

# The Chamber Business Journal

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## Congratulations and Welcome New Chamber Member

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## Everyone is a Winner at the Chamber Classic!

It was an incredible afternoon of easy going, unconventional golf at the Chamber Classic "This is How We Roll" Golf Tournament. A record 36 teams participated on Friday, June 4th at Turkey Creek Golf Course. With the sun shining and sponsors set-up on the course to help the golfers with quirky games, the afternoon was all about having FUN! We threw out the competitive play several years ago and decided to focus on building business relationships and friendships with a stress-free afternoon on the course. Laughter was heard throughout the afternoon as teams completed unusual games, some may have even donned a sun dress to tee-off from the women's tee box!

We appreciate the considerable time and effort of the Chamber Board, the Chamber Classic Committee, and the many sponsors recognized below who have brought a new level of fun to our golf tournament and support the programs and activities of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce.

**Golf Cart Sponsors:** Central States Marketing and Mfg., Prairie Landworks Inc., The locker Room Nutrition & Energy, Viega LLC

**Hole Sponsors:** Advanced Physical Therapy, Awaken Church, Bluestem PACE, Catalyst Safety, Central States Marketing and Mfg., CHS Refinery, Edward Jones-Aaron Mayfield, Emprise Bank, First Bank Kansas, JP Weigand & Sons, Kansas Secured Title, Midway Motors Supercenter, Plastics Extrusion Machinery, Prairie Landworks Inc., Primary Residential Mortgage- Crystal Toews, Reach Solutions, Supreme LLC, Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, and United Rentals

**Poker Run Sponsors:** Hutton, Legacy Lawns, McPherson Center for Health, Peoples Bank and Trust, Welco Services

**Additional Sponsors:** A-Mac Realty/James Melland, Freddy's Custard & Steak Burger, Graber's ACE Hardware, Hall's Culligan Water, Nelson Appraisal, Reach Solutions, Sharp Advertising, Turkey Creek Golf Course

### Chamber Classic Prize Winners:

- **Lucky Putt:** (Sponsored by Aaron Mayfield of Edward Jones) The teams of Hutton and Bluestem PACE each took home 2 dozen golf balls.
- **Spin The Wheel:** (Sponsored by Plastics Extrusion Machinery) Jake Hedlund won a \$150 Visa Gift Card.
- **Triple Play:** (Sponsored by Central States Marketing and Mfg.) Even though there were actually 4 big holes on the green, we did not have a hole-in-one winner.
- **Chip Challenge:** (Sponsored by Kansas Secured Title) Cooler full of goodies went home with Shan Copeland.
- **Longest Shot:** (Sponsored by Primary Residential Mortgage) a range finder was won by Derek Moos.
- **Cool Prizes:** (Sponsored by Supreme Construction) Jared Hull won the cooler and Troy Folck won the White Claw Bicycle!
- **Hole-In-One for a 2021 GMC Acadia:** (Sponsored by Midway Motors) Darn it, we did not have a winner this year.
- **It's Frisby Style:** (Sponsored by Awaken Church) Had two lucky winners of \$50 gift cards, Jeremiah Nelson, and Mark McDaniel.
- **Poker Run:** The McPherson Business Solutions Team had a full house to win a round of golf and cart rentals for their team at Turkey Creek Golf Course.
- **50/50 Split the Pot:** Was won by Chuck Singleton who generously donated it back to the McPherson Chamber!

### Chamber Classic Tournament Results:

**Third Flight:** 3rd Place/KB Concrete; 2nd Place/Hutton; 1st Place; Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd

**Second Flight:** 3rd Place/Plastics Extrusion Machinery-Team #2; 2nd Place/Williams #2; 1st Place/Ferguson Team Drew

**First Flight:** 3rd Place/JB Appraisal; 2nd Place/Viega; Top Honors for the 2021 Chamber Classic went to the team of Central States Marketing and Mfg. #3 Congratulations to Zack Singleton, Dan Kasper, Tyler Singleton and Dennis Shaw!

Check out the 2021 Chamber Classic "This is How We Roll" Golf Tournament pictures on the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page, and feel free to tag yourself or your business! We look forward to another FUN tournament in 2022!

