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Congratulations & Welcome to the Chamber!

THE OLD MUFFIN FACTORY, LLC

757 Frontier Road
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Contact: Greg & Rolli Goodell
(new owners)
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Web: www.oldmuffinfactory.com

As new owners of **The Old Muffin Factory**, Greg & Rolli are excited to continue the legacy started 27 years ago by Les and Kayla Mason. Their family has lived and worked in the McPherson area for over 38 years. They have moved all manufacturing operations of **The Old Muffin Factory** to their new remodeled manufacturing facility located in rural McPherson County. They are a family operation with co-ownership between Greg and Rolli Goodell and their two adult children Kylie and Kody. Their company manufactures dry food mixes and distributes them all over the United States. They have recently partnered with The Bookshelf to offer their products of **The Old Muffin Factory** for sale locally. They look forward to helping and serving the McPherson community for years to come.

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurship Loan Program is proud to have partnered with Peoples Bank and Trust in assisting the Goodell's in the purchase of The Old Muffin Factory.

McPherson Chamber of Commerce Announces Agriculture Scholarship Availability

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce has collaborated with Agriculture Future of America (AFA) to support an agricultural scholarship program since 2000. AFA is a 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to helping support higher education and leader development of future agriculture producers and rural business leaders.

The Agriculture Committee of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce is raising funds for McPherson County students. The McPherson Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee has invested nearly \$60,000 providing 23 scholarships plus \$13,000 has been awarded to 13 students for leadership conference tuition.

The AFA Leaders and Academic is \$4,200, consisting of a \$3,200 academic scholarship. The additional \$1,000 will sponsor a McPherson County recipient to the AFA Leaders Conference in Kansas City in November of the scholarship year.

Eligibility requirements for the McPherson Chamber of Commerce AFA Community Scholarship include any high school seniors enrolling in an accredited college of agriculture. They must be a resident of McPherson County or student enrolled in a McPherson County school. The scholarship application is available at www.agfuture.org/scholarships.

For additional information on AFA and the McPherson County AFA Scholarship Community Scholarship program contact (Jennifer Burch) at 620-241-3303 or email at Jennifer@mcphersonks.org.



2018 Honorees Announced for Farm Forum

The 33rd Annual Farm Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at Perkins Restaurant in McPherson beginning at 6:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be The Voice of the Plains - Duane Toews, Farm Director for KFRM 550 AM radio.

Other program highlights include recognizing the McPherson County 2017 Farm Family of the Year - Arlyss & Letha Schroeder of Inman and 2017 Friend of Agriculture - Mary Jane Lauer of Canton. Becky Goss of the **McPherson County Community Foundation** will provide an update on the AFA Scholarship endowment and 2017 AFA Scholarship winners plan to present as well.

The breakfast buffet is \$10.00 per person and reservations are required by calling the Chamber at 241-3303 by Friday, February 9th. If you would like to make a financial donation to help with the overall Farm Forum expenses, let us know by February 9th so we can include you among the sponsors that will be listed on the 2018 Farm Forum program, in the McNews e-newsletter, Chamber Business Journal, and on www.mcphersonchamber.org.

From the McPherson Chamber of Commerce



Jennifer Burch
Executive Director

I continue to read the past minutes of the Chamber and I am very proud of the trail of success that the McPherson Chamber of Commerce has contributed to McPherson and the surrounding area. If the Chamber wasn't leading, they were at the table in every aspect, in the planning and implementation of new and exciting ventures. I find the history so very interesting especially recognizing the impact of the organization. It is my hope someday to get the Chamber's story published. I believe it is worth a read.

1951

- Plans for the official opening of the new addition at the NCRA Refinery
- Discussion has been made regarding hiring a full time person dedicated to serving the industry sector. It was doubtful this would happen because of limited

funds available.

- Worked on recruiting Forster Chemical Co., Chlorine Company to locate to McPherson.
- Funds were allocated for the future 4H Club building site.
- A resolution was signed that the Chamber of Commerce endorse the proposed purchase of Janssen Airport by the City for use as a Municipal Airport.
- A motion was passed to increase the Chamber's contribution from \$25 to \$50 to fund the Citywide Halloween Party.
- An update on the work being done to get a firm to locate here that manufactures car jacks.

1952

- The Chamber fund ½ the cost of the core drilling for the NCRA underground storage - west of Conway.
- A report on the War Memorial project was given.
- Discussion took place on the part McPherson would play in housing and entertaining the military personnel of the Smokey Hill Air Base
- Received a "doubtful" response from the Air Academy
- A motion was made that we hire a second girl in the office and segregate the duties of the Chamber and the Credit Bureau. It was suggested that this girl be paid by both organizations. (*I found this extremely entertaining to read - a true sign of the times*)

1953

- A conversation took place with Kansas Jack Inc. - the proposal was to construct a building specifically for their needs.
- A Mens Membership Stag is planned, each member is to invite a guest - it was agreed that this was ok.
- A report was made on the progress of getting Kansas Jack here in McPherson - finding a location for their factory and office.
- The Chief Chemist of the General Tire and Rubber Company came to visit with Chamber and two refineries regarding their output of ethylene, butylene, and propylene.
- Voted to recommend to state legislature in favor of state appropriation for erecting tv stations at Kansas University and Kansas State.
- Discussion on the possibility of organizing a small local company for the manufacturing of individual cell storage batteries.
- It was reported on the filled housing condition and there are additional new people moving to town for jobs the Smokey Hill Air-base had notified the Chamber that they were also sending men to McPherson for housing.
- Received approval from the State of Kansas in the change of the fiscal year of operation for the Chamber to September - August.

