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Congratulations and Welcome New Members

Farley's Bar and Grill
101 N. Main, Lindsborg
Contact: Derrald & Roxanne Banz
Phone (620) 960-9682
Facebook: Farley's Bar and Grill

You heard right, Derrald and Roxanne Banz are the new owners of **Farley's Bar and Grill** in Lindsborg! Although the restaurant was closed for a year, the Banz's are excited to re-open it in early May. Derrald and Roxanne will keep the **Farley's Bar and Grill** name, as well as the décor and many of the popular menu items, while adding some of their own personality. Breakfast will be an addition and **Farley's Bar and Grill** will open at 6:00 a.m. Monday thru Saturday, and brunch will be served on Sunday. Follow **Farley's Bar and Grill** on Facebook to find out about their official opening day, and their mouth-watering specials.

The Hanging Leaf
106 S. Main St., McPherson
Contact: Mike Ballinger
Phone (316) 804-0818
Facebook: The Hanging Leaf

The Hanging Leaf was founded in 2021 in McPherson Kansas in order to provide affordable alternative pain relief. They sell Alternative pain relief such as CBD, kratom, and accessories. **The Hanging Leaf** is a family-owned business and takes pride in their customer relationships. They take pride in being able to know their services, and help their clients physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The Hanging Leaf is open for business Monday-Friday 10 am to 7 pm, Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday-closed.

United Rentals
1101 W. Woodside St., McPherson
Contact: Brody Schlegel, Brandon Blochlinger
Phone (620)-245-0550
Website: unitedrentals.com

United Rentals, Inc. is the largest equipment rental company in the world. The company has an integrated network of 1,186 rental locations in North America and 11 in Europe. In North America, the company operates in 49 states and every Canadian province. The company's approximately 18,500 employees serve construction and industrial customers, utilities, municipalities, homeowners and others. **United Rentals, Inc.** offers approximately 3,800 classes of equipment for rent with a total original cost of \$14.18 billion. We provide every customer with access to the best people, equipment and solutions in the industry. Our diverse customer base includes construction and industrial companies, utilities, municipalities, government agencies, independent contractors and weekend warrior DIY homeowners. We provide rental equipment, as well as sell new and used equipment. We also provide customer owned repair services on your owned equipment no matter the make or model or where it was purchased.

Get to Know Your Chamber Board



Eric Wicker
Sr. Director of Manufacturing,
Viega LLC
Chamber Board Term: 2019-2022

First job? "Working on a ranch in Southeast Kansas"

Favorite pet of all time? "My dog now, Ruger!"

Other than work, what would you rather be doing on a summer day? "In the outdoors doing pretty much anything. hunting, fly-fishing, camping..."

What three words would you use to describe the McPherson Chamber? "Resourceful, Maximizes Opportunities & Innovative"

"I was born and raised in Chanute, KS. After attending college, I moved to Tennessee for 8 years. During this time I also lived and worked in Guadalajara, Mexico for one year. Aside from traveling all over the world, I have spent most of my time in the McPherson community for the last 13 years and it has been a great experience."

The value of investing in the McPherson Chamber? "Connection and support within the business community."

Get to Know Your Chamber Board [cont.]



Amy Beckman
Executive Director,
Career & Experiential Learning,
McPherson College
Chamber Board Term: 2018-2021

"I grew up in Canton and graduated Canton-Galva High School with a class of 32, then went to Kansas State University where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Family Studies. After graduation, I moved to Washington state where I worked full-time as a counselor and case manager while pursuing my Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from City University of Seattle. After my master's degree, we moved back to Kansas to be closer to family and thus began my career in HR, with a majority of those years at the NCRA/CHS Refinery. After 15 years in HR, I decided to try something a little different and am now enjoying preparing McPherson College students for the workforce. Strikingly similar to HR, it connects to many colleagues, community partners and professions all around the country to provide connection and opportunity for MC students. My passion and interest has always been to serve others and make meaningful, purposeful connections with people. This has inspired years of work and volunteer service in Human Resources, workforce development, and counseling support services. All of this wouldn't be possible without the love and support of my husband, Jason, and my 2 boys, Riley and Brayden, whom I enjoy sharing all kinds of life's adventures with."

The value of investing in the McPherson Chamber? "I love the connections with community that I am able to experience being a leader in the McPherson Chamber. Whether it is making something happen for our business members or community, or learning something new about our community, the Chamber serves as a central hub for connecting to the greater good in the community."

First job? "My very first job was taking orders and serving patrons at the Canton Dari-Bar. My first job after college was as a Case Manager for the Washington State Employment Security Department, helping single parents with support services and preparing them with skills to become employed and better able to take care of their families."

Favorite pet of all time? "Dog. In particular, an Australian Shepherd."

Other than work, what would you rather be doing on a summer day? "Being on an adventure with family."

