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Welcome to the Chamber!

Rivercross Hospice
241 S. Whittier Street
Wichita, KS 67207
Phone: 877-291-9690
Contact: Shelly Dennis
Web: www.rivercrosshospice.com

The Rivercross Hospice team is comprised of local medical professionals and volunteers who are committed to providing the highest quality of care. Hospice manages pain, controls symptoms and understands that emotional and spiritual stresses are as significant a physical pain. Rivercross Hospice evaluates and responds by offering the level of care that best meets the needs of each individual patient. They work together with the patient, family and patient's attending physician to decide the most appropriate level of care. Services for the mind, body and spirit.

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McPherson Quality Air
501 N. 81 Bypass
McPherson, KS 67460
Phone: 620-245-0599
Fax: 620-504-6527
Contacts: Kevin Sales & Jeff Wilson

McPherson Quality Air is a new full service HVAC and Refrigeration Company recently opened in McPherson. Kevin Sales and Jeff Wilson are the owners, and will focus on providing high quality customer service on all of their products and all the services they provide. They are a proud dealer for Lennox products and will offer a full line of energy saving solutions for your home or business.

Kevin comes with 30 years of business management experience. Jeff has 15 years of experience with HVAC and Refrigeration.

Their services for your heating and air conditioning needs will include planned service and maintenance, new installation, diagnosis and repair for both commercial and residential.

They have purchased the former "Z's Bar" located at 501 North 81 Bypass and are doing a complete renovation on the building. Until the renovations are complete, they can be reached at 620-245-0599.



From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

I know that the majority of the community knows where the Chamber of Commerce is and our

phone number. We can usually answer the variety of questions that we get, or at least know where you can find the answer. That is probably the extent of what the community knows about what we do. Although answering the phone and answering questions that come our way, we enjoy the challenge. The Chamber also serves as the "front door" to McPherson. We have information about McPherson and the area, resources in starting a business, phone books, brochures, etc., as well as pro-

viding personal service in helping anyone that walks through our door. The Chamber is so much more than the front door. The Chamber is a business organization that is supported by the many, many businesses in McPherson, in the area and businesses that do business in McPherson. We are funded by our members, which are businesses, farmers, non-profits, individuals, home-based businesses, retired individuals, just about every sector of our community is represented by our mem-

bership. What we do works to create unique ways to promote our community, our members, their products and their services. By doing so, this creates business growth and maintains our quality of life. We also create visibility and network opportunities, advocacy and training. If you haven't even been in the Chamber office, the "Welcome" mat is out.

Big Thank You for our Turkey Supporters

Continental Breakfast (Homemade Cinnamon Rolls) - Scott's Home-town Foods
Lunch - Smoked meat sandwich with all the trimmings - Knackies Meats & Sweets
Hole N One Prizes - Midway Motors (2013 Ford F-150, 2013 Buick Enclave, 2013 Jeep Wrangler and 3 nights and 2 rounds - Stay & Play Vacation to TPC Las Vegas)

Extra \$300 Prize Money for Competitive Play - Edward Jones (Gary Hess)

Hole & Prize Sponsors: Home State Bank & Trust, Sunflower Bank, Wichita Mid-Continent Airport, Farmers Alliance Insurance, NCRA, Farmers State Bank

Hole Sponsors: Computer Solutions, Inc., Hut-ton Construction dba King Enterprise Group, First Bank Kansas, McPherson Pizza Hut/Wing Street Restaurants, Rins & Roll Car Wash, Kansas Secured Title, Hassman Termite & Pest Control, Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Chtd, McPherson Business Solutions, Peoples Bank & Trust, LSI Staffing Inc., The Mortgage Company, Meland Engineering

Ball Sponsors: McPherson Family Life Center, Farmers Alliance Insurance, Edward Jones - Brad Settle, Edward Jones - Gary Hess, First Bank Kansas, Gilmore Solutions, Inc., Ameriprise Financial, Home State Bank & Trust, Peoples Bank & Trust, Sunflower Bank, Advanced Physical Therapy

Raffle Items: McPherson Country Club, Hopp's Sound & Electric, Salina Municipal Golf Course, Turkey Creek Golf Course, Sand Creek Station Golf Course, Alvarum Championship Course, Nelson Appraisal, S & S Farms, Integrated Health & Wellness Center

Other Donations: McPherson Family Life Center, Krehbiels Speciality Meats, Edward Jones-Gary Hess, Ameriprise Financial, Applebee's, McPherson DQ Grill & Chili, Hall's Culligan Water, Integrated Health & Wellness Center, Walmart and Venable Jewelers

Golf Tournament Results
Hole #5, Wichita Mid Continent Airport and The Cedars sponsored the Closest to the Pin in Two: John Reimer
Longest Putt on #9 sponsored by Home State Bank and The Cedars: Kelly Sorenson

Hole #11 - Longest Putt - sponsored by Farmers State Bank and The Cedars: Mark Haight

McPherson County E-Community Funds New Business

McPherson Quality Air, 601 North 81 Bypass, McPherson is the latest recipient of a McPherson County E-Community Loan. The loan funds will assist with the purchase of equipment and inventory.

