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20th Annual Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament Results

THIRD FLIGHT WINNERS

Third Place
McPherson Hospital
Second Place
The Mortgage Company
First Place
KNGL/KBBE McPherson Radio

SECOND FLIGHT WINNERS

Third Place
Sharp Advertising
Second Place
Mac Mayor 4
First place
Ferguson Production-Team #1

FIRST FLIGHT WINNERS

Third Place
McPherson Farm Bureau
Second Place
Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC.
First Place
King Enterprise-Team B

COMPETITIVE FLIGHT WINNERS

Third Place
Wise & Reber L.C.
Second Place
Nelson Appraisal
First Place
Turkey Creek Turkey's



TOURNAMENT TOP HONORS with the lowest score goes to the Turkey Creek Turkeys with a score of 56. The winning team will have their team name engraved on the Chamber Cup Trophy and get to display it for a year.

SOLE CONTESTS RESULTS

Closest to Pin in Two - Jeremiah Nelson & Tyler Greer
Longest Drive for Men - Chet Buchman & Ben Mitchell
Longest Drive for Women - Laura Smith
Longest Putt - Michael Dann & Carver Swindoll
Closest to Pin - Bret Christiansen & Ben Mitchell
Winner of the Cobra Voodoo adjustable driver was Kelly Sorenson

A huge thank you to the following businesses that supported the tournament thru their donations, sponsorships and team entries. Thank you so very much for making the 20th Annual Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament a success!

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Welcome 2011-2012 Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee (Pam Shoemaker, Mike Rausch, Greg McCullough, Chad Alexander, Jeff Smith, Chris Wiens and Jason Hoover) met in accordance with the McPherson Chamber of Commerce bylaws. A letter dated May 26th was sent out to the membership for approval of the proposed list of nominees. Absent any valid petition, the board declares the four (4) nominated candidates approved.

Welcome to the McPherson

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Troy Short (Hospira), Corey Hoover (Midway Motors), Dell Reese (Dirt Cheapanners), and Penny Selzer (Farmers State Bank), who will be joining other board members: Trish Goad (McPherson Hospital), Chad Alexander (People Bank & Trust), Greg McCullough (Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Co., Inc.), Jodi Baerg (Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd), Anna Ruxlow (McPherson

College), Jim Leach (retired), Mike King (King Enterprise Group) and Ron Williams (Sunflower Bank). The Board would like to recognize the outgoing board members whose term will end August 31. The Chamber thanks them for sharing their time and talent to benefit the Chamber organization: Jeff Smith, Heather Meredith (Hospira), Charlotte Calhoun (Four Seasons Realtors) and Jason Hoover (Midway Motors).

Welcome to the Chamber!

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YP Mac BBQ Planned June 23rd

Some of you may know that Young Professional groups are being set up throughout the country to offer YPs (defined as age 21-40ish) a chance to network, volunteer and meet other young people/professionals in the community.

McPherson County is revamping the YP Mac group and it will start fresh this summer! It will create a platform for the young professionals in McPherson County to build relationships, develop professionally, and become active in McPherson County.

The summer kick-off is scheduled for Thursday, June 23 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Lakeside Park. This is a FREE BBQ, sponsored by Krebbiel's Meat Market & Deli.

What you will see this next year from YP Mac:
• Monthly mixers the 4th Thursday of every

month (other than November & December)

• Quarterly Lunch & Learn
• Leadership Opportunities - if you are interested in being a leader in the group, let me know! We need people to help structure the group, plan events, recruit members, organize service opportunities, etc.

The membership fee is waived until the fall, so feel free to try it out this summer without having to pay for anything. When the membership fee is in place, a discount will be provided if you or your employer are members of a McPherson County Chamber of Commerce organization.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620/241-3303 or email asstchamber@mcphersonks.org.

Attention Business Owners

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SAT means **Secure Alley Trash**. Take extra care that boxes or packing materials can't get loose and blow around town.

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This Month's DQ Winner

Central Plastics, 811 W. First Street is the winner for the cool treat from Dairy Queen of McPherson, located at 1435 N. Main. Congratulations!
All members of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce are eligible for the drawing of a

DQ cake. A winner is drawn on the 15th of each month by the Chamber staff and contacted by Dairy Queen.
Thank you Roger & Karen Horn for this special treat to our Chamber members.

