching before but said this time he felt like he was in a good spot for change.

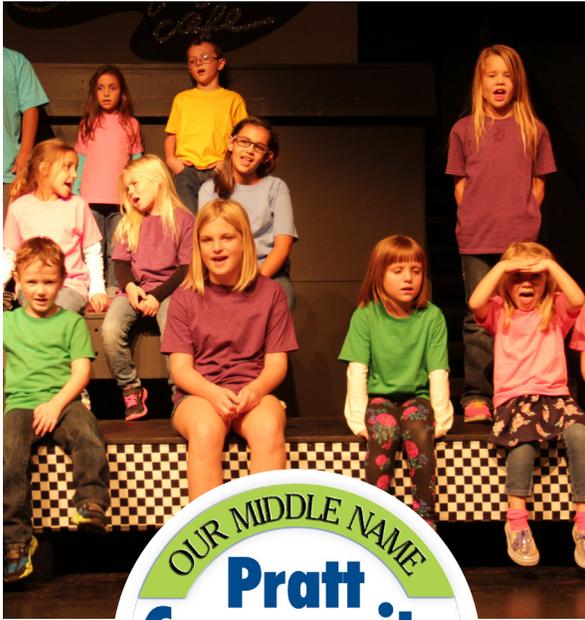
Haskell worked at Butler Rural Electrical Cooperative as a lineman, foreman and service technician for 36 years.

"Campbell and Michael Westerhaus did a wonderful job identifying the highest qualified individual for the position," said Michael Fitzpatrick, Vice President of Instruction. "Haskell is an added value to our already exemplary program."

From an early age, Haskell said he knew he wanted to be a lineman. One cold, snowy winter night he watched a lineman change a transformer in his backyard and thought it looked exciting.

When Haskell isn't working he enjoys working on a small acreage he owns, refereeing high school and college football and watching his four grandchildren play sports.

# Community Choirs Resume for Fall Semester



Each year, Pratt Community College's vocal department invites community members and children to join the school's choir. The fall choirs will kick off on Sept. 14.

"Each year we have a lot of fun with the community," said J.J. Rupe, director of the **community choir**. "I would like to see everyone return from last semester and new faces as well." Community choir is for anyone in the community older than fifth grade and will meet Mondays at 6 p.m.

The **kids' choir** meet every Monday from 4-5 p.m. The group is for boys and girls between the ages of kindergarten and fifth grade who enjoy singing and performing. The choir is directed by Misty Beck who is assisted by students from the PCC Performing Arts Department.

Both groups will meet in room 42 in the Benson Education Center. The groups will perform in 'A Night on Broadway', the Christmas show in the fall and in several shows in the spring. There is no fee to join. For more information about either group, contact Beck at [mistyb@prattcc.edu](mailto:mistyb@prattcc.edu).

*Inviting the community to join the choir is just one of the ways that PCC celebrates being part of the Pratt community. Our mission is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment. Each year, the members of the PCC family contribute more than 13,000 hours in community service and engagement to South Central Kansas. Our middle name is community.*

## PCC Attends Wichita Tailgate Event



On Aug. 25, Pratt Community College attended Mel Hamilton's Ford High School Tailgate for their annual back to school bash.

Automotive Instructors Daryl Lucas and Greg Bacon, together with their students, displayed the department's fabricated racecar and represented the educational opportunities available for prospective students interested in vocational fields.

Coach Jordyn Lott and the cheer team were also highly engaged and performed an exciting routine that was well received by the crowd.

Before departing, the team volunteered for clean up duty and removed trash from the perimeter of the lot. The tailgate's Event Coordinator expressed her gratitude for their service and thoughtfulness.

"Although this was my first venture to this function, I believe it was a success and look forward to exploring additional marketing strategies to make next year even more fruitful," said Michael Fitzpatrick, vice president of instruction.



# Fall Sports Update

## Cross Country

Results from the Allen County King's Classic - Aug. 28 at Iola, Kan.

### Women

1. Allen 39
  2. Dodge City 57 (defeated Pratt on tiebreaker)
  3. Pratt 57
  4. McPherson 77
  5. Garden City 101
- Coffeyville *No team score*  
Avila *No team score*

Pratt top finishers: Fallon Spraggins (6th), Divina Flores (7th).

