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Phone: 620-241-6484
Web: www.bricksgrillbar.com
Contact: Ziya Gunay

Brick's Grill and Bar located at 306 N. Maple is offering McPherson the experience of authentic Mediterranean cuisine. The grill and bar provides a variety of flavor full food selections and a variety of wines (white & red) to compliment your dining experience. Brick's is a great place to spend a quick lunch or an evening with family and friends.

Friend us on Facebook and check out our website for upcoming acoustic music nights and meals specials.

PrairieStar Health Center
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Web: www.praiestarhealth.org
Contact: Jackie Johnston, Marketing Director

PrairieStar is a non profit organi-

zation located in Hutchinson. The modern facility provides state of the art equipment and has been serving Reno County and surrounding areas since 1995. PrairieStar is dedicated to serving the uninsured as well as the underinsured. In these economical times, anyone could be placed at risk with their medical needs. Presently, PrairieStar serves over 9,000 individuals with medical care.

Services include a professional staff of doctors, dentists and eye care specialist along with a caring staff to meet the patient's needs. PrairieStar focuses on preventive medicine as well as care for chronic health care issues. They can also assist with patient medication programs to reduce the costs.

In addition to medical care for individuals, they service the industrial community too. Services include workers compensation, substance abuse screening, wellness assessments, pre-employment physicals and pulmonary function testing. PrairieStar can customize services to meet specific needs of the company. If you have questions about the industrial services, please call toll free 888-603-8484.

Tartan Turkey Sees Lowest Score in History of Tournament

2012 Golf Tournament Results

Wind apparently did not hinder play at the Chamber's Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament held June 9 at Turkey Creek Golf Course. The committee saw some of the lowest scores in the years of the tournament. The full list of winners can be found at www.mcphersonchamber.org.

Top honors for the 2012 Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament with the lowest score overall received the Chamber Cup traveling trophy, this year went to: Central Christian College with a score of 53.

A huge thank you to the Chamber members who have provided sponsorships, prizes, teams for the tournament as well as volunteers. It was a great success and it would not have been possible with your support. Thank you!!

Hole Sponsors: Kansas Secured Title, First Bank Kansas, Mattress Haven, McPherson Business Solutions, Graber ACE Hardware, TCK-Trust Company of Kansas, King Enterprise Group, Hassman Termite & Pest Control, Central Plastics, Pizza Hut/Wing Street, LSI Staffing-Hire Principle and McPherson Concrete Products.

Golf Ball Donations: Edward Jones

(Brad Siebel), Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance, Sunflower Bank, Ameriprise Financial, Home State Bank & Trust, Peoples Bank & Trust, Dirt Cheap Banners & Signs, Midway Motors Super Center, Edward Jones (Gary Hess), Citizens Community Bank, Turkey Creek Golf Course, Kansas Gas Service, AMac Realty and Advanced Physical Therapy.

Other Donations: The Bookshelf, The Well, Ken Cotton DDS, Ameriprise Financial, Citizens Community Bank, McPherson Eye Care, Kansas Gas Service, LSI Staffing-Hire Principle, Midway Motors Super Center, McPherson DQ Grill & Chill, Wendy's, Rinse & Roll Car Wash, United Country Midwest e-Services, LLC, Advanced Physical Therapy and Edward Jones (Gary Hess).

Continental Breakfast: Scott's Hometown Foods
Golf Lunch: The Real Pitts BBQ
WaterBottles: Citizens Community Bank
Hole-in-One Grand Prize: Advantage Travel Agency
Competitive Play Prize: Edward Jones (Gary Hess)
Hospitality: John Hastert & Turkey Creek Golf Course
Auctioneer: United Country Midwest e-Services

A special THANK YOU to the Chamber Board of Directors, Tartan Turkey Golf Committee and the many volunteers for their time and efforts in making the 2012 Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament a memorable event as well as a tremendous.

