

The Chamber Business Journal

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2018-2019 Chamber Board Elected

In accordance to the Chamber Bylaws, a Nominating Committee (Aaron Mayfield, Chet Lang, Brad Bengtson, Brad Mears and Tracy Sterling) selected four candidates to replace the Board members whose three-year terms are expiring August 31, 2018; Adrian Morales, Josh Menard, Katie Sawyer and Tom Saffel. The committee presented Amy Beckman- Midway Motors, Alex Graber-Graber's Ace Hardware, Shannon Brake-McPherson Public Library and Justin Kaufman of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk and Loyd.

The Chamber is fortunate to have a supporting and engaged membership to select potential board candidates from. The candidates will serve a full three year term beginning September 1, 2018 and have met each of the following criteria:

- 1) A Chamber member in good standing; and
- 2) Have agreed in advance to accept Board responsibilities.

Absent any valid petition, the Board will declare the four (4) nominated candidates elected at the June meeting.

About McPherson Young Professionals

In 2008 the McPherson Young Professional group (YPMAC) was started by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. The purpose was to connect young people/professionals with others as well as become more engaged in the community and county. This was also the platform in which to tap into getting young, fresh perspectives on how to attract and retain young people and families to McPherson.

YPMAC (Young Professionals Making Active Connections) is a non-profit organization, separate from the Chamber, dedicated to building connections to benefit their members, businesses and McPherson County. The group is open to all professionals ages 21 to 40ish, that live, work or play in McPherson County.

YPMAC hosts monthly mingles in various places in McPherson County. The monthly mingles are a great opportunity to network and socialize with other young professional from McPherson County in a relaxed and friendly environment.

The June Mingle is scheduled for Thursday June 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Courtyard on Main, 203 S. Main – McPherson. The evening is sponsored by Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC Certified Public Accountants. Grab a friend, a co-worker or both and join the evening of food, beverages and meeting new people. The monthly mingles are come and go, so everyone is encouraged to stop in for a few minutes or stay awhile.

For more information about YPMAC email ypmac.ks@gmail.com

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1111 E. Kansas Ave. They are the winner of a DQ Cake. Thank you Roger & Karen Horn, owners of DQ Grill & Chill, 1435 N. Main for providing the month DQ ice cream treat.



Celebration of Agriculture in McPherson County

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee will host the Rural Appreciation Picnic on Friday, July 27 beginning at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. during the 4-H Fair at the 4-H Grounds located at 600 W. Woodside.

The 49 year tradition of the Rural Appreciation is to celebrate the wheat harvest of the county. Here are a few agriculture facts about our county.

- Crop production includes 210,300 acres of wheat and 129,400 of other crops
- 35,000 acres are irrigated
- 1,147 farms/US 2,109,303
- Average farm size 498 acres/US 434 acres
- 71.6% of McPherson County is cropland
- 1.4% Woodland
- 61.5% oilseed & grain farming
- 13.4% beef cattle & farm
- 15.5% other crop farming
- 1.7% sheep & goat
- 1.2% poultry & egg production
- .7% hog & pig production
- .3% dairy cattle & milk production

Join us to celebrate the ag producers of our county and to take in the 4-H Fair. Free tickets will be available at area sponsors.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

I love the opportunity to get to learn about the newest and greatest tools that are available for business. Then I get to share them with you!

In September I and Karleen Brown of Elevate

Tutoring services with little baby Brown in tow will be attending a Maker Space Bootcamp in Independence, Kansas. What is a Maker Space? A Maker Space is a collaborative work space inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing using high tech or no tech tools. These spaces are open to kids, adults and entrepreneurs and have a variety of equipment including 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC machines, soldering irons and even sewing machines.

The purpose of the dedicated space is for creating, exploring & experimenting an individual's own in-

terest. Makers Spaces are helping to prepare those who need the skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). They provide hands on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even boost self-confidence. Some of the skills pertain to electronics, 3D printing, 3D modeling, coding, robotics and even woodworking. These spaces are also fostering entrepreneurship and are being utilized as incubators and accelerators for business startups.

Doesn't this sound exciting? I will share with you what I learn from the bootcamp in our October Business Journal

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“Holes with Personality” A Great Success

The first ever Chamber Classic “Holes with Personality” golf tournament held at Turkey Creek Golf Course recently provided a new golfing experience with a twist. There were a few tumbles and dizzy drives that kept the golfers a little leery about approaching each hole.

