

# CHAMBER NEWS

## PRATT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### CHAMBER TO CELEBRATE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate 80 years of service during the organization's annual meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m.

"Our past is tied to the history of Pratt County businesses," said Brian Hoffman, executive director of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're going to take this opportunity to recognize the histories of our members as we celebrate the chamber's milestone."

Held in the Pratt Area 4-H Center at the Pratt County Fairgrounds, the meeting will include a display of historical business items provided by member businesses. The Pratt County Historical Museum will also share items

dating back to the chamber's 1929 beginning.

During the business meeting members will be asked to approve changes to the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce By-Laws.

"The suggested changes are meant to clarify some of the document's more ambiguous points," said Hoffman. "I encourage everyone to review the document before the meeting. Copies are available at our office, online at [prattkan.com](http://prattkan.com) and will be provided at the meeting"

Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu, assistant professor and director of the Innovation Center at Kansas State University, will deliver the keynote address during the event. His

message, "will provide a frame for defining the current challenges confronting small towns and rural communities and discuss some of the steps that may be followed in crafting and executing these value innovation strategies for effective community transformation."

Dr. Amanor-Boadu presentation — "Strategically Speaking . . . The Growing Importance of Strategy in Community Growth and Development" — precedes the joint strategic planning process he'll begin with the chamber, Pratt Area Economic Development Corporation and Pratt Travel and Tourism.

Dinner reservations are requested before September 11 at (620) 672-5501.

Current Chamber Membership: 252

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

### CALLING TREE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

In service to our membership, the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce alerts businesses of check abuse as reported by the Pratt Police Department and area financial institutions. This valuable member benefit is widely used and very well received.

In an effort to update the calling tree of participating businesses we must have your input! Please contact the chamber, (620) 672-5501 or [info@prattkan.com](mailto:info@prattkan.com), if you'd like to continue re-

ceiving alerts. **Please note, your business will be removed from the calling tree if you do not contact the chamber of commerce with your express consent.**

If you have not been included

in the calling tree, but feel it would benefit your office, please let us know.

With your help, a revised version of the calling tree will be issued in time for the holiday shopping season.

### FALL DECORATIONS AVAILABLE

Pratt Travel & Tourism, in partnership with the chamber's City Promotions Committee, is sharing fall decorations (hay bales, pumpkins and mums) with members.

**Supplies are limited!** Call (620) 672-5501 to reserve your decorations.

Decorations will be delivered at the end of September.

## MESSAGE FROM BRIAN

The article published in the Pratt Tribune on August 28 — “Yes you can start a business” — has already created a positive response. People have already contacted the Pratt Area Economic Development Corporation (PAEDC) about available opportunities. PAEDC is dedicated to supporting businesses and

## LEADERSHIP NEWS

The first session of the 2009-2010 Leadership 2000 PLUS class begins September 15. This will be the first of 9 full-day sessions scheduled through April 2010. If you are interested in being part of the class or would like to

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### Advertise at the Barron Theatre

The Barron Theatre's September On-Screen Advertising Special includes 3 free months of advertising before each feature presentation. All new contracts and renewals are eligible to receive the advertising special. Regular advertising rates run \$50 per screen per month with a \$50 setup fee. The setup fee is waived with a 6 month paid commitment. For more information contact Carol Stull at (620) 672-2002.

### maurices to Support Local Shelter

Beginning September 1, maurices will collect pet food and supplies to benefit the Pratt Area Humane Society. While no donation will be turned away during the month, a complete list of the shelter's needs is available at maurices, 324 S. Main.

On September 13 maurices will host a Rescues & Runways Fashion Show in Sixth Street Park at 2 p.m. The event includes a silent auction to benefit the shelter. If your business would like to make a contribution, please contact maurices at (620) 672-3348.

### New Ownership for TLC Transportation

Jason Faucett is the new owner of TLC Transportation and Auto Detail Service. The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors will visit Faucett's operation on September 2 at 10:30 a.m. at 117 W. Fourth.

creating an entrepreneurial environment within our community. I would like to encourage all of those interested in starting a business or expanding an existing businesses to contact me at (620) 672-5501 or brianh@prattkan.com.

nominate someone, please contact the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce, (620) 672-5501; Jeanette Siemens, (620) 770-0233; or Matt Hecker, (620) 770-2024.

