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It's Run Time

It's not too late to sign up for the **Mac County Round Up 5K Run/1 Mile Walk**, just tie on your walking shoes and register between 7-7:30 a.m. at the American Legion in Canton, KS (132 N. Main). The Mac County Round Up 5K Run/1 Mile Walk, **Saturday, April 20**, is family friendly so bring the youngsters, neighbors, co-workers and even your 4-legged friends. The 5K is only \$30 and 1 Mile is \$25, with funds going towards an agriculture scholarship. Top qualifiers in the 5K receive special cuts of meat from S & S Farms Custom Beef and gift certificates from Krehbiels Specialty Meats.

After your successful run/walk or for those who came to cheer you on, stick around for breakfast served by the Canton American Legion Auxiliary. They will be serving biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs, OJ, coffee and water for \$5.00 a plate.

The Mac County Round Up is sponsored by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee to fund an Agriculture of America Scholarship. Since 2000, the Agriculture Committee has funded an annual \$2,500 scholarship to a McPherson County high school senior who plans to pursue an agriculture-related degree. The Agriculture Committee partners with Agriculture Future of America who provides matching funds for significant scholarship awards. More than \$62,000 has been invested in the continued education of 24 local agriculture students. Six additional \$1,000 awards have been provided to students for Leadership Conference tuition. For more information call the McPherson Chamber at 620-241-3303.

2019 Mac County 5K Round Up Sponsors: The Trust Company of Kansas, McPherson Quality Air, Welco Services, Louie's Service Center, A5 Western, Peoples Bank and Trust, Grain Craft, MKC, McPherson County Farm Bureau Association, Ag360 Insurance, Four Seasons Realtors, Prairie Bank of Kansas, PrairieLand Partners, S&S Farms Custom Beef, Krehbiels Specialty Meats, Waltons Tree Service, Zeitlow Distributing, Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home, Fastenal, Piping Technology, United Rentals, McPherson Quick Lube, JAR Performance Automotive, Canton Lockers, State Bank of Canton, Mac Plastics, Wise & Reber, LC, First Bank Kansas, McPherson Concrete Products, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Co., Midway Motors, MTC, The Citizens State Bank, Hometown Outdoor Power, State Farm-Jim LaDuke

What's going on in McPherson County?

Find out in the Community Calendar of Events!

McPherson is a place where you can never say "there's nothing to do." If you follow the Community Calendar of Events that is published weekly in each of the McPherson newspapers, or listen to the McPherson radio station you will hear events going on almost each and every day! The McPherson Chamber of Commerce compiles the Community Events Calendar weekly to keep the residents of McPherson County aware of everything that is going on. We also post the events online at www.mcphersonks.org and www.mcphersonchamber.org so you can access the information when you're out and about 24/7.

The McPherson Chamber would love to help promote your event, but we do have some guidelines as to what we can include in the calendar. Your event must be for a non-profit organization or a benefit/fundraiser to help a community member. When you submit information, please be brief. We use the 4-Ws ... who, what, when, and where. If there is a cost, please include that in your information.

Our deadline for accepting events to be published in Saturday's paper is noon on Thursdays. The information can be emailed to chamber@mcphersonks.org or call the McPherson Chamber office at 620-241.3303. Please include a contact number in case we need to clarify some of the information.

We try our best to include every event we receive, and we get a lot of them. For example, if you were to look at the McPherson Community Calendar for Saturday, April 20th you'd find the following happening: a 5K run to raise money for an Ag Scholarship, an American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast in Canton, a Volunteer Plant a Tree Day, and FOUR Easter egg hunts (2 in McPherson, 1 in Marquette, 1 in Moundridge)! We definitely have a variety of activities! If you are involved with a non-profit organization with an event happening, please let us know. We'd love to add it to the Community Calendar of Events so everyone will know about it. Just email us. It's that easy!