What three words would you use to describe the McPherson Chamber? "Dedicated. Purposeful. Connected."



Jeffery Reitz
JAR Performance Automotive – Owner
Chamber Board Term: 2019-2022

ensure all business, large and small, thrive in our community!"

First job? "The Finishing Touch in Wellington, KS stocking and repairing wrought iron decorative pieces."

Favorite pet of all time? "I used to have a runt Rottweiler that was the sweetest dog I've ever owned."

Other than work, what would you rather be doing on a summer day? "I'm a car guy so I live and breathe automotive. I enjoy customer fabrication and working on my own personal builds in my free time."

What three words would you use to describe the McPherson Chamber? "Friendly, Communicative, & Supportive"



Kendra Oakes
Peoples Bank and Trust,
VP Trust Department Manager
Chamber Board Term: 2019-2022
McPherson Chamber Board President

I joined Peoples Bank & Trust as a trust officer, and I'm currently the Trust Department Manager and working on my CTFA. I am actively serving as the President of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce."

The value of investing in the McPherson Chamber? "The McPherson Chamber of Commerce has been able to engage business of all sizes, and create connections between the community members that focuses on business development while recognizing community needs."

First job? "Tandy's Hallmark Assistant Manager in Dodge City, KS. I remember each Christmas we would decorate probably thirty Christmas trees or more, it was like working in Santa's workshop. I Loved it!"

Favorite pet of all time? "Maggie is my German short-hair/jack-russell mix and she already knows she's my pretty girl and can do no wrong in our eyes. I also have a miniature dachshund, Yoda, which would be heart-broken if he knew how small he really is. They are both my fur babies."

Other than work, what would you rather be doing on a summer day?

"During the summer, fishing with my husband and daughter at the lake, and during the winter, working on an oil painting of the lake."

What three words would you use to describe the McPherson Chamber? "Community, Support, & Growth"



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- * Jeff Reitz, JAR Performance Automotive * Dr. Patrick Romm, Integrated Health and Wellness * Eric Wicker, Viega

“This is How We Roll” Chamber Classic

Let's Roll into a fantastic afternoon of untraditional golf. This is How We Roll" Chamber Classic Golf Tournament kicks off with lunch by Reach Solutions from 11:30-12:15 while teams check in. Then Roll on out to the course for 18 holes of unforgettable golf starting at 12:30. Try out your luck with the unconventional games at each hole and chance for THE BIG PAY OFF- to Roll home with a 2021 GMC Arcadia (hole-in-one contest sponsored by Midway Motors). "This is How We Roll" team fees also include golf carts, gift, sponsor swag, and Papa Murphy's Pizza during the awards ceremony. It's a 4-person scramble, so sign up your friends and work associates and enjoy an easy-going afternoon at the 2021 Chamber Classic Golf Tournament. Registration forms are available at www.mcphersonchamber.org or at the McPherson Chamber office, 306 N. Main, McPherson.

Tee up for success by going All-In with team registration(s) and sponsorship. Is that considered "Doubling Up or Doubling Down?" The tournament presents a unique opportunity to interact on the course, increase your exposure in the community, and build business relationships. You don't have to be a High Roller to participate (but we hope you do!) Secure your spot to promote your business today!

Chamber Classic “This is How We Roll” Sponsor Opportunities:

- \$500 High Roller Golf Cart Sponsor: (Only 4 available)**
- ✓ Signage displayed during the tournament on all golf carts.
 - ✓ Share your promotional announcement during awards celebration.
 - ✓ Recognition on Chamber website, tournament program, and social media.
 - ✓ *Bonus: Add a team or several teams for a special price of \$300/team

- \$250 Triple 777 Hole Sponsor: (Only 18 available)**
- ✓ Bring your company pop-up tent, challenge golfers with a unique zany game and hand out bonus swag from your business or provide an overall prize for a progressive game.
 - ✓ Exclusive signage at your designated tee box.
 - ✓ Business shout-out during awards celebration.
 - ✓ Recognition on Chamber website, tournament program, and social media.
 - ✓ *Bonus: Add a team or several teams for a special price of \$300/team.

- \$150 Poker Run Sponsor:**
- ✓ Signage on the golf course
 - ✓ Recognition on Chamber website, tournament program, and social media.

- Ace High Prize Sponsor: Donation of golf balls, flight prizes (increments of 4) or in-kind donations**
- ✓ Recognition on Chamber website, tournament program, and social media.

Contact the McPherson Chamber of Commerce at 620-241-3303 or fill in the sponsor form at www.mcphersonchamber.org and promote your business in a fun way. It's a win-win!