## Get to Know Your Chamber Board



**Matt Grieb, Operations Manager at CHS Refinery  
Chamber Board Term 2020-2023**

"I have been a McPherson resident since 1999. My wife, Julie is a preschool teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic School, and we have three children. I graduated from K-State University with a degree in chemical engineering and my first job out of college was working for Phillips 66 in Borger, Tx. I have worked most of my career here in McPherson and

have been in my current role for the past 4 years."

**The value of investing in the McPherson Chamber?** The McPherson refinery is a part of the community, and we want to do our part to help each other grow. This last year has shown how important it is to know your neighbors and to count on each other.

**First job?** Working for Little Caesar's pizza at 95th and Antioch in KC (I was 15)

**Favorite pet of all time?** Snowflake (my little pug)

**Other than work, what would you rather be doing?** I like to listen to Royals baseball games.

**What three words would you use to describe the McPherson Chamber?** Network, Friendly, and Informative.

## 100 Years Strong-Chamber History Stories

### Dandelion Digging Champs!

"Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the community picnic and dandelion digging contest of the City Federations' anti-dandelion program, staged yesterday, was a decided success. The parade was a great feature and put plenty of pep and ginger into the contestants. Rivalry was keen and the race was close between the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary members in the race for the big cake offered as a prize by the Rotary-Anns to the best diggers. This morning it was stated that 2500 pounds of dandelions were dug in the two parks by the contestants." - from a newspaper article dated 4/14/1922.

Although cake sounds like a pretty good incentive, we are thankful for the beautiful parks maintained by our terrific park department crew, so that we don't have to dig dandelions anymore!

### Making a Lasting Impression

William "Bill" Sheets was the first recipient of the "Man of the Year" award when it was started in 1966. (This picture was probably taken around 1978/1979 when Mr. Sheets was the Chamber President.) The Man of the Year was selected because of his contributions to the community and was honored during the Good-Will Trip sponsored by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. The award was renamed in 1982 to the President's Award and still follows much of the same criteria as when it originated. The President's Award recipient, chosen by the past-presidents of the McPherson Chamber, is "a person who has given of his/her time and talent for the betterment of the business community and whose contributions have a long-term impact."

Maybe you recognize a few of the past honorees and the contributions they have made to our community: Man of the Year Award (starting in 1966) Bill Sheets, Herb Heidebrecht, Robert Eickbush, Udie Grant, Joe Ostenberg, Paul Sargent, Keith Greenwood, Merwin Hapgood (Special Award), Warren Underwood, Gene Copeland (Special Award), Bill Nicholson, Fred Diehl, Ivan O'Dell, Myron Garrelts, M. Clare Miller, John Casebeer, George Hess, W.E. (Bill) Lehmborg. President's Award (honored during the Chamber Annual Meeting starting in 1982) Stan Sargent, Ernest Wall, Herman Sudman, Don Gerard, John Wall, John Bremyer, Bob Wise, Don Steffes, Vaughn C. Price (Special Award), Wilbur Yoder, Delbert Crabb, Larry Williams, Jim Ketcherside, Paul "Zeke" Anderson, William "Bill" Goering, Max Ebaugh, Dale Renberger, Bob Harder, Vern Dossett, Bill Adams, Chet Anderson (Special Award), Mike Rausch, Linn Peterson, Keith Birkhead, Priscilla Smith, Harold Schlender, Bryan Hess, Norlan Ferguson, Marvin "Pete" Peters, Gary Hess, Rick Wilborn, Brett Reber, Kyle Hawk, Jason Hoover, LaVon Ediger, Fred Bohnenblust, and Michael Schneider in 2020. (continued on pg. 2 Chamber History)

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

## Chamber History Stories Continued

### Local Businesses Assisted with E-Community Loans

The McPherson County Entrepreneurship Community loan program was created through the Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship Tax Credit Program and Network Kansas. The program is administered by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to provide low interest loans to entrepreneurs wishing to start, purchase or expand a business in McPherson County. The loans are to be used in partnership with a financial institution and/or a Network Kansas partner to fill the gap of financing a business start-up or expansion. Funds can be used for equipment, inventory, real estate and working capital.

Since 2012, the E-Community Loan Program has approved 59 low interest loans, totaling over \$2,153,000! These Entrepreneurship Loans have also resulted in many added jobs and growth for our community!

