

The Chamber Business Journal

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Western Associates, Inc. of Marion, is excited to announce that Dell Reese of McPherson has become part of the **Western Associates** team. **Western Associates**, where promoting your business is their business was established in 1956 in Marion, Kansas. They offer unique quality promotional products, apparel, excellent service and customer focused marketing. All their embroidery and screen printing is done at their Marion location.

MCPHERSON HEMP VICTORY GARDEN

106 S. Main
McPherson, KS 67460
Phone: 620-242-122
Contact: Beverly and Jon Flowers
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m.

McPherson Hemp Victory Garden is a health supplement store focused on helping to educate customers on the many benefits of CBD for optimal health. They offer a broad range of ever expanding CBD products. **McPherson Hemp Victory Garden** is located at 106 S. Main in McPherson. Store owners Jon and Beverly Flowers invite you to come in and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the historic building and learn how you can benefit from all that CBD can do for you.

It's Christmas Time in McPherson!

It was a perfect fall weather Chamber Day for the McPherson Holiday Open House weekend held November 2-4. There were cars and people everywhere!

The holiday shopping promotion sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Main Street members was kicked off with the Snowball Drop on the plaza. The snowballs could then be exchanged for coupons, gift cards & prizes. Candy Cane Cash also was put into action with 30 business participants, a record number so far! Here is a run down of the events that the Chamber and Main Street have planned for our members and the Christmas shoppers.

Candy Cane Cash

November 2-December 31st. For every \$10 (before taxes) spent in any participating store you will receive a punch on a Candy Cane Cash registration. Once you have 5 punches, complete the registration and drop it any of the Candy Cane Cash boxes in 30 locations! Keep shopping and filling out more forms and dropping them in the boxes!

Get DOUBLE punches every Thursday evening in December from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and TRIPLE punches on **Girls Night Out on November 29th** and **Guys Night Out on December 6th** from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Two winners will be drawn on January 10, 2019 and will receive \$1,000 and \$500 in Candy Cane Cash certificates that can be spent in any of the 30 Candy Cane Cash sponsors: A5 Western/Ramblin' J Booteek, Appliance Depot, Artshirt-Gear for Sport, Brooklyn & Co., Brown's Shoe Fit, CK Pharmacy, Clayworks, Creative Hairlines, Elysium Studios, Graber's Ace Hardware, Hopp's Sound, Integrity Salon & Spa, McPherson Hemp Victory Garden, McPherson Hospital Gift Shop, Mockingbird Vintage, Nex-Tech Wireless, Nooks & Crannies, Papa Murphy's, Rusty Tin Boutique, Simply Good Overstocks, Stitches Quilt Shop, Stupka Chiropractic, Tesori Boutique, The Bookshelf/Hidden Closet, The Cooks Nook, The Stone Chimney, The Village Geek, The Well, Twice Told Tales, and Venable Jewelers.

FREE Movies

Held at 3:00 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House, 219 S. Main
Saturday, November 24 - The Game Plan – sponsored by McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau

Sunday, December 9 - The Star – sponsored by *see list below.
Saturday, December 15 - The Polar Express – sponsored by Clayworks at Disability Supports
Saturday, December 22 - Elf – sponsored by *see list below.

Movie Sponsors

Artshirt-Gear for Sport, Creative Hairlines, Dr. Ken & Michelle Cotton, Ellene McKean & Associates, Elliott Insurance, Elysium Studios, First Bank Kansas, H & R Block, HCC-McPherson Campus, Home State Bank, Hutchinson Clinic-McPherson, KNGL/KBBE Radio, McPherson Hemp Victory Garden, MTC, Rinse & Roll Car Wash, Rusty Tine Boutique, Save 'N Share, Stockham Family Funeral Home, The Stone Chimney, The Well.

Cookies with Santa

Bring your camera, Free print coupon from Walgreens

Thursday, December 6th, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Wendy's, 610 N. Main

Saturday, December 8th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at McPherson Public Library Basement, 214 W. Marlin

Saturday, December 8th, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Papa Murphy's, 1352 N. Main

Thursday, December 13th, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Stupka Chiropractic, 114 W. Euclid

Saturday, December 15th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at The Well, 101 N. Main

Saturday, December 15th, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Clayworks, 107 N. Main

Thursday, December 20th, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at KNGL/KBBE Radio, 411 E. Euclid

Saturday, December 22nd, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Nex-Tech Wireless, 200 S. Champlin

Saturday, December 22nd, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Simply Good Overstocks, 301 S. Main



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**1st Prize winners
Scott Radke and
Neill Raymond**

Youth Entrepreneur Challenge Winners Announced

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce in association with the Network Kansas E-Community Partnership, hosted the first annual McPherson Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge on Wednesday, November 14 at the McPherson Opera House. 17 business projects and 22 students representing the McPherson High School Business Class presented their business concepts with a written business plan, a 4 minute presentation to judges and a tabletop tradeshow.

