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Chamber in Action- Collaborate and Communicate

How can we help? We want you to know that you are not in this challenging situation alone, the McPherson Chamber is by your side. We exist to serve our business and industry members, schools, individual members, non-profit partners, and to help cultivate a vibrant community.

We continue to work on ways to assist during these rough times, and ways to stimulate a better recovery process too, but we want to hear from you. Feel free to contact the McPherson Chamber at 241-3303 or chamberdirector@mcphersonks.org with concerns or suggestions or to inquire about information on the relief programs that are available.

We also want to help our members share news about new business hours, new online services, delivery options, specials, or how to acquire gift cards to be purchased now and used later. Update us on how your business is adapting so that we can provide relevant and pertinent information through our Chamber e-newsletter, Facebook and website.

Attention small businesses, the McPherson Chamber is collaborating with the McPherson County Community Foundation, United Way of McPherson County, McPherson Main Street and representatives from each community in McPherson County to find ways to assist our community. To better understand the needs of local small businesses, we will be sending out a survey by email, so please take a moment to fill it out.

If you are affiliated with a local non-profit organization and have not already completed the non-profit survey emailed from MCCF, let us know and we can email a link directly to you. The information will help with planning to assist with budget gaps.

Ways to Give and Receive

Donate:

- **MCCF COVID-19 Fund**– The McPherson County Community Foundation has set up a COVID-19 Fund to provide support to organizations that are assisting the most disproportionately impacted individuals and families. It is a resource to complement the work of our local entities and expand our capacity to address all aspects of the COVID-19 crisis as efficiently as possible. The initial focus is to help schools or organizations in providing nutritional food, childcare and access to internet for online learning. As things continue to evolve, the COVID-19 Fund may be used to help in other capacities. Donate at www.mcphersonfoundation.org or send a check to MCCF, P.O. Box 822, McPherson, KS 67460. For more information email becky@mcphersonfoundation.org.

- **McPherson Housing Coalition** asking for grocery gift cards. The McPherson Housing Coalition families need your help! Their biggest need is FOOD. With the shelves being so empty, many of the lower-priced brands their families buy are sold out, so it is costing MORE to feed their families. Several have lost jobs or been laid off due to safety health concerns. If you would like to donate money for food expenses or grocery gift cards, please send to McPherson Housing Coalition, Attn: Jean Ballew, 1826 14th Ave, McPherson, KS 67460.

- **UW Community Response and Recovery Fund** created by the United Way of McPherson County to assist McPherson County residents in dealing with the effects of COVID-19. Contributions will help individuals and families in McPherson County with basic needs. Contributions to the fund may be mailed to United Way of McPherson County, P.O. Box 55, McPherson, 67460. Gifts can also be made at www.unitedwaymcpherson.org, click on donate and select the Community Response and Recovery Fund.

Assistance Programs

- **UW Community Response and Recovery Fund**- For questions about assistance, you can reach United Way of McPherson County at (620) 241-5251 or uwmc@unitedway.org.

- **MCCF COVID -19 Fund**- Email becky@mcphersonfoundation.org for more information about assistance from the COVID -19 Fund.

- **Churches United in Ministry assistance**- To receive assistance with rent, utilities, prescriptions and food expenses, families may call the Churches United in Ministry office at 620.241.8331. Their office hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 until noon and then from 1:00 to 4:30. The Community Foundation and McPherson County Resource Council Fund have awarded a \$10,000 grant to Churches United in Ministries to help during the COVID-19 crisis

- **USD #418 Meal Program**- The McPherson USD 418 has implemented the Nutrition Services Meal Program for families with children ages 1-18 to pick up breakfast and lunch through a walk-up or drive-thru meal service. Food service for ALL McPherson County schools are officially operating. Parents can pick up breakfast and lunch at various locations in the communities. Check your district web page or Facebook for information.

- **If you or someone you know is in need of help during the coronavirus crisis, call 2-1-1, United Way's** information and referral hotline. You can also text 898211 for information and assistance.

Resource Toolkit to Navigate COVID-19

With constant change and COVID-19 information updates, we put together a page of resource links to help you connect with what you may need. We will update the information as we become aware of changes or new resources. Please feel free to reach out to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620-241-3303 or chamberdirector@mcphersonks.org if you need information on additional resources or have questions. We are in this together!

Local COVID-19 Information

McPherson County Health Department -COVID Resources www.mcphersoncountyks.us/866/COVID-19-Resources.