2012 Ladies Chamber Trip to Seattle, Washington

Traveling September 26-30th
Trip package includes: Roundtrip airfare from Wichita, motor coach airport transfers & other transportation during sightseeing/tours, 4 nights accommodations at the Courtyard Downtown Seattle Pioneer Square Hotel. Welcome dinner at Anthony's

Pier 66 Restaurant. Admission to the Future of Flight Center and Boeing Tour lunch in Woodinville. Tour and tasting at St. Michelle Winery at Januik Winery in Woodinville.

Optional sightseeing tour to the Seattle Center to visit the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit and the Seattle Space Needle - transportation and admissions included \$38.00 per person. A detailed itinerary is

available at www.mcphersonchamber.org.
COST OF TRIP
(Accommodations - rooms with either 2 queen beds or a King w/sofa sleeper)
\$1,430 per person (double occupancy)
\$1,260 per person (triple occupancy)
\$1,170 per person (quad occupancy)
Trip is based on a minimum of 25 travelers.
\$300.00 deposit (nonrefundable) is re-

quired to reserve your spot by June 29 to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. Final payment due August 15. Optional trip cancellation insurance is available and must be paid at time of deposit. Contact Cindy Krehbiel directly regarding insurance at McPherson Travel, 241-5830.

For non Chamber members there is an additional \$50.00 charge.

McPherson is "Open" for Business TV Ads

This marketing opportunity has several facets to it. It is not only to promote the retail businesses in McPherson, but also an opportunity to market our community to visit, shop and to live. Any McPherson Chamber or Main Street member can advertise in the "McPherson is OPEN for Business tv ads. In fact the more variety we

have provides a better overall picture of our community. The TV ad program is offered by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and McPherson Main Street. If you would like to participate, you can sign up at any time. Contact the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 241-3303.

TV Ad program details:

- Three businesses per commercial, 8 seconds per business, commercial length 30 seconds
- Minimum of 90 com-

mercials per month, per business
• 3-month commitment per business
• No production charges
• Billing will be done through the Chamber or Main Street to take advantage of the non-profit rate and free match
• Commercials will run in Salina, Lindsborg, McPherson and Great Bend/Hays area on Cox Cable channels, channel 10 locally.
• \$125.00 per business, per month



Jennifer Burch
McPherson Chamber
Executive Director

From the Chamber Director

As we approach the celebration of Independence I wonder how many kids really understand what the 4th of July means. Sure they recognize the holiday as the time they can blow things up, and there is a constant run of bangs, pops, smoke, fizzes and an occasional

burn here and there. But do they really know what the holiday is about. I encourage adults to share the history of Independence Day with the children in your family when you gather for the holiday. Share with them the significance of the American Flag and why we should be proud to fly it. Have a safe 4th of July and remember those who have fought for our continued independence and freedom.

Jennifer Burch, Executive Director

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Mission: to work as an organization of individuals, businesses and professionals to enhance the economic, civic and cultural interests of the McPherson area.

Free & Confidential One-on-One Business Counseling Available

The Kansas Small Business Development Center will have an Outreach Center Consultant at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce office located at 306 N. Main from 9:00 to 4:00 on the following days:

MONDAYS
July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 10.

The KSBCD offers individualized, confidential, and comprehensive business consulting at no charge to its clients. Any existing small business or individual interested in needing counseling in areas of: marketing and sales, accounting, financial analysis

and cost control, personnel, inventory control, business start-up or acquisition, business liquidation or sale, strategic planning, and many other areas. One-hour long appointments are available beginning at 9:00, 10:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 and can be made by calling the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620/241-3303.

