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**College Launches 90th Anniversary Celebration**

Parsons, KS- Let the festivities begin! Labette Community College is having a special celebration to commemorate its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It begins with the opening of an exhibit in Hendershot Gallery on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: “LCC Celebrates: 90 Years of Memorabilia.”

The exhibit showcases items—vintage photographs, sports memorabilia, and PJC/LCC mementos--from a variety of sources. Some are from the LCC Library Archives and the LCC Foundation, some are on loan from past graduates, and a large number of objects are from the collection of the Parsons Historical Society Museum.

A special opening day event will be the unveiling of a work of art that will join the college’s permanent art collection. The oil painting is a “90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Present” to the college from the LCC Foundation. Funds from the Foundation’s Art Acquisition Fund were utilized to purchase the painting. The presentation is at 2 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

Mike Brotherton, LCC Gallery Committee member who is serving as curator of the show, noted: “I’m thrilled to be able to help with this exhibit. There are so many items to display, and LCC means so much to so many people. It’s a great opportunity to get a sense of the college’s history and to celebrate its future.”

Other events scheduled to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary include: a Class of 1963 50 year reunion induction into the ‘L Club 50 Year Society’ event with a special viewing of the art exhibit on March 29. The LCC Foundation Auction for Scholarships, “Happy Birthday LCC: Celebrating 90 Years”, will be held on April 12.

The exhibit in Hendershot Gallery is open until April 4<sup>th</sup>. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, contact Bethany Kendrick, Director of Public Relations at 620-820-1280.