McPherson Area COVID-19 Response Hub www.mcpherson-area-coronavirus-response-mcpks.hub.arcgis.com

Business Assistance Resources

With the information overload and continual modifications to assistance, we found an SBA google doc spreadsheet that is up to date and very helpful in comparing your options. The link is available on www.mcphersonchamber.org in the Resource Tool Kit post.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan and EIDL Advance– SBA now has a streamlined application process with no requirement for tax returns, financial statements, etc. The one application covers the request for the EIDL loan and the EIDL advance. Here is the link for the EIDL application: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/>.

Paycheck Protection Program– Businesses may visit their local bank or any approved SBA 7a lender to access the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This program is not administered by the Office of Disaster Assistance. Here is a link which allows applicants to enter their zip code to find a lender to apply for the PPP program: <https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find>

SBA's Customer Service Center– To check the status of a loan application or advance, please call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Unemployment Information available from the Kansas Department of Labor at www.dol.ks.gov.

Kansas COVID-19 Resource Center for business owners seeking quick access to the information and tools they need to navigate and mitigate the impact of coronavirus in our state. Kansas Together website www.kansastogether.com/business.

Stay Healthy, Stay Positive, Stay Strong

During this challenging time of finding the new norm and adjusting to constant change, it's important to stay connected. Stay connected to friends and family and the resources you need to survive and thrive. Here are phone numbers to few Chamber members to reach out to. More contact information is available on the business directory at www.mcphersonchamber.org

Mental Health Resources: Client Centered Counseling (620)-241-2300; Prairie View (800) 992-6292

Spiritual Health Resources: Awaken Church (620) 654-6131; Countryside Covenant Church (620) 241-4499; First Mennonite Church of McPherson (620) 241-4040; First United Methodist Church (620) 241-3626; Harmony Christian Church (620) 755-8335; Journey Mennonite Church (620) 663-4244; MPNaz- A Church of the Nazarene (620) 241-2675

Health Care Resources: McPherson Center for Health (620) 241-2250; Hutchinson Clinic (620) 504-6530; GraceMed (620) 504-6187; Partners In Family Care (620) 242-0404; Great Plains Family Medicine (620) 504-6002

Fitness Centers: BuySupps Training Facility (620)-755-2661; CT FIT 24 (620) 504-6000; Mac-Town CrossFit (620) 755-1905; McPherson Family YMCA (620) 241-0363

Virtual Egg Hunt Winner

The McPherson Chamber Virtual Egg Hunt was created as a fun and uplifting activity for the community while promoting the on-line presence of our Chamber member businesses and organizations and adhering to the stay-at-home guidelines. Everyone from 2-102 was encouraged to participate in the unique egg hunt alternative, learn new things about our local businesses and organizations, and be entered in a drawing valued at \$100. While searching for the virtual eggs, (in very ingenious places) participants were encouraged to spend a little time reading the "about" on the websites, browse through the online store, check out the picture albums on Facebook, and maybe even give a shout-out on social media. It's one more way to support local.

Entries included 6 screenshots of the Virtual Egg with some identifying content of where it was found. Many entered more than once, as there were 24 places to search. And the winner is Kayla Sides. Congratulations! Kayla won the special gift basket valued at \$100 containing items & gift cards from local businesses.

We appreciate these Chamber members for their enthusiastic participation in the Virtual Egg Hunt: United Way of McPherson County, Twice Told Tales, MPNaz- A Church of the Nazarene, Steps To End Poverty of McPherson County, Three Rings Brewery, McPherson Buzz, Express Employment Professionals, Craft Coffee Parlor, Atelier Design & Print, CK Pharmacy – McPherson, Emprise Bank, Multi Community Diversified Services, Sunflower Mercantile, Steve Bahr Agency – American Family Insurance, Mid Kansas Dental, Hassman Termite & Pest Control, Advanced Physical Therapy, Northgate Manor – McPherson, Scooter's Coffee – McPherson, Journey Mennonite Church – McPherson, Mt. Hope Sanctuary, Amy Ayers – Farm Bureau Financial Services, McPherson Family YMCA, and Rise Private Wealth Management.

The McPherson Chamber is committed to helping our community succeed and we hope you had FUN with this unique way of supporting local.