chamber events June/July 2012

June	July	
20 4:00 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber	3 12:00 p.m. Ambassadors @ Chamber	Ribbon Cutting The Village Geek 116 N. Main
21 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting @ Robertson Chiropractic 209 N. Main	4:00 p.m. YP MAC @ Chamber	16 9:00 a.m. Kansas Small Business Counseling @ Chamber
27 12:00 BAM @ Chamber	4 Independence Day Office Closed!	18 4:00 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber
28 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee TBD It's Open! 10:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber 5:30 p.m. YP MAC Social @ Brick's Grill & Bar 306 N. Maple Sponsored by Wallace Chevrolet 7:00 p.m. 2012 Leadership McPherson & Alumni Reception	5 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee - TBD It's Open! 12:00 p.m. Tartan Turkey Golf Tournament @ Chamber	19 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee hosted by Wichita Airport @ The Well 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board meeting @ Chamber
	10 7:00 a.m. Ag & When Pigs Fly Committee @ Perkins	24 6:00 p.m. Rural Appreciation @ the 4-H Grounds
	12 9:00 a.m. 2012 Leadership Retreat in Hesston	25 12:00 p.m. BAM! @ Chamber
	9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee @ Advanced Physical Therapy	26 9:30 a.m. Chamber Coffee @ Earcare of McPherson
	13 9:00 a.m. 2012 Leadership Retreat in Hesston 4:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. YPMAC @ Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Co.

Lucky Winner of a DQ Cake

Thank you to Karen & Roger Horn of the McPherson DQ, 1345 N. Main for providing a monthly DQ cake to 1 lucky member of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce – this month we are proud to announce that Hospice & Home Care of Reno County – McPherson located at 1318 N. Main. Congratulations & enjoy!



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Main Street Report



Ann Engel
Main Street Executive Director

Since this seems to be my year for reading and quoting articles, I will surge forward by quoting from "The Distinctive City" by Edward T. McMahon. The article emphasizes that "Place is more than just a location on a map. A sense of place is a unique collection of qualities and characteristics: visual, cultural, social, and environmental that provide meaning to a location. Sense of place is what makes one city or town different from another, but sense of place is also what makes our physical surroundings worth caring about. Distinctiveness involves streetscapes, architecture, and historic preservation, but it also involves cultural events and facilities, restaurants and food, parks, open space and many other factors."

A few months back I wrote about fighting change and how often it is not the change that we oppose, it is the effort that we know it will involve to make the change happen that we fight. Look around at all that McPherson has to offer, and think about the people that had to step up and say, "Hey, we need this, I have an idea and I am willing to help!" Look at your work environment or an organization that you belong to, how many times do you see people sit back because someone already has a plan in place or it's always been done that way? If we don't recognize that new ideas and experiences are beneficial, if we just sit back and let things go on as they always have, then eventually we all begin to look the

same. "The more one city comes to look and feel just like every other city, the less reason there is to visit. To foster distinction cities must plan for built environments and settlement patterns that are both uplifting and memorable and that foster a sense of belonging and stewardship by residents. If a building, a landscape or a city is not beautiful, it will not be loved. If it is not loved, it won't be maintained and improved. In short, it won't be sustained."

Wrapping up this tirade, I guess what I am trying to say is that McPherson is industrially diversified, the retail sector is steadily growing and maintaining focus on locally owned unique stores, and we are building our dining and entertainment choices. We have a long way to go, but I think it is imperative that we look toward a planning process that seeks to engage as many people as possible in community decision making in order to maintain our distinctiveness, adapt to change and enhance the things we should value the most: the people. That being said, we all need to make an effort to attend events, concerts, plays, ball games, shop in the local stores, eat at our local restaurants and utilize the services provided by our neighbors, our community, our friends. As ideas come forth, be it a fountain on the Plaza, flowers in the planters, a dog park, a sales tax ballot issue, restoration of the Community Building, or anything that affects the people, I hope we can all look at the big picture of what makes McPherson the place that it is and ask ourselves, "Do we want the character of our city to shape development, or do we want development to shape the character of the city?"