### PCC Introduces Club 62+

Pratt Community College introduces Club 62+, a senior citizen programming and discount club provided for those 62 years of age and older in the Pratt County area. The program offers activities each month starting with “Cell Phones for Seniors” on September 10, 2-4 p.m. The class is free of charge.

All residents of the PCC service area 62 years of age or older are entitled to receive a senior discount card at no cost. The cardholder will be entitled to the following:

- Discount of 10 percent at the college food service.
- One-half price admission to college athletic events.
- Tuition scholarships for all college courses.
- Free admission to college cultural events for which students are admitted free.

For more information about Club 62+ visit [prattcc.edu](http://prattcc.edu).

### National Assisted Living Week Activities

Parkwood Village is celebrating National Assisted Living Week with activities everyone can enjoy! The festivities begin with an ice cream social for Grandparents Day on September 13 at 2 p.m.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Paid Advertisement

Pratt Public Library is conducting a community survey to gather information that will guide us in planning for the future of the library. We need your input to assess the information needs of Pratt and how to best meet these needs. Please take time to fill out the enclosed survey and return to the library before September 30.

## AMBASSADORS VISIT SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES

Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors attended an open house for Saint Francis Community Services, 400 South Main, Suite 101. The adoption and foster care service relocated downtown in May.

Saint Francis Community Services began in 1945. The organization has since expanded its' services across Kansas and has had a presence in Pratt for 12 years. The local office for the donor-supported child welfare ministry currently provides family preservation, foster care reintegration and adoption programs in Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa and Pratt counties. The organization also supports a kinship program, informal care program and provides

foster care families respite care as needed.

The organization currently has two foster care homes in Pratt and is actively seeking potential foster parents, emer-

gency care providers and respite care providers.

Visit [st-francis.org](http://st-francis.org) to learn more about Saint Francis Community Services or call (620) 672-5132.



## 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 delivered homemade goodies to High Plains Farm Credit, Pratt Medical Arts Pharmacy, Pratt Veterinary Hospital and State Farm Insurance - Dan Gillig.

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



**ABOVE:** Pratt Veterinary Hospital  
**RIGHT:** State Farm Insurance  
**Below Right:** High Plains Farm Credit  
**Below Left:** Pratt Medical Arts Pharmacy

Thank You  
**54 Diner & Catering**  
for sponsoring Finally Friday!



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and conclude with a family potluck on September 19 at noon. Guests are asked to provide a picnic-style side dish or dessert as Parkwood will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and tableware. Activities are scheduled throughout the week. For a complete list of

events and to make reservations, contact Parkwood Village at (620) 672-5541.

### 54 Diner Accepting Holiday Bookings

54 Diner & Catering is now booking for

the holiday season. Schedule your catering event by contacting the diner at (620) 672-3900 or [54diner@sctelcom.net](mailto:54diner@sctelcom.net).



Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce

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Pratt, KS 67124



**Pratt**  
Has Something  
for *You!*

## Save the Date!

**Ambassadors to Visit TLC Transportation** (see page 2)  
September 2 • 10:30 a.m. • 117 W. Fourth Street

### **Pratt County Town Hall with Moran**

September 4 • 3:15-4:15 p.m. • Pratt Community College  
Congressman Jerry Moran invites all area residents to a town hall meeting.

### **Western Fun**

September 5 • 5-8:30 p.m. • Sixth Street Park  
The Pilot Club of Pratt will offer train rides for \$1 (3 years and older). Ride the Pilot Club Express Railroad and eat supper (Sloppy Joe, chips, drink and a cookie) for only \$5. Dress in your favorite western outfit and join the fun!

### **Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Closed on Labor Day**

September 7

### **Club 62+: Cell Phone for Seniors** (see page 2)

September 10 • 2-4 p.m. • Pratt Community College

### **11th Annual Pratt Pilot Club Charity Golf Tournament**

September 13 • 12:15 p.m. Registration and 1 p.m. Shotgun  
Park Hills Country Club

Enter your 4-person man, woman or co-ed team for \$160. The event will include door prizes, contests and exciting raffle items. For more information, contact Gina Hommertzhaim at (620) 672-3373.

