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Newcomers Welcome!

Are you or someone you know new to the McPherson community area? The McPherson Chamber of Commerce and GoMcPherson would like to invite you to attend **McPherson New Comers and Friends!** This is a new and relaxed social gathering established to help new residents, whether you are making McPherson your hometown or are just here temporarily, we want you to feel welcome.

We want to provide you with all the information you need to be comfortable in McPherson. Please join us on the 1st Thursday of the month at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main, McPherson at 5:15 p.m. beginning February 6th. (There will not be a January Newcomers meeting). For questions or more information contact Jennifer at jennifer@mcphersonks.org or Kasi at kmorales@gomcpherson.com

Thank You for your Membership Renewals

The following is a list of member renewals from (11/17/13 to 12/13/13) who support the work the Chamber does on their behalf as well as the betterment of the McPherson community and area. We encourage you to support them!

Sides Investment, Alberts Plumbing & Heating, Prairie Star Health, Key Office Supplies, Jeff Smith, Moringa Life Drinkers, LLC.

MCPHERSON CHAMBERCHECKS... A GIFT GIVING SOLUTION!

Gift giving is made easy with McPherson ChamberChecks! No long lines, no worries over wrong size or color - it's no wonder hundreds of people give McPherson ChamberChecks for Christmas every year. You can purchase McPherson ChamberChecks for any amount, and they are redeemable at any of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce member participants (see list below). It's the "stress-free" way to shop! McPherson ChamberChecks are available at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce office located at 306 N. Main. Call ahead at 241-3303, or email chamber@mcphersonks.org to place your order; we will have them ready for you in time! Checks must be picked up and paid for by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 24. And, don't forget, McPherson ChamberChecks are available year round for all of your gift giving needs.

A5 Western, Affordable Sign & LED, Artshirt - Gear for Sport, Bernard's Catering & Concessions, Brick Street Marketing, Brown's Shoe Fit, Burgett's Furniture, Callabresi Heating & Cooling, Central Kansas Conservancy/Meadowlark Trail, Clayworks at Disability Supports, Creative Hairlines Salong & Spa, CT FIT24, DW Contracting, Esther V. Rettig, MD, PA, Factory Connection (McPherson), Farmers Insurance (Wilkins Agency), Graber's Ace Hardware, Guys 'N Gals, Integrated Health & Wellness Center, Jantz Lumber & Hardware, Jim's Appliance of Inman, Ken D. Cotton, DDS, Knackies Meats & Sweets, Krehbiel's Specialty Meats, Mac Movers, LLC, McPherson Arts Alliance, Inc., McPherson Business Solutions, McPherson Eye Care, McPherson Dental Care, McPherson Family YMCA, McPherson Hospital Gift Shop, McPherson Kitchen & Bath, McPherson Quality Air, Next Element Consulting, LLC, Next Level Gymnastics Academy, Rivercross Hospice, Sounds Great!, Sears of McPherson, Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Taco Johns, Time Out Sports Bar & Grill, The Cook's Nook, Tres Amigos Restaurant, U.S. Cellular (McPherson), Venable Jewelers and The Village Geek.

Business Start Up Fund

Cornerstone Premier Real Estate, LLC, located at 119 West First, McPherson is the most recent recipient of a McPherson County E-Community Loan Fund. The loan funds have assisted in purchase of equipment and building renovations.

Since 2011, more than \$460,000 has been loaned to McPherson County Businesses. The following have received business expansion and start up loans from the McPherson County Business & Industry E-Loan Program: Artistic Hair & Nail Salon - Lindsborg • Bruno's Woodfired Pizza • Knackies Meats & Sweets - McPherson • Little Caesars Pizza - McPherson • Mower Medic - McPherson • Stupka Chiropractic Clinic & Wellness Center - McPherson • Brooklyn & Co - McPherson • Mattress Haven - McPherson • The Village Geek - McPherson • McPherson Quality Air - McPherson • JD's Kwik Burger - McPherson • Cornerstone Premier Real Estate LLC - McPherson

The McPherson County Entrepreneurship Loan fund is a program of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. The program partners with countywide financial institutions in financing business startups, expansions, etc. For more information contact the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620-241-3303, or email at chamber@mcphersonks.org or www.mcphersonks.org.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Every month **DQ Grill & Chill**, 1435 N. Main provides 1 lucky chamber member a FREE DQ Ice Cream Cake. This month's lucky winner is **Multi Community Diversified Services, 2107 Industrial Dr.**

Thank you to Karen & Roger Horn for providing this opportunity for our Chamber members.