### Men

1. Saint Mary's 28
  2. Allen 34
  3. Highland 86
  4. McPherson 102
  5. Dodge City 164
  6. Pratt 166
  7. Garden City 176
- Coffeyville *No team score*  
Avila *No team score*

Top Pratt Finishers: Justin Moore (24), Matthew Spahn (36), Jacob Rice-Stewart (37).

## Volleyball

### Aug. 28 - 29

- Win vs North Lake (25-11, 25-18, 25-19)
- Win vs Labette (25-11, 25-22, 25-11)
- Win vs Clarendon (25-19, 25-20, 25-14)
- Loss vs Vernon College (11-25, 20-25, 15-25)

### Aug. 31

- Win vs Colby (33-31, 26-24, 25-18)

Lady Beavers now 2-0 in conference

## Women's Soccer

On Aug. 29 the Beavers hosted Garden City in the opening conference game. The game ended with a 2-0 win for Garden City. The women will travel to Hutchinson on Sept. 2 to take on the nationally ranked Blue Dragons.

## Men's Soccer

On Aug. 29 the Beavers hosted Garden City in the opening conference game. Freshman Robbie Carter forced the Garden goalkeeper into an error that gave the Beavers a final goal to take a 6-5 lead, with three minutes left on the clock. The Beavers held on to that lead for the conference win. Next up is a trip to Oklahoma City to take on Rose State in a non-conference game on Sept. 4, followed by another non-conference against EOSC on Sept. 5.

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## Wildlife Photographer Displays Work in Gallery



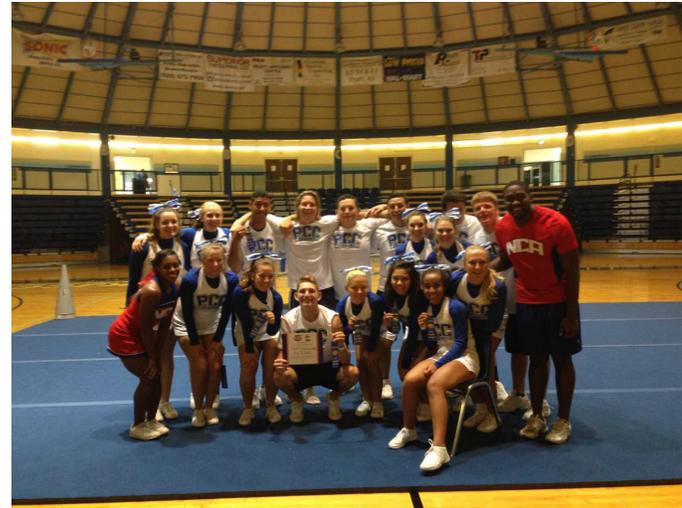
During September, the Delmar Riney Art Gallery at Pratt Community College will feature the work of Nadia Marji, Managing Editor of Kansas Wildlife & Parks magazine. In her exhibit, Marji shares bird and wildlife snapshots from her travels across Kansas over the past three years. A self-taught photographer, Nadia believes photographing wildlife is largely a matter of being in the right place, at the right time, and hidden – skills she has acquired as a hunter.

When she's not traipsing through the Kansas outdoors, Nadia can be found typing away on her next "Accidental Huntress" column featured in Kansas Wildlife & Parks magazine and online at [AccidentalHuntress.blogspot.com](http://AccidentalHuntress.blogspot.com).

Nadia currently resides in Pratt with her fiancé, Jon, his two sons, Tyler and Dylan, and the family's three Labrador retrievers – Kota, Bella, and Zeke.

# Renovations Complete in Beaver Bites and Rec Center

Formerly known as Beaver Bytes, the college's cafe and snackbar is now known as Beaver Bites. A pool table is now available in the cafe, and all new furniture gives the space a refreshed appearance. Lunch specials are offered throughout the week and the cafe accepts cash, checks and most major credit cards.



## You're invited to join us in celebrating the **ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION!**

Wednesday, Sept. 2  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Linda Hunt Memorial Library  
Cake & Punch will be served



## **PCC Cheer Heading to Nationals**

The squad qualified for the National Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Cheer Championship this August under the direction of new head coach Jordyn Lott. Bids are awarded based on the team's successful completion of specific requirements in the areas of participation, conduct, and camp achievements. The Pratt team will head to Daytona Beach, Fla. to compete April 6 - 10, 2016.

