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Callabresi Heating & Cooling Inc., purchased C & C Climate Control in September, 2012. When Curt Sloup decided to retire, he gave Jerry Callabresi the opportunity to take over his business. Jerry started Callabresi Heating & Cooling, Inc. in Salina over 28 years ago. They have 3 full time employees in McPherson and 25 employees in Salina. They offer complete residential, commercial & industrial heating and air conditioning service and installation. They also offer 24 hour emergency service 7 days a week.

Area Businesses Nominated for Kansas Business Appreciation Award

The businesses that make Kansas a great place to work and live by providing jobs and supporting civic activities are the heart of our state. To show our love for the local/area businesses that drive our economy and strengthen our communities the McPherson Chamber

of Commerce (Jennifer Burch), McPherson Industrial Development Corporation (Brad Elits), McPherson Main Street (Ann Engel) and McPherson County Small Business Development (Ted Odle - Home State Bank & Trust) have nominated 4 businesses. Each year the Kansas Department of Commerce accepts nominations for the 2013 Kansas Business Appreciation Award. The state's top nominees will be recognized at the Team Kansas/Kansas Cavalry awards ban-

quet in June, where Governor Sam Brownback will name one company the winner of the Governor's Award of Excellence.

Nominations will be submitted on behalf of the following businesses and the category they represent: Manufacturing/Distribution - **McPherson Concrete Products, Retail - Wendy's, Service - McPherson County Feeders and Hospital/Non-Profit - Save N'Share.**

Leadership McPherson Alumni Invitation

Disability Supports of the Great Plains, The Clayworks at Disability Supports and One Door North are honored to host the Leadership McPherson Alumni Lunch and Learn event scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 in the gallery classroom at 107 North Main in downtown McPherson.

From 11:30 to 1:00 p.m., and with lunch provided by Disability Supports, Rick Staab, President/CEO of Disability Supports, Amber Potter, Clayworks Re-

tail Manager and David Olson, Clayworks Studio Manager will present both an overarching view of Disability Supports, as well as specific information relative to The Clayworks and innovative company projects on the near horizon.

Starting as a small community service provider in 1996, Disability Supports has grown to become an entity responsible for the care of well over 200 people, while employing more than 300. Through an innovative managerial approach, and an unwavering vision of excellence, Disability Supports strives to earn the trust of those who have cho-

sen them for their care each and every day.

Disability Supports is proud to call McPherson home, and they look forward to interacting with the leaders of McPherson who continue to define community standards.

Graduates of Leadership of McPherson, please rsvp to the Chamber at 241-3303 or email Jennifer@mcphersonks.org by March 20.



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

From the Chamber of Commerce

I just got back from the C-3 Lunch that was hosted by the Chamber and the McPherson Area Human Resource Group and walked

away with a renewal of pride for our school system. The C-3 (Citizenship, College & Career Readiness) is an initiative that USD #418 adopted when they were awarded the waiver from the No Child Left Behind. Our school system challenged the country in how our students were being prepared for their next stage of life whether it be continuing education or going directly into the workforce. The C-3 initiative prepares students to be successful in their chosen field of study and their career. Stu-

dents graduating from McPherson High School are more focused having been exposed to experiences that have guided them to their choice. The C-3 is not only a benefit to the student, but our employers. Students graduating and choosing to enter the workforce are prepared to be better employees.

This now leads me to stressing the importance of being an informed voter. The BAM! Committee, McPherson Sentinel, KNGL/KBBE radio and the Amer-

ican Legion will be host to the USD #418 Candidate Forum scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 401 N. Main. It is vital that we keep the forward thinking momentum going and we continue to be aggressive in preparing our kids for the future. "We can do things that other people can't, because we work together" - Randy Watson

Forum Planned for School Board Candidates

The Business And Membership Committee of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Sentinel and KNGL/KBBE will sponsor a Candidates Forum for USD #418 School Board, Thursday, March 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 401 N. Main. The format will consist of opening remarks by each candidate, questions from the media and from the audience and closing remarks by the candidates.

The forum is free and open to the public. KNGL/KBBE Radio will broadcast the forum live.

