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Congratulations & Welcome to the Chamber!

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11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 noon -6:00 p.m.
Anchor Grill is a family owned Mexican restaurant from Hutchinson, Kansas. They have been in operation for nearly 40 years. The family has been serving great authentic food for many years and are now happy to announce an expansion to downtown McPherson. They hope that the community will welcome them as they look to offer great food.

Welcome to McPherson!

One of the many services that the Chamber provides the community is the "Welcome to McPherson" gift bag for new residents. We invite anyone new to McPherson to stop by the Chamber office at 306 N. Main to pick up your gift bag.

The Welcome bags include discount coupons, pens, notepads, brochures, and other valuable information all packed into a reusable shopping bag. The Welcome bags are provided by Chamber members to introduce new residents to their business and share about the services and products they provide.

If you are a Chamber member and would like to provide items to be included in the Welcome bags you can drop them off at the Chamber office any-time. This is an ongoing FREE benefit to being a Chamber member.

Be the first to introduce yourself to a new resident - think about all the services and products a new resident would be seeking out -salon/barber, dentist, doctor, chiropractor, podiatrist, veterinarian, insurance agent, fitness center, pharmacy, bank, internet service, telephone, cable, real estate agent, accountant, the list goes on and on.

Announcing the 2017 Leadership McPherson Class!

Congratulations to the individuals who are about to embark on their journey through leadership development. Katy Aichele - Home State Bank; Lane Allison-Mid Kansas Coop; Shannon Brake - McPherson Public Library; Karleen Brown - Elevate Tutoring Services; Ann Marie Burk - Hutchinson Community College/McPherson Campus; Erykah Carr - Nex-Tech Wireless; Stuart Dille - United Way of McPherson County; Jodi Duncan - Reach Solutions; Lindsey Friesen - K-State Research & Extension; Alex Graber - Graber's ACE Hardware; Marla Hawkinson - City of McPherson Police; Kim Kendall - Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd; Kathy Marihugh - Nex-Tech; Patrick Masar - McPherson College; Ann Parkins - Wise & Reber LC; Monica Rice - McPherson College; Tara Souder - McPherson Hospital; Marie Wheaton - Ferguson Production; Gunner Whorton - Peoples Bank & Trust and Beth Worden - McPherson Hospital.

Save the Date! Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament at Turkey Creek Golf Course on Saturday, June 10th. There will be a competitive and noncompetitive play, so be thinking of getting your team together.

2017 Chamber Challenge Winners

At press time there were 9 Chamber Challenge teams competing for the title of the 2017 Chamber Challenge Championship along with the coveted traveling Chamber Challenge Trophy, who will be the winner?

Chamber Challenge Teams: The "F" Team (Ferguson Production), Team Home State Bank (Home State Bank), Loan Rangers (First Bank Kansas), Graber's Nuts & Bolts (Graber's ACE Hardware), Power to the People (Board of Public Utilities), The Generals (Hutton Construction), Peoples Court (Peoples Bank & Trust), The Renegades (Midway

Motors Supercenter) and Sparkling Spines (Stupka Chiropractic & Venable Jewelers).

Chamber Challenge Sponsors: The Finish, Nex Tech Wireless, Hall's Culligan Water, Ferguson Production, Home State Bank, Great Plains Family Medicine, First Bank Kansas, Graber's ACE Hardware, Board of Public Utilities, Hutton Construction, McPherson Museum, The Village Geek, CertainTeed, Peoples Bank & Trust, Farmers State Bank, Stupka Chiropractic, Venable Jewelers and Midway Motors Supercenter

Still Time to Sign Up Mac County 5K Round Up

The Mac County 5K Round Up is a fund raising event for the Agriculture Future of America Scholarship. Scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017 - starting at 8:00 a.m. in downtown Marquette, Kansas. Registration for the 5K is \$30.00, the 1 mile is \$25.00. Check in starts at 7:00am. Participants can run or walk either event, however, the course will close at 8:45 a.m. and awards will be presented by 9:00 a.m.

The top 3 male and female 5K finishers will be awarded unique prizes of cuts of meat. 1 mile participants will not be timed or receive awards.

Payment of cash or check made payable to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main,

P.O. Box 616, McPherson, KS. Visa/Mastercard payments are also accepted.

The Mac County Round Up is sponsored by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee to fund an Agriculture of America Scholarship. Since 2000, over \$60,000 has been invested in providing (22) \$2,500 scholarships and (6) Leadership Conference Tuition to a McPherson County High School Senior who is pursuing an agriculture related field of study. The Agriculture Committee partners with Agriculture Future of America who provides matching funds for a significant scholarship award.

Another Successful Farm Forum Held

The annual Farm Forum rolls around every year and starts before the crack of dawn. The Farm Forum always has a great attendance of 130 or so. So as the majority of the attendees are accustomed to starting their day off before the sun rises. Perkins Restaurant serves up a hearty breakfast buffet - a perfect start to the day. Besides the delicious breakfast, the Chamber Agriculture Committee members schedule a featured speaker that can speak to topics that are relevant to the agribusiness and other business sectors. Adam Baldwin, Director - United Sorghum Checkoff Program spoke on "When Trade Works, The World Wins". The committee honored Mitz Fawl of McPherson County Farm Bureau Association with the 2016 Friend of Agriculture Award. The 2016 Farm Family of the Year was given to the James Bornholdt Family. Becky Goss, McPherson County Community Foundation made a presentation about the Agriculture Future of America Scholarship endowment.

