

# The Chamber Business Journal

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## Congratulations & Welcome to the Chamber!

### EDWARD JONES

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Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and  
1:00-5:00 p.m.

There are now 3 **Edward Jones** offices in McPherson. Aaron Mayfield announced that he has opened his office located at 115 E. Marlin, Suite 106.

Mayfield has been working with Financial Advisor Brad Seibel to serve investors throughout the McPherson area. Joining Aaron is Jamie Simpson who is the Branch Office Administrator.

Join us for a McPherson Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, February 22 @ 9:30 a.m. to help Aaron celebrate the opening of his **Edward Jones** office.

### PRAIRIE LAND REALTORS, INC.

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**Prairie Land Realtors** is the trade association for realtors doing business in McPherson, Reno, Rice, Pratt, Stafford, Kingman, Kiowa, Harper, Edwards, Comanche and Barber Counties. The McPherson Board of Realtors merged with Prairie Land Realtors to provide service to real estate clients. More than 200 real estate agents are members.

The mission of **Prairie Land Realtors** is to provide members support, education and services in the pursuit of professional excellence; to promote ethical business practices; and to support legislation that protects private property rights.

### THE BRADBURY CO., INC.

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**The Bradbury Co., Inc.** is a Moundridge company which started in 1959. They design and manufacture custom production lines including complete roll forming systems, precision levelers, coil processing lines, equipment control solutions, and customized automated framing, railroad, HVAC, appliance, transportation, highway infrastructure, trailer, solar, aircraft and automotive.

The Moundridge facility serves as world headquarters for The Bradbury Group of companies. Today, they have a presence in 17 countries on five continents. The Bradbury Group manufactures equipment in 10 locations around the world.

**The Bradbury Co., Inc.** looks forward to being a member of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. They value the opportunity to be an active part of the local communities their employees call home.

### FLY AWAY FARM USA

1911 Frontier Road  
McPherson, KS 67460  
Contacts: Sue & Chad Johnson  
Phone: 620-755-4280  
Facebook: Fly Away Farm USA  
Seasonal Hours: Tuesdays 3-6:00 p.m. & Saturdays 1-3:00 p.m.

**Fly Away Farm USA** is a small farm in the county of McPherson. They have been growing nutrient rich, taste explosive produce for CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) shareholders and local market for 3 years. Shareholders actively participate in supporting local, healthy and sustainable food production by partnering with the local farmer. **Fly Away Farm USA** produce is chemical free! They use only natural soil building and fertilizing techniques.

The 2018 produce share season at **Fly Away Farm USA** will start in mid-May and run 14 weeks. Share pickup times at the farm are Tuesdays, 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. When you purchase a share, you can expect a variety of vegetable items like tomatoes, carrots, green beans, peas, onions, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, zucchini, potatoes, corn, etc. In addition to the shares they also offer an open market held Tuesdays, 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. during the share season. The market is open to anyone. Know your farmer. Know your food!

## It's the Battle of the Stars

### Get Your Work Team Signed Up For Chamber Challenge

Join in the hoopla of the Chamber Challenge! The McPherson Chamber of Commerce is looking for adventurous people who love to have fun! We need teams of 6 from one business/company or a combination of two companies to make up a team. The Chamber Challenge helps employees get to know each other, create rapport and boosts employee morale.

If you enjoy the unexpected and laughing, and you get pumped about the spirit of friendly competition, WE WANT YOU! The committee and staff have been conjuring up some great trickery and new ideas for games that of course have a bit of a twist.

“This is our 3rd year of the Chamber Challenge, it is an absolute blast. The event is a great way to promote team building among employees”, declares Jennifer Burch, Executive Director. “This year the Chamber Challenge finale will be held at 365 Sports Complex in Inman because each year we have more teams participating and need more room for the mystery games.”

