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Congratulations & Welcome New Members

Precision Hearing Solutions
926 N. Main Street, McPherson
Phone: 620-718-5001
Website: www.precisionhearingsolutions.com
Contact: Nisha Whaley

Precision Hearing Solutions is a locally owned provider of hearing health care needs. With nine locations spread throughout Kansas and Nebraska, McPherson is the newest location to open. Nisha Whaley, Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist, will be managing this office and has been providing help to those with hearing loss for nearly a decade. Most of that time has been with the community of McPherson.

The mission of **Precision Hearing Solutions** is to provide the utmost care to patients' hearing healthcare needs. Nisha will be working hard to achieve that goal by working flexible hours to provide care when the patients need it. Appointments can be made both for in-office and in-home settings, whichever is most convenient to the patient. She will provide FREE hearing evaluations and hearing aid demonstrations of the latest technology available in hearing instruments. Nisha is also available to do onsite screenings for clubs, groups, or organizations in the community and surrounding areas.

Garber Surveying Service, P.A.
206 S. Main Street, McPherson, 67460
Phone: 620-241-4441
Website: www.garbersurveying.com
Contact: Nicholas Schmidt

Garber Surveying Service, P.A. provides engineering, boundary, flood, and construction surveys utilizing the latest surveying equipment including GPS, robotic total stations, aerial drones, and AutoCAD software. Since 1978 **Garber Surveying Service** has been on the leading edge of the surveying industry providing outstanding service to its clients. With a staff of nearly 30 consisting of 3 Kansas Registered Land Surveyors, 3 Certified Floodplain Managers, 9 survey crews, project managers, drafting personnel and clerical workers, **Garber Surveying Service** has the qualified personnel needed to complete any survey project.

Garber Surveying Service has been serving McPherson and the surrounding communities with their office at 115 E. Marlin for over 9 years. They have now moved to a new location at 206 S. Main Street and look forward to continuing to provide their same great service to the City of McPherson and McPherson County.

Evergreen Storage
1805 N. Main, McPherson, 67460
Phone: 620-241-5675
Website: www.evergreenstoragemcpherson.com
Contact: Ted Odle

Evergreen Storage, located at 1805 N. Main Street in McPherson, was purchased in 2006 by the current ownership group of Ted and Jean Odle and Steve Mulch. The business was started by Richard and Sharon Rishel in 1996. In 2006, Rishel's decided to retire to Table Rock Lake which created the opportunity for the Odle-Mulch partnership to purchase the business and continue the growth and expansion on the 10-acre site. During the next 10 years they added six additional mini storage buildings, which was in addition to the six mini storage buildings and five RV buildings in existence at the time of the 2006 purchase.

During 2020, **Evergreen Storage** started a new expansion project by purchasing a 4-acre tract adjacent to the southwest of the existing **Evergreen Storage property**. This year they have built a new 48' x 324' RV storage structure and a new 30-unit mini storage building with unit sizes available of 10' x 10', 10' x 15', and 10' x 20'. The 4-acre tract will accommodate additional structures to be built to meet the storage needs of McPherson area residents. **Evergreen Storage** contracted during 2020 with fellow Chamber of Commerce member, HCI Communications of Galva, for a major upgrade to the security camera system. In addition to the RV, boat and mini storage, **Evergreen Storage** now offers climate-controlled storage with 11' x 12' safe and secure climate-controlled spaces available.

The business is staffed by Karen Graham, Site Manager along with Assistant Site Managers Janet Smith, Judy Friesen, and Carol Cheesman. The owners, Ted and Jean Odle along with Steve Mulch, also work daily in the business. Office hours are 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. each weekday and Saturdays by appointment by calling the **Evergreen Storage** office number 620-241-5675 or by emailing evergreen@ks-usa.net

Sounds Like an Opportunity

I have to admit, I'm not one for watching movies when there is always something that needs to be done at home. When I take a break, I am more likely to pick up a book, but occasionally I indulge in a good movie. The "classics" to me, are the ones that I could watch over and over and still laugh, and then there are the movies where the story line sticks with me long after the movie is over. One of those rare ones is Evan Almighty. My favorite kind of movie, meaningful and funny.

