

# Community Events Calendar

## JANUARY

**11th**  
School Board Meeting  
@ 6pm

**15th**  
No School

**19th**  
Chamber Banquet  
@ 7pm

**22nd**  
Chamber Meeting  
@ 6pm

**25th**  
City Council Meeting  
@ 7pm

## FEBRUARY

**8th**  
School Board Meeting  
@ 6pm

**19th**  
No School

**22nd**  
City Council Meeting  
@ 7pm

**26th**  
Chamber Meeting  
@ 6pm

## MARCH

**8th**  
School Board Meeting  
@ 6pm

**19th - 23rd**  
McLoud Schools  
Spring Break

**22nd**  
City Council Meeting  
@ 7pm

**26th**  
Chamber Meeting  
@ 6pm

**Don't FORGET!**  
**2018 Chamber Banquet!**  
January 19th @ 7pm



# Chamber Chatter

Quarterly Newsletter - January, 2018  
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## President's Corner: *A note from our president, Dean Hill*

I hope each of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and a great year. In 2017, the Chamber experienced record membership and increased member participation. As we begin the new year, I'm confident we will continue to build upon the progress made in previous years. To accomplish this goal, the new Board of Directors is in place and ready to serve the membership. I'm excited about working with them and it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2018 Board of Directors: President - Dean Hill Vice-President - Rhett Banks Secretary - Wanda Jackson Treasurer - Pat White Wanda Haynes will serve as the 5th member as appointed by the general membership. Our 2018 Monthly Meetings will continue to be held at the

Ferrell Building on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. This year we plan to bring in guest speakers quarterly to inform and educate on topics we hope are not only beneficial to our business members but also prove valuable to our individual members. We will be utilizing the resources of Pioneer Library System to assist us in identifying appropriate topics and available speakers. If you have a specific topic you would like to be presented, please contact either myself or the Chamber office. The annual Chamber Banquet is our opportunity to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of the 2017 Chamber membership. We hope to see you there to share a good meal, enjoy the entertainment and socialize with other members. This year we are celebrating 70 years of the Blackberry Festival.

If you are interested in the future of the Blackberry Festival and willing to serve, please contact the Chamber Office. Our goal continues to be to better serve our members and community. Your input is welcomed and needed to move us forward and to better serve your business needs. Contact any of the Board members if you have any suggestions on how we can make 2018 a banner year for all. Once again, I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

Remember:  
"Shop Local" when possible!

R. Dean Hill  
2017/2018  
Chamber President



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: *Hudson Place*

*Hudson Place is a fairly new little treasure to the town of McLoud, having celebrated its 2nd anniversary last September. The store may be new but the owner, Orentha Hudson, has lived here most of her life. She states: "I went to McLoud, my kids went to McLoud, and now I have grandkids going to McLoud."*  
*In 2014, after retiring from 30 years of federal service and doing vendor shows for over 20 years, she purchased the building. On September 1, 2015,*

*she opened the doors to the antique/boutique/vintage shop. She wanted a place for locals to display their handmade crafts. She sells \$5 jars of Blackberry Jam for the Chamber and also does a Fall Y'all show in October.*

*Hudson Place is open W-F 10am-6pm and Saturdays 11am-4pm (closed Sun.-Tues.) For more information about Hudson Place, visit their Facebook page: @shophudsonplace*



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**JOIN  
NOW!**

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Become a member of the  
**2018 Chamber!**



*The application is available in our office and on our website at  
[www.McCloudChamber.com](http://www.McCloudChamber.com) under the Membership tab.*

### Did You Know?

The McCloud Blackberry Festival Royalty take part in town events such as ribbon cuttings, the Veterans Park Clean-up Day, Homecoming, McCloud Library Ice Cream Social, McCloud Health Fair *and more!*

But **DID YOU KNOW** that in 2017, many were also ambassadors representing McCloud and the Chamber at the following:

- United Way Day of Caring
- Norman Monster Mash Charity Fun Walk
- Keep Midwest City Beautiful Walk
- Harrah Day Parade
- St. Jude Walk to End Childhood Cancer
- Harrah Christmas Parade
- Governor's Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Tecumseh Frontier Days Parade
- Midwest City Veterans Day Parade
- Del City Armed Forces Day Parade



**Keep up the great work ladies!**

### McCloud FACT

"McCloud" was named after railroad attorney John William McCloud and is the only place in the WORLD with this name - spelled this way.