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Shop Local Restaurant Guide

We hope this list will help our community be informed on what options are available and phone numbers to help you connect with our local restaurants. Restaurant menu links are available at www.mcphersonchamber.org (Information updated 4/13/2020) We will revise the restaurant information on the website as we become aware of changes. ***Thank you for continuing to support our local restaurants! We are all in this together.***

Curbside/ To-Go Orders Available:

Please call in your order before picking up at these McPherson restaurants.

5 Loaves Country Kitchen– 900 W. Kansas Ave., 620-504-9979 Lunch & Supper
Applebee's Grill & Bar- 2280 E. Kansas, 620-245-0222; Delivery also available
Courtyard on Main- 203 S. Main, Call-in your order for pick up the following day 620-504-6172
Craft Coffee Parlor – 120 N. Main, 620-755-5212; Online also available
Imperial Garden Express- 1362 N. Main, 620-241-3688
JD's Kwik Burger- 629 W. Kansas, 620-241-4545
Krispy Krunchy Chicken- 1201 E. First Street, 620-504-5301
Main Street Deli- 108 S. Main, 620-241-1888
Neighbors Café – 204 S. Main St., 620-241-7900 Delivery also available
Noffy's Sandwich Shop & Pub- 210 N. Main, 620-242-1209
Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza- 1352 N. Main, 620-242-1699
Ristorante Italiano di Famiglia – 204 N. Main St., 620-242-1013 Deliver available for supper
Tacos Los Portales- 1100 W. Kansas Ave, 620-480-1149
The Well- 101 N. Main, 620-241-1840 ~homemade prepped meal. Delivery also available
Tres Amigos Mexican Restaurant- 121 W. Marlin, 620-245-0505

If you are unable to pick up your order and the restaurant does not offer delivery, contact the new delivery service in McPherson called Stay. Stay is available 10 am.-10 pm. Monday-Sunday by calling 620-755-0908.

Drive Thru Service Open:

Arby's – 2200 E. Kansas Ave. 620-241-8836
Braum's Ice Cream & Burger Restaurant- 2106 E. Kansas Ave., 620-241-0610
Burger King- 2201 E. Kansas Ave. 620-480-2619
Domino's– 719 N. Main, 620-504-6050 Delivery also available
DQ Grill & Chill – 1435 N. Main, 620- 241-0933
Dough Co. Donuts– 319 S Main Street, 620-242-1221 Delivery also available
Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers– 202 Champlin, 620-241-5110
Hardees- 2400 E. Kansas, 620-241-4099
Heartbeat Coffee- 1211 S. Main, 620-504-2179
JD's Kwik Burger– 629 W. Kansas, 620-241-4545
KFC/Long John Silvers- 2118 East Kansas Ave 620-241-1762
McDonald's of McPherson – 2101 E. Kansas, 620-241-0522
Pizza Hut– 2215 E. Kansas Ave. 620-241-5588
Pizza Hut Delivery – 700 N. Main Street, 620-241-7200
Scooter's Coffee– 611 N. Main, 620-718-2095
Sonic Drive-In – 910 E. Kansas Ave., 620-241-1660
Subway – 616 N. Main, 620-241-4145 / 2104 E. Kansas Ave., 620-241-2867
Taco Bell- 2115 E. Kansas Ave. 620-241-0820
Wendy's – 610 N. Main St., 620-241-0070 Delivery also available
Woodies Smokehouse BBQ– 2100 E. Kansas Ave., 620-245-5820

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Temporarily Closed:

American Legion Lounge- 401 N. Main, 620-241-0343
China Star Restaurant- 224 N. Main, 620-241-6668
Daylight Donuts-122 N. Main Street, 620-504-6013
Easy – 307 N. Main, 620-718-5100
Golden Dragon Chines Restaurant- 2226 E. Kansas Ave. 620-241-5712
Hanks Place- 217 N. Ash, 620-241-1090
Kansas Bar & Grill– 2211 E. Kansas Ave. 620-241-1422
Knackies Meats & Sweets– 111 S. Maple in McPherson, 620-504-6030
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant– 2090 E. Kansas Ave. 620-245-0033
McPherson Country Club Dining Room- 1396 Pioneer Rd. 620-241-3541
The Cedars Cafe- (currently closed to the public) 1021 Cedars Drive, 620-241-0919 ext. 300
The Fieldhouse Sports Grill & Taps – 2218 E. Kansas Ave., 620-504-6600
Turkey Creek Clubhouse– 1000 Fox Run, 620-241-8530

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to the McPherson Fire Department, 312 E. Kansas Winner of the DQ Cake. Thank you, Roger and Karen Horn, owners of DQ Grill & Chill, 1435 N. Main, McPherson for providing the monthly DQ ice cream treat.



