

The Chamber

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Congratulations & Welcome to the Chamber!

GO TO GAL

Contact: Alesia Stout
Phone: 620-480-9220
Facebook: Go To Gal

Need help with something? Could you use an extra hand, or just feel like you need one more hour in the day? Call your **Go To Gal!** She is here to offer you Personal Assistant Services with a helpful, friendly attitude.

So what are Personal Assistant Services? It can be just about anything YOU need! To name a few: Shopping, Drop Off/Pick Up, Administrative Tasks, Pet/House Sitting, Elder Assistance, Yard/House Chores. **Go To Gal** can take your grocery shopping list and check it off for you! Need prescriptions dropped off or picked up for yourself, your kids or your elderly parents? Maybe you have invitations to address and send out or a mailer for your job that needs completed. If you're going to be out of town and need your pets taken care of, house checked on or plants watered, she can do that! If you have a family member who is older and has a hard time getting around, **Go To Gal** is here to help. **Go To Gal** has been known to unpack boxes, help organize and put things away, clean a house top to bottom and paint, help flip a house from a rental to for sale, clean out air conditioners, provide elder companion care during their caretaker's appointments, yard work including pulling weeds, mowing, weed eating & edging, organize and hold a garage sale, and serve food for a wedding reception. Heck, the **Go To Gal** even ventured into repairing her own water heater! If you have an idea of something you may need assistance with, just ask! If **Go To Gal** can do it they are happy to help!

DACUS AUTO BODY & COLLISION REPAIR

2088 E. Front Street
McPherson, KS 67460
Contacts: Chris & Kena Dacus
Phone: 620-350-8222
Facebook: Dacus Auto Body & Collision Repair
Web Site: dacusauto.com
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dacus Auto Body purchased Vern Winter Body Shop. Chris & Kena Dacus started Dacus Auto Body in 2014 in Canton, KS. They specialize in Automotive Collision Repair. They have served the McPherson area from Canton previously and look forward to better serving the area from their new location! **Dacus Auto Body** hopes to continue being the "go-to" repair shop that Vern Winter Body Shop has been known as the last 30 years. They work with all insurance companies, provide free loaner vehicles, provide free estimates and love to help their customers navigate the claim process when necessary.

The Chamber will celebrate the new ownership of **Dacus Auto Body & Collision** with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for November 8th at 4:00 p.m., 2088 E. Front Street.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurship Loan Program and Farmers State Bank are proud partners of the **Dacus Auto Body & Collision Repair** project.

STARLITE LANES OF MCPHERSON, INC.

900 W. Kansas
McPherson, KS 67460
Contacts: George Yang & Tom Wann
Phone: 620-480-2667
Facebook: StarliteMCPH
Hours: Monday-Thursday 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Friday 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Sunday 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Starlite Lanes of McPherson is excited to reopen under new ownership, by George Yang! They will offer bowling and a fun center with games and a pool table. They have repainted and added a concession bar. **Starlite Lanes** will continue to support the youth and High School programs. They also look forward to Birthday parties and corporate parties. **Starlite Lanes** will be open 7 days a week!

2017-2018 Chamber Investors - Thank you! (as of 10 /17)

Pizza Hut, Johns Manville, McPherson Community Foot Clinic, The Well, Caseys General Store, The Cedars, McPherson Recreation Commission, Kiwanis Club of McPherson, Old Muffin Factory, McPherson Stamp & Engraving, Simplex-Grinnell, Fox & Ash, McPherson County Farm Bureau Association, A5 Western, CKC, Fresh Ideas, Ferguson Production, Venable Jewelers, Hopps Sound & Electric, Oneok, Two Tigers And A Truck, American Family Insurance (Phil Havens), Culver's Wines & Spirits, Hedlund Electric, M & W Commercial Cleaning, McPherson Airport Authority, Noffy's Sandwich Shop & Pub, Primerica Financial Services (Lori Johnson), Town & Country Realty (Bonnie Hoffman), Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Two Tigers And A Truck, Horizon Real Estate Services, First Bank Kansas, All In One Safety, Three Rings Brewery, McPherson Sentinel, Grace Med, Sharp Advertising, Nex-Tech Wireless, Mid-Kansas Cylinder Head, Inc.;CT Fit 24; Cox Communication; Savant Services; Team Employment; Knackies Meats & Sweets; Great Plains Family Medicine; Williams Energy; Express Print; American Family Insurance (Bahr), H & R Block.

"Shot In The Dark" Chamber Annual Meeting

Join us for a fun evening celebrating a successful 2016-2017 Chamber year led by Adrian Morales of Hess Oil. Adrian will hand over the gavel to Brad Mears of Kansas Municipal Utility to take charge of the 2017-2018 Chamber year.