Ann Engel, Director



Brenda Sales
Director

United Way and McPherson County Community Foundation are in our fourth year for the Summer Lunch Program. Olivia Fetsch and Heather Kuhn are our volunteer Directors this year and have done an amazing job in organizing volunteers. There are teams of volunteers setting up the food to be delivered that day (this is not as easy as it sounds); volunteer groups pack the week's grocery supply; and another set of volunteers deliver to the families. We have two delivery times – Noon and 5:00 p.m. Some families prefer to pick up their food. At the end of last summer, we had 211 children from 81 families. Our first week, we had 197 children from 66 families participating in the program.



Anne Hassler
Director Convention & Visitors Bureau

Band Shells and Summer Music, Cookies and milk, peanut butter and jelly, Angelina and Brad. Somethings just go great together like the San Romani Band Shell at Lakeside Park and the McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation summer music series. The CVB and Clayworks at Disability Support are proud to sponsor this year's series of seven concerts on Friday nights July 6-Sept. 28. All shows begin at 9 p.m. (or as soon as the sun sets enough that it isn't in the musicians' eyes). Seriously don't get mad if we start a few minutes late. It's a free concert people!

It's been my pleasure as a member of the Museum's board of directors, CVB director and lover of all things band shell-related to put this concert together. Now, by the way, is a great time to donate to the capital campaign for the new museum facility at 1111 E. Kansas Ave. If you haven't seen the plans, go to mcphersonmuseum.com and have a look. It's an amazing facility that's long overdue here in our fair city.

Here's a sampling of some of the bands we've booked:

JULY 6, FLATLAND STRING BAND: Step back to a simpler time when acoustic string bands were a vital source of entertainment in a community. After listening to FSB play a lively mix of American, Irish and European tunes I think you'll agree they are still incredibly entertaining.

JULY 20, MIDIAN SHRINE TEMPLE'S

We greatly appreciate those of you who have answered our plea for donations to help fund this summer's program. We also wish to extend a special thank you for the very generous donation from Bob Eickbush. With his donation, we were able to receive the \$5,000 matched funds from the Waldhauer Fund thru the McPherson County Community Foundation. However, we still need more funding to get us through the summer. Our overall cost for the summer is between \$17,000 and \$18,000. If you would like to help, please send your check to United Way of McPherson County, P.O. Box 55, McPherson. Or you can drop off your check to 306 N. Main.

This will be my last article for the Chamber @ Work. After ten years, I will be leaving United Way to accept another position. I have enjoyed my work with United Way and have met so many incredible and generous people throughout McPherson County. Thank you all for your support of me and United Way.

Brenda Sales, Director

HILLBILLY BAND: You might have seen these characters in the All Schools Day parade in their red jalopy. The band specializes in Dixieland Jazz according to John Heckman, spokesman.

AUG. 3, CARRIE NATION AND THE SPEAKKASY: Good luck sitting still when this strings and brass band gets going with their Delta Blues sound. The Wichita Eagle describes them as "good-time music performed at break-neck speed."

AUG. 17, KING MIDAS: This local favorite needs no introduction after playing for four decades in the McPherson area. Let's just say get ready to rock 'n roll with the original "King of the Show Bands."

AUG. 31, NICOLETTE PAIGE: This soulful singer hailing from Kansas City likes to throw plenty of surprises in her songs including reggae, folk and country. Give her a listen at nicoletpaige.com and then be sure to come see her in person.

Our schedule is not solidified for September so let me through out the disclaimer "tentative" before I tell you the last three acts.

SEPTEMBER 1, HEARD A LION: You've probably heard this band and not even known it. If you've ever been downtown in the 100 block of N. Main you've probably heard one of their practice sessions coming from the window above Atelier Design and Print. Smart rock and roll at its best.

SEPT. 14, KNOCKNASHIEGA: This multi-layered Celtic band will get your juices flowing for the McPherson Scottish Festival the next weekend. They're a celebration in their own right. knocknashiega.com

Robin Macy and the Cherokee Maidens: Former Dixie Chicks singer and guardian of the Belle Plains Arboretum Robin Macy will delight listeners with songs from her new group Cherokee Maidens.

Anne Hassler, Director