So many terrific quotes can be found in that movie from 2007 about building an Ark. Quotes that are timeless in their message. As Morgan Freeman is explaining the story about building an ark and says, "I believe it is a love story about people believing in each other." I relate that to unity, coming together to lift each other up, coming together to endure struggles, and coming together to celebrate all of the goodness and kindness in our community and in our world.

Morgan Freeman goes on to say, "If someone prays for patience, you think God gives them patience? Or does he give them the opportunity to be patient? If he prayed for courage, does God give him courage, or does he give him opportunities to be courageous? If someone prayed for the family to be closer, do you think God zaps them with warm fuzzy feelings, or does he give them opportunities to love each other?"

This definitely sounds like an opportunity! In our crazy, frustrating, and sometimes uncertain pandemic way of life, we have also found ways to make a difference. Stories have been told about heroes who have courageously stepped in to keep someone safe or made someone feel welcome. Stories about those who have used new technology or creative ways to add joy to bleak situations. The community leaders need to be praised for making heartfelt yet tough decisions and working tirelessly to make things better for our community. Our heroes are also the teachers and staff that are learning to modify teaching styles and continuing to be a ray of sunshine, a ray of hope, for our children who need positivity in their life.

Life is about opportunities. It is up to us to use them for positive change, to encourage others, to make a difference a little at a time. "How do we change the world? One act of random kindness at a time."



Debbie Hawkinson,
Executive Director,
McPherson Chamber
of Commerce

Last Chance to "Par-Tee On" at the Chamber Classic Golf Tournament

Clear your calendar for the afternoon of Friday, September 25th, and This is your opportunity for an afternoon of exciting golf even if you really aren't the Ace player. The Chamber Classic golf tournament is about enjoying time with co-workers, friends, clients, and suppliers, in a unique golfing experience. The 4-person scramble is for all ages and all skill levels. We coordinate fun "Par-Tee" games along the course with our terrific sponsors to keep you guessing as to what's next. Sign up your team today. Team fees include lunch sponsored by Reach Solutions, 18 holes of unforgettable, unconventional golf, a golfer "Par-Tee" favor, celebration swag from sponsors and prizes too. An afternoon of fun for only \$350 per team, with pizza from Papa Murphy's during the award festivities. Contact the McPherson Chamber at 620-241-3303 or chamber@mcphersonks.org and Let's Par-Tee on September 25th at the Chamber Classic Golf Tournament.

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chamber events

**To view the Community Calendar for McPherson County, visit www.mcphersonchamber.org*

September

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| 24 | 11:30 Chamber Board Mtg. @ Chamber office | 2 | Celebrating National Manufacturing Day |
| 25 | 11:15 Chamber Classic "Par-Tee On" Golf Tournament @ Turkey Creek Golf Course | 7 | 12:00 Leadership Advisory Committee Mtg @ Chamber office |
| 30 | 9:00 Leadership McPherson Class @ First United Methodist Church | 14 | 7:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee Mtg @ TBD
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October

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| 1 | 9:30 Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Connection @ Awaken Church | 22 | 11:30 Chamber Board Mtg. @ Chamber office |
| | | 23 | Recruitment Drive & Virtual Career Fair |

Look Who Renewed!

The McPherson Chamber is much more than an organization of businesses, industries, non-profits, and individuals, it is the heart of the community. The Chamber is the foundation on which to build a strong workforce, develop future leaders, expand the economic base, and impact our community.

