

CHAMBER NEWS

PRATT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

KIOGA MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN PRATT

The 17th annual Mid-Year Meeting for Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) takes place in Pratt on April 23-24.

This is the first time the non-profit member organization representing oil and gas producers in Kansas, as well as allied service and supply companies, will host an event locally.

“Mid-Year meetings offer an opportunity to visit with peers in the oilfield and discover and observe the trends, markets and innovations of this ever changing industry,” said Pratt Well Service, Inc. President Kenneth Gates.

Gates is one of some 150 professionals from across the state expected to attend the conference at Pratt Community College.

Moreover, Gates and his staff played a vital role in bringing the 2009 meeting to south central Kansas.

By partnering with local entities such as the college and Pratt Travel and Tourism, the community is able to offer KIOGA’s membership suitable facilities for a trade show, demonstrations and general meeting scheduled during the conference. Comfortable overnight accommodations are also available to attendees along with a variety of local entertainment options.

“These are the types of events that we need to encourage in our community,” said Brian Hoffman, executive director of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce. “Our businesses can partner with local entities to bring activities sponsored by their pro-

fessional affiliations to Pratt.”

“Pratt is an ideal city for the Mid-Year conference,” said Gates. “We are fortunate to have Pratt Community College with an enthusiastic and accommodating staff, as well as the Park Hills Country Club golf course and the fair grounds available.”

Pratt Well Service, Inc., the nation’s oldest family-operated well service business, has been a KIOGA member for some 30 years.

KIOGA has over 1,400 members and is the lead state and national advocate for independent oil and gas producers in Kansas.

**Kansas Oil & Gas Resources Fund
Science Teacher Workshop**
Friday, April 24 • 8:30am-4pm
Pratt Community College

Area educators are invited to participate in a free workshop focused on earth sciences and energy issues. Reservations are due April 17 to (316) 771-7167 or kioiga@swbell.net.

Current Chamber
Membership: 260

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**PLEASE SHARE
THE CHAMBER
NEWS WITH
YOUR STAFF!**

CANDIDATE FORUM ON APRIL 4

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce’s Candidate Forum is April 4 at Pratt Community College’s Riney Student Center at 9am.

All candidates for USD 382 Board of Education, USD 438 Board of Education, Pratt Community College Board of Trustees and Pratt City Com-

missioner are welcomed and encouraged to attend this free public event.

“Our primary goal is to get the candidates before the general public before voters go to the polls during the City/School General Election on April 7,” said Brian Hoffman, executive director of

the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce. “The forum allows the candidates to present their platforms and answer questions submitted by the public.”

The forum’s question and answer format includes opening and closing statements from each candidate.

MESSAGE FROM BRIAN

Once again, the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce and the *Pratt Tribune* are working together to produce the 2009 visitor's guide. *Destination Pratt* is the primary information resource for Pratt residents and Pratt County visitors.

In the coming weeks, the newspaper will be offering advertising space in the publication. I encourage you all to make an investment. As with the 2008 guide, the chamber's membership directory

will be published in the upcoming guide.

From time to time, marketing agencies come into the area soliciting advertising from local businesses. While we regularly partner with local entities, we typically do not endorse outside advertising companies. If you have any questions whether a business has been endorsed by our office, please contact us at (620) 672-5501.

MEMBER NEWS IN THE CHAMBER NEWS

Queckboerner Joins maurices

First Assistant Manager Christina Queckboerner has joined the **maurices** staff. Queckboerner's appointment followed the departure of Shawn Haste. Haste was promoted to manager of **maurices** in Liberal.

Queckboerner and her husband recently moved to the area from Nebraska. Her husband works for Todd Tobin near Iuka. Stop in to meet Queckboerner and let her show you the latest spring fashions at **maurices**!

Pratt Tribune Names New Publisher

Eric Strobel was recently named publisher of the *Pratt Tribune*. Strobel, a Pratt native, has extensive media experience (e.g. newspaper and radio). Most recently, Strobel served as the general manager for KMMM-AM 1290.

Strobel is the father of Emma and Katie, second graders, and Michael, a Washburn University student and mem-

ber of the Kansas Air National Guard.

KMMM-AM 1290 Promotes Coss

Pratt resident Lisa Coss is now station manager of KMMM-AM 1290 Rocking M Radio. Coss previously served as business manager and traffic director for KMMM and continues to do so. In addition, Coss is now the business manager for the group of Rocking M Radio stations in Salina (e.g. KZUH, KVOB and KDJM).

Coss is a very family-oriented person and takes pride in her community involvement. She is a graduate of Skyline School and Pratt Community College with local involvement in Leadership 2000 PLUS, Junior Leadership 2000 PLUS, South Central Community Corrections, South Central Community Foundation, Kansas Leadership and Kiwanis.