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Easter Bunny Drive-By a Sight to See

I have always been McPherson Proud but continue to be wowed by the exuberant community support and incredibly generous actions. Positive actions both large and small are raising community moral and building hope. This year's circumstances of social distancing may have cancelled long standing and much-loved traditions, but it also created an opportunity to celebrate the Easter season in a unique way.

When the idea of an Easter Bunny Drive-By was suggested, Fire Chief TJ Wyssman was all for it. He rallied his crew and took action. From the initial Facebook post about a “surprise” and throughout the day of the drive-by, the anticipation built. On Saturday afternoon, every neighborhood in McPherson had excited faces peering down the street and listening for the first hint of the fire trucks.

What was projected to take approximately 4 hours, turned into a 6+ hour parade, but WOW was it worth the wait! True dedication by the McPherson Fire Department and McPherson Police Department to ensure that everyone on every street witnessed this special treat. They certainly went all out in their efforts to create uplifting memories and reminded us all how fortunate we are to live in the McPherson community.

Thank you to Fire Chief T.J. Wyssman for your leadership and enthusiasm and to the tireless crew of the McPherson Fire Department and McPherson Police Department for bringing joy to so many. You are much appreciated. The Easter Bunny also gets a standing ovation for the many “heated” hours bundled in that furry suit on a beautiful sunny day. Thanks to Janet Rader, the Easter Bunny was properly attired, and special recognition goes to Atelier Design and Print for the fantastic Happy Easter banners and sign of HOPE!



ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

HEROES AMONG US

hero (hirō) – a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

There is a lot of talk about heroes these days amid the world's battle with COVID-19. Clearly, those on the front lines are doctors & nurses and other medical personnel fighting the coronavirus. There are heartbreaking stories of rationing personnel and supplies, even confronted with who lives and dies based on available equipment.

With New York City being the epicenter for the virus, deaths from COVID-19 in New York State are more than 3 times than the death toll from 9/11. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center “was supposed to be the tragedy of my lifetime.”

This pandemic feels like watching an apocalyptic movie, but sadly, it's real life.

Veterans and active duty military are highly regarded as heroes due to the sacrifices they have made to fight for our freedom. And during this crisis, National Guard units have been activated across the U.S. to deliver food and supplies and support local emergency management agencies.

Appreciations for our first responders are ongoing. We don't survive this life without support from law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics and 9-1-1 dispatchers. In Durham, England, where my son and daughter-in-law live, residents are encouraged to “Clap for Our Carers,” stepping outside their residences at 8 p.m. each Thursday night to recognize those in service during this challenging time. Around the U.S., we've seen many salutes by first responders to health care workers with parades and the like.

From the United Way of McPherson County

KBBE radio's Mark Ekeland, on his popular “Nearly Impossible Question” morning feature, asked what was the #1 dream job of young school children, according to a recent survey. As a kid, Mark said he wanted to be a garbage collector and also aspired to be a carpenter. The #1 answer of the kids? Teacher. Teachers often make the most respected professionals list, and right now have the difficult job of pivoting their instruction from the classroom to the Internet.

Speaking of solid waste collectors, a friend of mine recently wrote “thank you” on the top of his polycart to let them know they are also appreciated.

One of the most surprising additions to the heroes list is grocery store workers. Who would have thought this could turn into a very risky job just showing up? As I thanked a store checker one day for being there, she said she had heard a lot more of those thank yous from customers than ever before. You probably wouldn't think of the supermarket check-out lane to be on the front lines of fighting the virus, but they are still there, now often with masks and plexiglass protectors. And we can't forget the food service workers who are manning the drive-up lane at local eateries.

As the list of heroes grows in today's society, I'd like to add social workers, many of whom work for United Way funded agencies. They are there day in and day out for people in need.

United Way of McPherson County has created the Community Response and Recovery Fund to help local people facing economic challenges during our battle with the coronavirus. You can make a contribution online at www.unitedwaymcpherson.org.

Local government, home caregivers, postal workers, manufacturers, and yes, our parents. The list goes on and on. There are heroes among us. Whatever your definition of hero is, please thank them today.

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