Retiring board members Tracy Sterling - Culligan Water, Janet Lynch - CertainTeed and Dr. Brandon Stupka - Stupka Chiropractic and Wellness Center will be recognized for their work on the Chamber board.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. for social time (cash bar), followed by a hamburger buffet & Chamber business at 6:00 p.m. then at 7:00 p.m. the Shot In The Dark Glow Ball game will begin. Teams of 4 will be drawn that evening of those in attendance. No experience needed, just an attitude to have fun and be a member of team for 5 holes of golf on the beautiful McPherson Country Club, 1396 Pioneer Road.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes all of the above or \$20 for just the Hamburger Buffet. Call the Chamber at 241-3303 before October 23rd to make your reservation.

Celebrating Expanded Services & New Owners

First we wish to congratulate The Cedars on the newly constructed addition at The Cedars that is home to the memory care unit. The Chamber will officially open the unit with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 8 at 10:00 a.m., 1021 Cedars Drive.

Next - a huge thank you to Vern & Janice Winter of Vern Winter Body Shop. They have been a long time supporter of the Chamber of Commerce and we wish them the very best in their new retirement journey. The Chamber will introduce you to and celebrate the new owners Chris & Kena Dacus. A ribbon cutting ceremony for Dacus Auto Body & Collision Repair is scheduled for November 8 at 4:00 p.m., 2088 E. Front Street.

Yes, we are conducting a ribbon cut-a-thon on November 8th. It is a nice problem to have when a community has businesses expanding services and existing businesses are being bought by the next generation of entrepreneurs.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

THE VALUE BEHIND CREATING A WALKABLE COMMUNITY

There are a lot of shop local programs out there; American Express hosts Small Business Saturday (the day after Black Friday) as an example. But while most people see the value behind supporting neighbor businesses, marketing is always one of the largest problems.

And it's not the marketing behind the importance of shopping small, shopping local or shopping Chamber first that's the difficulty. It's letting people know what's out there. Supporting small business is one of those "mom and apple pie" sells that most people agree are beneficial. They support the concept but often forget the businesses. The reason behind this is because those businesses don't come to their minds. They don't come to their minds because they don't frequent them. They haven't taken the time to explore because they're busy buzzing around town in a car.

I don't have anything against cars, but it is too easy to get in your car and get from point A to point Z without thinking about everything in between. That is why creating a walkable community helps breathe life into the shop small movement.

McPherson has several different shopping pockets throughout the community providing various different services and products. A bonus to our community is that parking is free and safe. The core shopping area in McPherson is obviously downtown Main Street. Parking is free, and although you may not always be able to locate a spot right in front of a business, parking is available within less than a block. The flower planters and benches make it a very pleasant stroll from store to store. I think our businesses do an outstanding job on the window displays - making them very appealing to want to walk through the front doors.

While we are experiencing crispy fall weather, it is a wonderful time to grab a jacket, park the car, get out and take a walk in the various shopping areas and get to know your McPherson businesses.

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Staff: Jennifer Burch, Executive Director • Debbie Hawkinson, Administrative Assistant • Alesia Stout, Program Assistant.

“McPherson... Where Santa Shops”

(as of 10/10/17 – more to sign up)



Here is the schedule for the holiday promotion that the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and McPherson Main Street partner together to celebrate the upcoming Christmas season. This is just a preview of the businesses we received notification of their participation. More information coming soon.

November 2 – Snow Ball Drop on the Plaza @ 5:30 p.m. Exchange your snow ball for a great prize, discount coupon or gift card immediately following at the back of The Well, 101 N. Main. Sponsors: Venable Jewelers, The Bookshelf, Twice Told Tales, Dr. Ken D. Cotton, Home State Bank & Trust, The Cook's Nook, Artshirt-Gear for Sport, Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Daylight Donuts, Anchor Grill, Clayworks, Graber's ACE Hardware, The Well, Brown's Shoe Fit, The Village Geek, Simply Good Overstocks, Main Street Deli, Brooklyn & Co., Shimmerz Tanning Salon, Stout Printing Apparel & Promo, Nooks & Crannies, Nex-Tech Wireless, Hopp's Sound, Papa Murphys The Stone Chimney, Rusty Tin Boutique & Vintage

November 2-December 31 – Shop the following participating businesses and get your stamp for every \$10 you spend to be eligible for Candy Cane Cash. Triple value stamps on Girls & Guys Night Out and Double Value stamps on Thursdays & Sundays. The prize money has been increased so there will be 2 BIG Winners – a \$1,000 and \$500 winner! Venable Jewelers, The Bookshelf, Twice Told Tales, The Stone Chimney, The Finish, The Cooks Nook, Artshirt-Gear for Sport, Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Hopp's Sound, Clayworks, Graber's ACE Hardware, The Well, Brown's Shoe Fit, The Village Geek, Simply Good Overstocks, Brooklyn & Co., Shimmerz Tanning Salon, Nooks & Crannies, Rusty Tin Boutique

November 3, 4 & 5 – Holiday Open House Weekend

November 25 – * FREE movie, “Beauty and the Beast” at 3:00 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House