Tell us what's happening in your office, (620) 672-5501 or info@prattkan.com.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RALLY A SUCCESS

All Pratt High School and Skyline School freshman participated in the annual Junior Leadership Rally on Wednesday, March 11. The event was made possible and successful thanks to the participants, facilitators and committee members: Skyline School, Pratt High School, Willi Peltier, Lynn Perez, Steve Blakenship, Becca Flowers, Lisa Perez Miller, Pam Kilgariff, Annette Lee, Sandy Foster, Bob Fleener, Curtis Nightingale,

Dean Rausch, Lisa Coss, Herb McPherson, Carson Launchbaugh, Ellie Estes and Aldo Cilliers. Junior Leadership 2000 PLUS is currently taking applications from high school freshman interested in being a part of the 2009 class. The first class is tentatively scheduled for May 27-28. Contact Coss at (620) 450-8567 or lcoss@rockingmradio.com for more information.

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CHAMBER MAKES AMBASSADOR VISITS

Ambassadors with the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce visited Shelter Insurance's new location, 201 E. First, Suite A, on March 12.

Owner Lisa Wyatt has been meeting the insurance needs of south central Kansas residents since 2006.

Shelter Insurance provides individual insurance coverage in the areas of auto, home, life, boat and farm in addition to providing coverage for small and midsize businesses.

The Ambassadors celebrated Stan Reimer's return to studio photography on March 26 with a visit to 407 S. Main. In addition to operating the Photography Gallery, 403 S. Main, Reimer has reopened his portrait and commercial studio — Stan Reimer Photography Limited.

His latest venture will also include the

copy and restoration of old photographs.



ABOVE: Shelter Insurance
BELOW: Stan Reimer Photography Limited



FINALLY FRIDAY! TREATS SHARED

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce and 54 Diner & Catering presented sweet treats to area businesses as part of *Finally Friday!*. The chamber staff visited Pratt Feeders, LLC; EBH & Associates, Inc.; Mead Lumber Co.,

Inc.; and Strong's Insurance, Inc.

Finally Friday! recognizes employees of the chamber's member businesses for their hard work.



THANKS
54 Diner & Catering
for sponsoring
Finally Friday!

LEFT: EBH & Associates, Inc.

FAR LEFT: Pratt Feeders, LLC



ABOVE: Mead Lumber Co., Inc.
LEFT: Strong's Insurance, Inc.

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Manicures and Pedicures!



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Wednesdays at The Hairport - 206 So. Main - 620.213.2030

Call today for an appointment and a gab fest

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Manicure - \$ 25

Shaped and finished looking nails

It will increase the flexibility and suppleness of wrists and hands

Massaging by cream increases the blood circulation in the hands

Damage in nails like fragile tips, wear and tear, and splits can be prevented

I will use an intensive paraffin wax, oils, creams to cleanse, exfoliate and improve your nails and skin

Pedicure - \$ 40

Shaped and Finished looking toenails

Massaging will help circulation in your feet and legs

I use oils, creams to cleanse, exfoliate and improve the overall health of your feet

Sanitary Conditions – Priceless

New file on each client

All instruments are new or sterilized

Gift Certificates Available

N O A R T I F I C I A L N A I L S

I realize that many of you have found good nail techs since I left and I appreciate that, but I hope you will keep me in mind if you ever find yourself in the position of needing a new manicurist. Please stop in and say hi if you're going by.
Mary



Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce

114 N. Main
Pratt, KS 67124

Save the Date!

Candidate Forum

Saturday, April 4 • 9am
Pratt Community College's Riney Student Center
The public is invited to meet City/School General Election candidates during this free forum.

Pilot Club's Bunny Express and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11 • 11am - 2:30pm
Sixth Street Park
Ride the train and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt for \$1. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny!

Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology

Tuesday, April 14 • 2pm
Pratt Area 4-H Center
Dr. Debra Sellers, assistant professor and extension specialist, will discuss what assistive technology products may best fit your needs. Refreshments will be served during this free public event.

"In the Lime Light" Fashion Show

Saturday, April 18 • 6:30pm and 7:30pm
Parkwood Village Assisted Living
A fundraiser for Skyline School's 2009/2010 band trip, fashion review tickets are on sale for \$7 at K.Lane's, Parkwood Village Assisted Living and from Skyline students. The first show starts with refreshments at 6:30pm followed by a second show at 7:30pm.

Leadership 2000 PLUS Graduation

Thursday, April 23 • 6:30pm
Park Hills Country Club
The evening will include dinner, presentation of the Servant Leader Award and a keynote address by Steve Hewitt, Greensburg city administrator. Nonclass members can attend for \$16. Reservations are requested at (620) 672-5501.

2009 Beaver Backer Bash

Friday, April 24 • 6pm Silent Auction and 7pm Live Auction
National Guard Armory
For more information, visit pccfoundation.com.

Girl's Night Out

Thursday, April 30 • 5:30 pm
Downtown Pratt
Enjoy an evening of games and shopping with your girlfriends!

Pratt
Has Something
for *You!*

City/School General Election on April 7.