The Chamber Classic “Holes with Personality” Golf Tournament Results:

First Flight Winners

- #1 – Top Honors Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Team #1
- #2 – Prairie Landworks
- #3 – Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Team #2

Second Flight Winners

- #1 – Central States Marketing & Manufacturing
- #2 – McPherson Hospital
- #3 – PrimeLending

Contest Winners

- Happy Gilmore Shot closest to the line – Michael Wallace
- Closest to the Pin – Zack Lock
- Women’s Longest Drive – Gina French
- Men’s Longest Drive – Mark McDaniel
- Chamber Poker Run – Peoples Bank Team
- Putting Contest – Allen Wood & Rick Anderson
- Winners of the golf cart cover raffles – Dr. Trent Timson & Ardie Streit

HUGE thank you to the Chamber Classic sponsors that kept their confidence in the committee and board that the crazy golf tournament ideas were going to be awesome!

Wood Sponsors

Central States Marketing & Manufacturing, Prairie Landworks/Catalyst Safety, Midway Motors, Home State Bank, PrimeLending, CertainTeed Siding Products, Bluestem PACE, Ferguson Production and Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd.

Hole Sponsors

Stupka Chiropractic, NexTech Wireless, Edward Jones (Aaron Mayfield), Hall’s Culligan Water, Emprise Bank, Elliott Insurance Agency, Welco Services, and Reach Solutions.

Iron Sponsors

CHS Refinery, MCDS, Plastics Extrusion Machinery LLC, PrairieLand Partners, and Hess Oil

Wedge Sponsors

Ameriprise Financial, MCSS & MCP, and Hedlund Electric

Food Sponsors

Nacho Bar – Sawyer Land & Cattle and Reach Solutions
Awards Meal – Papa Murphy’s and Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower Airport

Additional Sponsors

Peoples Bank & Trust, Advanced Physical Therapy, Nelson Appraisal, Turkey Creek Golf Course, Sharp Advertising, JPA Roofing

To learn more about the “Holes with Personality” Golf Tournament go to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and see pictures of what you missed.

Coming Soon! Save the Date!

Manufacturing Day Is October 5, 2018

Let’s continue to inspire the next generation of manufacturers and change public perceptions of manufacturing by making this October the best manufacturing month the biggest and the best yet.

McPherson County will designate and celebrate the month of October as McPherson County Manufacturing Month. More information will be announced.

chamber events

June

- 20 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
- 21 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ PrairieLand Partners, 2401 E. Northview
- 28 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Sunflower Bank @ The Well, 101 N. Main
- 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
- 4:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting @ MCDS’s Greenhouse Learning Center & Memorial Garden, 2107 Industrial Dr.

July

- 4 Independence Day – office closed
- 5 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ TBD
- 10 12:00 Community Development @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
- 11 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ The Well, 101 N. Main
- 12 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting for Edward Jones – Trent Ruxlow, 1356 N. Main.
- 18 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
- 19 9:30 Chamber Connections @ TBD
- 26 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections
- 11:00 a.m. Lakeside Plaza Board @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
- 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
- 27 5:30 p.m. Rural Appreciation Picnic, 600 W. Woodside, 4-H Grounds



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

A SEA OF BLUE

Thanks to the long-ago vision of United Way of the Plains in Wichita and its President and CEO Patrick J. Hanrahan, there’s a quicker path for Kansans in need to find help. United Way 2-1-1 has been in operation in Kansas since 2006, and if you’re not sure where to turn, 2-1-1 is the answer when it comes to social services.

It’s not unusual for someone needing help to make lots of phone calls, trying to find that one resource that can help them. You can save a lot of time and trouble by starting with 2-1-1, which

From the United Way of McPherson County

maintains a directory of services provided by nonprofits throughout the state, including here in McPherson County. Plus, 2-1-1 is answered by call specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

2-1-1 has now announced another easy way to reach them – via text. Heather Pierce, 2-1-1 Call Center Coordinator with United Way of the Plains tells us, “We are excited to bring the new 2-1-1 texting service to Kansas to offer people in a need another avenue in which they can reach out to us. Some people simply prefer to text than to make a phone call, for others it eliminates barriers due to being hard of hearing or suffering from anxiety. When people text their zip code to 898211 they will receive a

response thanking them for their text and asking how we can help them. They can then respond with their need and the 2-1-1 call specialists will reply with information on the local resources in their community. So far, we’ve received texts asking for help with prescription costs, diapers, rent assistance, mental health counseling, homeless shelters, and many more.”

We are so blessed to have this service in Kansas and we appreciate United Way of the Plains’ leadership in continuing to make this service available to McPherson County. Thanks to Pat, Heather, and the United Way team that makes 2-1-1 work for all of us.

So next time, skip Ghostbusters and go straight to 2-1-1!




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