The Chamber Challenge will officially begin on March 5th as teams will complete three activities during the week. If you want to try out your team's intellectual skills during a “Break-In adventure inside the creepy Haunted House”- (legal break in that is) and “see” who has the best I Spy talents, gather your team now! Teams will also get creative taking selfies and promoting their escapades and Chamber Challenge sponsors with Facebook live. Piqued your interest? We won't keep you in suspense much longer, team and sponsor opportunity details will be publicized soon, but don't wait to stack your team.

## From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



**Jennifer Burch**  
Executive Director

Here are more highlights from the Chamber minute books. While reading the minutes, I have had to stop and chuckle quite a few times at the phrasing and content. I keep visualizing all the male board members (a sign of the times), gathered around a table for the evening board meetings that lasted several hours. I have been amazed with the commitment of time and resources by many individuals that have served on the board, back then it appeared to be nearly a full time job for some of them.

### 1953

■ A conversation took place with Kansas Jack Inc. – the proposal was to construct a building specifically for their needs.

■ A Men's Membership Stag is planned, each member is to invite a guest – it was agreed that this was ok.

■ A report was made on the progress of getting Kansas Jack here in McPherson – finding a location for their factory and office.

■ The Chief Chemist of the General Tire and Rubber Company came to visit with the Chamber and two refin-

eries regarding their output of ethylene, butylene, and propylene.

■ Voted to recommend to state legislature in favor of state appropriation for erecting tv stations at Kansas University and Kansas State.

■ Discussion on the possibility of organizing a small local company for the manufacturing of individual cell storage batteries.

■ It was reported on the filled housing condition and there are additional new people moving to town for jobs. The Smoky Hill Airbase had notified the Chamber that they were also sending men to McPherson for housing.

■ Received approval from the State of Kansas in the change of the fiscal year of operation for the Chamber to September –August.

■ Negotiated a lease agreement of \$100 per month with Dr. Vaughan Price for the north space of his new building located at E. Marlin & N. Ash for the relocation of the Chamber office. (I have not found where the office was located at this time).

■ Funds raised for the Monument Memorial Fund are to be used for the General McPherson monument.

### 1954

■ Plans are in the works for a Business-Education Day.

■ Update was given on the work being done in assisting the County Fish & Game Committee to get the State Lake at the Game Reserve.

■ Discussion from the Fund Drive Committee to establish a United Fund

Drive.

■ The Armory Site Selection Committee recommended to the City Commissioners that the Armory be located on the 4-H site.

■ Board met with representatives of a brewing company. Discussed the Kansas liquor law and how restrictive they are, which makes it less favorable for breweries to locate in Kansas.

The new beer tax law would need to be passed in order for the plant to locate here.

■ Discussed a garment company and outlined the requirements necessary to get the company to locate in McPherson.

### 1955

■ The proposed street-lighting program was endorsed and recommended the project be financed from profits of the electric utility.

■ Discussion about organizing a baseball team – a special meeting will be scheduled to see if membership want to support the movement.

■ An industrial tour is planned to Kansas City to watch a baseball game – KC Athletics and NY Yankees. Visits with the CCA office and garment company will be scheduled.

■ Adopted a resolution in favor of the idea of building a Cowboy Hall of Fame in Dodge City and let Dodge City know of our willingness to try and help raise the necessary money.

■ Was approached about bringing a publishing company here from New York.

■ The office girl was given a raise to \$1.00 an hour.

**JOHN DEERE**

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**Chuck Singleton – Central States Marketing and Manufacturing • Dr. Trent Timson – Community Foot Clinic of McPherson**

**Staff: Jennifer Burch, Executive Director • Debbie Hawkinson, Administrative Assistant • Shirley Mackey, Program Assistant**

# Chamber Women's Trip Boston Bound



The Chamber Women's Event Committee have approved Boston as the 2018 destination scheduled for August 23-27. As always, Cindy Krehbiel of **McPherson Travel** has planned a quality itinerary that includes entrepreneurship and innovation along with large city experiences. We didn't forget to include networking – building business relationships and of course the fun of meeting new people.

