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Donna's Pool & Patio (formerly Donna's Pool Service) does pool maintenance and repair, pool installation, including above ground pools, outdoor entertainment, spas and hot tubs. Get on the schedule TODAY for your spring pool opening and service. **Donna's Pool & Patio** delivers chemicals, and is opening a storefront in downtown McPherson at 110 E. Euclid.

Stop by **Donna's Pool & Patio**, 110 E. Euclid for their Grand Opening on March 1, then join them in celebrating with an official McPherson Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Start thinking about all the possibilities that could make your back yard a relaxing oasis.

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Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mid Kansas Dental was establish in January, 2017 by owner Renata Prose, D.D.S. The practice was formerly owned by Dr. Richard Penner who practiced dentistry in McPherson for 40 years. Dr. Renata Prose and Dr. Kati Beam and their dental team are committed to providing patients with personalized, high quality dental care in a positive, relaxed and caring atmosphere.

Mid Kansas Dental offers patients comprehensive general and restorative dental services designed to meet the needs of the entire family from toddlers to seniors. Their goal is to assist each patient in achieving and maintaining optimal dental health and a beautiful smile.

Mid Kansas Dental is excited about being part of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and is welcoming new patients.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Mac County Round Up Coming Up!

The Agriculture Committee of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce is working on the plans for the 2019 Mac County Roundup 5K/1 mile which will be held in Canton, Kansas on Saturday, April 20, 2019. If you would like a registration when they become available – email the Chamber office at chamber@mcphersonks.org.

Proceeds from the Mac County Round Up go to fund the AFA Scholarship Fund.



“Recruiting in Times of Low Employment” Workshop

Save the date! The McPherson Chamber of Commerce has brought Mike Henke of Mike Henke Inc. back for a workshop topic that hits many, many employers not only here locally, but across the nation.

What are successful strategies to recruit new hires from entry level to professional positions? What do candidates respond to, and what do employers unintentionally do that prevents them from getting the best talent? Hear the tricks that professional recruiters utilize, and innovative techniques to increase your applicant flow. Through this interactive workshop you will learn: How to attract talent from a wide area, what is the role of starting pay, and information for all types of industries.

The workshop is \$25 per person (McPherson Chamber of Commerce members) and \$30 per person for nonmembers. Lunch is included. RSVP is required by March 11 to attend. Space will be limited, so call now to 620-241-3303 or email chamber@mcphersonks.org.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

Introducing the 2019 Leadership McPherson Class

This is a very exciting time for Leadership McPherson. The Leadership Committee has updated the curriculum, adding new leadership concept

additions, while keeping some of the basics of the program. This year the class will take a trip to Wichita and spend 2.5 days in training at the Kansas Leadership Center. They will learn about the Kansas Leadership Center leadership principles and competencies and how they can be applied to real-world challenges.

It is a real treat for me as I get to join them in this new leadership adventure, as well as be witness to the processes that take place in bringing strangers or semi-acquainted individuals together in a cohesive group to work on a challenge and then a group project to benefit the youth of McPherson.

The 2019 Leadership McPherson Class is: Lindsey Godfrey-McPherson College; Mike Golden-McPherson Police Department; Derick Goodson-Chris Goodson Appraisal Service; Mervyn John – Viega; Sue Johnson – Fly Away Farms & MCDS; Rachel Lesslie-MCDS; Kristin Long – Mt. Hope Sanctuary; Bo Modellmog-City of McPherson; Daniel Ryan – Ellene McKean & Associates; Shandi Schropp-MCDS; Jamie Simpson-Edward Jones (Aaron Mayfield) and TJ Wyssmann- McPherson Fire Department.

I am expecting great things from this class!

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Ask Your Travel Agent, 2017 N. 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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AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship Available for McPherson County Seniors

The Agriculture Committee of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce they again will be offering an AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship. AFA matches raised community funds by the Agriculture Committee. The AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship is \$4,200, consisting of a \$3,200 academic scholarship. The additional \$1,000 will sponsor the McPherson County recipient to the AFA Leaders Conference in Kansas City, MO November 7-10, 2019.

Eligibility requirements for McPherson Chamber of Commerce AFA Scholarship include any high school seniors enrolling in an accredited college of agriculture. They must be a resident or attend a school district in McPherson County. Online fillable application is at www.agfuture.org/scholarship and is due March 13.

AFA, founded in 1996 by the late R. Crosby Kemper Jr., is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to enhancing the education and leader potential of rural youth in the Midwest region through community-based scholarships, AFA provides leader and career development training and internships assistance to college students across the country.

For additional information please contact Jennifer Burch at 620-241-3303.