Thank you for your investment in the McPherson Chamber

Community Thanksgiving, McPherson Realty Exchange, Marck Cobb, Lock & Load, Mattress Haven, McPherson County Maker Space, Creative Hairlines, Nooks & Crannies, Judy Casey, Venable Jewelers, Advanced Physical Therapy, Jim Leach, Grain Craft, Express Employment, Dan Hervey, Stupka Chiropractic, American Family Insurance-Steve Bahr, Allan Sents, L&L Advisors, Twice Told Tales, Compass Realty, Terra Nova Luxury Apartments, YP Mac, Waddell & Reed, Jar Performance Automotive, McPherson Quality Air, Imperial Garden Express, Kleinsorge Construction, Legacy Lawn, Alliance Agency, CertainTeed Siding Products, JP Construction, Premier Casting & Machine Service, Jay Warner, McPherson Stamp & Engraving, Prairie Hills Financial Group, Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, State Farm Insurance- Jim LaDuke, Hassman Termite & Pest Control, Walters Optometry, The Trust Company of Kansas, Jantz Lumber & Hardware, Team Employment, Treasure Chest Gun Shop & Indoor Range, Charles Williams, Wise & Reber L.C., Jerry Meng, Harmony Christian Church, LSI Staffing, Johnson Electric Contracting, KNGI AM 1540/KBBE FM 96.7, Richard Wilborn, Elysium Studios, Hugo Dahlstrom CPA, McPherson Accounting, Precision Industries, Cornerstone Premier Real Estate, Prairie Land Realtors, Mid Kansas Dental, McPherson County Council on Aging, Stanion Wholesale Electric, McPherson Travel Center, McDonalds of McPherson, ReUse It Center, Ellen McKean & Associates, Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Mike Rausch, Dr. Michael Yowell DDS, Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, Boy Scouts of America, Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home, Integrity Salon & Spa, H&R Block-McPherson, State Farm Insurance- Galen Shields, Wink Hartman, Prairie Independent Living, Great Plains Federal Credit Union, Roberts Hutch-Line, Home Communication Inc., Mid Kansas Machine, Zeitlow Distributing Company, Eagle Communication, First Bank Kansas, Bradbury Co., Flory Roofing & Construction, Dacus Auto Body & Collision Repair, Kairos Wholesale, McPherson Express Laundry Center, Whitehill Insurance Services, Hutton, People Bank & Trust, PBT Investment Solutions, Joe Mines CPA, Specialty Technology, Catalyst Safety, McPherson County Small Business Development Association, Community Foot Clinic, Edward Jones- Seibel, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance, McPherson County Community Foundation, StepMC, GraceMed Health Clinic, JD's Kwik Burger, Stockham Family Funeral Home, Partners in Family Care, Callabresi Heating & Cooling, Paragon Precision Metal, Dennis Friesen, Culver's Wine & Spirits, Journey Mennonite Church, Northgate, Manor, Central States Marketing & Manufacturing, Heartbeat Coffee, K-State Research & Extension, Kansas Secured Title, Hess Oil Company, Wince Family Dental Association, Welco Services, City of McPherson, Hometown Outdoor Power, Artshirt Gear for Sport, Ted A. Morris CPA, CK Pharmacy-McPherson, Baldwin Creative Service/The Country Register, Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Farmers State Bank, Esther V. Rettig MD PA, Mustang Community, Bob Robertson, Ken D. Cotton DDS, The Village Geek, Elliott Insurance & Real Estate, Bluestem Pace, Tres Amigos, Touching Hearts at Home, Wetlands Irrigation & Turf, Kansas Municipal Utilities, Gary Hess, Awaken Church, ECCO, BS Crystal Properties, McPherson Family YMCA, McPherson Senior Center, The OMEGA Project, Legacy Eyecare, Hutchinson Clinic-McPherson, Home State Bank, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhouses, Michael T. Mills-Chartered, Tim Cheatham Construction, McPherson Country Club, Hall's Culligan Water, Pine Village, Mid Kansas Coop, Walmart Supercenter- McPherson, Autoking, Turbocharger Solutions International, Gateway Mortgage Group, Elyria Christian School, Health-E-Quip, Excalibur Productions Co., Redigas, Client Centered Counseling, Save 'N' Share, Sunflower Bank, Les Mason-Kansas House District 73, Simply Good Overstocks, 24/7 Travel Stores-McPherson, Four Seasons Realtors, First Mennonite Church of McPherson, Security 1st Title, RC Heating & Cooling, CHS McPherson Refinery, Stutzmans Greenhouse, Lacy Land & Cattle, Mt. Hope Sanctuary, The Finish, Plan 4 Architecture Design, Dave Chartier, Turkey Creek Golf Course, Rinse and Roll Car Wash, Emprise Bank, McPherson County Old Mill Museum, Mid-Kansas Cylinder Head, Countryside Covenant Church, Donna's Pool & Patio, Three Rings Brewery, Integrated Health & Wellness Center, Plastics Extrusion Machinery. *(We appreciate these annual renewals as of 9/11/2020)*

