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Congratulations & Welcome to the Chamber!

KAIROS WHOLESALE

1337 W. Kansas
McPherson, KS 67460
Phone: 620-480-2679
Contacts: Stephen & Marlene Gray
Jennifer Hill
Web: www.kairoswholesale.com
Facebook: Kairos Wholesale
Hours: Everyday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kairos Wholesale began in February of 2012 as an online vendor (Amazon, Ebay and local markets) and also functions as a brokerage company and consulting service for other businesses. **Kairos Wholesale** was formed in Arizona as an LLC and moved to Kansas in June of 2015.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Kairos Wholesale to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.

RUSTY TIN BOUTIQUE & VINTAGE

110 S. Main
McPherson, KS 67460
Contact: Becky Witte
Web: www.rustytinboutiqueandvintage.com
Facebook: rustytinboutiqueandvintage
Hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rusty Tin Boutique and Vintage is a unique clothing and home décor boutique. Featuring comfortable affordable clothing for every size and age. Sizes run from S to 3XL. The boutique will feature not only apparel but also shoes, handbags and fun accessories. Brands such as Miss Me, Vigoss, Corky's, Plunder and Wrangler.

The Vintage side of the **Rusty Tin** is a fun mix of old treasure, repurposed items and new vintage style pieces. Looking for a unique re-done dresser or a vintage planter? The **Rusty Tin** just might have it! Also on hand will be American Clay Chalk Paint in case a project of your own could use some good quality paint.

Join the Chamber to celebrate their opening with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m.

PAPA MURPHY'S

1352 N. Main Street
McPherson, KS 67460
Phone: 620-242-1699
Contact: Chelsea Hunt
Web: www.papamurphy's.com
Facebook: Papa Murphy's Pizza
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hello, my name is Chelsea Hunt and my cousin's and I just opened the Papa Murphy's here in McPherson. We are so excited to be here! I moved here from Hays, Kansas where we have owned and operated the Papa Murphy's there for over 10 years. We decided we wanted to expand and couldn't be happier that we chose McPherson. Everyone has been so nice and welcoming. We feel right at home. We love this company and we hope you all love the pizza as much as we do. Papa Murphy's is a take and bake pizza place, so we make it here and you take it home and bake it. It's hot and ready whenever is convenient for you. We make the dough fresh daily, shred the cheese and cut the vegetables so everything is extremely fresh! We hope you try our pizza and see why we love it so much. We can't wait to meet all of you. Thanks for having us McPherson!

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.

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 anytime. 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.

2017-2018 Chamber Board Nominations

In accordance to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Bylaws, a Nominating Committee consisting of (Adrian Morales, Chet Lang, Gary Hess, Brad Bengtson, Brad Mears and Katie Sawyer) was organized to nominate (4) candidates for the 2017-2018 board. The committee selected four candidates to replace the following Directors whose three-year terms are expiring August 31, 2017; Dr. Brandon Stupka – Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Janet Lynch – CertainTeed, Tracy Sterling – Hall's Culligan Water and Zac Hoppes – Farmers State Bank.

The Nominating Committee submitted to the Chamber membership the following slate of candidates for approval: Aaron Mayfield – **Edward Jones**, Chuck Singleton – **Central States Marketing and Manufacturing**, Kelly Pitts – **PrairieLand Partners** and Dr. Trent Timson – **Community Foot Clinic of McPherson**.

The candidates will serve a full three year term

beginning September 1, 2017 and must meet each of the following criteria:

- 1) must be a Chamber member in good standing; and
- 2) must have agreed in advance to accept Board responsibilities.

Members may nominate persons otherwise qualified for Board membership by petition. Requirements for petition to be valid.

- 1) bear genuine signatures of Members representing at least ten percent of Chamber membership; and
- 2) be presented to the Executive Director by 5:00 p.m. at 306 N. Main on the 10th day after written notice of the slate of candidates was postmarked.

Absent any valid petition, the Board will declare the four (4) nominated candidates elected at the July meeting.



We are consolidating the Chamber Facebook pages. We will be removing the Mac Chamber Friend Page and only using the McPherson Chamber of Commerce business page. Please make sure you've liked & followed this page to stay updated on McPherson Chamber and Chamber member events!

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

When I have a few spare minutes, I have been combing through the minute books of the Chamber dating back to the 1930's. I have found them very entertaining especially visualizing the board meetings of the 12 men sitting around a table at a restaurant smoking stogies and making decisions about our community and the Chamber. Back then the Chamber played many roles in the McPherson you see today. Chamber was the Community Chest (United Way), the Credit Bureau, tourism bureau and

recruited industry.