Thank you Rev. Harold Nelson for your support and providing the invocation for 30 plus years. We appreciate the FFA students of Dean Brown for leading our attendees in the flag salute (Garrett Rausch and Dakota Marlett).

Becky Goss, McPherson County Community Foundation showed a video promoting the Agriculture Future of America Scholarship featuring last year's winner CK Sneath. Thank you to the Foundation office and Kim Baldwin & students.

You can view the video at www.mcphersonfoundation.org.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

While working for the McPherson Chamber of Commerce for many years, I have made a lot of connections with other Chamber organizations throughout the State of Kansas as well as the United States. I have a valuable group of peers that share ideas, challenges and are just simply very supportive of each other. About 2 years ago Chamber of Commerce organizations in the south central Kansas area began to meet quarterly. The Chambers

represented ranged from 1 staff person to 15 staff people. I appreciate the opportunities that the larger Chamber organizations have given others by extending invitations when they have workshops, seminars or special presentations that we can then share with our members. Recently, this coalition of Chambers have partnered as the South Central Kansas Chamber of Commerce Executives (Andover, El Dorado, Derby, Haysville, Hutchinson, McPherson, Newton, Wellington and Wichita). We have adopted the following for the South Central Kansas Regional Legislative Agenda:

Economic Development - Urge support for regional economic development projects.

Education and Workforce Development - Encourage post-secondary institutions to adopt

innovative and cutting edge programs and/or practices in order to meet business needs to ensure an abundant and skilled workforce.

Business-Friendly Environment - Support expansion and Medicaid (KanCare) that is revenue neutral and encourages personal responsibility.

Environmental Resources - Support the "50 year Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas" including the protection and future use of the Equus Beds.

Transportation and Infrastructure - Ensure dedicated transportation funding streams only be used for the transportation program.

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Retaining Good Employees Workshop

What employees are looking for is changing fast, and how to retain employees long term is a moving target! Hear solutions for increasing employee engagement and retention!

Through this interactive workshop you will learn:

- How to motivate employees
- Build a strong team
- Attract and retain the best talent!

Presenter: Mike Henke, of Mike Henke Inc. Business Training & Consulting

Cost: \$10.00 Chamber members/\$15.00 non-members

Location: The Well, 101 N. Main (Backroom)

RSVP by March 31 to chamber@mcphersonks.org or 241-3303.

2017 Farm Forum Sponsors & Supporters

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2017 Omega (Outstanding McPherson Eighth Grade Award) Nominations

Have you noticed an 8th grade student who shows compassion to peers in challenging situations or has courageously overcome struggles to help others? The neighbor kiddo who pitches in to help or the young volunteer who graciously shares time and talents to help an organization? How about the one taking the initiative to make positive changes or the role model who is leading by example?

The **McPherson Chamber of Commerce** established the OMEGA Award to recognize McPherson County 8th graders for making a difference by their attitude and actions, their leadership qualities and service to their community. This special OMEGA Award recognition will take place during May Fete activities.

Please take the opportunity to nominate an eighth grader in McPherson County for this prestigious award. Find the 2017 OMEGA Nomination form at www.mcphersonchamber.org, or stop by the Chamber office, 306 N. Main.

chamber events

March

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| | | 108 N. Main |
| 16 | 9:00 a.m. Chamber Connections at Jantz Lumber, 200 W. Euclid | 10 12:00 noon Ambassadors @ Chamber |
| | 5:00 p.m. American Legion Family Night for Agriculture Future of America Scholarship, 401 N. Main | 11 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ Perkins, 2111 E. Kansas |
| | | 12:00 noon Community Development @ Chamber |
| 21 | 4:00 p.m. Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament Meeting @ Chamber | 6:30 p.m. Leadership McPherson Alumni Reception for the 2017 Leadership Class at the McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas |
| 23 | 9:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Connections Waddell & Reed to celebrate new location, 324 N. Main | 13 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Hospice Homecare Reno County @Health Equip, 1318 N. Main |
| 25 | 7:00 a.m. Mac County Roundup – downtown Marquette, run/walk at 8:00a.m. | 19 4:00 p.m. Women’s Event @ Chamber |
| 30 | 9:00 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Elevate Tutoring at Chamber, 306 N. Main | 20 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Clutch for the Future/MCDS @Mattress Haven 310 N. Main |

April

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| 5 | 8:30 a.m Retaining Good Employees Workshop @ The Well, 101 N. Main | 20-21 2017 Leadership McPherson Class Retreat @ Dyck Arboretum |
| | 12:00 Leadership Board @ Chamber | 27 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Sam’s Club @ Chamber, 306 N. Main |
| 6 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections at Integrity Salon & Spa, | |

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to McPherson Senior Center, 112 E. Euclid. 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.



Stuart Dille
Executive Director

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ANNUAL TRIATHLON

United Way of McPherson County will be hosting its annual triathlon on Saturday, August 19th. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the event, I was challenged to partici-

From the United Way of McPherson County

pate...and for some unknown reason, I said yes (so there will be a comedy factor this year)! If I start training now, I should be able to finish the race, which consists of a 200 meter swim, a 7 mile bike ride and a 2 mile run. I don’t plan on being competitive, I just want to finish! Last year, I witnessed people of all different athletic abilities compete, and that’s what our triathlon is all about. You can participate as a family, as a corporate team or as an individual. Registra-

tion is now open, so start training and putting your teams together.

Also in celebration of our 10th anniversary, watch for a special addition to the triathlon to be announced soon! For more information, check out www.unitedwaymcpherson.org and click on triathlon, call 620-241-5152 or email uwmc@unitedwaymcpherson.org

Stuart Dille,
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