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A BIT OF MFT History . . .

Mcleod For Tomorrow started when the County Administration invited the U of M's Extension Service to bring its leadership training to McLeod County about twelve years ago. To provide this new effort its best opportunity for success, it was financed primarily by the County, and overseen by County personnel.

A Steering Committee was assembled from among interested and committed local individuals. As it grew, MFT became a 501c3 non-profit organization, but continued to operate under the County for a while longer.

Just this past summer (2018), MFT officially stepped away from the county to operate on its own. MFT is now governed by a Board of ten Directors who each serve a 3-year term, with a potential of serving up to three terms.

We still have an active Steering Committee that continues to provide advice and direction for future growth of the program. It will also be the group that will provide and elect new board members as they are needed. MFT has also solidified their bylaws and oversees their own annual budget. And they now have one employee.



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2017-2018 McLeod For Tomorrow Leadership Program

McLeod For Tomorrow is excited to be graduating our 10th class!

This year's honored graduates and their sponsor/employer:

Brittany Becker	McLeod County Public Health	Susan Koll	Nu-Telecom/Nuvera
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Kari Johnson	Security Bank & Trust, Glencoe	Marie Zimmerman	Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF)



MCLEOD FOR TOMORROW GRADUATION



Front row, l-r: Javier Torres, Darcy Cole, Marie Zimmerman, Teri Friauf, Victor Garcia, Kari Johnson, Susan Koll, Catie Rasmussen (Extension Educator)
Back row, l-r: Jon Jerabek, Sharon Hoes (Program Coordinator), Wayne Severson, Jace Whitcomb, Amy Berry, Eric Inselmann, Brittany Becker, Leslie Emery, Laurie May, Mike Loehrer, Deb Froemming, Katy Hiltner, Ben Wick, Nancy Emery, Kyle Sparby.
Not pictured: Jesse Wiant, Debbie Preston, Alan Stage

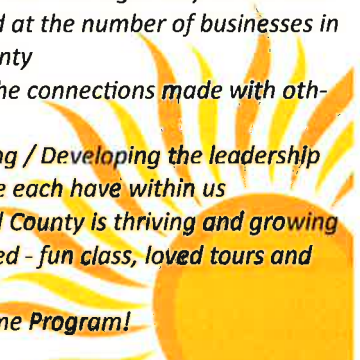
Please consider joining us for our 2018-2019 session!

Applications are on our website, www.mcleodfortomorrow.com, and are accepted through July 15, 2018.

Or contact me: Sharon Hoes
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Class Comments from their "ah-has" that stood out from their experiences in the program:

- ◆ *Learned how to Embrace your community as a "whole."*
- ◆ *Vision is the beginning, can lead to great things*
- ◆ *The entire "Rural America" presentation and all the networking opportunities*
- ◆ *My way isn't the right way all the time*
- ◆ *Amazed at the number of businesses in the county*
- ◆ *Value the connections made with others*
- ◆ *Enriching / Developing the leadership skills we each have within us*
- ◆ *McLeod County is thriving and growing*
- ◆ *Exceeded - fun class, loved tours and classes*
- ◆ *Awesome Program!*



WHAT DID MFT DO ALL YEAR?



McLeod For Tomorrow offers leadership classes taught by U of M Extension Educators, designed for men and women who live or work in McLeod County. This year our class of 24 met 9 times in various cities in McLeod County.

September ~ McLeod County Museum

“Beginning your Leadership Journey”

Day Chairs: *Cindy Ludewig, Tammy Fleck, Andrea Moore*
Tours: *Historic Hutchinson, County Museum*

October ~ Winsted

“Visionary Leadership”

Day Chairs: *Chad Dahlman, Susan Suemnick, Sarah Henschke*
Tours: *Carlson Orchard, Millerbernd Mfg, Tetra Park*

November ~ Lester Prairie

“Committees at Work”

Day Chairs: *Janet Betsinger, Niki Pokornowski, Carrie Morgando*
Tours: *Holasek’s Flower Power, DS Smith*

December ~ Hutchinson

“Bridging Generations”

Day Chairs: *Shanon Streich, Chad Nordmann*
Tours: *Goebel Fixtures, Impressions Inc, MITGI*

January ~ Glencoe

“Navigating Conflict Successfully”

Day Chairs: *Jennifer Rensch, Steve Barton*
Tours: *GSL School Addition, Fahey Sales, Miller Manufacturing*

February ~ Brownton & Stewart

“Changing Leadership of Rural Communities”

Day Chairs: *Shareif Eisa, Jon Fruetel*
Tours: *Form-A-Feed, Brownton Area Civic Center*

March ~ Courthouse Facilities

“Leadership for the Common Good (Ethics)”

Day Chairs: *Chris Larson, Becky Nelson*
Tours: *McLeod County Jail, K-9 Demo, Civic Leaders Forum*

April ~ Plato

“Leading Through Change” (Ag Focus)