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

Education and Experiences Lead to a Successful Future Workforce

There has been a lot of discussion about how young people entering the workforce lack certain qualities for being a responsible, contributing adult. Maybe they just haven't fine-tuned their work skills yet. I believe everyone should have the experience of working with the public. It is truly a life lesson. My dad who has owned his own business for over 40 years has modeled a work ethic that many of his customers want their children

to learn. I am referring to dedication, respect, reasonability and hard work. Some might call them "soft skills" but they are better termed "necessary skills." These skills also include effective communication, dependability, being prepared, being adaptable and able to problem-solve. All useful and necessary attributes for being successful in the workforce.

What better way to explore career options, learn necessary skills, and find out what McPherson has to offer than job shadowing, internships, apprenticeships and on the job training? We appreciate all the businesses that have invested in our future workforce by provided these opportunities for more than 90 MHS students. Because of you, they are getting important work experience, learning top notch work ethics and developing the necessary skills to be a responsible and successful working adult.

Thank you to these businesses: McPherson Hospital, Stanion Electric, McPherson College Technical Theatre, Lincoln Elementary School-Family Advocate, Dr. Michael Yowell DDS, Fox and Ash Barber, Luke's Barbershop, McPherson Hospital Rehab Center-Physical Therapy, The Cedars, REACH Solutions, McPherson Fire Department, McPherson Quality Air, Heartland Veterinarian Clinic, Milacron, Viega, McPherson Medical and Surgical Family Medicine, Koehn's Body Shop, McPherson Middle School, Bethany Home, Captivate, Eisenhower Elementary, McPherson Vet Clinic, Wise & Reber LC.

Find out what the Seniors at McPherson High School have planned for post-secondary schooling, and future career goals and enjoy their talents during the Senior Showcase. The public is invited to attend the Senior Showcase on Friday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the MHS Roundhouse.

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chamber events

- April**
- 18 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Stanion Wholesale Electric Company, 811 N. Hickory
 - 20 7:00 a.m. Mac County Round-Up 5K. Registration 7:00-7:30 @ American Legion in Canton, KS (132 S. Main St.)
 - 22 8:30 a.m. Leadership Class 2019 @ McPherson City offices, 400 E. Kansas
 - 23 11:30 a.m. Leadership Alumni Lunch & Learn @ Central Christian College, 1200 S. Main
 - 25 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting hosted by MRC at the Wall Park Complex, 500 S. Maxwell, McPherson
 - 25 11:00 a.m. Lakeside Plaza Board Mtg. @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
 - 25 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board Meeting @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
- May**
- 1 12:00 Leadership Board Meeting @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
 - 2 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Nooks & Cranies Floral, 113 N. Main
 - 2 11:30 a.m. Corporate Plan Management Presentation @ McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas Ave.
 - 7 8:30 a.m. Leadership Class 2019 @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
 - 8 7:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee Mtg @ The Well, 101 N. Main
 - 8 7:00 p.m. OMEGA Award Presentations OMEGA honorees will be recognized during the ASD May Fete activities at Lakeside Park
 - 9 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by the All Schools Day Committee @ McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas Ave.
 - 10 All Schools Day- Chamber office closed. See ASD schedule at www.allschoolsday.com
 - 15 4:00 p.m. Women's Event Committee Mtg @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
 - 16 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by Fly Away Farm USA, 1911 Frontier Rd
 - 21 8:30 a.m. Leadership Class 2019 @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
 - 21 11:30 a.m. Leadership Class Celebration
 - 23 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections & Ribbon Cutting @ The OMEGA Project- Women's Center, 201 S. Chestnut
 - 23 11:30 a.m. Chamber Board Meeting @ Chamber Office, 306 N. Main
 - 27 Memorial Day- Chamber Office Closed
 - 30 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections hosted by the McPherson Pipeliners Baseball @ Light Capitol Baseball Diamond, 551 S. Fisher