We are pleased to have assisted these local businesses: Mattress Haven, Brooklyn & Co., Knackies Catering, Mower Medic, Artistic Hair and Nail Design (Lindsborg), Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, McPherson Quality Air, The Village Geek, JD's Kwik Burger, Cornerstone Premier Real Estate LLC, Brooklyn & Co Bridal, Kansas Certification Testing Center, The Well, Treasure Chest Gun Shop & Indoor Range, Overhead Door Company of North Central KS, BuySupps Gym, Lock and Load, Two Tigers and a Truck, Saxon Remote Systems, Twice Told Tales, Great Plains Family Medicine, Fox & Ash Barbershop, Three Rings Brewery, Clean Freaks, Anderson-Crain Investments, Appliance Depot, JAR Performance Automotive, All In One Safety, Rendezvous Adventures, Heartbeat Coffee, Dacus Auto Body, Old Muffin Factory, Free Space Coffee Roasters (Galva), Mac-Town CrossFit, 56 Family Restaurant (Galva), The Shop Salon, Integrated Health and Wellness Center, Craft Coffee, Culver's Liquor, McPherson County MakerSpace, KB's Barbershop, Built-Mor Restoration, Jim's Motor Machine (Galva), Integrity Salon & Spa, Scooter's, Nile Valley Garden Products, Crew Nutrition, Farley's Bar and Grill (Lindsborg). Find out more about the E-Loan Program on the McPherson Chamber website.

Did we mention all the EXTRA programs that our local businesses and youth have benefited from through our E-Community Program? The McPherson Chamber has facilitated a yearly Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEC) since 2018, arranged for the Ice House Program in 2013, Growing Rural Businesses in 2016, and sent local business owners to Destination Bootcamp in 2015 & 2018, and Maker Space Boot Camp in 2019. More details on these programs can be found at <https://www.networkkansas.com/ecommunities/programs>

## 2021 Leadership Class Enrollment

Leadership McPherson Develops Leaders by Empowering All People, Igniting Their Passions, and Inspiring Service.

Enhance your leadership skills and knowledge of McPherson by becoming a part of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Leadership McPherson. Developing leaders since 1982, the leadership program is an in-depth, educational program that focuses on developing individual leadership skills and giving participants the skills to move organizations and businesses forward.

### Goals of Leadership McPherson

- Examine new leadership concepts and their emerging roles in the communities.
- Recognize, instruct, and encourage effective, potential leaders.
- Discover the concerns and opportunities facing the McPherson area.
- Develop a format for ongoing communication among new and established leaders—network ideas and involvement.
- Inspire leaders to increase their civic involvement in the local area, use the skills learned in their home, work, family, and volunteer organizations.
- Create awareness of the importance of the future generations and how visionary leadership can make a difference in our community.

### What To Expect

We want learners! Your success and that of those learning with you requires complete commitment and participation. We have high expectations of each participant during the class sessions and after the training program. We ask that you make a personal commitment to become involved in your community. You will learn more about yourself and recognize talents, skills, and strengths you never knew you had. You will discover new traits to celebrate and appreciate in others as well. Together, you will gain more confidence and become empowered. At the conclusion of your leadership training, as a class you will participate in deciding, and executing a class project that benefits the youth of McPherson.

"Those most connected to their community value their journey as well as their destination. For all the obstacles they face, they derive satisfaction from the people they meet, the challenges they engage, the lessons they learn, and the knowledge that they're staying true to their beliefs." -Paul Rogat

The 2021 Leadership Class will run from August 4- November 3 and enrollment forms are due by July 12<sup>th</sup>. Class is limited to 12 participants. More information and the 2021 Leadership McPherson Class Enrollment Form can be found at [www.mcphersonchamber.org](http://www.mcphersonchamber.org), or contact Debbie Hawkinson at the McPherson Chamber of Commerce by calling 620-241-3303.

## Summertime = Picnic Time

The Rural Appreciation Picnic, organized by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee is back on track for Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event is a 51-year tradition to celebrate our agriculture community.

The picnic is sponsored and served by members of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. We will be serving up freshly grilled hamburgers from Krehbiel's Specialty Meats, tasty baked beans from Knackies Meats & Sweets, along with juicy watermelon provided by PrairieLand Partners.

The Rural Appreciation Picnic will also coincide with the McPherson 4-H Fair. Enjoy the 4-H exhibits in the 4-H building and Chief Building before the picnic, then stay for the Live Food Auction at 6 p.m. under the tent, and the Meat Goat Show in the Livestock Arena.