A few of the highlights include: Roundtrip airport transfers (McPherson to **Wichita Airport**) by deluxe motor coach; group evening dinner; Accommodations in the mecca of Boston at the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel along the waterfront; private city tour; Freedom Trail; performance of Shear Madness and first group ever to tour the 55,000 sq. foot headquarters of the America's Test Kitchen. There will be many options for your free time like "Off the Eaten Path" tours which stems from a young woman whose lifelong passion for food and her love of the North End neighborhood brought her to start her food tour business.

Find more detailed trip information at [www.mcphersonchamber.org](http://www.mcphersonchamber.org) or call the Chamber at 620-241-3303, we will be glad to email or mail the info.

## Save the date!

## 2018 Legislative Update Scheduled

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce and **Kansas Municipal Utilities** have partnered to host a Legislative Meet & Greet scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. The meet and greet provides area citizens an opportunity to get an update on legislative activity during the 2018 state legislative session. The meet and greet will be held at the **Kansas Municipal Utilities** office located at 2090 E. Avenue A.

Senator Rick Wilborn and Representatives Les Mason, Don Schroeder and Steven Johnson have been confirmed to attend. The format of the meeting will consist of updates and remarks and questions from the audience. The meet and greet is open to the public and free of charge. Light refreshments will be served.

## Save the dates!

## Professional Development Training Seminars

### Positive Workplace Environment

Tuesday, April 3 – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. @ The Well

### Effective Leadership for First Line Managers and Supervisors

Wednesday, May 23- 8:00 to 12:00 noon at the McPherson Museum

More details will be announced soon!

# chamber events

## February

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| 21 | 4:30 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber  | 7  | 12:00 Leadership Board of Trustees @ Chamber                |
| 22 | 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Connections @ <b>Edward Jones – Aaron Mayfield</b> , 115 E. Marlin, Ste 106 | 8  | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ Emprise Bank, 201 E. Kansas |
|    | 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber   | 12 | 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber                                 |
|    | 4:00 p.m. E-Community Board @ Chamber  |    | 5:30 p.m. Chamber Challenge @ 365 Complex – Inman           |
|    |  | 15 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ TBD                         |

## March

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| 1 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ MCDS @ 2107 Industrial Drive |
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**ROB MACKEY**  
Executive Director

### DECIDING WHERE THE MONEY GOES

One of the brilliant designs of United Way is the role volunteers play in assessing community needs, and establishing priorities for investing the money that is generously donated by individuals and businesses during the United Way Campaign.

These volunteers give many hours studying how best to allocate the donated dollars here in McPherson County. The volunteers bring their wisdom and knowledge to the process. They do their homework. They hear from the

## From the United Way of McPherson County

nonprofits that are on the front lines of the need. And they make recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors on how to best put the money to work.

Here are the teams that have been part of the Allocations process this year:  
■ Chad Hitt, *Providing Basic Needs* Team Leader. Team Members: Shannon Achilles, Scott Barkley, Sandy Ide, Ray Reno, and Marc Robertson.  
■ Ayda Pressnall, *Building Self-Reliance* Team Leader. Team Members: Andy Elliott, Ann Engel, Audrey Miller, and Shannon Shaw.  
■ Jonathan Rothrock, *Preparing for Life* Team Leader. Team Members: Tammy Curtright, Olivia Fetsch, Debbie Haw-

kinson, and John Worden.  
■ Lara Vanderhoof, *Rebuilding Lives* Team Leader. Team Members: Jen Bonham, Sheryl Dossett, Brad Miller, and Julie Wondra.

Some people are surprised to learn that the United Way Executive Director does not make the decisions about where the money goes. Rather, it's the people who live here and work here and volunteer to help United Way make the best decisions possible. When you give to the United Way, you're making an investment in the community. These volunteers help ensure that United Way is the best way to care. Our thanks to each of them for helping us Live United.

## DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

**Congratulations to Rusty Tin Boutique and Vintage at 110 S. Main. They are the winner of a DQ Cake. Thank you Roger & Karen Horn, owners of DQ Grill & Chill, 1435 N. Main for providing the monthly DQ ice cream treat.**

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