



CCCC graduate named physician of year

The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) selected Michael Machen, MD of Quinter, Kan., as the 2018 Kansas Family Physician of the Year. He was honored at the KAFP Annual Meeting "70 Years Caring for Kansans" in Overland Park this past summer.



Michael Machen

Machen is a family physician and senior

partner at Bluestem Medical, LLP in Quinter. Machen grew up in Concordia, and attended Cloud County Community College for one year. He appreciates his high school and Cloud instructors who supported him – especially in biology and physics.

"They were willing to help me out, to make it a good experience," Machen said. Cloud County was a perfect stepping stone from high school into the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Following KU, Machen attended University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City. His interest in family medicine soared during his fourth year. He went on to complete an internship and residency at University of

Oklahoma of Tulsa Medical College in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

After residency, he moved to Quinter, where he is now in his 32nd year of practice. He credits the diversity of his experiences in Quinter for affirming his choice to practice family medicine as the right one.

"From trauma, to moms and babies, C-sections, colonoscopies and all kinds of procedures; I get up in the morning, look in mirror, and don't know what I am going to do that day. The days may be long and the challenges many, but at the end of the day I don't think there is any profession that would provide me with the daily testing of skills and diversity of experiences that family medicine has," he said.

Foundation awards more than \$230,000 in scholarships

The Cloud County Community College Foundation had its Annual Scholarship Reception honoring the 2018-19 Scholarship Donors and Recipients.

For the 2018-19 Academic Year, the Foundation awarded 58 different scholarships to 172 students totalling more than \$230,000.

On September 16th, 72 donors and recipients came together for the scholarship luncheon to be recognized.

Marc Malone, donor of the Terry and Carolyn Malone Memorial Scholarship and the CCCC Associate Vice President for Planning and Assessment spoke to those in attendance on his reasons for giving back to Cloud County Community College. Although he is not an alumni of Cloud, he said he knew his money would go further here and honor his parents more than it would at a bigger university.

Gracie Rudolph, a current



Marc Malone

student at CCCC and recipient of the Ernest G. and Ellen E Briggs Memorial Scholarship thanked the donors for her ability to further her education and pursue her dreams without having to pull out any loans.

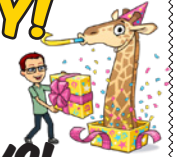


The Renewable Energy Department was host to a national Drive Electric event on Sept. 10. Those who attended had the opportunity to drive an electric car, as well as learn more about them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



TO THOSE CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



- Stefanie Perret, Sept. 1
- Patti Elliott, Sept. 3
- Tasha Riggins, Sept. 9
- Mike Collins, Sept. 11
- Amanda Strait, Sept. 15
- Craig Wolf, Sept. 16
- Angela Murray, Sept. 18
- Shane Britt, Sept. 21
- Charles Long, Sept. 23
- Marilyn Martin, Sept. 27

- David Shirkey, Sept. 2
- Diane Leif, Sept. 4
- Britni Tremblay, Sept. 10
- Laura Leite, Sept. 14
- Stephanie Pitchford, Sept. 16
- Brett Erkenbrack, Sept. 17
- Kim Cashman, Sept. 19
- Paul Gardner, Sept. 21
- Kim Wagner, Sept. 23
- Hector Leiva, Sept. 28

Deb Taylor, Sept. 29

Donation boosts wind energy program

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, EDP Renewables North America presented a \$150,000 donation to the Allen County Rural Regional Technology Center for development of a Cloud County Community College wind and solar satellite training program.

The Tech Center is located near LaHarpe in southeast Kansas.

In Kansas, EDP Renewables owns Meridian Way Wind Farm in Cloud County, Waverly Wind Farm in Coffey County and is presently building Prairie Queen Wind Farm in Allen County.

The Allen County Economic Development group has also contributed \$100,000 for the training programs.

Four area high schools currently send students interested in technical education to the Tech Center for training classes. Fort Scott Community College offers Construction Technology, Neosho Community College offers Welding Technology, and CCCC will begin offering Wind Energy and Solar Energy Technology beginning in August 2019 at the Tech Center. Area graduates can also enroll in any of these classes.

Area high school students and area graduates will have the opportunity to enroll in classes that will train students to become employed in the wind and solar energy industries.



Representatives from EDP Renewables North America donated \$150,000 for development of a Cloud County Community College wind and solar satellite training program, which will be in the Allen County Rural Regional Tech Center. Pictured, left to right, are: Kim Ensminger, Marmaton Valley USD 256 Jr/Sr Principal; Kit Thompson, CCCC Renewable Energy Department Chair; Bruce Graham, CCCC Renewable Energy Department Consultant; Steve Kennard, EDPR NA Development Manager; Rorik Peterson, EDPR NA Director of Development; Dan Cyre, CCCC Renewable Energy Instructor; Nancy Zenger-Beneda, CCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Stacey Fager, USD 257, Superintendent Iola Schools.

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The Cloud County Renewable Energy Department offers one-year certificates and Associate of Science degrees and in Wind

Energy Technology, Solar Energy, and sUAS (Drone) at its Concordia campus. One-year certificates are offered in Wind Turbine Blade Repair and Electrical Substation Technology.



Briar Starr, a graduate of Cloud County Community College who lives in Burdick, Kan., won a contest through beer-maker Natural Light and had his resume wrapped around Chris Buescher's No. 37 car during the Sept. 9 South Point 400 NASCAR race in Las Vegas. That includes his photo, email address, phone number, job skills, his openness to relocating, his Twitter handle, a quote from Starr, and a message imploring someone to "Hire Briar Starr now." In May, Starr graduated from Emporia State with a degree in communications with an emphasis in public relations. His goal is to get a job covering NASCAR, and that's why Natty Light gave him a boost.



Members of Cloud County Community College's iWill service group and other students helped serve at the Concordia Elementary School's fall barbecue on Friday, Sept. 14.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept. 22

Fall Fest in Downtown Concordia

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First ever Soccer night games
Harold M. Clark Stadium
Women, 6 p.m. • Men, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Fall Renewable Energy Day

Thursday, Sept. 27

12:30-3 p.m.
Substance abuse & prevention training
Cook Theatre
Sponsored by Cloud County Chemical
Dependency Committee

Thursday, Oct. 4

9-10:30 a.m.
College Planning Conference
Arley Bryant Gymnasium

October 8-10

Mid-Term Exams

October 11 & 12

NO CLASSES