Join us in thanking our farm families by volunteering or contributing to the cost of the picnic. Contributions can be sent to the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 616, McPherson, KS 67460 or dropped off at our office at 306 N. Main by July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets for the Rural Appreciation Picnic will be available at the sponsoring businesses, one week prior to the event.

## School Supply Train & MMS Supply Closet

Shirley Adams, a life-long educator in McPherson, started the McPherson School Supply Train in 1994. Her experience in teaching showed her that many kids come to school with little or no supplies on their first day of school. It was her belief that every child should have new school supplies to start the year off regardless of ability to afford those supplies. Kindergarten through 5th grade students on the free and reduced meal plan are the primary recipients of the School Supply Train supplies. The School Supply Train has had many volunteers over the years and is currently led by Shirley's daughter, Marsha Silver.

Leadership McPherson is a professional development program of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to develop effective leadership, open minds to perspectives that surround issues facing our community and enable participants to become more visionary leaders. Part of the class curriculum is a class project to benefit the youth of McPherson County. The 2020 Leadership McPherson Class originally wanted to provide school supplies for all of K-5 USD 418 students. After crunching the numbers, they soon realized this would have to be a goal to shoot for in the future. The Class learned about the McPherson School Supply Train and approached Marsha Silver with interest in assisting them in purchased supplies for students. Marsha suggested that the Leadership Class take on the McPherson Middle School Supply Closet project. It was a brainchild of the volunteers at the time, but they had been unable to execute it because of the time needed to see it through.

Thus, the 2020 Leadership McPherson Class project narrowed their focus to the McPherson Middle School Supply Closet and will fill it with school supplies for 6th-8th graders. The teachers and counselors will always have access to the supplies and be able to provide what is needed by the students throughout the year. The initial purchase of supplies for the closet will be substantial, but in following years, it will only need to be replenished with what has been used.

Thanks to the McPherson Community, the 2020 Leadership McPherson Class has raised over \$7,000 to be used for the MMS Supply Closet. The class was excited to learn that another group has been raising funds for the same purpose. A group of volunteers from the First United Methodist Church in McPherson have raised \$6,000 for the Supply Closet. By combining their funds, they will be able to provide over \$13,000 to purchase supplies and have the Supply Closet ready at MMS before the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Collaboration at its best!

## The United Way Triathlon Is Back!

The pandemic did a real number on nonprofits in 2020, especially those that rely on special events to help accomplish their missions. Not surprisingly, the coronavirus contributed to the mass cancellation of fundraising events. The United Way Triathlon was no exception after months of careful deliberation.

Fortunately, society is beginning to emerge from COVID-19. Virus numbers are down significantly, and our leadership decided the United Way Triathlon could safely return this year for a 13th run.



**ROB MACKEY**  
Executive Director

The event, to be held at McPherson Water Park Saturday, July 31st starting at 8 a.m., features separate competitions for both adults and youth. For the 16-year-old and over, they begin with a 200-meter swim followed by a 2-mile run and 7-mile bike on McPherson's east side. For the Junior Triathlon, the swim is 100 meters in addition to a .75 mile run and a 3-and-a-half-mile bike.

Registration is \$55 for adults, \$25 for youth. Three-member teams (with each member taking a leg of the race) are \$120 and youth teams are \$75. Go to [www.unitedwaymepheron.org](http://www.unitedwaymepheron.org) to register.

The 2021 United Way Triathlon is led by Brandon Trost with Integrated Health and Wellness and a member of the United Way Board of Directors. Brandon himself has competed in our triathlon and similar events for years and we are very blessed to have him as our leader.

We'd also like to thank the rest of the Triathlon Committee: Scott Barkley, Lieutenant Ryan Bauer, Tyler Glidden, Cindy Goldsmith, Chad Hitt, Tina Lyne, Brad Miller, Christina Reynolds, Kyle Roberts, Johnette Shepek, and Lara Vanderhoof.

The proceeds of the triathlon will benefit the United Way campaign which provides funding to 17 local nonprofit programs. We'd also like to thank our corporate and organizational sponsors:

- Gold Medal Sponsors: CHS & Rise Private Wealth Management
- Silver Medal Sponsors: Citizens State Bank/Home State Bank and McPherson Convention Visitors Bureau
- Bronze Medal Sponsors: Central Plastics, First Bank Kansas, Four Seasons Realty, McPherson Dental Care, & Peoples Bank.

If you'd like to help volunteer for the event, please call the United Way of McPherson County at 620-241-5152.

## DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

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