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October Calendar of Events

Seminar – Dr. McNeill	Oct	7
Faculty Meeting	Oct	14
Seminar – Chunxiang Hou and Rafaela Gomes Ruschel	Oct	14
Hotel Reservations due for ESA Annual Meeting	Oct	14
Seminar – Dr. Gautam	Oct	21
Seminar – Dr. Ali	Oct	28

November Calendar of Events

Seminar – Dr. Krause-Sakate	Nov	4
Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting	Nov	13-16
Seminar – Dr. Ochoa Corona	Nov	18
Students' Fall Break	Nov	21-23
Thanksgiving – University Holiday	Nov	24-25

Congratulations!

Drs. Kris Giles and **Tom Royer** received their pins for 25-years of service from the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at OSU.

Notice

Dr. Maira Duffeck has accepted the position of Row Crop Pathologist and will begin her faculty position in January 2023.

Necrology

Phillip Wade Pratt, age 73, died on September 18 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born January 24, 1949, in Elk City, Oklahoma to Wade and Blanche Pratt. Phil was baptized as a teenager at First Baptist Church in Butler, Oklahoma. He graduated as salutatorian from Butler High School in 1967.

Phil received his B.S. degree in Botany and Plant Pathology in 1971 and his M.S. in Plant Pathology in 1977, both from Oklahoma State University, his M.S. under the direction of **Dr. Roy V. Sturgeon, Jr.** While attending OSU, he became a member of the fraternity of Alpha Gamma Rho, where he made many lifelong friends. Phil began working for the OSU Cooperative Extension Service in 1975. He spent 28 years as the Area Plant Pathology Specialist for Northeast Oklahoma, headquartered in Muskogee. He became the Director of the Tulsa County Extension Office in 2003. In 2007, he was elected to serve as the 2007-2008 Vice President of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents. He was the first Vice President from Oklahoma in the 92-year history of NACAA, and he served as their President in 2010. He retired after 35 years of service with OSU.

On July 31, 1976, Phil married the love of his life, Mary Carole Mayhall in Idabel, Oklahoma. They settled in Muskogee and raised 3 sons. Clint was born in 1979, followed by a set of twins, Jason and Justin in 1983. Phil enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends, watching OSU sports, working cattle, reading, lawn care and gardening, outside grilling with his family, and playing with his grandchildren.

Phil was preceded in death by his father Wade Pratt. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Mary Carole Pratt of Broken Arrow; his mother Blanche Ford of Weatherford; his children: Clint Pratt and wife Jenny of Stillwater, Jason Pratt and wife Inna of Jenks, Justin Pratt, and wife Katie of Broken Arrow; his grandchildren: Grayson, Penelope, Caleb, Nathanael, Vance, Isaac, Ethan, Aiden, and Clara; and his siblings: Dennis Pratt and wife Jennie of Edmond, and Kevin Pratt and wife Tamra of Shellknob, Missouri.

His funeral service was held on September 23 at the First United Methodist Church in Broken Arrow, with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa.

Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held at 2:00 p.m. in Room 216-218 NRC.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>
Oct. 7	Dr. Samuel McNeill (Zoom)	International Postharvest Activities of Grains
Oct. 14	Chunxiang Hou	Involvement of <i>Manduca sexta</i> Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 in the Innate Immune Response
	Rafaela Gomes Ruschel	A Non-infectious and Clonable Artificial Positive Control for <i>Emaravirus roseae</i> and <i>Phyllocoptes fructiphilus</i> that Fit Most Primers for RT-PCR, LAMP, and RPA
Oct. 21	Dr. Sandipa Gautam (Zoom)	Citrus Integrated Pest Management in the San Joaquin Valley
Sep. 28	Dr. Akhtar Ali	Viruses of Pepper in Oklahoma

October Birthdays

Jacque Fletcher	October 7
Lauren Coakley	October 9
Daniel Carrera Lopez	October 9
Isabella Van Donselaar	October 10
Kerrigan Seidenfus	October 12
Brian Olson	October 14
Charles Luper	October 18
Brian McCornack	October 18
Eric Rebek	October 18
Felipe Cevallos	October 22
Chris Grover	October 28
Walker Jones	October 30
Abraham Olguin	October 30