### **Rescues & Runways Fashion Show** (see page 2)

September 13 • 2 p.m. • Sixth Street Park  
maurices will host an exclusive fashion show in partnership with and in support of the Pratt County Humane Society. A silent auction will be included in the event.

### **National Assisted Living Week at Parkwood Village** (see page 2)

September 13-19

### **Pratt Public Library Story Times**

Beginning September 14 the library will offer a pre-school story time at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. A toddler story time takes place at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and the first Thursday of each month is reserved for K-5 Story Time at 11 a.m. For more information contact the library at (620) 672-3041.

### **Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting** (see page 1)

September 17 • 6 p.m. • Pratt County Fairgrounds

### **Ride for the Red: Cannonball Trail American Red Cross Charity Poker Run**

September 19 • 9 a.m. • Barclay College, Haviland  
For more information contact the Cannonball Trail Chapter at (620) 672-3651 or ctarc@redcross,kscoxmail.com.

### **Everything Fitz: Family Fiddle and Step Show**

September 29 • 7:30 p.m. • PCC's Carpenter Auditorium  
A Pratt Community Concert Association event

**Community Survey**  
**September 2009**

The Pratt Public Library is beginning a long-range planning process and we'd like you to participate. Please help us by answering the following questions. Any additional comments you provide will help us improve our services (use the back for any comments). Thank you for your input.

Do you have a library card?      Yes      No

How often do you use the library?    Never    Weekly    Monthly    3 months    6 months    Yearly

Why do you visit the library? (Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Check out books             | <input type="radio"/> Pick up tax forms           |
| <input type="radio"/> Check out videos            | <input type="radio"/> Use photocopier / FAX       |
| <input type="radio"/> Check out audio books       | <input type="radio"/> Attend children's programs  |
| <input type="radio"/> Study or research           | <input type="radio"/> Read newspapers / magazines |
| <input type="radio"/> Request inter-library loans | <input type="radio"/> Use microfilm reader        |
| <input type="radio"/> Use Kansas phonebooks       | <input type="radio"/> Attend meetings             |

Do you use the public access computers (Internet) at the library?    Yes      No

If so, what activities do you use the public access computers (Internet) for?

- |                                       |   |  |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Email           | <input type="radio"/> Word processing         | <input type="radio"/> Chat                 | <input type="radio"/> Shop            |
| <input type="radio"/> Research        | <input type="radio"/> Play games              | <input type="radio"/> Surf the web         | <input type="radio"/> On-line classes |
| <input type="radio"/> On-line banking | <input type="radio"/> School enrollment       | <input type="radio"/> Social networking    | <input type="radio"/> Printing maps   |
| <input type="radio"/> Bill paying     | <input type="radio"/> Filing for unemployment | <input type="radio"/> Take proctored tests |                                       |

What services should the library provide?

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Internet access           | <input type="radio"/> Wi-Fi accessibility | <input type="radio"/> DVD check-out                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Audiobooks                | <input type="radio"/> CD check-out        | <input type="radio"/> Listening center                |
| <input type="radio"/> Quiet study/reading space | <input type="radio"/> Meeting Rooms       | <input type="radio"/> Kitchen facilities for meetings |
| <input type="radio"/> Other _____               |   |   |

What programming should the library provide?

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| <input type="radio"/> Adult cultural programs | <input type="radio"/> Adult educational programs | <input type="radio"/> Adult computer classes |
| <input type="radio"/> Book discussion groups  | <input type="radio"/> Gaming                     |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Children's programs     | <input type="radio"/> Ages 0-2 yrs.              | <input type="radio"/> Ages 3-5 yrs.          |
| <input type="radio"/> After-School program    | <input type="radio"/> Elementary                 | <input type="radio"/> Middle School          |
| <input type="radio"/> Other _____             |  |  |

What would you change about the library?

What would turn you into a library user if you are not currently a user?