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WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER!

New Owners!
Hometown Motors, LLC
800 E. Kansas, P.O. Box 1124
McPherson, Ks 67460
Contact: Dick & Nancy Luthi
Phone: 620-241-0003
Fax: 620-241-6876
Web: www.hometownmtrs.com

Remember when buying a new car was fun and exciting? Well, it can be again. Dick and Nancy Luthi are happy to announce that they have purchased Hometown Motors of McPherson. Hometown Motors has been owned for the past 15 years by Bryan Anderson and will continue to be operated as a "Top 20" pre-owned vehicle sales center with unlimited availability.

As most of you know, Dick has spent over 30 years as a farm equipment dealer with both John Deere and International Harvester and the past 11 years in vehicle sale with Chevrolet. So, why not simply retire? It comes down to this, Dick loves people and likes cars. He wants to continue helping match buyers with their "perfect vehicle."

Stop by and meet their sales staff at 800 E. Kansas Avenue or visit their website hometownmtrs.com.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

Leading the Way: Join 2016 Leadership McPherson

Enhance your leadership skills and knowledge of McPherson by becoming a part of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Leadership McPherson. Enrollment of the leadership class of 2016 is now being accepted through October 30. Developing leaders for more than 34 years, the leadership program is an in-depth, educational program that focuses on developing

individual leadership skills and giving participants the skills to move organizations and businesses forward.

The Leadership McPherson Board of Trustees will host a 2016 Class Reception on November 3. The leadership class begins with a 1 night, 2 day required overnight retreat on November 12 and 13 followed by morning class sessions from 8:45-12:00 noon on the following dates: November 24, December 8, December 15, January 5, January 19, February 2 and February 16 and a class celebration luncheon date to be determined.

Tuition covers all program materials, meals, overnight accommodations and (2) reservations for the Leadership Class Celebration. The cost is \$275 per person for Chamber investors and \$300 for non investors.

For additional information call the Chamber at 241-3303. Enrollment form is available on www.mcphersonchamber.org.

Together We Are Stronger Chamber of Commerce Past President's Select Honoree

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Past President's met recently and selected Brett Reber of Wise & Reber as their President's Award Honoree. He will be recognized at the Chamber Annual Meeting Lunch, scheduled for Friday, October 30th at 11:30 a.m. - Mingenback Theatre on the campus of McPherson College.

In addition to presentation of the President's Award, retiring board members will be recognized: Michele Cullen (Welco Services), Jaymie Rothrock (Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk &

Loyd), Dr. Brandon Trost (Integrated Health & Wellness Center) and Chad Clark (CAC Consulting). Chad will continue on the board to serve out the unexpired term of Bret McClendon (USD #418).

Introductions of the 2015-2016 Chamber Board - President - Dr. Brandon Stupka, (Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center) President Elect - Adrian Morales, (Hess Oil) Past President - Gena Strathman, (First Bank Kansas) Treasurer - Josh Menard, (Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk &

Loyd) Katie Sawyer, (McPherson College) Gina Venable (Venable Jewelers), Janet Lynch (CertainTeed) Zac Hoppes (Farmers State Bank) Tom Saffel (Prairie Landworks) Andy Elliott (Elliott Insurance & Real Estate) Chad Clark (CAC Consulting) and Tracy Sterling (Culligan Water).

Tickets are \$20 per person and reservations are required - Call the Chamber office at 241-3303 by Friday, October 23, 2015.

It's Christmas in McPherson!

"McPherson is where Santa Shops!"

Promotion organized by the
McPherson Chamber & McPherson Main Street

Holiday Schedule

Thursday, November 5th - 5:30 p.m.

Snow Ball Drop by Santa on the Plaza in downtown McPherson! Prizes, coupons, gift cards! (two separate drops will be conducted for children then adults)

Thursday, November 5th- December 31st

Candy Cane Cash - Shop at the following participating stores and get registered for \$500 Candy Cane Cash! Mattress Haven, The Bookshelf, The Village Geek, The Stone Chimney, Clayworks, The Cooks Nook, Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, A Few of My Favorite Things, Brooklyn & Co., Artshirt - Gear for Sport, Shimmer Tanning, Twice Told Tales, The Well, Simply Good Overstocks, A5 Western, Nooks & Crannies Floral, Venable Jewelers, Guys 'N Gals, Creative Hairlines

Friday, November 6th-Sunday, November 8th

Holiday Open House Weekend throughout McPherson! Great time to check out all the gift ideas and make your lists!

Cookies with Santa!