November 30 – Girls Night Out, 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Get what you really want for Christmas – start a Wish List. The McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau Trolley will provide rides. Stop in and browse the following participating stores to get those ideas on the list. Three Rings Brewery, Grabers ACE Hardware, The Stone Chimney, Rusty Tin Boutique & Vintage, The Bookshelf, Creative Hairlines Spa & Salon, Venable Jewelers,

December 3 – * FREE movie, “Arthur Christmas and Cartoon” at 3:00 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House

December 7 – Cookies with Santa, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Wendy's 610 N. Main

Guys Night Out, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Get what you want for Christmas. Put it in writing on your wish list. The McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau Trolley will be providing rides. Shop the participating stores for ideas. Three Rings Brewery, Grabers ACE Hardware, The Stone Chimney, Rusty Tin Boutique & Vintage, The Bookshelf, Creative Hairlines Spa & Salon, Venable Jewelers,

December 9 – Cookies with Santa, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at Nex-Tech Wireless, 200 S. Champlain & 2:00-3:30 p.m. at The Village Geek, 116 N. Main

December 10 – *FREE movie, “Pete's Dragon” at 3:00 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House

December 14 – Cookies with Santa, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, 114 W. Euclid

December 16 – Cookies with Santa, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at Clayworks, 107 N. Main & 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Grabers ACE Hardware, 311 N. Main

December 17 – * FREE movie, “The Good Dinosaur” at 3:00 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House

December 21 – Cookies with Santa, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at KNGL/KBBE Radio, 411 E. Euclid

December 23 – Cookies with Santa, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at Creative Hairlines, 207 S. Main & 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Papa Murphys, 1352 N. Main

*Movie Sponsors: Stockham Family Funeral Home, Dr. Ken D. Cotton, Home State Bank & Trust, The Stone Chimney, Elliott Insurance & Real Estate, The Finish/Plan 4 Architecture Design, MTC, Daylight Donuts, LSI Staffing, First Bank Kansas, Rinse & Roll, H & R Block, Ellene McKean & Associates, Clayworks, Midway Motors, Browns Shoe Fit, Stout Printing Apparel & Promo, McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kansas Secured Title.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to The Fiddlehouse Sports Grill & Taps, 2218 E. Kansas Ave. 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.

chamber events

October

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Past President's Meeting @ Chamber
- 25 9:00-5:00 p.m CertainTeed Corporation, 873 N. Hickory – Manufacturing Open House & Tour
- 26 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Esther V. Rettig M.D., P.A. office, 901 N. Main
- 11:00 a.m. Lakeside Plaza Board @ Chamber
- 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber
- 5:30 p.m. Shot in the Dark Chamber Annual Meeting @ the McPherson Country Club, 1396 Pioneer Road

November

- 1 12:00 Leadership Board of Trustees meeting @ Chamber
- 2 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Community Thanksgiving at the BPU Education Room, Second Floor, 400 W. Kansas
- 5:30 p.m. Snow Ball Drop on the Plaza
- 3-5 Holiday Open House Weekend in McPherson
- 8 10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting for The Cedars Memory Care Unit, 1021 Cedars Drive
- 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for Dacus Auto Body & Collision Repair, 2088 E. Front Street
- 9 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and McPherson Main Street at 306 N. Main
- 13 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber
- 14 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ Perkins
- 12:00 Community Development @ Chamber
- 16 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by McPherson College
- 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
— MCPPHERSON —



ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

HURRICANE HEARTBREAKS

It's inevitable when it comes to disasters that we want to help. There has been a tremendous response to the series of cataclysmic hurricanes flooding Houston, Florida, and The Caribbean. The complete and total devastation of Puerto Rico by Maria is just stunning.

The usual reactions to such disasters are (a) to donate money (b) collect items to benefit the victims or (c) collect items and drive them to the af-

From the United Way of McPherson County

ected area. Experienced disaster workers will tell you to donate money. Why? Take Puerto Rico. Thousands of container trucks carried supplies, food, medicine -- items that needed refrigeration. But those containers sat at the port of San Juan. There were not enough truck drivers available to move the goods throughout the island. And with such massive destruction, how are you going to keep perishable items cool? Much of Puerto Rico's infrastructure was swept away. Through the years, disaster workers have seen so many donated goods rot and mold because there was no place to take them. You only need to watch a little television or see some photographs that make you want to jump

in the car and drive. That's human and it's understandable. But when I feel my heart pulled by the circumstances, I pull out my phone and text to give. I know that there's a better chance my money will get what is needed where it's needed when it's needed. United Way focuses on mid- and long-term recovery, because we know it can take years to heal and rebuild. We respond in different ways because we have different emotions about what to support. You can donate to a variety of disaster funds set up by United Way at www.liveunited.org. And of course, the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army are worthy of your support as well.

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