NCA seeks to instill in young people the values and habits that will enable them to compete, endure, and become successful in life: preparation, dedication, tenacity, perseverance, self-sacrifice, teamwork, and leadership.



## Fall 2015 Schedule Announced

Area senior citizens over the age of 62 are invited to participate in Club 62 programming and events. There is no cost for Club 62 membership, and nominal fees are charged for event participation. Contact Jennifer Barten to RSVP at [jenniferb@prattcc.edu](mailto:jenniferb@prattcc.edu) or 620-450-2192. For more info, visit [prattcc.edu/club62](http://prattcc.edu/club62)

**Tanganyika // Sept. 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. RSVP by June 22**

\$10 plus lunch. Transportation will be provided to the zoo. When we get there we will take a 30 minute tour with a zoo employee to learn about a few of the animals. You will then have time to explore the zoo on your own. You will be responsible for your own lunch. We must have 15 or more people to make this trip possible.

**Dillon Lecture Series // Oct. 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 29**

\$10 plus lunch. This Lecture Series is presented by Hutchinson Community College. Derreck Kayongo came to the U.S. as a child refugee. He, along with his wife Sarah, founded The Global Soap Project, which reuses partially-used hotel soaps into new bars that are distributed to the needy, particularly in Africa. His group donates over a million bars annually to more than 20 countries around the world. We will lunch afterwards at the Dutch Kitchen; your lunch cost is up to you. Average entrée price is \$7 - \$11. Must have 20 or more to make this trip possible.

**“Night on Broadway” // Oct. 18, 2:30 p.m. RSVP by July 14.**

\$5 donation. The PCC Performing Arts department presents “Night on Broadway” which features music from many different Broadway shows sung by a wide variety of students and community members.

**Casino Day // Oct. 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 16**

\$10 plus lunch. Transportation will be provided to the casino in Dodge City. You will be responsible for your own lunch. We must have 20 or more people to make this trip possible.

**Wreath Festival // Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 5**

\$15. The Wreath Festival at the Sedgwick County Historical Museum will feature wreaths, holiday gifts of all kinds, delicious baked goods, festive music, and special exhibits. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Must have 20 or more to make this trip possible.

**“Christmas to Remember” // Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.**

\$5 donation. The PCC Performing Arts department presents a “Christmas to Remember” with the first half of the shows focus being more on the entertaining side of Christmas and the second half focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, with more religious numbers.

**Handel’s Messiah // Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 1**

\$30. Few works evoke the pure joy of the holidays more than Handel’s “Messiah.” Take delight in his jubilant melodies and unmistakable “Hallelujah” Chorus. With orchestrations by none other than Mozart, this BIG Messiah will lift the spirits of all as we begin the holiday season of celebrations. Featuring the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Must have 20 or more to make this trip possible.

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## Current Employment Opportunities

Pratt Community College is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected by law in admission, recruitment, treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

Visit [prattcc.edu/personnel](http://prattcc.edu/personnel) for full job descriptions and application instructions.

Coordinator of Marketing Communications & College Relations	Full Time	Professional Exempt
Computer Specialist (Support)	Full Time	Classified
Assistant Soccer Coach	Full Time	Professional Exempt
Assistant Rodeo Coach	Part Time	Professional Exempt
Adjunct Clinical Instructors for Allied Health	Part Time	Professional Faculty

# Students Enjoy Welcome Week Activities



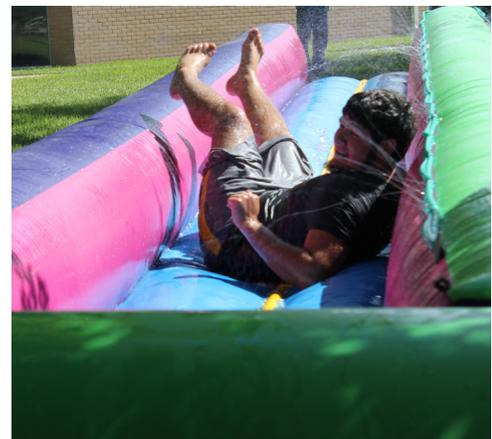
Casino Night



Minute to Win It



Scavenger Hunt



Giant Inflatables