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

Recently the USD #418 School Office hosted the Chamber Coffee. Those in attendance got to hear everything that is going on within the school district. We should be very, very proud of how innovative thinking our school district is in seeking out ways that students are being prepared to go into the workforce or into continuing their education. We should be proud of ourselves, citizens of

McPherson that got out and voted to support the bond issue that has enabled renovations to the schools. We should be proud of our city and county leaders who work tirelessly to maintain a budget and take care of our community and county and be accountable to thousands of taxpayers, who may or may not support their work. We need to continue to invest in our children, and model the behavior, set the standard in which they need to grow as adults. A big thank you to all who contribute to the current and future success of our community.

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chamber events

December

- 18th** 4p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber
- 19th** 9:30a Chamber Coffee @ Farmers Insurance - First Bank Kansas, 1301 N. Main
5:30p Cookies with Santa @ Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, 114 W. Euclid (Photos by Walgreens). Stores open late; Strolling Christmas Carols by McPherson Arts Council Children's Choir.
- 24th** 12p Christmas Eve Office Closes.
- 25th** Merry Christmas Office Closed.
- 31st.** 12p New Years Eve Office Closes.

January 2014

- 1st** New Years Day Office Closed
- 9th** 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Sexual, Assault/Domestic Violence Center, 122 W. Marlin
- 14th** 7a Ag Committee @ Perkins
12p Community Development @ Chamber
- 16th** Chamber Coffee hosted by Sunflower Bank, 120 W. Kansas
- 23rd** 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Next Element Consulting
- 10:30a** Lakeside Plaza Board @ Chamber
- 11:30a** Chamber Board @ Chamber
- 24th** 6:30a 2014 Farm Forum @ Perkins

MCPHERSON... WHERE SANTA SHOPS!

Now through December 31: Candy Cane Cash - Shop at participating stores and receive a stamp for every \$10 spent. Each time you get 5 stamps, enter to win \$500 in Candy Cane Cash. **Trolley Christmas Light Tour** Advance Tickets go on sale at CUB for \$5 each, call 800-324-8022 or 241-3340 or book a private tour.

December 19th: Cookies with Santa 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center 114 W. Euclid. (photos by Walgreens). Stores open late; strolling Christmas Carols by McPherson Arts Council Children's Choir 7-8 p.m. **Trolley Christmas Light Tours** 6, 7, & 8 p.m. at McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main.

December 21st: Cookies with Santa, 9-10:30 a.m. at Hopp's Sound & Electric, 214 E. Euclid. (photos by Walgreens). **Free Movie "12 Dogs of Christmas: The Great Puppy Rescue"** 3 p.m. at McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main, sponsored by McPherson Family Life Center, Wendy's, First Bank Kansas, Dr. Ken & Michelle Cotton, KNG/L/KBBE Radio, Home State Bank, Cartridge King of Kansas. **Trolley Christmas Light Tours** 6, 7, & 8 p.m. at McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main.

December 23rd: Trolley Christmas Light Tours 6, 7, & 8 p.m. at McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Main Street, & McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

2013 Leadership McPherson Announces Class Project

To use what they learned, the Leadership McPherson Class members must take the Leadership tools they have been given to come together and decide on a class projects that benefits youth.

The 2013 Leadership Class made the announcement about their class project, which will benefit McPherson area youth. A formal press release will be published later.

Members of the 2013 Leadership McPherson Class are: Megan Anderson - Kansas Secured Title, Celeste Carlson - McPherson County Community Foundation, Graham Crain - Central Christian College of Kansas, Jessica Griffith - self employed massage therapist, Kendra Hopp - First Bank Kansas, Sherry Jerome - Winfield Solutions, Adrian Morales - Home State Bank & Trust, Janelle Flory Schrock - Duck Arboretum of the Plains, Mike Terry - City of McPherson Police Department and Julie Wondra - Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Chtd.