Bet You Know Several Local AFA Scholarship Recipients

Maybe you recognize a few of these agriculture leaders who have received the McPherson Chamber of Commerce AFA Scholarship in past years: Sarah Lind, Sean Tolle, Erin Albright, Rebecca Corn, Jared Miller, Brandon M. Hulse, Jessica Smith, Andrew Erickson, Glen M. Toews, Nichole M. Gouldie, Amy M. Sents, Cody M. Bornholdt, Laura B. Wiens, Derek Ediger, Katrina R. Hogg, Kaci A. Rempe, Jamie Bergstrom, Ethan G. Fowler, Blake Brown, Jacob L. Dailey, Danielle L. Gieselman, Makaela A. Hedberg, Michael McKinney, Chase K. Sneath, Thomas J. Smith, Andrea Vandever-Moore, Alyssa A. Leslie, Taylor M. Dieball, Emily Smith, and Rachel Harman.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee is dedicated to helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders in agriculture. Since 2001, we have partnered with Agriculture Future of America to award scholarships. The Ag committee raises funds through various events and established a local AFA Scholarship endowment at the MCCC.

With your help, we can continue to invest in the education of local students pursuing an agriculture field of study. An anonymous donor has offered a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$5,000 for gifts received to the AFA Scholarship Fund by April 30. Contributions can be made online at www.mcphersonfoundation.org or at the McPherson County Community Foundation, 1233 N. Main, P.O. Box 822, McPherson KS 67460 (please indicate the AFA Scholarship). Your contribution will help grow future Ag leaders.

Women’s’ Chamber Trip is going to Asheville, NC

Come ENJOY Asheville, NC with us – August 26-30, 2021. A city in western North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains, Asheville is known for a vibrant art scene, historic landmarks, and breathtaking natural beauty. Come explore this metropolitan mountain city with the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Women's Trip! Non-refundable trip deposit of \$300 is required to sign-up and final payment is due June 10th. Space is limited so contact the McPherson Chamber today at 620-241-3303 or chamberdirector@mcphersonks.org or McPherson Travel Center at 620-241-5830.

- Trip package includes:**
- Round-trip airport transfers (McPherson/Kansas City Airport) by deluxe motor coach
 - Round-trip airfare from Kansas City to Charlotte, NC
 - Round-trip airport transfers to/from Asheville
 - Hotel accommodations for 4 nights at the Kimpton Hotel Arras
 - Thursday evening private group dinner
 - City Sightseeing Tour with LaZoom
 - Food Tour with Eating Asheville Tours
 - Transportation and Admission to the Biltmore Estate
 - Optional driving tour into the Blue Ridge Mountains (additional cost)

The Blessing That is GraceMed

It was four years ago next month that GraceMed opened its doors in McPherson. Thanks to the foresight of local community leaders that saw the need, the GraceMed McPherson Family Clinic opened on North Main as a health home for all people, regardless of their income and insurance coverage. In 2020, GraceMed served 3,085 unduplicated patients in McPherson with medical and dental care.

In 2018, GraceMed became a partner agency of United Way of McPherson County with a focus of helping people who may avoid seeing a health professional because they may not have the co-pay that's required. But according to Clinic Manager Deb Clark, that's where a voucher funded by United Way can help.

"We have funds available to patients who have qualified by bringing in their proof of income. Proof of income can be anything from last month's paychecks if they're working. It can be their letter from Social Security telling us what their monthly amount is. It can be their letter from the food stamp program," said Clark. The proof of income determines whether someone qualifies for their sliding scale fees. Clark went on to say, "If a patient does not have the money needed for their copay for that day, that's when we will reach out and ask if they would like us to use a United Way voucher for their service that day." The voucher limit is set at up to \$150 per patient per year. "Even if we were to maximize the United Way voucher," said Clark, "we do have some other monies that



ROB MACKEY
Executive Director
United Way of McPherson County

we could access to help someone that may have a greater need than just the United Way voucher program."

GraceMed's focus right now is getting people vaccinated against COVID-19. Working with the McPherson County Health Department, McPherson was the first GraceMed clinic in the state to begin administering the Moderna vaccine back in January.

Reflecting upon the four-year anniversary of GraceMed in McPherson, Clark said it has been "a blessing." She returned to full-time work to run the clinic. "I believe in GraceMed, I believe in their mission and I was appreciative that they are committed to being a medical provider in McPherson County."

Having GraceMed in McPherson is a real blessing. They offer a broad scope of chronic disease management and preventative screenings, along with preventative and restorative dental treatments for people of all ages. You have access to health care through GraceMed. More information is available on their website at www.GraceMed.org.

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in McPherson County. Our partnership with GraceMed helps make that happen.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Earles Engineering & Inspection, Inc., 116 N. Augustus St., McPherson, winner of the DQ cake. Thank you, Roger and Karen Horn, Owners of DQ Grill and Chill, 1435 N. Main, McPherson for providing the monthly DQ ice cream treat.

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