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Thank you does not even begin to express the appreciation that we have for all the businesses, and individuals that support the Chamber organization. This is your organization and we want it to be everything and more to you, the members and the McPherson community and area that it serves. (renewals ending 12/15/14).

Thank you for your continued support. For a complete list of all Chamber of Commerce members, please go to our website at www.mcphersonchamber.org.

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From the Staff of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

A world of good wishes to you all. One of the real joys this holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you and wish you the very best for the New Year.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Jennifer, Debbie & Alesia



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

In the many years I have worked at the Chamber of Commerce I had never heard it even mentioned that the McPherson Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in getting the refinery built in McPherson. As I read the McPherson Sentinel article "Oil tycoon makes lasting impact on McPherson" I became very intrigued in how the Chamber of Commerce was a leader in bringing Globe Refinery to McPherson.

I started my own research, by going to the Chamber library (aka the backroom) and reading the minutes from the 1930's. I learned much more about the Chamber organization and how the Chamber was involved in the roads, highways and rail systems in McPherson. There is an entry stating a "Anti-Hoarding" program was discussed – not really clear on exactly what was being "hoarded". In 1938 there is special committee appointed for promoting the need of a swimming pool and band shell. There was a proposition of a brewery discussed and the need of a calendar of events with the Chamber being the clearing house of community event; One last topic from 1938 was the suggestion that something might be done to push home industry. It was agreed that such a plan would be beneficial, that this should be studied further sometime during the year. Yes, housing has been a topic since 1938.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year.

Jennifer Burch, Executive Director

It is always the perfect gift ChamberChecks are a Great Gift for Anyone

There is time to make your purchase of McPherson Chamber of Commerce ChamberChecks! They are available at the Chamber office located at 306 N. Main – our hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can call ahead at 620-241-3303 to order your ChamberChecks and staff will have them ready for you. Please note – ChamberChecks must be picked up and paid for by Wednesday, December 24 at 12:00.

There is some great shopping options for those receiving the gift of a ChamberCheck.

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chamber events

December

18 **9:30a** Chamber Coffee hosted by Factory Connection, 2210 E. Kansas
 24 **12:00** Christmas Eve - Chamber office closes
 25 **Merry Christmas!**
 31 **12:00** New Years Eve - Chamber office closes

January

1 **Closed** New Years Day
 6 **12:00** Ambassadors @ Chamber
 7 **7a** When Pigs Fly @ Perkins
 12:00 Leadership Board of

Trustees @ Chamber
 8 **9:30a** Chamber Coffee hosted by MCDS/BBBS/WACC, TBD
 13 **7a** Ag Committee @ Perkins
 12:00 Community Development @ Chamber
 15 **9:30a** Chamber Coffee hosted by Hutchinson Regional Medical Center @ Chamber
 16 2015 Leadership McPherson Class Retreat
 22 **9:30a** Chamber Coffee hosted by Charmin Acres
 11:30a Chamber Board @ Chamber

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 **Northgate Manor, 1442 Garden Lane**. We hope they enjoy their special treat!

Chamber Announces 2015 Leadership Class Members

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Leadership Board of Trustees announced the 2015 class for Leadership McPherson, a skills based leadership program that provides hands on training. Members of the 2015 Leadership McPherson Class are: Todd Martens, City of McPherson Police Department, Katie Young, Jayhawk Pipeline, Jay Corwin, Hospira, Zack Singleton, Central States Marketing & Mfg., Daniel Schwindt, Central Christian College, Turner Polzin, Adams, Brown, Beran, & Ball Chtd, Zane Raber, McPherson Family Life Center, Jackie Christiansen, NCRA, Kendra Oakes, Sunflower Bank, Anne Kirchner, United Way of McPherson County, Rebecca Lewis, Circles of McPherson County, Chad Hitt, Board of Public Utilities and Jonathan Rothrock, Home State Bank. "Leadership McPherson brings individuals together from all sectors of the community that perhaps would not ordinarily have met let alone had the opportunity to work and learn together. The program introduces participants to new leadership concepts and their emerging roles in the community," said Jennifer Burch, Executive Director of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce.

Since 1982, the McPherson Chamber of Commerce has offered Leadership McPherson, as community based program. Leadership in a community is vital to its ongoing success and that is why the Chamber is involved. If McPherson is going to continue to be successful in the next century, McPherson must have community leaders at all levels. Leadership McPherson is a 5 month program that consists of a two-day retreat (overnight) and 8 class sessions between January and May. Sessions include 21st Century Leadership Skills, Learning, Thinking, Working Styles, Collaboration, Facilitation, Visioning, Steps to a Performing Community, Civic Leadership training, discussions, and community exposure. "Those most connected to their community value their journey as well as their destination. For all the obstacles they face, they derive satisfaction from the people they meet, the challenges they engage, the lessons they learn, and the knowledge that they're staying true to their beliefs." - Paul Rogat

Using the leadership skills and concepts, the class members will plan and execute a class project that benefits the youth of McPherson. Past projects of Leadership McPherson have been: Back Pack Program Food for Kids, Mt Hope's Children's Reading Room, Heart 2 Heart Equipment, CHIPS, 6th Grade Leadership, MacCare Packs, just a mention a few. The Class project will make their announcement at the Leadership Class Celebration.