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Chamber Women's Trip Boston Bound



The Chamber Women's Event Committee have approved Boston as the 2018 destination scheduled for August 23-27. As always, Cindy Krehbiel of **McPherson Travel** has planned a quality itinerary that includes entrepreneurship and innovation along with large city experiences. We didn't forget to include networking – building business relationships and of course the fun of meeting new people.

A few of the highlights include: Roundtrip airport transfers (McPherson to **Wichita Airport**) by deluxe motor coach; group evening dinner; Accommodations in the mecca of Boston at the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel along the waterfront; private city tour; Freedom Trail; first group ever to tour the 55,000 sq. foot headquarters of the America's Test Kitchen and performance of Shear Madness. There will be many, many more options for your free time – one especially is the "Off the Eaten Path" tours – stems from a young woman whose lifelong passion for food and her love of the North End neighborhood brought her to start her food tour business.

For a more detailed trip information, go to www.mcphersonchamber.org or call the Chamber at 620-241-3303 we will be glad to email you or mail you the info.

2017 Candy Cane Cash Winners

Yoo-hoo! A shopping they will go! Congratulations to Jerri Kaufman, \$1,000 winner and Amy Young \$500 winner of the Candy Cane Cash! The winners have until April 30, 2018 to spend their winnings at the following sponsors: **A5 Western, Artshirt Gear for Sport, Brooklyn & Co., Brown's Shoe Fit, CK Pharmacy, Clayworks at Disability Support, Creative Hairlines Spa & Salon, Grabers ACE Hardware, Hopp's Sound, McPherson Hospital Gift Shop, Nooks & Crannies Floral, Rusty Tin Boutique, Shimmerz Tanning Salon, Simply Good Overstocks, Stitches Quilt Shop, Stupka Chiropractic & Wellness Center, The Bookshelf/Hidden Closet, The Cooks Nook, The Finish, The Stone Chimney, The Village Geek, The Well, Twice Told Tales and Venable Jewelers.**

Save the date!

2018 Legislative Update Scheduled

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce and **Kansas Municipal Utilities** have partnered to host a Legislative Meet & Greet scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. The meet and greet provides area citizens an opportunity to get an update on legislative activity during the 2018 state legislative session. The meet and greet will be held at the **Kansas Municipal Utilities** office located at 2090 E. Avenue A.

Senator Rick Wilborn and Representatives Les Mason, Don Schroeder and Steven Johnson have been confirmed to attend. The format of the meeting will consist of updates and remarks and questions from the audience. The meet and greet is open to the public and free of charge. Light refreshments will be served.

chamber events

January

25 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ **Advanced Physical Therapy**, 400 W. 4th

11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber

February

1 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ **Emprise Bank**, 201 E. Kansas

7 12:00 Leadership Board @ Chamber

8 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ **Integrated Health & Wellness Center**, 1319 E. First

12 12:00 Ambassadors @ Chamber

13 6:30 a.m. 2018 Farm Forum @ **Perkins**, 2111 E. Kansas

15 9:30 a.m. Chamber Connections @ TBD

21 4:30 p.m. Women's Event @ Chamber

22 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Connections @ **Edward Jones – Aaron Mayfield**, 115 E. Marlin, Ste 106

11:30 a.m. Chamber Board @ Chamber



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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ROB MACKEY
Executive Director

DOWN TO THE WIRE

It happens most every year. During the United Way campaign, people generously pledge their support for the coming year – at work through payroll deduction, writing a check, giving cash. Retirees throughout the county send us gifts. Then, as our deadline of January 31 approaches, things get quiet. And that's where we are now. We have crossed the \$200,000 mark on our way to our \$250,000 goal. Frankly, this is where we have gotten stuck the past few years. But we are optimistic for a strong finish.

What makes United Way special is that we have dedicated volunteers who review the work of our funded agencies and programs each year, and determine the amount of funding each organization receives. It's an important part of our accountability to you, the donor. We are very blessed to have a great group of nonprofits in McPherson County providing basic needs, preparing youth for life, building self-reliance, and rebuilding lives.

My wife affectionately refers to this time of the year as "begging for dollars." I am not ashamed to ask on behalf of people who need the help. I have actually been on the receiving end, especially during a couple of long stretches of unemployment. After those humbling

times, my empathy for others has increased through the years.

Making the United Way goal helps position us to help thousands of people in McPherson County: Senior citizens; youth and adults with disabilities; the abused and neglected, just to name a few. Our partner agencies and programs provide hope for a lot of people. For many, it comes just in time.

This is my last appeal to you this season. You CAN Be a Local Hero. Visit our website www.unitedwaymcperson.org and make a contribution. Or send a check to P.O. Box 55, McPherson, or bring it by the office at 306 North Main. We're down to the wire. Let's do this. And thanks to all of you who have already given.

DQ GRILL & CHILL WINNERS

Congratulations to Viega, 2211 Viega Ave. They are the winner of a DQ Cake. Thank you Roger & Karen Horn, owners of DQ Grill & Chill, 1435 N. Main for providing the monthly DQ ice cream treat.

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