Ribbon Cutting scheduled Graphic Arts Lab at McPherson College to Open

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a ribbon cutting for the opening of the Graphic Arts Lab at McPherson College on Thursday, April 4, 4:00 p.m. The lab is located in the

Hess Fine Arts building just off of Gordon and Eby Street.

Women's Trip Announces Destination

The Women's Event Committee will be providing detailed information about the upcoming 2013 Women's Chamber Trip to Santa Barbara, California. The trip is scheduled for September 6 through September 9. Details at www.mcphersonchamber.org

April Speaker for Community Development Committee

Carla Barber, Director of the McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation will be the speaker on the construction of the new museum. Carla will also share about the variety of uses that the building will provide to the community.

Community Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 12:00 noon at the Chamber office, Chamber members are invited to attend and bring your own brown bag lunch.

FREE Family Fair - April 16

The McPherson County Coalition for Children and Families will be host to the Family Fair scheduled Tuesday, April 16, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the McPherson 4-H Building, 710 W. Woodside.

Members of the coalition were the same groups involved with the Chamber Education Committee and as to not duplicate efforts; several years ago the Education Committee was absorbed into the McPherson County Coalition for Children and Families. With this partnership, collaborative efforts were expanded to provide educational opportunities to the community and county.

The fair will consist of ideas and useful resources for building positive, happy kids and healthy families from local non-profits and youth service organizations. There is nothing to buy and everything is FREE! Door prizes will be drawn every 15 minutes!

Come join a FREE healthy meal, fun activities for everyone and enter to win door prizes.

McPherson County Coalition for Children and Families represent the following organizations: McPherson Family Life Center, McPherson Community Foundation, McPherson Chamber of Commerce, K-State Research and Extension Office, Child Start, The Regional Prevention Center, Mirror Inc., McPherson County Health Department, United Way of McPherson County, Circles of McPherson County/STEP

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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 March 2013/April 2013

- March**
- 21 **9:30 a.m.**
Chamber Weekly Coffee at Five Star Cellular, 104 N. Main
 - 5:00 p.m.**
American Legion Family Night for Ag in the Classroom, 401 N. Main
 - 22 **11:00 a.m.**
Chamber Academy @ HCC-McPherson
 - 11:30 a.m.**
Chamber Board @ Chamber
 - 26 **11:30 a.m.**
Disability Supports of the Great Plains hosts Leadership McPherson Alumni at One Door North, 107 N. Main
 - 27 **12:00 p.m.**
BAMI @ Chamber Office
 - 9:30 a.m.**
Chamber Weekly Coffee @ The Investment Center – new location, 822 N. Main, Peoples Bank & Trust
 - 12:00 p.m.**
Tartan Turkey Committee @ Chamber
 - 7:00 p.m.**
USD #418 Candidate Forum @ American Legion, 401 N. Main hosted by the BAMI Committee
 - 3 **7:00 a.m.**
When Pigs Fly Committee @ Perkins
 - 12:00 p.m.**
Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
 - 4 **9:30 a.m.**
Chamber Weekly Coffee hosted by Prairie Star Health Center at Chamber Office
 - 12:00 p.m.**
GOMcPherson Board @ BPU Office
 - 4:00 p.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for Graphics Arts Lab on McPherson College Campus – Hess Fine Arts Building
 - 5 **11:00 a.m.**
Chamber Academy @ HCC-McPherson
 - 9 **7:00 a.m.**
Ag Committee @ Perkins
 - 12:00 p.m.**
Community Development Committee @ Chamber, guest speaker is Carla Barber, McPherson Museum & Arts Foundations
 - 10 **4:00 p.m.**
Women's Event @ Chamber
 - 11 **9:30 a.m.**
Chamber Coffee @ Integrity Salon & Spa, 108 N. Main Celebrating 5 years!
 - 12 **11:00 a.m.**
Chamber Academy @ HCC-McPherson
 - 16 **5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**
Family Fair @ the 4-H Building, 710 W. Woodside

April
2 **12:00 p.m.**
Ambassador's @ Chamber

One on One FREE Business Counseling

The Kansas Small Business Development Center will have an Outreach Center Consultant at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce office located at 306 N. Main from 9:00 to 4:00 on the following days:

Monday's
April 15, May 13, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 9.

