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The Bethany Home Association is a not-for-profit continuous care retirement community providing more than 100 years of Christ-centered services and care for the aging and handicapped. Located in Lindsborg, Kansas, the home is a social ministry of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The campus includes a 100 bed nursing home facility, 20 assisted living units and 47 independent living cottages. The Bethany Home Association has a mission of creating a positive Christian environment and delivering Christ-centered care to all residents and guests. Bethany Home has a long and storied history with many changes and a dedication to serving the people of Lindsborg and McPherson County. The health care center currently holds a four-star rating by the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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St. Joseph Catholic School serves students in preschool through grade 6 and works under the mission of, "formation of the total person in the image of Jesus Christ". St.

Joseph Catholic School is one of 43 Catholic elementary schools and 4 high schools that make up the Diocese of Wichita. The school has a long tradition of academic excellence and the formation of students who have strong study and organizational skills, work habits, interpersonal skills, and who go on to be successful in their next phases of education. It is a goal of St. Joseph School to produce students who grow to be productive citizens and community leaders. Although the school is Catholic in nature, students of all faith backgrounds are welcome.

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DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Hutton Construction located at 1401 South Highway 81 Bypass. They are the winner of a DQ Cake. Thank you to Roger and Karen Horn, owners of DQ Grill and Chill, 1435 N. Main, for providing the monthly DQ treat for a special McPherson Chamber of Commerce member.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

Education has been a topic of discussion in the media and disappointment lately. I found it very discouraging that providing a stable funding source for educating the children of Kansas is an obstacle. It seems that all we can manage to do is to take from Paul to pay Peter. I try to stay informed about what is going on in Topeka. I feel for our legislators in the struggles they have in trying to fund all that is necessary to keep our state functioning.

I hope that our community, especially the business sector takes advantage of the upcoming "Kansas Children.

Kansas' Future" breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 a.m. – Best Western Holiday Manor Convention Center. Attendees will meet with incoming Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson and will be asked to discuss the following questions:

- 1) What are the characteristics, qualities, abilities and skills of a successful 24 year old Kansan?
- 2) What are the needs of business and industry and what skills and abilities are lacking in today's 24 year old?
- 3) How can business and industry partner with K-12 and higher education in creating the 24 year old that has those skills and abilities?

The feedback from this breakfast will be used to help define the "end-game" for Kansas education. Kansas education will use this end-game and build a strategic plan aligned to meeting this goal.

Reservations are required by calling 241-3303 – there will

be a cost for the continental breakfast.

Relating to education and workforce there is a team in which I am part of that will soon be attending our second of four training academy sessions with ACT. The McPherson County ACT team has several goals, one of which is to be designated as an ACT Work Ready Community. With this designation, our business community will be prepared to utilize the Work Ready Certificate that the McPherson High School seniors will be graduating with beginning in 2016. Those choosing to go directly into the workforce can use the certificate as another credential to their education portfolio. The business and industry sector can use it as an efficient, reliable way to identify skilled job candidates. This is only the tip of the iceberg that the ACT designation will benefit our community and hopefully our state. More information will be shared soon.

Join us for breakfast Kansas Children. Kansas' Future

Incoming Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson will lead in a community conversation on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Best Western Holiday Manor Convention Center, 2211 E. Kansas about; What is the future we want for our children and what role should education play in supporting that future?

This is an opportunity for business leaders to define the skills

and abilities they believe are needed to build a successful future workforce and to identify ways in which the business community can partner with K-12 and higher education to begin developing these skills in today's students. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast. Please RSVP to the Chamber by Monday, June 15th by calling 241-3303. This is important!

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chamber events

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| <p>20 4:00p Women's Event @ Chamber</p> <p>21 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by LSI @ 305 N. Main</p> <p>25 Memorial Day-Office Closed</p> <p>28 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by the Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament Committee @ Turkey Creek Golf Course, 1000 Fox Run 11:30a Chamber Board of Directors meeting @ Chamber</p> | <p>8 KSBDC consultant available by appointment. Call 241-3303</p> <p>9 7:00a Ag Committee @ Perkins 12 noon Community Development @ Chamber</p> <p>11 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by U.S. Cellular @ 1358 N. Main 4:00p Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament meeting @ Chamber</p> <p>13 8:00a Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament @ Turkey Creek Golf Course, 1000 Fox Run</p> |
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JUNE

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| <p>2 12 noon Ambassadors @ Chamber</p> <p>3 12 noon Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber</p> <p>4 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Esther V. Rettig MD, PA @ 901 N. Main</p> | <p>17 7:30a Kansas Children. Kansas' Future Breakfast @ Best Western Holiday Manor Convention Center, 2211 E. Kansas 4:00p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber</p> |
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From the United Way of McPherson County

The McPherson Summer Lunch Program was established in 2009 to provide children with access to routine food supplies during the summer months. While the original concept was to provide daily meals, limited funds prohibited action. An alternative plan was created based on the backpack program available during the school year. Weekly food bags were delivered by volunteers to families in need.