Day Chairs: *Andrea Moore, Shannon Streich*
Tours: *Plato Woodwork, Midwest Machinery, Tangletown Gardens*

May ~ Silver Lake & Biscay

“Community Conversations Using the World Café Method”

Day Chairs: *Amanda Maresh, Lyndsey Wedll, Brian Murphy*
Tours: *Waste Management, City of Silver Lake, Abby Alpacas, Crow River Winery*



2018-2019 MFT Leadership Program Schedule

DATE	LEADERSHIP TOPIC	LOCATION
September 27, 2018	Myers Briggs	McLeod County Historical Society/Hutchinson
October 25, 2018	Committees That Work	Winsted
November. 14, 2018	Visionary Leadership	Plato
December 20, 2018	Strengths Finder	Hutchinson
January 24, 2019	Ethical Leadership	Glencoe
February 28, 2019	Generations/Rural Narrative	Brownton/Stewart
March 28, 2019	Dealing with Conflict/County Economics	Lester Prairie
April 25, 2019	Leading Through Change	Glencoe
May 23, 2019	World Café	Biscay/Silver Lake

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McLeod County Museum
Midwest Machinery, Glencoe
Fahey Sales
Good Times Bus Lines
Waste Management



GLOW RUN 2018

The 2018 MFT 5K Glow Run will be held Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at 7PM. We are now taking registrations. These forms can be found at

<http://www.mcleodfortomorrow.com/index.php/events/mcleod-for-tomorrow-5k-glow-run/>

The Glow Run event is built to be family-friendly, geared for walking or running, and hopes to encourage all people to enjoy being outside and active. Participants are invited to dress in their best glow apparel, and costume prizes will be awarded after the run. Follow our Facebook page for deadlines and more info about the 5K at: <https://www.facebook.com/MFT5K/>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kerry Ward, McLeod for Tomorrow Board Member, at 320-779-0420 or email at kjoward10@gmail.com.

McLEOD FOR TOMORROW 5K GLOW RUN

SMORES & HOT DOG BONFIRE AFTER PARTY

Saturday
September 29, 2018
7 PM Start

PHOENIX DRUMLINE

Registration 5:30 to 6:30
Masonic West River Park
Hutchinson, MN 55350

SORRY,
NO PETS

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST GLOW!

Prizes for the best
Glow Outfit

Kids 12 and under free with a paid adult!
Registration includes automatic entry into door prize drawings!

TO REGISTER VISIT
www.facebook.com/MFT5K/ or
WWW.MCLEODFORTOMORROW.COM

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

McLeod for Tomorrow has been giving back to the community for the last year and a half by cleaning a ditch along MN HWY 22 in the Adopt-A-Highway program. A group of 15 volunteers cleaned our assigned ditch on May 9th. The group met at 5:30pm at Niesen's Bar and Grill in Biscay to discuss route, rules, and splitting up the group. Some volunteers stayed after to socialize and have dinner. A big Thank You to all who helped. Efforts were appreciated as 30 to 35 bags of trash was collected. Stephen Wiblemo interviewed our group about our process and clean (right). See the entire article at: http://www.crowrivermedia.com/hutchinsonleader/news/local/it-s-a-dirty-job-but-somebody-s-got-to/article_b8228fa3-38df-5d6b-91a6-f5699eff6022.html.

...*"It's not the funnest thing to do, but you have some camaraderie with your compatriots of the organization,"* said Vince Traver, a member of McLeod for Tomorrow who has helped with the highway pickup for the past two years since it was adopted.

...*"It's never occurred to me that we're saving money,"* Traver said. *"It's just the fact that it doesn't get done if other people don't go ahead and do it."*

Marie Zimmerman, another member of McLeod for Tomorrow who was embarking on her first highway pickup experience, said she was a little nervous but happy to serve her community.



"I've heard some tales about what you might find when you do highway pickup," she said. *"Unsavory stuff, but I think it's mostly going to be fun."*

...According to Kerry Ward, another member of McLeod for Tomorrow who organizes the highway cleanup, the group claimed its section when another group dropped out.

"The reason that spot opened is because it's near the landfill, and so it's a harder strip of land to walk through with more trash to pick up," she said. *"It is literally at the entrance of the landfill, so we tend to have things that come out of the trucks as they're on their way to (the landfill)."*

At the end of the day, McLeod for Tomorrow had 32 bags of trash ready to be picked up.

WHAT IS MCLEOD FOR TOMORROW?

McLeod For Tomorrow is a non-profit organization with a mission of bridging communication, education, and networking among individuals living and working in McLeod County.



Leadership Program

Gain leadership skills and gather knowledge of the trends, challenges and issues that face our communities in McLeod County.



Activities and Events

McLeod For Tomorrow seeks to host activities which bring people together around McLeod County.



Sponsorships

As a 501c3 non-profit, McLeod For Tomorrow runs on community support.

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5K GLOW RUN EVENT	\$300+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Advertising: Website, Facebook, Newsletter, & Posters
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE	\$50+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Advertising: Newsletter, & Posters
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