The KSBDC offers individualized, confidential, and comprehensive business consulting at no charge to its clients. Any existing small business or individual interested in needing counseling in areas of: marketing and sales, accounting, financial analysis and cost control, personnel, inventory control, business start-up or acquisition, business liquidation or sale, strategic planning, and many other areas. One hour long appointments are available beginning at 9:00, 10:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 and can be made by calling the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620/241-3303.

DQ Grill & Chill Winners

Every month DQ Grill & Chill, 1435 N. Main provides 1 lucky chamber member a FREE cake. This month's lucky winner is **Alliance Agency, 121 W. Marlin**. Enjoy your special treat! Thank you to Karen & Roger Horn for providing this opportunity for our Chamber members.

SAVE THE DATES

2013 Leadership McPherson Program

The Leadership Board of Trustees recently approved the schedule for the 2013 Leadership McPherson program. The program is scheduled for morning sessions starting in August to December. Nominations/entrainment will be accepted through July 19th. Enrollment forms are available at the Chamber office, 306 N. Main. Additional dates for the program are as follows:

Class Reception – July 25 (7:00 p.m. – location to be announced)
Class Overnight Retreat August 15 & 16 (required – beginning 9:00 a.m. on 8/15 & ending approximately 12:00 noon on 8/16)
Class Sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon (on occasion at 1:00 p.m. with lunch included) August 27, September 17 & 24, October 15 & 22 and November 19, 26 and December 17 with the Class Celebration Lunch.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give Jennifer Burch at call at 620/241-3303.



This photo from 1956 shows the McPherson pool which was circular with diving platforms in the middle and a sand beach on the perimeter. (Photo from slides given to Mike Rausch, found during research for All Schools Day book.)



Anne Hassler
CVB Director

From the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

Finally the first signs of spring are popping up. I can almost hear all the stir-crazy families planning day trips and weekend getaways. When I stop and think about what my family and I like to do when the weather turns warm, I think of the local water park. This will be the 11th season for the McPherson

Water Park. Hard to believe because it still seems new to me. The park opened in 2003 and had high attendance numbers, sometimes as much as 900 people a day, according to a Hutchinson News article. While numbers have trailed off recently it's still the best deal in town for a day of family fun. Admission has not increased for 2013 and remains at \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and ages 8-17, \$2 for ages 4-7 and ages 0-3 get in free. Special family night rates of \$5 are available every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. The water park opens May 27 and you can reach them at 245-2578 once open.



Anne Kirchner
Director

From the United Way of McPherson County

On April 2 the McPherson community will vote on a school bond issue. I have to admit this is the first time in my adult life I have been exposed to the school bond concept. My questions are abundant.

tary schools will benefit from new classrooms, remodeled gymnasium and cafeteria spaces and upgraded fire alarm systems.

- The addition of a production and machining shop at McPherson High School will provide for a career-driven academic program.
- The 1950s addition at Washington Elementary will be razed and replaced with an energy-efficient, handicap accessible building; additional off-street parking will be provided.
- Several school district buildings will receive crucial roof and foundation repair.

What is a school bond? How will the bond affect my taxes? What are the benefits to my children? How will the school bond improve our community? I discovered answers to my questions through conversations with school board representatives, USD 418 employees, colleagues, friends and family.

Providing quality facilities and educational programs is essential to the future of our children and community. When children have the opportunity to learn in a clean, safe and positive environment, they are more likely to perform better in school and want to complete a high school degree.

- School bonds are funded by taxes and raise money to help build, remodel or modernize schools.
- USD 418 is proposing a \$13.25 million school bond issue.
- A successful bond election will mean DECREASED taxes as related to the mill levy.
- Lincoln and Roosevelt Elemen-

Ultimately, those satisfied children will have the confidence to seek further education and secure quality employment as an adult. Their success becomes the future of our community as they establish and support their own families. By improving our educational facilities and programs NOW, we offer promises for the FUTURE.

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