2015 is the year to expand! Thanks to a grant from The Child Nutrition & Wellness program associated with the Kansas State Department of Education, FREE nutritious meals will be served to children from all socioeconomic backgrounds. Meal sites include Roosevelt and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Community partners are joining forces to provide an activity

hour before each meal. Programming will be provided by the YMCA, McPherson Public Library, 4-H Club, Arts Alliance and others. This year's program addresses nutrition AND stimulates young minds. Along the way children and adults will build stronger relationships and deepen community connections.

Leadership McPherson Class of 2015 is contributing to the program by providing FREE bikes to children who have a transportation need. Those registering for "Bikes to Thrive" receive a free helmet and safety training compliments of the Safe Kids coalition.

Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from May 27 thru July 31. Daily activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. Summer Lunch Program enhancements are the result of collaboration between United Way of McPherson County, McPherson County Community Foundation and USD 418.

Interested in volunteering? Individuals are needed to help supervise children during the activity hour and to assist with food service. Volunteers can sign up for one day or more any time during the summer months. For more information, call volunteer coordinator Olivia Fetsch TODAY at 316.644.3406.

Still time to enter!

It's Tartan Turkey Time!

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 13 at Turkey Creek Golf Course – Shot gun start 8:00 a.m. sharp!

Golf Package Details – Two Choices of Play

Non-Competitive Play

- \$280 – 4 person scramble by May 22/\$300 after May 22
- 18 holes of golf
- Breakfast sponsored by REACH Solutions
- Lunch by Bernard's Catering
- Prizes awarded to 3 flights top 3 scores
- Hole Prizes
- Every registered golfer gets a special golf gift
- Hole In One Prize opportunity sponsored by Midway Motors
- Betting Hole
- Winning Non-Competitive receives the engraved traveling Chamber Cup trophy to display for one year.

Competitive

- \$380 – 4 person scramble by May 22/\$400 after May 22
- 18 holes of golf
- Breakfast sponsored by REACH Solutions
- Lunch by Bernard's Catering
- Hole Prizes
- Every registered golfer gets a special golf gift
- Hole In One Prize opportunity sponsored by Midway Motors
- Betting Hole
- Winning team receives cash prize money

Call the Chamber at 241-3303 to register your team (golf carts ARE NOT INCLUDED!). Call Turkey Creek Golf Course at 241-8530 to rent your cart.

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You don't have to know how to golf to participate. We have the perfect opportunity to network as a volunteer. Whatever time you can spare would be greatly appreciated! Breakfast and lunch would be included and the networking is a bonus!

Questions about the tournament, sponsorship, volunteering or anything else, please give us a call 241-3303.

Women's Chamber Trip to "Experience Pure Michigan"

Women of McPherson are invited to join the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Women's Event Committee to Michigan. The trip departs Thursday, September 10 and returns late evening Monday, September 14.

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Motor coach transportation from McPherson to Eisenhower Wichita Airport
- Roundtrip airfare to Traverse City and returning from Chicago
- Airport transfers in Michigan and in Chicago
- Private motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- 3 nights hotel accommodations at the new Petosky Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- 1 night hotel accommodation at the Chicago Hilton
- Welcome dinner in Petosky
- Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express each morning
- Sightseeing features: Tehquamenon Falls, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, the Music House Museum, and Sleeping Bear Dunes
- Private sightseeing tour of Petoskey and community
- Dune ride at Silver Lake Dunes State Park

COST:

Double Occupancy - \$1,335 per person
 Triple Occupancy - \$1,210 per person
 Quad Occupancy - \$1,150 per person
 Non Chamber members please add \$50 to above prices
 Prices based on a minimum of 25 travelers

The Women's Trip is a great way to meet other business women of the community as well as the McPherson area. For additional trip details, please feel free to call the Chamber at 241-3303 or stop by at 306 N. Main. A \$300 deposit is due to reserve your spot. Make check payable to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. Final balance for trip is due July 15. Please note that all monies paid are nonrefundable. Optional trip insurance is available and must be paid at time of making deposit.

Please contact McPherson Travel Center at 241-5830 or 800-748-8176 to make insurance arrangements.

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