Thank you to the following Leadership Alumni that have facilitated sessions for the 2013 Leadership Class: Alana Murphy - McPherson Family Life Center, Amy Beckman and Scott Barkley - National Cooperative Refinery Association, LaMonte Rothrock - Wichita Independent School, Christ Wiens - McPherson College, Julie Holloway - Nation Pizza & Foods, Karen Graham - Shelter Insurance (Josh Alexander Agency), Sara Nason - McPherson Chamber of Commerce, Becky Goss - McPherson Community Foundation, Kathy Nicholson - McPherson Country Club, Peg Graber - Graber's Ace Hardware, Greg McCullough - Farmer's Alliance Mutual Insurance, Chad Clark - McPherson Health Care Foundation, Eric Litwiller - CASA.

Thank you also to the following who served on the Community Cheerleading Panel: Kasi Morales - Go McPherson, Jackie Christensen - YPMac and Swindoll, Janzen Hawk & Loyd, Verla Thomason - Community Thanksgiving & Community Christmas Dinners, Chris Wiens - McPherson College, Judy Casey - retired, Bob Moore - City Commission and Brad Eilts - MIDC.

Thank you to the YP MAC - Jake Streker of the Cedars and representing YPMac for hosting lunch for the class.



From the United Way of McPherson County

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." I value these words on a daily basis as I drive the United Way of McPherson County mission. It takes true collaboration to bring positive change. Recent efforts on my part have included getting to know the communities throughout McPherson County. What are the needs of these communities? What programs already exist that match the United Way vision? How can we contribute to community projects designed to improve the lives of others? I have discovered many gracious, creative individuals and settings. Conversations and intensive listening are helping me understand the aspirations,

experiences and perspectives of each community. Each community is unique and reflects the passions of its residents.

These meaningful connections inspire my work with the United Way as we partner with various agencies to help provide funding for programs addressing human service issues. Specifically, we focus on issues related to education, health and income stability. During 2013, more than 9,800 individuals throughout McPherson County benefited from services supported by United Way.

On December 31 the annual United Way campaign will come to a close. This year's theme "Join the Team" is a reflection of my first year serving as director. I quickly learned it takes many individuals to accomplish the financial and service goals of the organization.

I invite you to include United Way of McPherson County in your year-end giving plans as we strive to reach our \$225,000 campaign goal. Your tax-deductible gift can be at www.unitedwaymcpherson.org or sent to UWMC, P.O. Box 55, McPherson, KS 67460.

In the meantime, strive to embrace the LIVE UNITED movement. Lives change when people GIVE in our community. Lives change when people ADVOCATE in our community. Lives change when people VOLUNTEER in our community.

2014 Farm Forum

You are invited to join us on Friday, January 24, 2014 @ 6:30 a.m. Perkins Restaurant - 2111 E. Kansas. Cost \$6.00 per person. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, January 21 by calling 241-3303

Guest Speaker - Beth Riffel, Kansas Department of Agriculture
A native of Peabody, joined the Kansas Department of Agriculture in August of 2013 as Director of Communications. A graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Agriculture communications. A mother of three, Beth is a strong advocate for youth development programs such as 4H and Future Farmers of America.

2013 Farm Family of the Year: Neal & Clare Galle
Neal & Clare Galle of rural Moundridge live on the farm that Neal was raised on. He is a graduate of Moundridge High School and obtained a degree in Feed Science and Management from Kansas State University. Clare was raised in the Kansas City area and is a graduate of the McPherson College with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a minor in Home Economics and a Masters in Special Education.

2013 Friend of Agriculture: Joe Pavlovsky
Coming to McPherson in 1996, Joe became an active member of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, serving as President 2000-2001. Employed by PrairieLand Partners, Joe has been involved in the Agriculture Committee, When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In, and raising money for the Agriculture Future of America Scholarship program.



Anne Hassler
CVB Director

From the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

Looking forward to 2014 As 2013 winds down, we're already planning for the new year. In addition to promoting events, venues and attractions, the CVB stages several events throughout the year. The next event will be our annual women's show Feb. 22. This year we'll salute working

women' both those that work outside the home and those who work to keep their families running. In May we'll start our 6th year of movies in the park. August will see the return of our biennial Basketball Traditions Celebration Aug. 8-9. Planning events gives us a new appreciation for those who have done it so well for years. If you're thinking of putting on an event, come talk to the CVB (241-3340). We can help with grant funds, promotions and help you find the right time and place to put on your event. Wishing you a happy 2014. Anne, Cindy and Pam

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