Anne Kirchner
Director

From the United Way of McPherson County

What are your favorite childhood memories of Christmas? I remember traveling to the closest mall two hours away to wait in line for a photo with Santa. My mom would rush off to do some Christmas shopping while my siblings and I would wait in line with my dad. Some years we might go see

lights on The Plaza in KC. My point is I don't remember doing any of those things in my hometown. Fortunately

for children and families in McPherson there is no dearth of Christmas activities. Last week alone I counted eight different opportunities to celebrate the holidays including cookies with Santa, a holiday movie, community carol-a-long, holiday light tours, a gingerbread house party at the museum, Mini Main, The Nutcracker at the Opera House and free train rides through Winter Wonderland. Wow! I didn't even get into all of the activities going on at churches in the area, business open houses, special holiday sales at merchants or school parties or programs. At the risk of sounding like the old lady I am, kids these days don't know how good they've got it!

This time of year reminds me of how thankful I am to live in such a giving community. Merry Christmas everyone!

Anne Hassler, Director

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Where Santa Shops Holiday Schedule of Events

Now through December 31 - Candy Cane Cash - shop at 25 participating stores (Chamber and Main Street members) and receive a registration form and stamp for every \$10 spent. Each time you fill up the registration, enter to win \$500 in Candy Cane Cash. Drawing will be held January 12, 2015. Participants: A Few of My Favorite Things, A5 Western, Artshirt Gear for Sport, Brooklyn & Co., Brooklyn & Co. Bridal, Brown's Shoe Fit, Clayworks at Disability Supports, Daylight Donuts, Grabbers ACE Hardware, Guys 'N Gals, Gypsy Wagon, Holiday Inn Express, Hopp's Sound & Electric, Mattress Haven, Montana Mikes, McPherson Family YMCA, Shimmerz Tanning Salon, Stitches Quilt Shop, Stupka Chiropractic Wellness Center, The Bookshelf/The Hidden Closet, The Cook's Nook, The Village Geek, The Well, Venable Jewelers, Creative Hairlines Salon & Spa

December 18th Cookies with Santa, 5:00-6:30 pm at **First Bank Kansas-Downtown** 122 W. Marlin. Stores open late; strolling Christmas Carols by **Sounds of the Heartland Chorus** 6:00-7:30pm. **CVB Trolley Christmas Light Tours** 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00pm at **McPherson Museum**, 1111 E. Kansas (advanced trolley tickets, CVB office, 306 N. Main)

December 20th Cookies with Santa, 9:00-10:30am at **The Village Geek**, 116 N. Main and 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at **The Well**, 101 N. Main, **Free Movie "Home Alone"** 3:00pm at **McPherson Opera House**, 219 S. Main, sponsored by **Walgreen's, Rinse & Roll Car Wash, 3Ten Studio, McPherson Family Life Center, Ken Cotton, DDS, McPherson Arts Alliance VAAM Gallery, Venable Jewelers. CVB Trolley Christmas Light Tours** 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00pm at **McPherson Museum**, 1111 E. Kansas (advanced trolley tickets, CVB office, 306 N. Main)

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Anne Hassler
CVB Director

From the United Way of McPherson County

We are often consumed by the daily tasks of our jobs - preparing reports, returning phone calls, supervising staff, ordering merchandise. This holiday season I decided to take time to reflect on my professional actions. The moment was refreshing and gave me the momentum I needed to push forward as United Way of McPherson County strives to reach its \$225,000 "Chapter 4 Change" campaign goal. My work with United Way influences lives on a daily basis and brings hope for an improved tomorrow. Following are what I consider to be the top 10 reasons to give to United Way this holiday season:

- 1) United Way works strategically with others to identify community needs, focus on underlying causes and find lasting solutions.
- 2) Supporting the United Way movement is one of the most powerful, collective opportunities in which one can be involved in the community.
- 3) Over the past 8 years United Way has invested \$33,595.50 in preschool scholarships for lower income families.
- 4) During 2014 United Way supported two reading initiatives to promote early childhood literacy.
- 5) United Way engages in outreach projects including the Summer Lunch Program, Angel Tree, 2-1-1 Assistance Hotline and "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.
- 6) We annually grant more than \$170,000 to support specialized programming dedicated to building self-reliance, providing basic needs, preparing for life and rebuilding lives.
- 7) United Way partners with local non-profits to address human service issues throughout McPherson County.
- 8) Our mission is accomplished by encouraging others to GIVE, ADVOCATE and VOLUNTEER.
- 9) United Way believes EDUCATION, HEALTH and INCOME are the building blocks to a quality life and all persons should have access to these components.
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