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From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance", - Alan W. Watts.

Change is inevitable. Change is hard. Change is good. Change also means progress. The Chamber building has experienced many changes over the years. When I started in 1987, the first change I experienced was the remodel of the building from two separate spaces into the one that you see today. At the same time the building was being remodeled, the sidewalks and streets were being redone as well. I can remember having to take a running leap over a tunnel to get into the

front door of the building. Harold Schlander and his crew were doing the remodel, so everyone in the building was sharing space in the board room in the back of the building. It was a very challenging time when everyone was used to their space. At the time, the building housed the Chamber, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, United Way of McPherson County and McPherson Industrial Development Co. Needless to say, we all survived the challenges of sheet rock dust, the noise of saws, drills and hammers.

Over the years the Chamber building has been home to, McPherson Opera House, McPherson Arts Council, McPherson County Small Business Development, CASA, McPherson COVAP, and McPherson County Community Foundation. The Chamber building has been a incubator providing a space for growth of the organizations before going out and making it on their own. It is like a proud mother moment. Currently the Chamber building is home to the Chamber, McPherson Main Street, United Way of McPherson County and the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Congratulations & Welcome!

Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center
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helps ensure that victims are not lost within the system and that justice is served.

Core **H2H** services extend beyond the child to non-offending family members - i.e. the child's naturally existing, sustainable support system. These caregivers can be stabilizing anchors through very difficult times in a child's life and as the child journeys toward healing and recovery.

Other program components include an educational outreach program (mandated reporting for early intervention) and community-based presentations (e.g. civic clubs, faith-based organizations, etc.) to increase awareness and help engage communities in responding to and stopping the cycle of abuse.

Heart to Heart team includes executive director Dr. Kerry Grosch and child advocates Kathy Schmidt - McPherson and Dede Trumble - Newton. **H2H** utilizes a team approach to servicing the needs of children and families throughout the tri-county region.

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Courtney Warden is the owner and has over 10 years' experience in the field. Stephanie Fahnestock is their employee and has over 2 years' experience and they are both certified DOT collectors. They work with several different consortiums such as DISA Inc. and Pipeline Testing Consortium. **All In One Safety** is also a preferred collection site for Quest Diagnostics and a Forum Fox collection site as well.

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2016 Farm Forum

Recently water quantity and quality have become a more common conversation amongst legislators, farmers, ranchers, community organizations, and individuals. This past year several focus groups around the state got together to discuss the future Kansas Water Plan that is currently being developed. McPherson County relies on having a good clean water in adequate quantity. However, many may not have the time or connections to stay current on what is hap-

pening on the water issue in Kansas.

This year at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce 2016 Farm Forum hosted by the Agriculture Committee, Tim Boese, Manager for the Equus Beds Ground water management district 2, will provide us information on the District's formation, purpose, activities, groundwater resource management and water related issues. He will also review some of the possible regulatory changes that will/might be proposed for 2016. This is a great opportunity to become informed on an issue that is current and important to everyone in McPherson

County. In addition to the featured speaker, the Agriculture Committee will recognize Dave McMannis as Friend of Agriculture and Jim and Mim Nelson as Farm Family of the Year. Please join us on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:30 a.m. - Perkins Restaurant, 2111 Kansas. Cost for breakfast is \$8.50 per person. Reservations are required. Please call the Chamber at 241-3303 by Monday, February 22 to reserve.

Celebrating Business Success!

RIBBON CUTTING DATES

Thursday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m.

Journey @ McPherson, 201 E. Euclid

Site was previously the home of Dilions #17. The building has been renovated into a very modern beautiful worship space.

Friday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m.

PrairieLand Partners, 2401 E. Northview Rd.

Brand new HUGI building and once of the largest in the state of Kansas.

Thursday, February 25, at 9:30 a.m.

Powerhouse Weight Room, 1316 N. Main

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From the United Way of McPherson County



Anne Kirchner
Director

As we begin a new year, United Way is excited to welcome five new board members. These individuals were hand selected because of their skills, talents and aspirations. And it is anticipated they will provide great insight and enthusiasm in helping promote the LIVE UNITED movement in McPherson County.

Working together this group will strive to raise United Way visibility and resources. They will work to boost United Way credibility. They will deepen connections with donors and partner agencies. They will help engage volunteers and advocates. Their ultimate goal will be to inspire concrete action to conquer community needs throughout McPherson County.

United Way boasts a total of 23 board members. While some might question

the quantity of individuals on our board, I celebrate the amazing opportunities it offers. United Way of McPherson County has one paid staff member. Thus, the involvement of volunteers is instrumental in our ability to raise funds, distribute grants and advocate for human service programs. The key to our success is a community that works together.

The work involves human service organizations, teachers, law enforcement, children, industries, bankers, librarians, college students and many more. Together we participate in community conversations while focusing on the needs and aspirations of our fellow residents. United Way of McPherson County works strategically with many partners to focus on underlying causes to community challenges. TOGETHER we find the answers.

2016 promises to be a productive, exciting year for United Way as we focus on engaging county-wide partners. How can YOU help transform the work of United Way? Host a community conversation in your home or workplace. Seek out volunteer opportunities. Learn more about United Way partner agencies. Share your community joys and concerns. When we engage all community members, the positive outcomes will be magnified beyond our imagination.



