**Thunderville gets makeover**

Students who were gone for the Christmas break came back to campus to see the Thunderville Game Room had received a facelift.

Maintenance personnel removed the existing bar and built a new one with a top that features past and present Cloud memorabilia. The game room also received a fresh coat of paint, a mural on one wall, accent lighting, and a new pool table. Past and present Cloud-themed T-shirts were turned into canvas wall art.

Students can still enjoy a game of ping pong or foosball, or have popcorn while watching the big screen TV.

Stop by to see the newly renovated space today!

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**Cloud partners in Wind Tech Development Program**

Wanzek Construction, North Dakota, recently visited the CCCC Wind Energy Technology (WET) program to promote its Wind Tech Development Program to CCCC WET students.

As part of this program, Wanzek is offering guaranteed employment after graduation, two years of tuition paid, travel opportunities, and yearly employment retention bonuses for three years.

To be considered for the opportunity, the students will have to complete and submit a Wind Tech Development Program application to Wanzek.

Students may apply after they have started their second semester of college and are eligible to apply until their graduation date.
Academic Affairs has been named the February Department of the Month. The department of Academic Affairs plans and implements the teaching and learning activities of the college. The faculty and staff of this division construct the semester course schedules and a major section of the college catalog.

The department is organized into two divisions of discipline-based departments. Brenton Phillips oversees the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Business Division. This division is responsible for the KVCO radio station, the student-driven Thunderhead Media Center, the annual High School Art Show and the Charles and Marian D. Cook Lecture Series. Nancy Zenger-Beneda oversees the division of Sciences and Mathematics, and also includes Wind Energy Technology, Agriculture, and Nursing.

College courses being taught in our service area high schools or online also fall within the department of Academic Affairs. April Benne coordinates the concurrent classes in high schools and Amanda Strait directs our online presence.

Two resource areas of the Academic Affairs department serve special populations: Adult Basic Education and the Children’s Center. Cloud's grant-funded ABE program is directed by Debbie Kearn. Michelle Charbonneau serves as the director of the Children’s Center. The Center serves as a living laboratory for early childhood education majors and provides daycare services.

Other components of the Academic Affairs department support student success. Keela Andrews, Director; Tara Shrake, Assistant Director; and Matthew Nies and Jennifer Thrash, Academic Specialists staff the TRiO program. The Student Success Center is coordinated by Janice Stangel and Cloud’s library is directed by Jennifer Schroeder round out the department.

The Academic Affairs department is supported in its efforts by the vice-president’s administrative assistant, Annette Starr. Annette’s daily tasks help to keep the department moving forward.

Cloud County honored 128 student athletes, athletic trainers and pep band members for their success and dedication in the classroom during Academic Achievement Night on February 4. To be recognized for this honor, students earned a 3.0 semester grade point average or higher for the Fall 2015 semester.

Cloud County Community College’s Quiz Bowl has been invited to compete in the 2016 Community College Championship Tournament (CCCT) February 26-27 in Atlanta.

The invitation to compete in the National Tournament was based on Cloud County’s performance at this year’s sectional tournament held January 23 at Cloud County Community College.

Two Quiz Bowl teams from CCCC competed in the sectional tournament. Both teams made the championship bracket, ending in 4th and 6th place. CCCC sophomore Austin Naramore, who was the Top Kansas Player last year, finished in the top five individuals at 4th place overall.