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Ice bucket challenge personal at BC3

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BUTLER TWP — Thousands have done the ALS ice bucket challenge recently to raise money for a cure, but for the Butler County Community College community, the cold splash was personal too.

During the past few weeks, several BC3 groups, including BC3 cabinet members Wednesday, have taken the plunge in honor of the late Ed Stark Sr., a longtime BC3 maintenance employee.

Stark worked at BC3 for 23 years, before retiring in June 2013. He died of ALS complications this month.



Butler County Community College cabinet members taking the ALS ice bucket challenge Wednesday on campus, are, from left, Linda Dodd, executive director of human resources/equal opportunity compliance officer; Case Willoughby, vice president for student services; Nick Neupauer, president; Ruth Purcell, executive director of the BC3 Education Foundation; Patrick Massaro, executive director of campus police and security; and Francie Spigelmyer, vice president for academic affairs.



His son, Ed Stark Jr., and his son-in-law, Scott Richardson, both work at BC3. Stark Jr. has done general maintenance on campus since 1998, like his father, and Richardson is a campus police sergeant who started there in 1996.

“He (Stark Sr.) touched the BC3 family in several ways,” said Susan Changnon, college spokeswoman. “There’s been a lot of love and camaraderie among the staff.”

Last week, members of college services were doused in icy water while wearing fishing gear, since fishing was one of Stark’s favorite hobbies. His son pulled a lever from a bulldozer and emptied a shovel of ice water on the staff.

On Wednesday afternoon, cabinet members Linda Dodd, Patrick Massaro, Nick Neupauer, Ruth Purcell, Francie Spigelmyer and Case Willoughby participated in the ALS ice bucket challenge.