The Chamber was responsible for the Community Chest (United Way), the Credit Bureau, tourism bureau and recruitment of industry beginning in the 1930's with Globe Refinery during oil boom. Over the years, the business community has wanted dedicated organizations for specific functions of the community. Such as the Community Chest became the United Way of McPherson County – having a nationally recognized brand was a great asset in getting community and business support for the many organizations they assist in funding. The Credit Bureau – not really sure how that all came about. The tourism bureau became the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau, being funded from a bed/guest tax paid for by travelers who stay in our hotels. In the late 1950's McPherson Industrial Development Co. was created to focus on the recruitment and expansion of our industry and manufacturing featuring our low utility rates that are so valuable to that sector.

City Center was created in the

late 80's to give more attention to the retail sector replacing the Mac Ad Council committee of the Chamber. Several years later the State of Kansas became part of the Main Street organization, changing the name of City Center to Main Street.

Over the years I have been a part of many, many changes that have taken place within the Chamber organization and how we are constantly evolving based on the needs of our members and the needs of the community. We have helped organizations in the early stages of their beginning until they were able to be an independent organization with their own space; McPherson County Community Foundation (Leave a Legacy), VAAM (McPherson Arts Council), McPherson Opera House, McPherson Convention & Visitor Bureau, and McPherson Industrial Development Co.

As I continue reading the minutes, I will share with you the highlights of the work the McPherson Chamber of Commerce has done and continues to do for McPherson.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Dr. Ken D. Cotton, D.D.S. office. 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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President – Adrian Morales, Hess Oil • President Elect – Brad Mears, Kansas Municipal Utilities

Treasurer – Josh Menard, Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd • Past President – Dr. Brandon Stupka, Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center

Board of Director– Tracy Sterling – Hall’s Culligan Water • Janet Lynch – CertainTeed Corporation • Zac Hoppes – Farmers State Bank

Katie Sawyer – Sawyer Land & Cattle • Tom Saffel – Prairie Landworks • Brad Bengtson – Home State Bank • Janey Anderson – A5 Western

Gordon Mohn - USD #418 Staff: Jennifer Burch – Executive Director Debbie Hawkinson – Administrative Assistant • Alesia Stout – Program Assistant

2017 Leadership McPherson Class Celebration

On Wednesday, July 26th the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Leadership McPherson program will celebrate 20 individuals. The lunch celebration will begin at 11:30 at the Cedars Conference Center, 1021 Cedars Drive. The 2017 Leadership McPherson Class will share about their required class project that is to benefit the youth of McPherson. Reservations for lunch are required by call the Chamber office at 241-3303 by July 24th. The cost of lunch is \$20.00.

The 2017 Leadership McPherson Class is collaborating with USD #418 and McPherson County Community Foundation on a project “Bridge the Gap”. The project will provide and distribute weekly food bags to fill the gap between when the summer lunch program ends and school begins. Class members have been working to coordinate nonperishable food to be packaged, then they will sack the food and then distribute weekly to McPherson K-12 students, on Tuesday, July 25, August 1 and August 8.

Members of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce 2017 Leadership program: Doretta Absire – **Circles of McPherson County**, Katy Aichele – **Home State Bank**, Lane Allison – **MKC**, Shannon Brake – **McPherson Public Library**, Karleen Brown – **Elevate Tutoring Services**, Ann Marie Burk – **Hutchinson Community College/McPherson Campus**, Erykah Carr – **McPherson Hospital**, Stuart Dille – **United Way of McPherson County**, Jodi Duncan – **Reach Solutions**, Lindsey Friesen – **K-State Research & Extension**, Alex Graber – **Graber’s Ace Hardware**, Mo Hawkinson – **McPherson Police Department**, Kim Kendall – **Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd.**, Kathy Marihugh – **Nex-Tech**, Patrick Masar – **McPherson College**, Ann Parkins – **Wise & Reber L.C.**, Monica Rice – **McPherson College**, Tara Souder – **McPherson Hospital**, Marie Wheaton – **Ferguson Production** and Gunner Whorton – **Peoples Bank & Trust**.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Leadership program would not be possible without the support of Leadership McPherson Alumni. They are the individuals that give of their time and share their talents for the program. Thank you to the following for facilitating: Jenni Hall, Peg Graber, Anna Ruxlow, Alana Murphy, Michael Terry, Karen Graham, Chad Clark, Tami Prieb, Fran Stucky, LaMonte Rothrock, Scott Barkley and Amy Beckman.