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
— McPHERSON —

Corporate Plan Management Presentation

As the Chamber continues to follow the status of the Executive Order 13813 we look at other avenues for solutions to support our growing businesses in the community. Recently we learned of a program that could potentially help businesses with 15 or more employees provide affordable health care. The program allows small businesses to pool together to get a collectively lower rate on insurance plan options. If you would like to learn more, Josh Sapp of Corporate Plan Management of Topeka, Kansas will be making a presentation on Thursday, May 2nd at the McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas, McPherson, Kansas at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring along any others that should hear about this healthcare option, but please RSVP. If you plan to attend, please email Joshua Sapp (CPM representative) at joshuasappcc@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 30 to request the official calendar invite to confirm your attendance. Or if you have questions, please give Jennifer Burch a call at the McPherson Chamber 620-241-3303 or email jennifer@mcphersonks.org.

I'm Already Laughing!

Want to join us for the funniest, most memorable, creative and adventurous 18 holes of un-traditional golf? Then get your 4-person team together for the **Chamber Classic "Laughs on the Links" Golf Tournament on Friday, June 7th** at Turkey Creek Golf Course. It will be an afternoon of LOL (Laugh Out Loud) games and some pretty silly challenges that will keep you guessing. The 4-person scramble does require golf clubs, but it can be as challenging as you want or chalked up as a new adventure.

The good time begins at 11:30 with team check in and a Taco Bar Lunch sponsored by REACH Solutions. Tee off at 1:00 p.m. that will lead your 4-person scramble to 18 holes of "Laughs on the Link" with opportunities to win some great prizes too. When your team finishes up the afternoon on the course, continue the chuckles with fellow golfers while you feast on hot and freshly prepared Papa Murphy's Pizza right on the course during the awards presentation of the tournament.

If you enjoy golfing with your co-workers, customers or groups of friends, you will have a blast in the Chamber Classic "Laughs on the Links" Golf Tournament. Team fees are \$350/team and includes golf carts and all that fun stuff mentioned above. Contact the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620-241-3303 or mcphersonchamber.org for more team details or sponsorship opportunities. We can't wait for the chance to laugh with you. Giggles, chortles and cackles are allowed too!



ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

Your Smiling Face Can Make a Difference

United Way of McPherson County announced plans last month to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the children of McPherson County. The Imagination Library is a free book-gifting program for children from birth to their 5th birthday. Since the program's inception in 1995, The Imagination Library has mailed more than 117 million books to children worldwide.

The Imagination Library requires what it calls a "local champion" to handle the day-to-day work of managing the program and raising the funds to pay for the books. United Way of McPherson County has begun a special campaign to raise the money to make the Imagination Library possible in McPherson County. It is anticipated the cam-

From the United Way of McPherson County

aign will run through the month of July, and enrollment for eligible children will begin in August. It takes 8-10 weeks for books to start arriving.

We are so thrilled that our inaugural gift for the campaign comes from Denise O'Connor-Munsey and the Michael Andrew O'Connor United Way Challenge Fund, established at the McPherson County Community Foundation in Mike's memory. Mike O'Connor passed in 1995, and the fund was established as a way to honor and remember Mike's volunteer service with the United Way. He served as United Way Campaign Chair and Board President.

Each child enrolled in the program will receive *The Little Engine That Could* as his or her first book, and then will receive age appropriate books on a monthly basis.

The Little Engine That Could was a special book to Mike O'Connor, said Denise: "Mike was an avid reader. The moment we knew we were

expecting our first child, he talked about instilling the love of reading in his own children. Before our daughter was born, he began buying her books to build her own library. The very first book he bought her was *The Little Engine That Could*. I still have this picture in my mind of him sitting on the floor and reading that book to her over and over and over again."

We are grateful for Mike and Denise's service to United Way through the years and are so thankful for this inaugural gift to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Denise encourages gifts to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. "We're hoping to use this kickoff," she said, "to encourage others to donate to the program."

If you are interested in supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, you may send a check to United Way of McPherson County, P.O. Box 55, or bring it by our office at the Chamber of Commerce at 306 North Main. It costs \$25 to send a year's worth of monthly books to a child.

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