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 Jim Leach – retired ~ Trish Goad – Memorial Hospital ~ Ron Willems – Sunflower Bank
 Anna Ruxlow – McPherson College ~ Mike King – King Enterprise Group

Mission: to work as an organization of individuals, businesses and professionals to enhance the economic, civic and cultural interests of the McPherson area.

chamber events

July 2011

Thursday, June 30th
 Chamber Board @ Chamber Office
 11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 4th
 Independence Day
 Chamber Office Closed

Wednesday, July 6th
 When Pigs Fly @ Perkins Restaurant
 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 7th
 Chamber Coffee hosted by Big Brothers/
 Big Sisters @ the Chamber Office
 9:30 a.m.

Tartan Turkey Meeting @ Chamber
 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, July 12th
 Ag Committee @ Perkins Restaurant
 7:00 a.m.

Meeting the 3 M's @ Chamber Office
 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 14th
 Chamber Coffee hosted by Q-Pays
 @ The Well
 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 20th
 Women's Event @ Chamber Office
 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 21st
 Chamber Coffee - Open
 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 26th
 Rural Appreciation @ 4-H Grounds
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 28th
 Chamber Coffee - Open
 9:30 a.m.

Chamber Board @ Chamber Office
 11:30 a.m.

Small Business Seminars Scheduled

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Small Business Development Center are partnering for a series of seminars/workshops related to small business topics. Call the Chamber office at 241-3303 to register.

MEETING THE 3 M'S

Learning the Basics of Marketing, Management and Money

If you want to start a new business, the three Ms are critical. This workshop offers essential information about Marketing, Management, and Money that will help you assess the feasibility of your business idea and start writing your business plan.

Tuesday, July 12th or September 27th

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration - \$25.00 per person - class is limited to 12
 Location: McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main

WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN

The foundation of any successful business

A business plan is essential for all businesses. Learn what needs to be in a business plan and why it is so important to have a business road map for success.

Thursday, August 11th or October 13th

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration - \$25.00 per person - class is limited to 12
 Location: McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main

Kansas Business Appreciation Winners Announced

The Kansas Department of Commerce has named 27 Regional Business Excellence Award winners and 104 Merit Award winners as part of the Business Appreciation Month, the Department's annual celebration of Kansas businesses and their contributions to their communities and the state economy.

Each of the 131 businesses was nominated in one of four categories: Manufacturing/Distribution, Service, Retail and Hospital/Non-Profit. Five of the 27 Regional Business Excellence Award winners have been named Finalist for the Governor's Award of Excellence - the top award given to a business by the State - which will be announced June 29 at the Kansas Cavalry Encampment in El Dorado. The five finalists are:

- Community HealthCare System (Onaga)
 - Rocks County Health Center
 - Mid Kansas Coop Association (Moundridge)
 - Auburn Pharmacy Inc. (Garnett)
 - Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center
- "I want to congratulate all the businesses recognized this year," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "They represent the very best of their communities and Kansas. These awards are a way we can recognize their numerous contributions to keeping the state strong."
- Congratulations to Mid Kansas Coop and we wish to recognize other McPherson county businesses that were nominated: McPherson Public Library, The Well and McPherson College.

It's A Plane, It's A Bird...No, It's A Flying Pig! When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In

Everyone is invited to enjoy some great family fun and food at the When Pigs Fly on August 26 & 27 at the McPherson Airport. Events scheduled include Repeat Offenders a motors cycle stunt act, FREE Airplane rides for youth, music by Petty Cash, car display, pony rides, farm maze and new this year is Hedrick's Petting Zoo and camel rides!



students in pursuing an ag related field of study. This would not have been possible without the support of sponsors and community who come out and experience the When Pigs Fly event.

Wild Hogs

- Browns Shoe Fit
- Peoples Bank & Trust
- Hassman Termite & Pest Control
- Ferguson Production

Pork Loin

- Midway Motors
- Zeitlow Distributing

- Elliott Insurance & Real Estate
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- Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home, Kansas Gas Service, Central Plastics, Home State Bank & Trust, McPherson Realty Exchange, S & S Farms, McPherson County Feeders, Hutchinson Community College - McPherson Campus, Rock'n E Farms, Gary Hess of Edward Jones, Sunflower Bank, PrairieLand Partners, The Citizens State Bank, Chemstar, Welco Services, Farmers State Bank and McPherson Dental Care.

- Piggy Wiggles
- Ellene McKean & Associates, The Bookshelf/Hidden Closet, Michael Yowell, DDS, PA, Raleigh Insurance Agency and Hospira.