2019 Legislative Update

You are invited to join us for coffee on Saturday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m. to get a review on the happenings in Topeka. Senator Rick Wilborn, Representative Les Mason and Representative Stephen Owens will be present to update and answer questions.

Coalition of Local Chambers 2019 Policy Priorities

The Voice of Thousands of Kansas Businesses Across the State

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce is part of a state wide coalition of Chamber organizations (Abilene, Emporia, Gardner Edgerton, Greater Kansas City, Great Topeka, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Liberal, Manhattan, Northeast Johnson County, Olathe, Ottawa, Overland Park, Pittsburg, Salina, Shawnee, Spring Hill and Wichita) representing small and large Kansas businesses. The coalition is aware of the difficult choices the state government has been faced with due to a challenging economy. The coalition believes it is critical to emphasize how statewide decisions impact efforts to attract and retain jobs in cities across our state. State government is responsible to educate our children, to provide reliable and adequate infrastructure for mobility of our citizens as well as the movement of goods and services, and to care for those Kansans who are unable to look after themselves. We have joined together to present position of statements to advocate for policies, which we believe create a strong economy, a qualified and nimble workforce, a sustainable infrastructure and ultimately a quality of life which retains our best and brightest and attracts businesses and talent to Kansas.

1 of 3 2019 Policy Priorities

Workforce Development

Availability of a trained and competent workforce is the number one economic issue facing Kansas. The Coalition contends it is critical that the State work with employers to develop creative approaches to workforce development and talent attraction and that it devote greater, more focused attention and resources to high education, career technical training and certification and further collaboration among all the relevant stakeholders (K-12, high education, early childhood education providers, technical educators, community colleges and the business community) in the area of workforce training.



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chamber events

February

21 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Twice Told Tales, 104 N. Main

28 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Fearless Finance at the Chamber Office, 306 N. Main

11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main

4:00 p.m. Chamber Power Hour ½ at Turkey Creek Golf, 1000 Fox Run Hosted by the Chamber Classic Golf Tournament Committee

March

6-8 2019 Leadership McPherson "Leadership Edge Training" at the Kansas Leadership Center

7 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections

13 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ The Well, 101 N. Main

11:30 a.m. "Recruiting in Times of Low Employment" Workshop at The Well, 101 N. Main

14 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Connections for Donna's Pool & Patio, 110 E. Euclid

15 10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting @ Krehbiels Specialty Meats, 1636 Mohawk Rd.

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11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main

30 9:00 a.m. 2019 Legislative Update at The Well, 101 N. Main



From Central Kansas SHRM Chapter Affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management

"Getting involved with your local SHRM chapter is great for anyone looking to develop their business skills as well as network with other professionals in the community. The monthly meetings include a meal, networking, and valuable educational opportunities. You can connect with former colleagues, meet new ones, and expand your network of resources. The seminars include current and relevant information that is transferable to any position and industry. If you want to learn more or find out if SHRM is right for you and to register for a monthly meeting, visit our website at: www.centrankansasshrm.wildapricot.org



ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

Age: An Issue of Mind Over Matter

As one who is approaching the age of Social Security eligibility, my mind turns to our excellent network of senior centers in McPherson County.

The McPherson County Council on Aging provides an array of services to support senior centers and keep them strong. Senior centers play an important role in the lifeblood of a community. Terry Bolte, MCCA Director, said the centers "help keep seniors healthy, and their minds sharp." Senior centers offer a wide variety of opportunities, such as exercise and food programs, to help older

From the United Way of McPherson County

citizens stay active and engaged.

Bolte said, "Baby boomers don't want to admit they're in that bracket," but life circumstances like the loss of a spouse may bring an older person to a senior center to avoid isolation and depression. Senior centers are a key place for socialization, education, entertainment and health checks like foot care or blood pressure checks.

The Council on Aging also secures grants to fund affordable public bus transportation in McPherson, Lindsborg, Moundridge and Inman. This helps remove barriers for seniors to get around if they can't afford a vehicle or are no longer able to drive.

When you give to the United Way, you are helping senior centers throughout the county. I'd like to take a

moment to recognize our senior centers and their directors: Annette Otte in Canton; Debra Wolf in Galva, Charleen Thomas in Inman; Marian Lindshield in Lindsborg; Rita Brown in Marquette; Sondra Frank in McPherson; Pat Krehbiel in Moundridge; Krys Jensen, Senior Services Coordinator in Roxbury, and Bert Long in Windom. And there are many more volunteers in each community supporting senior services.

Bolte would like to see more people check out their local senior center and see what they have to offer. She admits, however: "We have 90-year olds who say they're not old enough to go to the senior center."

Mark Twain perhaps summed it up best: "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

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