

The Chamber Business Journal

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P.O. Box 1047
1713 Mohawk Road
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Contact: Troy Schroeder
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Harmony Christian Church is an independent Christian Church established in 1983. It is a non-denominational church based upon the New Testament Church started in the book of Acts. The bible is our authority. Our desire is to be “not the only Christian, but Christian only.” They are a family oriented, bible-believing fellowship that meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for Sunday Schools and 10:30 .m. for worship.

HEARTBEAT COFFEE - OPENING SOON!

1211 S. Main
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Contact: Tara Kemp
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Web: www.heartbeatcoffee.com
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Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Heartbeat Coffee will be a specialty coffee drive-thru, located on the south side of town on across the street to the east Central Christian College campus. Their goal is to provide quality coffee on a quick and consistent basis. Whether you are dropping off a child as Kid’s Kampus or headed to the refinery for a tough day of work, **Heartbeat Coffee** will strive to serve the hardworking people of McPherson the boost of energy they need to make it through the day or a sweet treat of celebration for the drive home.

Heartbeat Coffee was funded in part from the McPherson County Entrepreneurship Loan Program administered by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce

Do Your “Doodie” and Take Care of “The Business”

It is truly amazing the number of people that are up early in the morning getting their run or walk in for the day. Living in a community where we are safe to be out in the early morning or evening is a priceless amenity we sometimes take for granted. Not only do you see humans getting their steps in, but they also have their fur babies bobbing along. Speaking of fur babies, just a little bitty reminder. When you are taking your fur baby out with you on a stroll, be sure to take with you a small plastic bag. It doesn’t have to be fancy (it can be a recycled grocery bag) or zip lock bag, just a small bag, or big bag, you be the judge – you know your pet. When your fur baby has to do their “business” during your stroll, please pick up after them. It is very simple, put your hand in the bag, pick it up and then bring the bag around the “business” and wall laa it is bagged. All that you need to do then is depose it in the nearest trash can. No one likes to pick it up or carry it around, but what is worse is stepping in and trailing it down the sidewalk into your house or in a store.

If everyone does their “doodie” to clean up after “the business” is done, it would make for a pleasant stroll around our community for everyone.

October is Manufacturing Month in McPherson County

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce and McPherson Industrial Development Co. have partnered with Viega, Central Plastics, Bradbury, and CertainTeed to celebrate and recognize the industrial success throughout McPherson County.

The official nationally recognized day is Friday, October 6. McPherson County is like no other, so we will celebrate throughout the month of October .

“Manufacturing jobs are important to our county and region. While the initial manufacturing job is important, another four employees are hired elsewhere in the community to either provide a vital service or product” said Jennifer Burch, McPherson Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

McPherson County Manufacturing Month Open House & Tour Schedule

Thursday, October 5
2:00 p.m. Bradbury in Moundridge

Friday, October 6
8:00 a.m. Official Kick Off Ceremony at Viega, 2211 Viega Avenue
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Viega (both plants)
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Plastics, 811 W. First Street

Wednesday, October 25
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CertainTeed Corporation, 873 N. Hickory

Go to www.mfdday.com to register to attend and see other details regarding tours

What Kids Need to Succeed Revisited

In 2000, the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Leadership McPherson program was one of the 17 leadership programs invited to participate in the Kansas Community Leadership Initiative (KCLI). It was a privilege to have this opportunity to bring our program into the 21st Century by providing an actual leadership skilled based experience, it also opened the doors for other programs offered by the Kansas Health Foundation. Their mission was for Kansas to be the best place to raise children and they used the leadership programs as the vehicle to get the message out. This mission gave the leadership programs a focus, the thought that if is the best place the raise children it will be good for us all.

During our training by the Kansas Health Foundation we were introduced to the 40 Developmental Assets. The assets play a significant role in the success of a young persons’ life. A few of the assets include: family support, caring neighborhood, parent involvement in schooling, safety, positive adult role models, time at home, bonding to school, honesty, restraint, self-esteem and sense of purpose. The Chamber then implemented the training and added the developmental asset piece to the leadership program which then when the training is complete, the leadership class takes what they have learned and creates a project that benefits the youth of McPherson.

