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Welcome to the Chamber!

DW Contracting
805 Deerfield Road
McPherson, Ks 67460
Phone: 620-755-0640
Contact: Wayne Anderson

DW Contracting is owned and operated by McPherson native Wayne Anderson. DW Contracting is a full service general contractor from new home construction to remodel and repairs. DW Contracting also specializes in residential roofing and large scale commercial roofing. Their goal is to focus on affordable housing for the community.

Wayne is married to Rachael, and they have 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls ranging in age from 14 to 1. They greatly enjoy the busy family life and love the McPherson community.

Farmers Insurance (Wilkins Agency)
110 E. Euclid
McPherson, Ks 67460
Phone: 620-241-0188 Fax: 620-241-2284
Contact: Matthew Paul, Doyle Wilkins, Amber Prickett
Website: www.farmers.com

Farmers Insurance has proudly served McPherson County for over 50 years. In this time, Farmers Insurance has established a great relationship with our neighbors by providing excellent products and service. The Wilkins Agency is dedicated to continuing the excellent reputation Farmers Insurance has established here in our community. Stop by 110 E. Euclid and meet Doyle, Chris, and Amber. They would be glad to be of help to you.

Bernard's Catering & Concessions
2100 S. Bonebrake Street
Hutchinson, Ks 67501
Phone: 620-899-9683
Contact: Susie Bernard, Netta Robertson

Bernard's has been in business for 65 years satisfactory catering events, and serving concessions. Bernard's has professionally provided service in Hutchinson, Lyons, Great Bend, McPherson as well as the entire state of Kansas, parts of Okla-

homa and Missouri. Bernard's provides a variety of menus tailored to your specific needs for any event. Whether it is a Bar-B-Q, wrapped sandwiches and salad, a buffet bar, a mashed potato martini bar or a formally served dinner, Bernard's will guarantee a beautiful and delicious experience. Let Bernard's experience, expertise and floral arrangements make your upcoming event worry free and one that will be remembered always.

Bernard's prides themselves on their display of food, presentation by using silver trays, copper, china, flatware, and glass goblets.

You are invited to the After Hours Gala on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., hosted by Bernard's Catering & Concessions and the McPherson Opera House, at the McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main. Come and join us for an evening of palate pleasing food, a variety of delicious drinks and entertaining music.

JD's Kwik Burger
629 W. Kansas
McPherson, Ks 67460
Phone: 620-241-4545
Contact: Chaz Clark-Morris (new owner)

Chaz Clark-Morris is the new owner of JD's Kwik Burger. Chaz was raised in McPherson, graduated from McPherson High School and Kansas State University (EMAW). Chaz was introduced to the restaurant business at a young age and has continued this career choice. Chaz most recently lived in Kansas City, Missouri and managed a sports museum restaurant/bar which also allowed her to talk sports to anyone who would listen, one of her favorite topics. A Wildcat living in Tiger country! Chaz's favorite place to eat as a child was JD's and continued to be a must when she came home to visit her family in McPherson, so naturally, owning JD's is a bonus. Although the face is changing, Chaz wants to ensure everyone that the same menu and great taste will continue and looks forward to seeing everyone.

You are invited to celebrate with Chaz in the new venture of being a business owner with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for JD's Kwik Burger on Tuesday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m., 629 W. Kansas. Hope you can join us! JD's Kwik Burger is on Facebook!

Weather Provided for a Perfect Rural Appreciation Night

Thank you to the great volunteers that showed up for setting up, grilling and serving the 600 + farm, 4-H families and volunteers. A grand THANK YOU to Montana Leaders for the use of the grills and the organizational and leadership skills of Doyle Davidson and Charlie Williams!

A huge thank you to the supporters of the annual event; 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 Termitte & Pest Control, McPherson County Feeders, McPherson Industrial Development Corporation, McPherson Rental Center, Krebbel's Specialty Meats, O'Dea Laundry, Jantz Lumber, Horizon Real Estate Services, Midway Motors, Baldwin Creative Services, Sharp Advertising, McPherson County Abstract & Title Company, Zeitlow Distributing.

The Ice House Entrepreneurship Program is Coming to McPherson!

Who Owns the Ice House? Eight Life Lessons From an Unlikely Entrepreneur

In the last 1950s, Glen Allan, Mississippi, was a poor cotton community. For many, it was a time and place where opportunities were limited by social and legal constraints that were beyond their control. It was a time and place where few dared to dream.