*You're cordially invited to attend the*  
**McCloud Chamber of Commerce**

**2018**  
*Barquet*

**Friday, January 19th  
7 - 10pm**

**Oklahoma Baptist University  
Geiger Center  
500 W. University  
Shawnee, OK 74804**

**DINNER | AWARDS | ENTERTAINMENT**

**Tickets \$20 if purchased by January 3rd  
After this date, tickets will be \$25  
To purchase tickets:  
Contact Melanie @ 405.964.6566  
or [officemanager@mccloudchamber.com](mailto:officemanager@mccloudchamber.com)**

# Getting to Know Our Members



## McCloud Kiwanis Club

McCloud Kiwanis was re-organized in July 2000. The global organization of Kiwanis has the slogan: "Serving the Children of the World". In practice, the McCloud Kiwanis chapter's goal is to improve the lives of children within our community. They do this by sponsoring school aged programs like Key Club, K Kids, and Builders organizations in McCloud Public Schools. They lend financial support to many local youth and civic programs however the main program for the Kiwanis is the annual "Coats for Kids" program. Since its first year, it is estimated that the Kiwanis has provided coats, shoes, gloves, etc. to over 500 school age children at an estimated cost of over \$51,000. In 2017 alone, it is estimated to have supplied these items to over 30 children at a cost of over \$4,000. They also support many causes outside of McCloud such as UNICEF, Children's Miracle Network and more.

The McCloud Kiwanis Club holds 3 main fundraisers each year: Annual Pancake Breakfast and Plant Sale each spring, Poinsettia sales in November, and a Flag Program where for \$25 annually, the American Flag will be placed at your home, business, or the cemetery plot of a loved one on Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

The McCloud Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The meetings are held at the McCloud Senior Citizens Center located at 647 S. 8th Street.

*If you are interested in joining the McCloud Kiwanis, would like to make a donation or would like more information about the great work they are doing for our community, go to their Facebook page @McCloudKiwanisClub , call (405) 246-5972 or you are welcome to drop by a meeting.*

## BREAKING NEWS!

for the 2018 Blackberry Festival

- \* **Friday, July 6th & Saturday, July 7th**
- \* **Returning to Veterans Memorial Park!**
- \* **New Carnival!**

# 2017 MEMBERS

**KEEP IT LOCAL**

***Shop McLoud!***



**McLoud  
Chamber of Commerce**

Growing Our Community Together

**A Farm Chic  
AAA Collision Specialists  
Abilez Construction  
Allegience Electric  
American Legion Post 244  
Anchor Engineering  
Animal Rescue Center (ARC)  
Ann's Tees & Sign Shop  
Alpine Exterminators  
BancFirst - McLoud  
BancFirst Insurance Services  
Boom-A-Rang Diner  
Brown's Funeral Service  
Cheerful Workers  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
CPN Dev. Corp.  
City of McLoud  
Community Hardware  
Country Boy Markets  
Covenant Hope Fellowship  
Cox Holsted & Assoc. (Payroll Vault)  
Cunningham Chiropractic Clinic  
David Thompson Plumbing  
Dobson Telephone  
El Nino Mexican Restaurant  
Elliott Pawn  
Family Dollar  
Finish Line Motorsports  
First Baptist Church McLoud  
First United Methodist Church McLoud  
FlyOKAir  
Friends of the Library  
Gateway to Prevention & Recovery  
Gordon Cooper Tech Center  
Heidi's New Image Salon  
Hudson Place  
Kickapoo Casino  
Kickapoo Tribal Health Center  
KIRC - One Ten Broadcasting Group  
Little Buck-A-Roos Day Care  
Loves Country Stores  
Mazzio's Pizza**

**McLoud Animal Hospital  
McLoud Café  
McLoud Clinic Pharmacy  
McLoud Dental Center  
McLoud Family Dentistry  
McLoud Historical Society  
McLoud Kiwanis  
McLoud Public Library  
McLoud School Foundation  
McLoud Public Schools  
McLoud Self Storage  
McLoud Tag Agency  
Mike's Lawn Equipment  
Mike Wilkey, CPA  
MJ Mechanical  
OG&E  
Online Electric  
Pott County Farm Bureau  
Sonic Corp.  
Sooner Wrecker  
Stanley Storage  
State Farm Insurance  
Tri-County Herald  
United Way of Pott County  
VYVE Communications  
Walker, Ferguson & Ferguson  
Kobi Abbott  
Richard Allen  
Paul Arpoika  
Kimberly Hanigan  
Brenda Hill  
Kevin Krause  
Melanie Krause  
Michelle McRee  
Gerald Mongold  
Victoria Mongold  
Joe Nolen  
Linda Nolen  
Kimberly Hanigar  
Ed Porter  
Dan Stogner  
Steven Tomaszewski**

