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Update on Plan

Chamber Working on Health Plan for Small & Large Businesses

Recently the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and Corporate Plan Management held an information meeting to gauge interest in a health insurance program that could potentially help small and large businesses. The program allows businesses to pool together to get a collectively lower rate on insurance plan options. The Chamber determined that there was enough interest to take the next step in conducting a demographic survey of members and the business community.

There will be two options we are proposing:

- 1) Bundle option; pooling businesses of 15 or more employees and
- 2) Association Health Plan for small businesses with 14 or fewer employees

If you would like more information, please contact the Chamber office at 620-241-3303.

From the McPherson Chamber

The article below is one of several I have come across recently about teaching youth survival skills. Not the Naked and Afraid kind or the Alaskan Bush People, I am referring to real world, useful skills. The articles have been very interesting – because the skills they speak of do not involve a computer, laptop, phone, etc – the skills are hands on.



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

Adulthood 101

(from article dated June 5, 2019 wibw.com –D. Mattingly and M. Ballman)

Louisville, KY (WAVE) – It seems like children everywhere want to grow up and be an adult, but when they actually do grow up and realize that they're an adult, they want to go back to being a child again.

If you look up the word “adulthood” in the dictionary, you will see it explained as “the accomplishment of mundane but necessary tasks.”

In an effort to prepare for the real world after graduation, seniors at Fern Creek High School took a crash course in adulthood, with a class called “How To Adult 101.”

The term “adulthood” has been a big thing lately,” College Access Resources teacher Sara Wilson-Abell said. “And I just kind of took that and ran with it.” Seniors take three days and learn basic household tasks, life-skills, how insurance works, and how to save money for retirement, among other things. “We had bankers

come in and talk to the students about basic loans,” Wilson-Abell said. “We had State Farm here talking about insurance. We had representatives here talking about retirement.”

Ask around WAVE Country what they think of the main right of passages into adulthood is, and they'd most likely answer getting a permit, learning to drive a car, and getting a license. And with that, comes the responsibility of maintaining a vehicle.

Students headed outside here they learned how to check the oil in a vehicle and how to change a tire on the side of the road. They also received instruction on basic home maintenance and doing laundry.

“I learned a lot about laundry,” senior Lilly Farmer said. “I knew, like, some aspects of it but I never sorted by clothes or anything like that. Now I know it's very important to do.”

Just last year, Buillitt Central High School had the same idea, preparing students for the world beyond that of high school. Seniors in the class of 2019 received one on ones with people from the community, teaching things like dorm room cooking, changing a tire, how to manage a credit card and financing.

Police also came in and helped students learn how to interact with a traffic stop. Another professional talked about homesickness and the signs that it's really something else and when to get help.

It Was a Chamber Day for “Laughs on the Links”

What a fantastic afternoon on Turkey Creek Golf Course with sponsors who really got into the spirit with fun games, and golf teams that were enthusiastic participants.

Top honors for the 2019 Chamber “Laughs on the Links” Classic Golf Tournament with a score of 54 went to **Viega** (Eric Wicker, Kim Smith, Travis Hett, Chase Carlson)

2nd Place: **Central Christian College**/56 (Kyle Moody, Collin Duckworth, John Walker & Mike Moody)

3rd Place: **Catalyst Safety**/57 (Michael Wallace, John Reimer, Brent Sneath & Dustin Orth)

Second Flight

3rd Place: **PrimeLending**/65 (Brad Williams, Ron Reitsma, Ryan Reitsma, Zack Freeman)

2nd Place: **Ferguson Production**-Team Ferguson/63 (Scott Ferguson, Cliff Hawkes, Mike Davies, Chuck Davies)

1st Place: **Edward Jones**-Team Ruxlow/63 (Trent Ruxlow, Erica Selzer, Brian Bina, Chad Rowell)

Third Flight

3rd Place: **Reach Solutions**/70 (Shannon Wilson, Matt Wilson, Shane Koehn, Shiloh Vincent)

2nd Place: **Bluestem PACE**/68 (Justin Loewen, James Krehbiel, Derek Yoder, Eric Driggers)

1st Place: **Williams Energy**/68 (Luke Postier, Troy Folck, TJ Schroeder, Travis Regehr)

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Thank you to the golfers, volunteers and the sponsors of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce 2019 Laughs on the Links Classic Golf Tournament.

Save the date!

40th Annual Kansas Economic Outlook Conference

For a glimpse into Kansas' economic future, over 800 business leaders turn to Wichita State University, the W. Frank Barton School of Business, and the Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), founders of the Kansas Economic Outlook Conference.

The purpose of the conference is to provide insight into current local, state, and national economies, addressing topics of interest to the community. A combination of nationally known speakers and local experts will be on hand to provide perspectives on issues affecting business, industry, education and government.

Thursday, October, 3, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Century II Convention Center, 225 W. Douglas, Wichita, Kansas. To register www.eoc2019.cedbr.org.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Pavement Pro's, 110 N. Hartup St. They are winners of the DQ Cake.