Since 2011, more than \$275,000 has been loaned to McPherson County businesses. The following have received business expansion and start up loans from the McPherson County Business and Industry E-Loan Program.
Artistic Hair & Nail Salon - Lindsborg
Knackies Meats & Sweets - McPherson
Little Caesars Pizza - McPherson
Mower Medic - McPherson
Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center - McPherson
Brookly & Co. - McPherson
Mattress Haven - McPherson
McPherson Quality Air - McPherson

The McPherson County E-Loan Program is funded through tax credits that were sold and are available to any business startup or expansion located in McPherson County. The loan program is administered by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main. www.mcphersonchamber.org.

Local Businesses Recognized by Department of Commerce

The Kansas Department of Commerce has named 20 Regional Business Excellence Award winners and 79 Merit Award winners as part of Business Appreciation Month, the Department's annual celebration of Kansas businesses and their contributions to their communities and the state economy.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Main Street, McPherson Industrial Development Co. and McPherson County Small Business Development partner each year to make nominations for businesses in the four categories: manufacturing/distribution, service, retail and hospital/non-profit. This year the following were nominated and are awarded the Merit Award: **McPherson Concrete Products,**

McPherson County Feeders, Save 'N Share and Wendy's. The five finalists are: B & W Trailer Hitches (Humboldt) Community National Bank & Trust (Chanute) Newell Rubbermaid (Winfield) PTMW, Inc. (Topeka) S and Y Industries (Winfield)

"It is fantastic that we are able to honor these outstanding businesses," Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George said. "Our businesses are job creators and engines of economic growth. Business Appreciation Month is a great way to recognize the tremendous contributions that they make to their communities and to Kansas."

Hole #16 - Closest to Pin in Two - sponsored by Sunflower Bank and The Cedars: Zac Clumpston

Hole #18 - Longest Drive - Women's prize sponsored by Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance and The Cedars: Chris Benson

Also on #18 - Longest Drive for Men - sponsored by National Cooperative Refinery Association and The Cedars: Andy Vogelsberg

Unfortunately we did not have any Hole in One Prize winners of a 2013 Buick Enclave, 3 night/2 rounds Stay and Play Vacation to TPC Las Vegas, 2013 Jeep Wrangler or 2013 Ford F150 - thank you Midway Motors for sponsoring.

Non-Competitive Play Results

Third Flight Winners

Third Place / Third Flight
Team: The Mortgage Company/74

Second Place / Third Flight

Team: Cox Communications/72

First Place / Third Flight

Team: Home State Bank & Trust/71

Second Flight Winners

Third Place/Second Flight

Team: Putt Pirates/67

Second Place/Second Flight

Team: Maplan #1/66

First Place/Second Flight

Team: Farmers Alliance Mutual Ins AA/66

First Flight Winners

Third Place / First Flight

Team: Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd/59

Second Place/First Flight

Team: Vogelsberg/59

First Place/First Flight

Team: Central Christian College/58

Competitive Play Results

3rd Place:

Reber #1/62

2nd Place:

Nelson Appraisal/61

1st Place:

Turkey Creek Turkeys/61

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President- Dell Reese • President Elect – Dr. Brandon Trost

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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 June, July, August 2013

June

- 19 4:00 p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber
- 20 9:30 a Chamber Weekly Coffee hosted by the McPherson Hospital, 1000 Hospital Drive, 2nd floor, Hess Ed. Center
- 27 9:30 a Chamber Coffee hosted by Robertson Chiropractic Center, 209 N. Main
- 11:30 a Chamber Board of Directors @ Chamber
- 4:00-6:00 p Business After Hours hosted by Applebee's

July

- 2 12:00 p Ambassadors @ Chamber
- 7:00 a When Pigs Fly @ Perkins
- 12:00 p Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
- Independence Day – Chamber office closed
- 9 7:00 a Ag Committee @ Perkins
- 11 9:30 a Chamber Coffee hosted by Hopp's Sound & Electric, 214 E. Euclid
- 4:00p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber
- 18 9:30 a Chamber Coffee hosted by ACCK, 210 S. Main
- 12:00 p Tartan Turkey Golf Meeting @ Chamber
- 19 2013 Leadership McPherson Class Enrollment Deadline
- 11:30 a Leadership McPherson Alumni Lunch & Learn @ Central College - program - Ulster Project

- 25 9:30 a Chamber Coffee hosted by ?
- 10:30 a Lakeside Plaza Board @ Chamber
- 11:30 a Chamber Board of Directors @ Chamber
- 7:00 p 2013 Leadership McPherson Class Reception - location TBA
- 30 6:00 p Rural Appreciation @ the 4-H Grounds

August

- 1 9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by ?
- 6 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber
- 7 7:00 a When Pigs Fly @ Perkins
- 12:00 p Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
- 8 9:30a Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Coffee hosted by McPherson Floral by Magnolia, 104 S. Main
- 13 7:00 a Ag Committee @ Perkins
- 14 7:00 a When Pigs Fly @ Chamber
- 15 9:30 a 2013 Leadership McPherson Overnight Retreat in Hesston
- 21 7:00 a When Pigs Fly @ Perkins
- 4:00 p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber
- 22 9:30 Chamber Coffee hosted by When Pigs Fly @ McPherson Airport
- 11:30 a Chamber Board @ Chamber
- 23-24 When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In @ McPherson Airport

COMING SOON... When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In

Save the date for August 23 & 24 and plan to be at the McPherson Airport to enjoy a fun filled weekend for the whole family.