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McPherson Main Street Report:



Ann Engel
 Main Street Executive Director

Yee haw! Howdy partners, it's time to hitch up yer wagon and come on downtown for "Shop the Night Away goes West" on Friday, July 8th from 6-10pm. We're plum tickled to have you belly up to the bargains for the little whippersnappers and the whole family. I reckon there's lots of fun planned as well, with the movie "Toy Story 3" sponsored by Brown's Shoe at the Opera House. "Learn how to make your own rope" sponsored

by Siri Harrell, CPA, at the Opera House, and Tropical Snow Cones and a "Barnyard Olympics" at Hopp's Sound & Electric corner location. You can wet your whistle with food and drink served by the Ulster Project Youth, WACC and several other non-profit members; and then there will be PRIZES!!! As usual we will have multiple drawings at 9pm on the Plaza where some lucky cowboy or cowgirl will win a \$500 shopping spree; a gift certificate to participating businesses, or several other prizes that are still in the works. Put on yer britches, kick up yer heels and get ready for some good ole summertime fun at "Shop the Night Away goes West", Friday July 8th, 6-10pm. Call 620-241-7430 for more information.

From The United Way



Brenda Sales
 Director

What an amazing summer this has turned out to be and it's only the middle of June!

Our third year for the Summer Lunch Program has been phenomenal! Carriane Short is again organizing volunteers for the program this year. There are teams of volunteers setting up the food to be delivered that day (this is not as easy as it sounds); volunteer groups pack the week's grocery supply; and another set of volunteers delivery to the families. This year we added a 5:00 p.m. route in addition to the noon route, in order to accommodate working parents. Some families prefer to pick up their food.

At the end of last summer, we had 188 children from 70 families. Our first week, we had 183 children from 66 families participating in the program.

The McPherson Community Foundation and United Way were not awarded a grant this year to help fund our Summer Lunch Program as we did last year. We are already serving the same number of children we ended with last year and fully expect our numbers to increase. With our changing economy, we have also notice a slight increase in food costs. So, we are asking for your help. Your financial support for our 2011 Summer Lunch Program would be greatly appreciated. Simply mail your check to United Way, P.O. Box 55; OR McPherson County Community Foundation, 206 S. Main. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

From Convention & Visitors Bureau



Anne Hassler
 Director
 Convention & Visitors Bureau

Here's to the folks in the middle.

At a recent city department head meeting, the newbie (it's finally not me!) made the remark that he'd learned that "change" was considered a dirty word in McPherson. I can understand why he'd feel that way. I've often run up against resistance to change in my job.

This time of year though is rife with change. Graduates move on. The landscape flourishes. I try to be open to change but I too am a little set in my ways.

There seems to be two extreme schools of thought the "It's always been done this way" camp and the "I hate this place. I can't wait to move on..." But it's the middle ground where the most is accomplished. The middle is where you see what's wrong and care enough to change it.

Life will always have its naysayers though. Take for instance the date I had the other day. He is a new transplant to the area that is used to all that towns like Chicago and Atlanta have to offer. The more he

cut down this little town that he finds himself in, the more I sprang to McPherson's defense. It's a hazard of the job I guess. I'm here to promote McPherson. I really can't offer much in the way of affirmation when discussing this place.

Yes, it's small. There's not much to do if you're used to clubs, concerts and 5-star restaurants every night. But, there IS plenty of stuff to do, you just have to make an effort to stay informed on what's going on. Heck, stop by and get our arts calendar, you might be surprised.

I've lived in seven different towns in the last 16 years and I stayed in McPherson by choice. So as I see so many leaving town for greener pastures and scoffing at the chumps they leave behind, I just wish them luck. Like it or not, you are a product of where you came from. Whether you see being from McPherson as an asset or a handicap is a matter of perspective. It's part of who you are, so accept it.

I've lived in bigger cities and bucked the migration to Johnson County by moving west to Hays. I've faced the possibility of moving to a much smaller town than McPherson and I dug my heels in to stay put. I like McPherson. It's a good fit for my family and me. Conservative? True. Afraid of change? Somewhat. Home? For me, definitely.

Rural Appreciation to Celebrate 40 Years

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 26 for the 40th Annual Rural Appreciation Hamburger Feed at the 4-H Grounds from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The hamburger meal will be served by sponsors and Chamber

members in appreciation of the agriculture community. Rural Appreciation was started as a way to bring the agriculture community together to celebrate the wheat harvest and bring recognition to the McPherson

County 4-H Fair. If you would like to volunteer, we have all kinds of position available: need muscles for hauling benches, set up, serving and clean up give the Chamber a call at 241-3303.

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