Families & Faces Behind the Chamber Businesses

The more we get to know our Chamber members, the more they become friends and seem like family. When you know the people who own or manage the local businesses, the more you realize how connected we all are. Many have come from all corners of the world and have incredible stories to tell, while others have grown up in the area and stay or move back because they realize what a special community McPherson is. Our hope is that as you enjoy "getting to know" your business neighbors through their stories, you will appreciate their commitment, passion, and enthusiasm, and understand the value of shopping local. Not only is your investment staying local, it is making a huge impact on the families who own or operate businesses and is instrumental in building our incredible community!

Chamber Members, if you would like to share your family story, please submit 2-3 paragraphs, your name, chamber member business name, logo and family photo(s) to chamber@mcphersonks.org – Photos could be families of 1-15+ and/or include fur-babies! We look forward to seeing the faces and families that make up our chamber and our community.



ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

NOT JUST ANOTHER UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The United Way of McPherson County Campaign has kicked off for 2020. But this is no ordinary campaign. Against the backdrop of COVID-19, it is more important than ever to support United Way this year. Special events help fund a lot of nonprofit operations and those had to be cancelled for the most part. Yes, even the United Way Triathlon has to wait until next year. So our 17 United Way funded partner programs will need us more than ever. Businesses and their workers come together to provide the core of assistance through United Way. We also receive significant contributions from retirees. So around one thousand people give to the United Way campaign in McPherson County each year. Our thanks to Chad Hitt and Marc Robertson, who are serving as the volunteer co-chairs for the United Way campaign this year. Chad is the current Chair of the United Way Board of Directors and Marc is the Past-President. They are joined on the Campaign Committee by board members Tami Gossett and Ronda Sjogren. We'd like to recognize five of our company supporters from last year's campaign with the following awards: The Legacy Award – CHS Inc. and

From the United Way of McPherson County

its employees contributed \$99,136.40 during the 2019 Campaign. Their commitment to United Way through the years has been outstanding, so they are the first recipient of United Way's Legacy Award. They also had a special fundraiser for United Way's Community Response and Recovery Fund, to help people deal with the economic impact of COVID-19. Mega-Match Award – Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance matches each dollar pledged by its employees. Employee giving was up 34% last year. They are the recipient of the United Way Mega-Match Award. Rising Impact Award – Kansas Gas Service employees had a significant increase in their giving last year, and KGS matched employee pledges. To Kansas Gas Service, we present the Rising Impact Award. Small But Mighty Award – Peoples Bank may not be among our county's largest employers, but they have big hearts. The staff always gets behind the United Way campaign, and we thank them with the Small But Mighty Award. Inspired Giving Award – Also making a generous contribution to United Way's Community Response and Recovery Fund is the Williams Companies. And they are the recipient of the Inspired Giving Award. Thanks to all of you who have supported the United Way Campaign in McPherson County. You can make ongoing or one-time gifts by clicking on the "Donate" button on our website at www.unitedwaymcpherson.org, or mailing a check to United Way of McPherson County, P.O. Box 55, McPherson, KS 67460. United We Fight. United We Win. Join us.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to the City of McPherson, 400 E. Kansas, winner of the DQ cake. Thank you, Roger and Karen Horn, Owners of DZ Grill and Chill, 1435 N. Main, McPherson for providing the monthly DQ ice cream treat.

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