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Welcome to the Chamber!

Bling It!

111 E. Kansas
McPherson, Ks 67460
Phone: 620-381-0298
Contact: DJ Gore

DJ Gore is a new business owner, is a resident of McPherson, and also a RN at The Cedars. She is excited about being a part of the McPherson business community and looks forward to establishing a successful boutique. Bling It is located on Kansas Avenue and will carry clothing, purses, fashion accessories – all the items a woman can't live without!

Hours:
Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Like Bling It! On facebook.

You are invited to join in the Welcome to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Friday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Level Gymnastics Academy

302 N. Main (upstairs)
McPherson, Ks 67460
Phone: 620-481-3079 or 620-481-9926
Contact: Matthew Paul

Next Level Gymnastics Academy, offering group classes and private lessons for tumbling, trampoline, and cheer opened July 1st at 302 N. Main – 2nd Floor. Matthew Paul, owner began training and competing in gymnastics as the age of five. He started in a traditional men's gymnastics program, and later switched to power tumbling and trampoline.

Matt turned his gymnastic skills into a diving career during high school. He had a successful record, placing at state all four years. During the diving off-seasons, Matt began his coaching career, acting as a trainer for the Emporia High School girl's gymnastics and diving teams. After graduating from high school, he went on to coach 2 individuals to state diving championships. Matthew coached from approximately three years at two of the gyms where he trained as a student. To continue developing his personal skills, Matt also worked out with Extreme Athletics in Wichita for a year and attended the Longhorn Diving Camp in Austin, Texas. Owning his own gym has been Matt's goal for a long time.

Matthew is currently working on a degree in psychology and counseling at Wichita State University. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard in

2006 and has served overseas in both Iraq and Africa. He currently drills with the Guard unit in Great Bend.

Next Level Gymnastics Academy will offer classes for all ages, ranging from tots, to college students, and event adult participants. For more information about classes that are being formed, call Matt at 620-481-3079.

McPherson Arts Alliance, Inc.
P.O. Box 66
McPherson, Ks 67460
Phone: 620-241-6131
Contact: Ann Haritatos, Dee Erway-Sherwood, Donna Lehner
Website: www.McPhersonartsalliance.com

The McPherson Arts Alliance, Inc. (M.A.A.) is a new nonprofit organization located in McPherson, Kansas. This newly created nonprofit organization will focus on providing opportunities for appreciation, education, and participation in the Arts. MAA was formed in late 2012 from the two primary arts organizations in McPherson: the McPherson Arts Council (MAC) and the Visual Arts Alliance of McPherson (VAAM). Art classes for both adults and youth are provided in the Mary Anderson Arts Center in the McPherson Opera House. We continue to support local artists through the VAAM Gallery. We always have a show presented by featured artist. Additionally, we promote the arts through various activities including the annual high school arts scholarship contest, contests for the public such as our biannual photo contest, and regular bus trips out of the area to see both visual and performing arts.

If you would like to learn more about how you can participate in any of our events, or support us in any number of ways, we can be contacted by phone at 620-241-6131.

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Invitation to Serve & Support Rural Appreciation

Just as unique as one community is compared to another, the same goes for the Chamber organization that serves it. In the Chamber of Commerce world, it is somewhat unheard of to have an Agriculture Committee, let alone such an involved one as ours. The Chamber Agriculture Committee is a diligent group that never ceases to amaze most with the passion they have for their career, and insuring the future of agriculture in McPherson County, with programs such as Ag in the Classroom and Agriculture Future of America Scholarship.

On Tuesday, July 30, the Agriculture Committee will host the 42nd Annual Rural Appreciation in conjunction with the McPherson County 4-H Fair. This partnership celebrates the completion of wheat harvest as well as supporting the 4-H youth in their agriculture projects and endeavors.

The hamburger feed will be held at the 4-H Barn, W. Woodside, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We are asking for your help in sponsoring the event through contribution. If you wish to be a sponsor, please send your contribution by July 20, 2013 to the Chamber office, P.O. Box 616, McPherson, Ks 67460 – no contribution is too small. If you would like to volunteer that evening, we could sure use your help – just give the Chamber office a call. Besides, it's not that often to have the opportunity to meet with nearly 600 people in an hour and half!

Supporters: American AgCredit, Culligan, PrairieLand Partners, Charlie Williams, McPherson Realty Exchange, Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, CPA, Ellene McKean & Associates, Wise & Reber LC, Hugo G. Dahlstrom, CPA, Hassman Termite & Pest Control, McPherson County Feeders, McPherson Industrial Development Corporation, McPherson Rental Center, Krehbiel's Specialty Meats, O'Dells Laundry, Jantz Lumber, Horizon Real Estate Services, Midway Motors, Baldwin Creative Services, Sharp Advertising, McPherson County Abstract & Title Company, Zeitlow Distributing, Dr. Michael Yowell, DDS, Rev. Harold Nelson, Home State Bank



From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

"Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you". The so-called golden rule is a simple statement that packs a

lot of punch for the foundation of everyday living, specifically in the business sector. In recent weeks, I have noticed that we are relying less on the golden rule, and perhaps we just need a kind reminder. In the Chamber organization, one of the many responsibilities we have is to provide networking, marketing and promotion opportunities for our members – such as ribbon cuttings,

business after hours, volunteering, Chamber Coffees, etc. It is important we take the time to show up and demonstrate our support. Members need other members, businesses need other businesses. We all feed off of each other, if we don't have a vibrant community that provides at least the basic of necessities; services, shopping, jobs, housing, etc, then it is difficult to attract new residents, new employees

and to retain them as well. If we don't retain residents, then businesses suffer. It is so important that we support our businesses, organizations, whatever it may be when they are celebrating, or hosting an event, just remember, "Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you."