New events this year begin on Friday night with the Great Plain Antique Tractor Pull, National Turkey Federation Shooting Trailer, watch a actual cow be milked with the Southwest Dairy Farmer Mobile Trailer, in addition to pony rides by the McPherson Saddle Club and music by Petty Cash.

Saturday new events is Grammie Pumpkin Patch Train Rides, Silver Buckle Drill Team performance and

the Big Kid Pedal Tractor Race (will be taking team registration for timed races – need a 9 member team). In addition to K-State Skydiving Club, Model A Car Club Display, National Turkey Shooting Trailer, Southwest Dairy Farmer Mobile Trailer.

Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning by the Kiwanis Club and lunch by The Real Pits BBQ.

BBQ contestants will begin arriving Friday to set up for the Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned bbq contest. The Agriculture Committee expects a full house of contestants of nearly 40 this

year, all competing for points to receive an invitation to the American Royal contest as well as the \$6,000 in prize money.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee has hosted the When Pigs Fly event since 2000 and funds raised fund the Agriculture Future of America scholarship fund that is awarded each year to a McPherson County student pursuing an agriculture field of study. More than \$45,000 has been invested in the agriculture education of 19 McPherson county students.

Free & Confidential One-on-One Business Counseling Available

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:

Mondays

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 DQ Ice Cream Cake. This month's lucky winner is RC Heating & Cooling, 207 N. Hickory. Enjoy your cool treat!

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

Enrolling Now for 2013 Leadership McPherson

Since 1982 the McPherson Chamber of Commerce has offered Leadership McPherson, a community based program. Leadership in a community is vital to its ongoing success and if McPherson is going to continue to be successful in the next century, we have to become a community of leaders at all levels.

Goals of Leadership McPherson:
Examine new leadership concepts and their emerging roles in the communities.
Recognize, instruct and encourage effective, potential leaders within McPherson and surrounding communities.

Discover the concern and opportunities facing the McPherson area.
Develop a format for ongoing communication among new and established leaders—network ideas and involvement.

Inspire leaders to increase their civic involvement in the local area, use the skills learned in their home, work setting, family and volunteer organizations.

Create awareness of the importance of the future generations and keeping the McPherson area a great place to live.

Leadership Class Session Schedule
Nomination/Enrollment Deadline July 19
Class Reception July 25
Overnight Retreat August 15 & 16

Class Sessions begin at 8:15 to 12:00 noon on Tuesdays
Sessions
#1 August 27
#2 September 17
#3 September 24
#4 October 15
#5 October 22
#6 November 19
#7 November 26
#8 December 17*

*On December 17, after the class session, there will be a 2013 Leadership McPherson Class Celebration Lunch held in the participants' honor.



Anne Kirchner
Director

From the United Way of McPherson County

A remarkable event happens each Wednesday during the summer months at the McPherson Church of the Brethren. Community volunteers gather to assemble grocery bags of food followed by additional volunteers arriving at noon and 5:00 to deliver the food bags to area families.

The room is filled with enthusiastic conversation as organizers guide volunteers to pack each bag with a variety of foods. Cereal, tuna, peanut butter, granola bars, crackers, pudding cups, fresh fruit □ the list goes on and on!

The Summer Lunch Program was established in 2009 to assist children and families in need of food during the summer months. This year more than 200 children will have access to lunch food items on a routine basis thanks to the efforts of many.

Community members Olivia Fetsch and Heather Kuhn provide outstanding leadership in organizing

the weekly packing process and volunteer recruitment. Their calm, gentle nature provides inspiration for others wanting to join the project.

The Summer Lunch Program is a collaborative effort between the McPherson County Community Foundation and United Way of McPherson County. The program's goal is to provide nutritional foods to children in McPherson who otherwise might not have access to items.

Low-income, food insecure children often rely on school breakfasts and lunches for consistent meals. Access to these programs is severed when summer arrives. Studies demonstrate food insecurity during childhood can result in a number of long-term consequences including impaired development, poor performance in school and poor health.

We must nurture cognitive development and learning opportunities for the children of McPherson. The Summer Lunch Program provides an important avenue to supporting this goal. If you are looking for a project to support this summer, I highly recommend the Summer Lunch Program. Make a cash donation or volunteer your time to assemble or deliver food bags.

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