Joni Regnier
CVB Director

From the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

Discovering Historic Sites in McPherson

The journey begins at the McPherson County Courthouse located at 117 N. Maple. Built in 1867, the Courthouse is a classic example of 19th Century Architecture style. Visitors are greeted on the west lawn by a bronze equestrian statue of General James Birdseye McPherson, for whom the city is named. He was one of the highest ranking Union officers to die during the Civil War.

Continue the journey to the McPherson Opera house at 219 S. Main. Built in 1888, the theater has lavish features which include the grand ballroom and a beautiful painted proscenium arch. The original auditorium seated 900

guests and had it's first performance staged in 1889. The Opera House served as a community cultural center offering performances, political rallies, suffrage meetings, movies, retail shops and apartments. In the early 1990's a major renovation project saved the building from demolition. The auditorium now seats 470 guests and the building offers historical appeal with 21st - century facilities including meeting rooms, an art center and premier performance space.

A visit to the McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation at 1111 E. Kansas will complete this journey, but don't be deceived by the modern structure. Here one will discover the historical people, places and endeavors of McPherson, Kansas. Encounter the first visible synthetic diamond created by McPherson College Professor Dr. J. Willard Hershey. Admire a collection of Birger Sandzen prints, lithographs and oils. View items from the McPherson Globe Refiners basketball team, the first team ever to win an Olympic gold medal. Stop by today and view the K is for Kansas Exhibit. This hands on educational exhibit will be on display through April.

For more information on how you can discover historic sites in McPherson contact the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau at (620)241-3340.

chamber events

- January**
- 6 9:00 a.m. Legislative Coffee at The Well, 101 N. Main
 - 9 7:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee @ Perkins, 2111 E. Kansas
 - 11 12:00 noon Community Development @ Chamber
 - 11 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee @ Integrated Health & Wellness Center, 1319 E. 1st
 - 12 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting @ PrairieLand Partners, 2401 E. Northview Rd.
 - 16 8:30 a.m. 2016 Leadership McPherson in session
 - 17 4:00 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber
 - 25 6:30 a.m. 2016 Farm Forum @ Perkins, 2111 E. Kansas
 - 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Coffee @ Powerhouse Weight Room, 1316 N. Main
- February**
- 2 8:30 a.m. 2016 Leadership McPherson in session
 - 12:00 noon Ambassadors @ Chamber
 - 3 12:00 noon Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber
 - 4 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee at Southern Ash Publishing, 109.5 N. Main, Suite 200

Chamber to Host Legislative Coffee

Area residents have opportunity to discuss issues with elected officials

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce BAM! Committee (Business And Membership) and AT&T will host a Legislative Coffee on Saturday, February 6, at 9:00 @ The Well, 101 N. Main, McPherson, Kansas.

Legislators who districts include all or part of McPherson County have been invited. Attending will be Senator Rick Wilborn, Representative Don Schroeder, Representative Les Mason and Representative Steve Johnson.

The Legislative Coffee provides an opportunity for our legislators to bring the community up to date on state legislative activities and a chance for citizens to share their concerns being debated in Topeka.

Refreshments will be served and is free to the public.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business organization in McPherson County. With the support of nearly 400 member investors, the Chamber delivers programs, services and resources that contributes to the success of McPherson. Info at www.mcphersonchamber.org.

For more information about the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and its role in helping local business, please contact Jennifer Burch, Executive Director at 620-241-3303 or email jennifer@mcphersonks.org.

AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship Program Underway in McPherson County High School Graduates

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee is a partner of Agriculture Future of America (AFA) to support an agricultural scholarship program. AFA is a 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to supporting higher education and leader development of future agriculture producers and rural business leaders.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee supports the AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship for McPherson County. AFA matches raised community funds. Since 2002 the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee has awarded \$50,710.00 for 20 scholarships and leadership conference tuition for 6 delegates. Events such as the When Pigs Fly BBQ Contest, Farm Forum and individual contributions have made the scholarships possible. In addition the American Legion Family Night has assisted in raising funds for the scholarship as well, which is scheduled for Thursday, March

17th. The AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship is \$4,200, consisting of a \$3,200 academic scholarship. The additional \$1,000 will sponsor the McPherson County recipient to the AFA Leaders Conference in Kansas City November 3-6, 2016.

Eligibility requirements for the McPherson County Community Scholarship include any high school seniors enrolling in an accredited college of agriculture. They must be a resident of McPherson County. The scholarship application is available at www.agfuture.org/scholarships.

AFA, founded in the fall of 1996 by the late R. Crosby Kemper Jr., is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to enhancing the education and leader potential of rural youth in the Midwest region through community-based scholarships, AFA provides leader and career development training and internship assistance to college students across the country.

For additional information on AFA and the McPherson County Community Scholarship program contact Jennifer Burch, Executive Director of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620-241-3303.

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2015 Candy Cane Cash Winner Announced

The 2015 Home for the Holidays Christmas promotion came to a close with the drawing of the 2015 Candy Cane Cash winner. There were 22 businesses that participated with the promotion sponsored by members of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and McPherson Main Street. The promotion included TV ads, print ads and radio encouraging the general public to shop McPherson.

The winner of the 2015 Candy Cane Cash went to

Richard Banta of McPherson. Richard received \$500 in certificates to be spent in businesses that sponsored the Candy Cane Cash promotion. We congratulate Richard and wish him a wonderful shopping experience in McPherson.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Family Practice, 1010 Hospital Drive. 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.

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