(McPherson Walgreens is providing coupons for a FREE photo print at each Cookies with Santa location)

Thursday, December 3rd

5:00-6:30 p.m. - McDonald's, 2101 E. Kansas

Thursday, December 10th 5:00

6:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Catholic School, 520 E. Northview

Saturday, December 12th

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Simply Good Overstocks, 301 S. Main
2:00-3:30 p.m. - The Village Geek, 116 N. Main

Thursday, December 17th

5:00-6:30 p.m. - McPherson Health & Rehab, 1601 N. Main

Saturday, December 19th

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - NexTech Wireless, 200 S. Champlin
2:00-3:30 p.m. - The Clayworks, 107 N. Main

Movies at the McPherson Opera House

Saturday, November 28 @ 3:00 p.m. - TBD (sponsored by McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau)

Sunday, December 6th @ 3:00 p.m. - TBD

(sponsored by Clayworks)

Saturday, December 12th @ 3:00 p.m. - TBD

(sponsored by Elliott Insurance & Real Estate, The Stone Chimney, Ken Cotton DDS, H & R Block, Ellene McKean & Associates, Save 'N Share, Simply Good Overstocks, McPherson News & Information, Venable Jewelers)

Saturday, December 19th @ 3:00 p.m. - TBD

(sponsored by Ellene McKean & Associates, still need additional movie sponsors)

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 Treasurer – Josh Menard, Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd • Past President – Gena Strathman, First Bank Kansas
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 Tracy Sterling – Hall's Culligan Water • Janet Lynch – CertainTeed Corporation • Zac Hoppes – Farmers State Bank
 Tom Saffel – Prairie Landworks • Katie Sawyer – McPherson College
 Staff: Jennifer Burch – Executive Director • Debbie Hawkinson – Administrative Assistant • Alesia Stout – Program Assistant

chamber events

October

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| 21 | 4:00 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber | 4 | 5:30 p.m. 2016 Leadership Class Reception - Location TBD |
| 22 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee hosted by MTC, 112 S. Main | | 12:00 Leadership Board @ Chamber |
| 23 | 10:30 a.m. Lakeside Plaza Board @ Chamber | 5 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee hosted by McPherson Family Life Center @ TBD |
| | 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber | 6-8 | 5:30 p.m. Snowball Drop on the Plaza, downtown McPherson |
| 26 | Depart Destination Bootcamp/Longmont, CO | | Holiday Open House Weekend |
| 28 | 9:00-2:00 Manufacturing Day Open House @ CertainTeed, 873 N. Hickory | 10 | 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ Perkins |
| 29 | 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Chamber Coffee @ Terra Nova Luxury Apartments, 1419 Genesis Dr. | | 12:00 Community Development @ Chamber |
| 30 | 11:30 a.m. "Together We Are Stronger" Chamber Annual Meeting @ Mingeback Theatre on McPherson College Campus | 12 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee hosted by Factory Connections, 2210 E. Kansas |
| | 2016 Leadership McPherson Deadline | 13 | 2016 Leadership Class Retreat |
| | | 14 | 2016 Leadership Class Retreat |
| | | 16 | 11:30 a.m. Kansas Health Foundation Service Lunch details to come |
| | | 18 | 4:00 p.m. Womens Event @ Chamber |
| | | 19 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee hosted by McPherson County Community Foundation, 206 S. Main |
| | | | 11:30 a.m. Board @ Chamber |

November

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| 3 | 12:00 Ambassadors, @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main |
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From the United Way of McPherson County



Anne Kirchner
Director

While representing United Way on a daily basis, I get caught up in the rush of promoting an agency that is accomplishing much for McPherson County. I must remember those around me may not be familiar with our efforts, and it is important to continually educate others. Once one understands the LIVE UNITED movement, they want to be involved. It's contagious!

United Way of McPherson County addresses community needs related to EDUCATION, HEALTH and INCOME. We facilitate an annual county-wide \$225,000 campaign and redistribute the funds to the community through grants to our partner agencies. One hundred percent of the dollars pledged stay in McPherson County.

During 2015, we invested dollars in 15 organizations representing 18 human service programs. These programs provide services needed to strengthen McPherson County while

focusing specifically on rebuilding lives, providing basic needs, building self-reliance and preparing for life. Collectively, United Way partner agencies assist more than 7,200 McPherson County residents on an annual basis.

In addition to giving, United Way encourages community members to demonstrate their passion for issues by advocating and volunteering. All must be involved to improve McPherson County. During the past year United Way inspired four third graders to advocate for and raise \$1,011.33 for McPherson Special Olympics. We partnered with U.S. letter carriers to support the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive and recruited 50 volunteers who collected 10,500 pounds of food for the McPherson County Food Bank. United Way also sponsored the "Show You Care - VOLUNTEER" reading initiative and distributed 5,000 books to children throughout McPherson County.