Over the years, the information regarding the developmental assets has been diluted, but with the new initiative of the USD #418 and the Ready by 21 Education Pipeline it is time to put the emphasis back into the program. The Chamber has been meeting with various community leaders and educators about how we can all work together to accomplish every aspect of what a young person needs to be successful. It is not the responsibility of the school alone, these are our children and our responsibility. Sadly, the reality is, we are asking parents, caregivers, etc to raise children, help them grow up healthy and provide positive experiences that many of them never had. So how do we do it? Can we do it? We have to do it!

Why is the Chamber care about creating healthy, positive environment for young people? Kids who receive at least 25-30 of the assets are more likely to succeed in and contribute to their community. Efforts to build assets in young people is an investment in tomorrow’s workforce and leaders.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

I have been watching the news just like everyone else keeping track of when Hurricane Harvey and Hur-

ricane Irma would make landfall and leave its devastating track. The destruction that the storm left behind is very visible, but there is another tragedy as a result of the storms. It is the displaced residents. I cannot even begin to imagine the emotions the victims are experiencing. My heart breaks for the people left with absolutely nothing, having to leave their homes and their sense of normality. I have noticed that there have been lessons learned from past natural disasters. For example the shelters are accepting pets with the displaced residents. The role that a pet has in family and the sense of

comfort the pet can provide during this time is significant.

Listening to the many stories about volunteers and unsuspected heroes who have saved lives offers a glimmer of hope. I saw a video about Mr. Rogers on Facebook talking about his mother. After a catastrophe, he said that his mother said to him to watch for not only the first responders and the rescue teams, but to “always watch for the helpers”, if there is helpers, there is hope.

Our hands and hearts together, for all.

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Goering & Hageman); Overhead Door Co. of North Central Kansas, Inc; McPherson County Community Foundation.

chamber events

September

- 20 3:30 p.m. SCKEDD Presentation @ BPU office, 400 W. Kansas
- 21 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main
- 27 Mens Trippers depart for Chicago
- 28 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Viega Open House & Tours

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Central Plastics Open House & Tours, 811 W. First

12 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Mt. Hope Sanctuary, 303 N. Walnut

18 4:00 p.m. Women's Event Committee @ Chamber

19 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Wince Family Dental, 1325 E. First

October

- 5 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by City of McPherson @ City Commission Room, 400 E. Kansas

2:00 p.m. Bradbury in Moundridge - Manufacturing Open House & Tours

- 6 8:00 a.m. McPherson County Manufacturing Month Kick-Off Ceremony at Viega, 2211 Viega Avenue, McPherson

25 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CertainTeed Corporation, 873 N. Hickory - Manufacturing Open House & Tour



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

From the United Way of McPherson County

Like a boomerang, I have come home. I grew up in Hutchinson, and for 14 years I served as the Executive Director of United Way of Reno County. In 2005, I accepted the opportunity to work for United Way Worldwide in Alexandria, Virginia as a liaison with about 800 small United Ways across the country. Early this year, I returned to Kansas to serve United Way of Douglas County as its Interim CEO, as they sought a permanent

leader. Last month, I learned United Way of McPherson County was looking for a new Executive Director. I applied, got the job and started September 11th.

It's a very trite saying here, but there is no place like home and I'm glad to be back. My son, Ryan Mackey, is a music instructor at Central Christian College. Ryan and our daughter-in-law Allison have lived in McPherson for 20 years. Allison grew up in Inman. My wife Shirley and I have always admired the quality of life in McPherson. You have a strong Main Street, the arts through the Opera House, the colleges and

schools, and a beautifully historic courthouse.

And throughout the county, you have a strong network of social service agencies and programs run by people who care for people who need help with this adventure called life. When you give to the United Way, you're helping provide basic needs, rebuilding lives, preparing young people to be successful, and building self-reliance. Our 2017 campaign has just kicked off. Thanks to all who currently support our efforts, and please Be a Local Hero with a gift this year. We're honored to be in the Chamber offices at 306 North Main.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Twice Told Tales, 104 S. Main. They are the winner of a DQ Cake. Thank you Roger & Karen Horn, owners of DQ Grill & Chill, 1435 N. Main for providing the month DQ ice cream treat.

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