McPherson Chamber of Commerce Men’s Traveling Ambassador Trip is Chicago Bound

It is a super opportunity to travel and network with other businessmen of McPherson. Each year a major city is selected by the committee and the trip is always a crowd pleaser. Traveling to the great windy city and staying in the downtown Chicago area with a view of the river and plenty of restaurants and nightlife spots within walking distance. Traveling Ambassadors will depart by bus from the Peoples Bank parking lot at 3:45 a.m. (who needs sleep right?) on Wednesday, September 27th for the Wichita Eisenhower National Airport for a 6:00 a.m. flight! When travelers arrive in Chicago a step on guide will give a city tour and the afternoon includes a tour of Wrigley Field. That evening, the committee will host the annual banquet which is included in the price of the trip. The banquet will provide an opportunity for networking with fellow traveling ambassadors.

Thursday and Friday will be full days of truly taking in the Chicago experience with a river cruise and Professional Operator Tour of the Museum of Science and Industry which holds the U-505 WWII Submarine. Other tours are in the final stages of scheduling as well. Saturday will be a free day to explore the city. The Cubs have an afternoon game for those interested in cheering on a great ball game. Sunday morning, travelers will be departing Chicago early morning and returning to McPherson mid-afternoon on October 1st.

If you are interested in being part of a great McPherson Chamber of Commerce tradition, the fantastic trip is only \$1,200 per traveler (based on double occupancy). There are only 34 spot available so make your reservation and trip deposit payment of \$300 by July 28th to hold your spot. Please submit payment to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main, P.O. Box 616, McPherson, Ks 67460. The balance will be due by August 31st. For more information give the Chamber a call at 620-241-3303 or contact the Men’s Trip Committee Chair, Chuck Singleton at 620-245-9955.

Don’t Keep Your Head in the Sand Attend Community Conversation “Paving the Future” Meeting

The City of McPherson representatives will lead conversation addressing street concerns, projects and progress. The meetings will be held at the McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas and will be one hour in length.

You are invited to attend any one or all of them – everyone needs to be an informed citizen. (at the time of publishing sessions 7/17 Quadrant 1 and 7/18 Quadrant 2 have taken place).

Quadrant 3 - Properties located southwest of Main & Kansas

Monday, July 24 – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (bring your own lunch)
Monday, July 24 – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Quadrant 4 - Properties located southeast of Main & Kansas

Tuesday, July 25 – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (bring your own lunch)
Tuesday, July 25 – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For questions or additional information call 620-245-2545 or visit www.mcpcity.com.

chamber events

July

20 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting for Waddell & Reed, 322 N. Main

21 5:30 p.m. Rural Appreciation Picnic/4-H Fair Kick-Off, 600 W. Woodside

25 5:00 p.m. Business After Hours @ American Legion, 401 N. Main

26 8:30 a.m. 2017 Leadership Class

11:30 a.m. 2017 Leadership McPherson Class Celebration @ The Cedars Conference Center, 2021 Cedars Dr.

27 Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting for Kairos Wholesale, 1337 W. Kansas

10:30 a.m. Lakeside Plaza Board Meeting @ Chamber

11:30 a.m. Chamber Board meeting @ Chamber

August

1 10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting for Domino’s, 719 N. Main

3 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by GraceMed Health Clinic, 322 N. Main, Ste. 101

8 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ Perkins

12:00 p.m. Community Development @ Chamber

10 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting for Rusty Tin Boutique & Vintage, 110 S. Main

11 1:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for JAR Performance Automotive, 121 E. Sutherland

17 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by All in One Safety, 1411 S. 81 Bypass

18 10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting for Papa Murphy’s 1352 N. Main

24 Women’s Chamber Trip departs for New York City!

9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by AT&T @ Chamber

11:30 a.m. Chamber Board Meeting @ Chamber

31 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Integrated Health & Wellness Center, 1319 E. First



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
— McPHERSON —

It is a Ribbon Cutting Frenzy!

Mark your calendar and join the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to welcome and celebrate the following businesses to McPherson!

■ Thursday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m.
Waddell & Reed,
322 N. Main, Suite #209

■ Thursday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.
Kairos Wholesale,
1337 W. Kansas

■ Tuesday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m.
Domino’s, 719 N. Main

■ Thursday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Rusty Tin Boutique & Vintage,
110 S. Main

■ Friday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m.
JAR Performance Automotive,
121 E. Sutherland

■ Friday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.
Papa Murphy’s, 1352 N. Main



STUART DILLE
Executive Director

AM I READY FOR LEADERSHIP?

As we near the graduation of the Chamber leadership class I ask myself, am I ready to be

From the United Way of McPherson County

a leader in this Community? The Chamber and facilitators have certainly provided the tools it takes to help the community be better in so many areas.

My fellow classmates are a fantastic mixture of culture, businesses and compassion whom I know will continue to make a difference. I have been in McPherson for about a year and half

now and I feel this was a perfect way to really integrate and become that community leader I aspire to be. My answer is YES! I am ready for leadership and I hope that as the Executive Director for United Way of McPherson County I can make effective changes to ensure McPherson County is an even better place to live and prosper.

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