United Way of McPherson County continually identifies community needs and engages noteworthy partners. Next on the list is addressing child care needs in McPherson. Exploration has begun to determine the needs and how to facilitate a solution. That's how the LIVE UNITED movement works.

Thank You for Your Continued Support of the Chamber!

Judy Casey, Tom Frankenfield, Armin Nelson, ECCO/Eickbush Productions, Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Classic Floors & Interiors, McPherson Museum, Northgate Manor, Gateway Mortgage, The Cedars, McPherson County Council on Aging, McPherson Senior Center, Becker Tire of McPherson, Rinse & Roll Car Wash, Ferguson Production, McPherson Public Library, Alan Sents, The Old Muffin Factory, CHS, McDonald's, Bethany Home, Kiwanis, Brown's Shoe Fit, AmericInn (Hesston), Pine Village, Turkey Creek Golf Course, 3Ten Studios, First United Methodist Church, McPherson Eye Care, Dr. Esther Rettig, Mid Kansas Cylinder Head, Dennis Friesen, St. Joseph Catholic School, Tidy Laundry, MTC, Edward Jones (Gary Hess), Michael T. Mills, Robertson Chiropractic, Culligan Water, Smokey Valley Nursery, Sears, The McPherson Sentinel, Health E-Quip, Apple-

bee's, BuySupps, Central Christian College of Kansas, McPherson Kitchen and Bath - New Creations, Ellene McKean & Associates, The OMEGA Project, Wink Hartman, Client Centered Counseling, Simply Good Overstocks, Wise & Reber, Sam's Club (Salina), Holiday Inn Express, Boesker Construction, Viega, McPherson Business Solutions, Hospice Care of Reno County, McPherson County Abstract & Title Co., CASA, DQ Grill & Chill, Exterran, Hugo Dahlstrom, CPA, Kansas Certification Testing Center, LSI Corporation, The Cooks Nook, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Co., Mid Kansas Machine, Lacy Land & Cattle, CAC Consulting, Strawn Construction, Tradhuset and Vetehuset, BNC National Bank, A5 Western, Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, LaPiesta, Artshirt Gear for Sport, Premier Casting & Machine, Heartland Surface Restoration, Park Ridge Apartments, McPherson Housing Coalition, Mike Rausch, Mustang Properties, JD's Kwik Burger, Sharp Advertising, Nooks & Crannies, Ted Morris, CPA, McPherson Country Club, CT Fit 24, Sounds Great, Selzer Backhoe Services, Dustin Haigh Financial Services, Baldwin Creative Services, Auto Customs & Repair, Flory Roofing & Construction, Light Capital Media, Johns Manville, McPherson Opera House, Community Foot Clinic, Save 'n Share, McPherson Recreation Commission, Hospira, a Pfizer Company, Venable Jewelers, CertainTeed, USD #418, Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, AT&T, Bluestem PACE, Studio 54, McPherson Family Life Center, McPherson Arts Alliance (VAAM), Central Kansas Concervancy, McPherson County Leaning Center (ES-SACK), Butterfield Construction

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to McPherson Health & Rehab, 1601 N. Main. 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 product for a special McPherson Chamber of Commerce member.



Joni Regnier
CVB Director

From the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

Make a memory aboard the McPherson Trolley!

Since the purchase of the trolley in 2008, it has been used for many occasions and events. The trolley has been a favorite entry during the All Schools Day parade, brought to the Touch a Truck event where children are able to climb up into it, ring the bell and get a feel of what an old fashioned trolley ride would really be like. Santa has also arrived to McPherson in style on the historic trolley. During the Scottish Festival it offered free transportation for festival goers from the High School to the Lakeside Park.

Not only is the trolley used for

McPherson CVB events it is also available for charter to community groups, businesses, weddings, reunions and much more. If you are having a special event and would like to cruise around McPherson in style just give the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau a call. The trolley capacity is 22 passengers and is also handicap-accessible.

If you haven't gone for a ride now's your chance. On October 24th we will be offering a FREE Fall Foliage Trolley Tour. Foliage tour begins at 1:00 at the McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas Ave. Tour guide will be City Forester Kody Kraemer. Space is limited so you must call the McPherson Convention and Visitors Bureau to reserve your spot. You can reach us at 620-241-3340. New this year you can win prizes by playing "fall foliage trivia" during the tour.

As always we will be hosting the ever-popular Holiday Lights Trolley Tours. Tour dates will be announced soon. Tickets go on sale Nov. 1.

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