Based on his own life experience, Pulitzer nominee Clifton Taulbert has learned up with entrepreneur thought leader Gary Schonger to create a powerful and compelling story that captures the essence of an entrepreneurial mindset and the unlimited opportunities it can provide. Drawing on the entrepreneurial life lesson Taulbert learned from his Uncle Cleve, Who Owns the Ice House? Chronicles Taulbert's journey from life in the Mississippi Delta to the height of legal segregation to being recognized by Time magazine as "one of our nation's most outstanding emerging entrepreneurs." Who Owns the Ice House? Reaches into the past to remind us of the timeless and universal principles that can empower anyone to succeed. The highly interactive program enables participants to learn directly from the firsthand experience of successful real-world entrepreneurs. The overall objective is to empower learners through entrepreneurial thinking and immerse them in entrepreneurial experiences that will enable them to develop entrepreneurial skills.

This is an unprecedented opportunity. Through the combined efforts of the McPherson County Entrepreneurship Community Board, McPherson College, Iman Entrepreneurship Community and Network Kansas, this program is available to inspire and engage innovators and entrepreneurs of our community and county.

This is an eight week community course every Monday night 5:30-7:30 p.m. beginning Monday, September 30th and ending Monday, November 18th. Registration is \$50.00 with a \$25 refund upon completion of the course. Classes will be held at McPherson College and a light meal will be provided.

Register on-line at www.kansasicehouse.com (click on McPherson County). SPACE IS LIMITED! Deadline is September 20th.

Questions call Jennifer Burch, McPherson Chamber of Commerce 620-241-3303 or Bob Ratzloff, Peoples Bank & Trust/Iman Entrepreneurship Community, 620-585-2265.

From the Kansas Department of Revenue

On July 1, the state sales tax rate decreased from 6.3 to 6.15 percent, therefore making the City of McPherson sales tax rate to 8.15%. The Department of Revenue sent out postcards alerting retailers of the change, posted the information on its website and posted a reminder on the sales tax payment portal which is used by 94% of all retailers. Please take note and decrease the state sales tax rate in your system. Bracket cards from all Kansas sales and use tax rates may be downloaded from the Kansas Department of Revenue website at <http://ksrevenue.org/bracketcards.html>.

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From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

One of the many wonderful experiences I get to have as the Executive Director of the Chamber is the opportunity to work with the participants of the Leadership McPherson Class each year. With every new class, I think to myself, OMG - this is a really great group of people, and I look forward to what they will accomplish. I am amazed of how different, unique that each individual is and what they contribute to the class. It is a pleasure to see the new faces of leadership emerge from the program. On behalf of the Leadership McPherson Board of Trustees, I am proud to announce the members of the 2013 Leadership McPherson Class.

- Graham Crain - Central Christian College
- Janelle Flory-Schrock - Dyck Arboretum of the Plains
- Adrian Morales - Home State Bank & Trust
- Jessica Griffith - Certified Massage Therapist
- Celeste Carlson - McPherson County Community Foundation
- Kendra Hopp - First Bank Kansas
- Sherry Jerome - Land 'O Lakes/Winfeld Solutions
- Megan Anderson - Kansas Secured Title
- Michael Terry - City of McPherson Police Department
- Julie Wondra - Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Chtd

The 10-member class departed on a 2 day overnight retreat on August 15 & 16. They will then meet for 8 class sessions 8/27 to 12/17.

Each class session provides participants the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, but also make them more aware of issues, challenges and opportunities facing the

McPherson community. We hope that the experience encourages them to become involved in McPherson's future growth and development. In addition, what is unique about the program is that all the class sessions are facilitated by past Leadership McPherson graduates, what a better example of leaders creating leaders that create leaders. Class members then must take the skills, training and tools they have learned and apply them towards deciding on a class project that benefits the youth.

The Leadership Board of Trustees will host a Class Celebration Lunch on December 17, where Chamber members and Leadership alumni will be encouraged to attend and help the class members celebrate the completion of their leadership training, in addition to hear the announcement of their class project to benefit the youth of McPherson.

Since 1982, the Leadership McPherson has been a program of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce.

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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

August	
21st	7:00a When Pigs Fly @ Perkins 4:00p Women's Event @ Chamber
22nd	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by When Pigs Fly @ McPherson Airport
23rd-24th	When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest & Fly In @ McPherson Airport
25th	Men's Trip departs Los Angeles 8:15a Leadership Class @ Chamber 9-6:30p Business After Hours @ Opera House
29th	9:30a Chamber Coffee, Ribbon Cutting @ McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas – Preview!
September	
2nd	12:00p Labor Day - office closed
3rd	12:00p Ambassadors @ Chamber
4th	12:00p Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
5th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by the United Way of McPherson County @ Chamber
6th	Women's Chamber trip departs for Santa Barbara, CA
9th	Women's Chamber trip returns
10th	7:00a Ag Committee @ Perkins 12:00p Community Development Committee @ Chamber 2:00p Ribbon Cutting for JD's Kwik Burger, 629 W. Kansas
12th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by McPherson Family YMCA @ 220 N. Walnut
17th	8:15a Leadership Class @ Chamber
18th	4p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber

August & September 2013

19th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Hospice: Homecare of Reno Co., 1318 N. Main
24th	8:15a Leadership Class @ Chamber
25th	12:00 B.A.M @ Chamber
26th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Central Kansas Conservancy at the Meadowlark Trail (West Northview road - just west of 81 Highway)
28th	11:30a Chamber Board of Directors @ Chamber Men's Trip Returns
October	
1st	12:00p Ambassadors @ Chamber
2nd	12:00p Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
3rd	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by WACC @ Chamber
8th	7:00a Ag Committee @ Perkins 12:00p Community Development @ Chamber
10th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by LSI Staffing, 305 N. Main
15th	8:15a Leadership Class @ Chamber
16th	4 p Women's Event Committee @ Chamber
17th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Integrated Health & Wellness Center @ 1319 E. First 5:30p Get Your Chamber Team Spirit at the Chamber EXPO/Business After Hours & Annual Meeting @ the Best Western Holiday Manor Convention Center - details coming soon!
22nd	8:15a Leadership Class @ Chamber
24th	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Ear Care Hearing Aid Centers @ 620 S. Main
31st	9:30a Chamber Coffee hosted by Hutchinson Hospital @ Chamber

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!

- 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.

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.

- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- The Real Pits BBQ – smoked meat sandwich, beans & drink \$
- 12:00
- Official start of the Kansas City Sanctioned BBQ Contest
- 3:00
- BBQ winners Announced & Prize Money Awarded

- Sponsors:**
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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
September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 9.

The KSBCD 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 **Community Foot Clinic of McPherson, 316W. 4th**, McPherson, Ks. Congratulations to Dr. Trent Timson and his staff, we know you will enjoy your special treat!

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

From the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

So, what's new? It seems like forever since I've written a column so I'll just give you a run down of what's been going on at the CVB this year.

Back in February, we gave free historical trolley tours to all interested 5th grade classes. We started this as a way to get kids interested in the history of their hometown. We added a new trolley driver, as well, Jim Leach. We published a book and made a documentary about the 100th anniversary of All Schools Day. The book is full of photos and stories of the first 100 years and available at The Bookshelf, VAM Gallery and The Well. Keith Cantrell directed our latest documentary that we made with a Kansas Humanities Council grant "Cele-

brating 100 years: McPherson County All Schools Day." It's very entertaining and well done by Keith. You can purchase a copy at our office or watch online at vistmcperson.com. In honor of All Schools Day we also commissioned a mural based on the artwork of R. Bolton Smith. Bob generously donated the use of his artwork and Naomi Ullum and her talented artists put together another great mural. It's installed on the north side of the Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk and Loyd building the in 100 block of S. Main. We also have prints available here at the CVB.

Our fifth season of movies in the park is ongoing thru Sept. 27. The water park just wrapped up a soggy season and we're getting ready for the 20th annual McPherson Scottish Festival. Look for our new mural this fall across from the Opera House.

Thinking of hosting a convention, reunion or sports tournament? The CVB can help! Give us a call at 241-3340.

From the United Way of McPherson County

Who would ever have imagined that in the middle of August we would be wishing for the rain to stop? The moisture was certainly a welcomed sight as we needed a break from the summer heat. But now that the waters have risen above normal levels and caused damage to fields, homes and other structures, many years for an end to the excessive water.

This past month I have traveled to Lindsborg on many occasions to assess the flood damage and determine and most meaningful assistance United Way can provide. It's a complicated process and I'm grateful to our partner agencies, American Red Cross and The Salvation Army, for their leadership in providing immediate assistance to flood victims.

Additional leadership has been provided by

the City of Lindsborg and The Associated Churches of Lindsborg (TACOL). The leadership provided by these organizations has astounded me! Every conversation and every meeting has been blanketed with compassion and general concern for the needs of all community members affected by the flood.

Immediate flood relief efforts were supported by neighbors who reached out to each other. Side by side, these individuals removed debris and water from basements, dismantled saturated sheet rock and initiated preservation processes. Heaters and air conditioning units were replaced at reduced rates. Energetic high school students donated their time. Local businesses sponsored a potluck to provide a break from the mundane cleanup process.

United Way commends the many individuals who have assisted Lindsborg. Their involvement has demonstrated the true meaning of community. As relief efforts continue, it's important to emphasize the long-term financial burdens that have resulted from the flood. Donations to assist flood victims can be forwarded to People's Bank & Trust in Lindsborg. Even those of us living outside the Lindsborg community can lend a helping hand!

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