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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

July & August 2013

July	7th	7:00 a
18th	9:30 a	When Pigs Fly @ Perkins
	12:00	Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
	9:30 a	Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Coffee hosted by McPherson Floral by Magnolia, 104 S. Main
19th	11:30 a	Ribbon Cutting 5 Star U.S. Cellular, 1358 N. Main - New Location!
	7:00 a	Ag Committee @ Perkins
25th	7:00 a	When Pigs Fly @ Perkins
	8:30 a	2013 Leadership McPherson Overnight Retreat in Hesston
	9:30 a	Chamber Coffee hosted by Pine Village @ Chamber
	7:00 p	2013 Leadership McPherson Reception - 1119 Hawthorne
26th	10:00 a	Ribbon Cutting for Bling It! 111 E. Kansas
30th	6:00 p	Rural Appreciation @ the 4-H Grounds
August		
1st	9:30 a	Chamber Coffee hosted by Home State Bank, Main Bank
6th	12:00	Ambassadors @ Chamber
	23rd-24th	When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In @ McPherson Airport
	29th	Chamber Coffee, Ribbon Cutting at McPherson Museum - Preview!

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:

Monday's
August 12, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 9.

The KSBDCC 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 Zeitlow Distributing Co. Enjoy your cool treat!

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

Deadline is Friday to Enroll! 2013 Leadership McPherson Starting Soon!

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.

AUGUST 23 & 24 When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In

There are new events going on at the When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In. Check out the schedule and mark your calendar to be at the McPherson Airport. Bring the kids, there is a lot of activities for them to enjoy! Adults can visit with some of the top bbq contestants in the state, perhaps pick up a few tips on special rubs, secret bbq sauce ingredients and perfect smoke techniques!

Funds from the When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In fund the Agriculture Future of America Scholarship that is awarded each year to a McPherson County student pursuing an agriculture related area of study. Nearly \$46,000 has been raised over the past 13 years and awarded by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee to support agriculture education.

- Friday, August 23**
4:00 p.m.
• National Wild Turkey Federation Shooting Trailer
• Concessions are open
6:00
• Opening Ceremony
• Great Plains Antique Sanctioned Tractor Pull Contest
• Southwest Dairy Farmer Mobile Milking Trailer - see a real cow being milked!
• McPherson Saddle Club Pony Rides \$
• Helicopter Rides \$
• Parachute Jumps
8:00
• McPherson's Petty Cash Band
Saturday, August 24
6:30 to 9:30 a.m.
• Kiwanis Club Breakfast & Gravy Breakfasts
• K-State Skydiving Club Parachute Jumps

- Grammie's Pumpkin Patch Train Rides & Build & Blast!
- Helicopter Rides\$
- 10:00
- Silver Buckle Drill Team Performance
- 11:00
- Big Kid Pedal Tractor Race - needs teams of 9 people (2) Divisions - 12-18 yrs \$20 and 19 & older \$40 To register contact the Chamber, 241-3303.
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- The Real Pitts BBQ - smoked meat sandwich, beans & drinks
- 12:00
- Official start of the Kansas City Sanctioned BBQ Contest
- 3:00
- BBQ winners Announced & Prize Money Awarded

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Anne Kirchner
Director

From the United Way of McPherson County

Several weeks ago I stumbled upon a wonderful place nestled in the heart of Moundridge. Acting upon the advice of a local resident, I stopped by to check out this unique store. Upon my arrival at Angels Attic, I discovered a locked door. The posted hours indicated there were 20 minutes remaining before the store was to open.

Like all curious shoppers I leaned against the glass door and peered inside. Two women were standing close to the entrance and quickly hurried to the door when they saw me. They offered a warm welcome and asked how they could help. As I described my role with United Way of McPherson County and the desire to learn more about their store, their faces glowed with enthusiasm. They were eager to share their story.

Angels Attic is a second-hand store established several years ago to address the need for clothing and general household items. While the store operates similar to most second-hand stores by accepting donations, the overall business concept is unique.

Co-Directors Delonna Barnett and Ruby Jantzen donate their time to supervise a team of volunteers who sort through donations and display them in organized, attractive spaces throughout the store. They recently moved to the new location at 125 S. Christian and have created a clean, orderly shopping environment.

Everyone is welcome to shop at Angels Attic. There are no income or eligibility requirements. There is bilingual signage to assist Hispanic shoppers. And everything is free!

The concept was created to assist all community members. More than 2,500 customers have been served during the past year. Individuals are encouraged to swap, make a donation or share their talents to help support the store. Reach out and explore the possibilities for your involvement by calling Angels Attic at 620-345-2200.

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