The winning business concepts were:

1st Prize \$750: Scott Radke and Neill Raymond, GripZ; 2nd Prize \$500: Honestee Whittker and Zach Brewer, Travel USA ; 3rd Prize \$250: Drew Schrader and Cooper Courtney, In-Out Diner and Peoples Choice: EJ Kretzer, Bare Bones Skate & Clothing Shop.

“I believe the entrepreneurship competition is a very valuable experience not only in the creation of a business, but the steps involved in writing a business plan, figuring the financial piece and public speaking in the 4 minute presentation,” said Jennifer Burch, Executive Director of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to prizes and recognition, the first place finisher has the opportunity to compete in the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This event will include the top young entrepreneurs from 35 other competitions across the state.

The goal of the competition is to expose Kansas high school students to entrepreneurship and give them a hands on experience. The students’ work was judged by local entrepreneurs, public sector partners, committee & board members. This is the first time McPherson has been host to this competition.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

2019 Leadership McPherson Enrollment

Leadership McPherson is a professional program of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to develop effective leaders, open minds to perspectives that surround issues facing

our community and enable participants to become more visionary leaders. Leadership McPherson class members will work with community leaders and trainers to learn leadership and facilitation skills that contribute to their personal development, motivating graduates to apply their newly gained knowledge in the community, where they work, boards they serve on and civic groups they belong to.

Enrollment for the 2019 Leadership McPherson class is now open. (Class is limited to 12 participants). The reception will be held January 24th, 2019. Leadership classes will

be from 8:30-noon on 2/5, 2/19, 4/2, 4/22, 5/7, 5/21 with the class celebration lunch on June 4th, 2019. Class members will also attend Leadership Edge at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita, March 6th-8th. Tuition is \$300 if you are an investor of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and \$350 for non-investors. Scholarships are also available. Stop by the Chamber office located at 306 N. Main to pick up an enrollment form or download one at www.mcpherson-chamber.org. If you have questions call the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620-241-3303.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Midway Motors Supercenter, 2075 E. Kansas. 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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chamber events

***See all of the Holiday Promotion Events in the Christmas article on the facing page**

November

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| 21 | 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber | 12 | 7:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee @ The Well, 101 N. Main |
| | Deadline for Annual Meeting reservations | 13 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ Home State Bank, 223 N. Main |
| 22 | Closed Happy Thanksgiving | | 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott McPherson, 2270 E. Kansas |
| 23 | Closed Thanksgiving Recovery | 14 | Deadline to enroll for 2019 Leadership McPherson |
| 26 | 11:30 a.m. Chamber Annual Meeting @ Mingenback Theatre – McPherson College Campus, 1600 E. Euclid | 19 | 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber |
| 29 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by The Stone Chimney, 1500 E. First | | 4:00 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber |
| | 5:00-9:00 p.m. Girls Night Out | 20 | 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections |

December

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| 5 | 12:00 Leadership Board @ Chamber | 24 | 12:00 Chamber Office Closes for Christmas Eve |
| 6 | 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Connections for Creative Hairlines, 207 S. Main. | 25 | Merry Christmas |
| | 5:00-9:00 p.m. Guys Night Out | | |



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ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

GraceMed: A Real Blessing to McPherson County

Health care is always in the news. It's a tremendous need and concern throughout the country. Fortunately, a group of local community leaders identified that there was a need to improve the availability of quality health and dental care. That resulted in the recruitment of GraceMed to McPherson.

The roots of GraceMed trace back to Wichita more than 40 years ago, when health care needs of women were a concern. GraceMed has now grown to 15 clinics, a dozen in Wichita, two in Topeka, and the location at 322 North Main,

From the United Way of McPherson County

Suite 101 in McPherson, which opened in May of 2017.

According to Deb Clark, manager of the GraceMed McPherson Family Clinic, “The beauty of GraceMed is we can help the uninsured and the underinsured.” You need to be a McPherson County resident, complete registration paperwork and provide proof of income. GraceMed also serves those who have any kind of health insurance.

GraceMed has a full-time nurse practitioner, Jennifer Stuart. GraceMed offers a primary health home to people of all ages. Medical care includes school and sports physicals, immunizations, Kan-BeHealthy exams for infants and toddlers, developmental screenings, prenatal care, disease and chronic illness management for children

and adults. GraceMed also has a full-time dentist, Connie Andrews and full-time hygienist who perform x-rays, cleaning, fluoride/sealant treatments as well as fillings, extractions, root canals crowns/bridges and dentures.

To provide financial assistance to patients without insurance and adequate financial means to pay for a critically necessary medical or dental visit, United Way funds vouchers to remove the financial barriers to accessing primary health care. Call Grace Med at 620-504-6187 to make an appointment or inquire about their services. They are a real blessing to have here in McPherson County.

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in McPherson County.



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