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chamber events

June		11:00 a.m. Lakeside Plaza Board @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
20	9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections at Graber’s Ace Hardware, 319 N. Main	11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber, 306 N. Main
27	9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Prairie Land Realtors at the Chamber office, 306 N. Main	26 5:30-7:00 p.m. 50th Annual Rural Appreciation Picnic, 600 W. Woodside

July		August
11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main		1 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, 114 W. Euclid
4	Closed Happy 4th of July	8 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ TBA
10	7:00 a.m. Ag Committee at The Well, 101 N. Main	14 7:00 a.m. Ag Committee @ The Well, 101 N. Main
11	9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections at Grain Craft, 416 N. Main	15 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ TBA
18	9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ TBA	
25	9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting @ Edward Jones-Derek Bergun	



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Office of Rural Prosperity Listening Tour Announced

Governor Laura Kelly and Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers announced at a press conference details of their upcoming Office of Rural Prosperity Listening Tour to Lindsborg on July 10, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center, 102 N. Main, Lindsborg, Kansas.

The tour is intended to foster new ways to help rural Kansas communities by hearing from the residents themselves. “Rural Kansas has been overlooked and unheard from far too long,” Governor Kelly said. “Our small towns have been neglected. Today we’re taking an important step toward changing this serious problem.”

The upcoming series of events serves as the first phase of the new Office of Rural Prosperity, which has been approved for a \$2 million allocation in the newly approved FY 2020 budget.

The Office of Rural Prosperity is dedicated to improving life in rural Kansas. The office is guided by the blueprint created by Governor Kelly, Lt Governor Rogers and Secretary of Commerce David Toland, which includes: Developing rural housing, Revitalizing Main Street corridors, Investing in rural infrastructure, Supporting rural hospitals and medical profession recruitment, Making state government work for rural Kansas, Incentivizing active tourism, and supporting agribusiness.

The tour is intended to travel the following towns across the state. I hope you plan to catch one. Nickerson – June 17, Atchinson, June 20, Colby – June 24, Phillipsburg – June 25, Winfield, July 8, Lindsborg – July 10, Garnett – July 22, Independence – July 23, Ulysses – July 30, Concordia – August 1, Sabetha – August 5 and Dodge City, August 7.

The tour will cover a wide area of the state in order to learn specific challenges and opportunities for the many different rural communities across Kansas.

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Rural Appreciation to Celebrate 50 Years!

The Chamber Agriculture Committee is already making the plans for the 50th Rural Appreciation Picnic scheduled for Friday, July 26, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., 600 W. Woodside during the 4-H Fair.

The Ag Committee and volunteers will be on the grounds preparing freshly grilled hamburgers (**Krehbiel’s Specialty Meats**), Extra Kick Baked Beans (**Knackies**), chips, and ice tea (**made with Culligan Water**), so follow your nose to the 4-H Grounds to enjoy an evening of not only great food, but tour the grounds, catch a few exhibits and shows, and check out the farm animals. You won’t want to miss the 4-H Desert Auction, happening during the Rural Appreciation Picnic.

Tickets will be available from sponsors of the Rural Appreciation Picnic, watch for signs in the windows of the sponsors.



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Executive Director

The Fastest Short Course in Kansas

I saw my first United Way Triathlon two years ago at the McPherson Water Park. I was truly amazed at the tenacity of some 200 people, adults and youth, swimming, biking, and running to compete in our triathlon. For adults, the swim is 200 meters, the bike ride 7 miles, and the run 2 miles. The youth competition, for ages 5-15, is a 100 meter swim, the bike portion is 3.5 miles, and a .75 mile run. It’s shorter than the many varieties of triathlons, such that one of our triathletes nicknamed us “The Fastest Short Course in Kansas.”

Some of our triathletes are serious com-

From the United Way of McPherson County

petitors. McPherson is one stop of a series of races they will participate in this year. Others compete just to see if they can do it. It’s the first time and maybe the only time they’ll be in a triathlon. For them, just finishing is an accomplishment. The triathlon has been moved up by two weeks, and this year will be the first weekend in August, Saturday, August 3rd. We’ll start with the adults at 8 a.m., immediately followed by our Junior Triathlon. We know that when the school year starts, so do a lot of activities. That’s why we’ve moved the triathlon up before the school year begins.

Registration for the triathlon is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth. Relay teams are \$90 for adults and corporate challenge teams; \$75 for youth relay teams. All proceeds benefit United

Way of McPherson County.

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in McPherson County. That’s what we’re about. The triathlon helps us fund 18 local nonprofit programs that touch thousands of local lives.

We’re grateful for the leadership of Scott Barkley and Brad Miller and the rest of our Triathlon Committee: Ryan Bauer, Kati Beam, Tyler Glidden, Chad Hitt, T. J. Jones, Ann Parkins, Kyle Roberts, Brandon Trost, and Lara Vanderhoof.

Thanks also to the McPherson Convention Visitors Bureau for its financial support of this event. You can register for the triathlon online at www.unitedwaymcperson.org and click on “triathlon” at the top of the page.

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