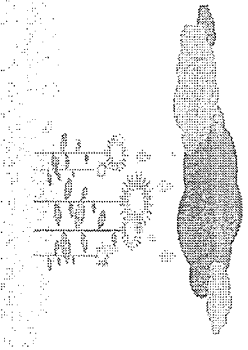


Jefferson County Chamber Chronicles

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April Showers bring May Flowers

\$\$ REWARD\$\$ \$2000.00 OFFERED

Members of the Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce are offering a reward of \$2000.00+ for information leading to the Apprehension AND Conviction of the Individual(s) responsible for the recent break-ins of businesses in Valley Falls.

**Oskaloosa Area
Chamber Social**
April 25, 2007
Bradley E Hammel, CPA
Hwy 59
Open House & Ribbon Cutting
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**Oskaloosa
Chamber of Commerce**
April 9th
7:30 am
At the Friendly Kansan

**Meriden/Ozawkie
Chamber of Commerce**
April Meeting
Thursday, April 20
Flamingo
12:00 PM

The Meriden/Ozawkie Area Chamber Coupons are at the Denison State Bank. If you know of anyone needing a fundraiser, please tell them about our coupons. The coupons will be sold for \$10.00 a piece. Five dollars is profit for them and five dollars for us. Please contact Jeanette Stiles at 785-484-3322 or jistiles@denisonstatebank.com for more information.

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Calendar of Events

April

- 3rd Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce
Noon at the Kendall State Bank Community Room
- 9th Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting, 7:30 am at the Friendly Kansan
- 11th City of Meriden Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 14th City of Ozawkie Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 15th Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Meeting –@ Noon @ Flamingo Grill, Meriden
- 25th Oskaloosa Chamber Ribbon Cutting & Social –
Bradley E Hammel, CPA, Oskaloosa
- 26th-27th Riding to the Rescue-Competitive Trail Ride, Perry Lake (see flyer)



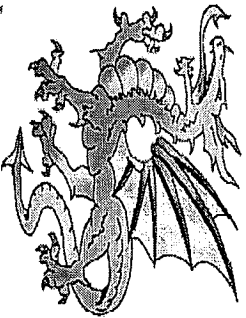
May

- 1st Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce
Noon at the Kendall State Bank Community Room
- 10th Iris Open House – Jim and Nina McGrath, 10 am to 3 pm 501 S Palmberg, Meriden
- 12th City of Ozawkie Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 13^h City of Meriden Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 14th Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting, 7:30 am at the Friendly Kansan
- 15th Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Meeting –@ Noon @ Flamingo Grill, Meriden
- 22nd Oskaloosa Chamber Social –



Relay for Life!

Start a team by coming to the next Captain's meeting at the Jeff West HS. Library on April 17th @ 7 pm. Any questions please call Tannie Ferrell
At 785-484-3322 or email at tferrell@denisonstatebank.com



VALLEY FALLS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The March 6, 2008 meeting was called to order by Co-President Gary Coleman. Guests were introduced. They were Jeri Clark, representing the V.F. Recreation Commission and Tammie Ferrell & Marcia McLaughlin, representing Relay for Life.

15 members were in attendance as well as 3 guests.

Minutes – were approved as presented from a motion by Jayne Coleman and seconded by David Grove.

Treasurer's Report – as presented by Paul Heinen. Approved a motion made by Andy Conser and seconded by Jerry Heinen.

City Report – No one was present to give a report.

EDC Report – The web site for the Economic Development is now on line. The address is jfcountryks.com.

Communications – None.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeri Clark reported that the 1st Jefferson County Garden Show was a success.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeri also reported on the V.F. Economic Development Committee. She is looking for volunteers; ie: Chamber members to help create a plan for improving the Valley Falls community. Andy Conser agreed to represent the Chamber.

Tammie Ferrell announced that the 2008 and 2009 Relay for Life will be held in Meriden.

Marcia, who is the Recruitment Chairman, and a cancer survivor, spoke of hopefully expanding the volunteer program and also the amount of participants. They are also looking for new ideas.

David Grove mentioned that there will be a meeting March 11th at 7:00 pm in the band room in regards to the bond election. The actual election date is May 6th. The web site for more information is usd3338.org.

Gary gave some thoughts on the bond election.

Gary encouraged Chamber members to pick up and/or deliver membership certificates to those who have not received theirs.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 10th

Dianne Heinen

Secretary, Pro Tem



Meriden
Ozawkie
Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2008

Chuck Wilson reported on the Pancake Feed. We served 399 people, netted \$1,197.45!!!!

The Golf Tournament will be on June 6, 2008. Neal Spencer is the chairperson on this fundraiser with proceeds going to Relay for Life and the Chamber.

The Easter Egg Hunt was successful. The Chamber donated 3 live bunnies for this event.

A letter for paving 62nd Street circulated the chamber members that will be going to the County commissioners.

Welcome signs are being put in place soon. Watch for them!

Coupon Books are still available at Denison State Bank. The chamber will sell them to members for \$5.00, then they resale for \$10.00.

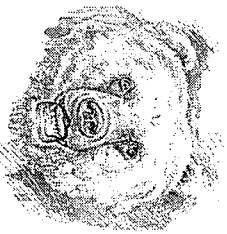
John Riley with the Tiger 5K has approached some of the Chamber members on sponsoring the t-shirt for this event. He needs a total of \$800.00 to put this together. Usually he goes to 40 plus business' to ask for sponsorship, those who donate get their name on the back of the shirt for advertising. This year he wants the chamber to help him out. No decision was made on this matter.

Jim McGrath reported for the Jefferson County EDC: There are 3 different sites being looked at for the Wakarusa Festival. March 31st Sen. Brownback will be at Ernest Spencer's in Meriden. It is by invitation only attendees because of space. Sen. Brownback wanted more of a conversation venue instead of making a speech. The EDC is sponsoring the NE Rural Microloan program in Jefferson County. They resently have given a loan to a Wetmore business that has locations in 3 counties. They manufacture wood pellets for the new wood pellets stoves.

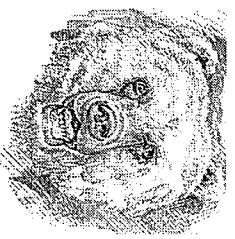
Marcia McLaughlin and Tammie Ferrell reported on the Relay for Life coming to Meriden this year. It is on June 13-14. This event is a 12 hour event to support and raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since cancer never sleeps, we will not sleep either! Anyone wanting to have a team is asked to contact Tammie or Marcia McLaughlin @ mltltm@yahoo.com.

The chamber is taking scholarship applications for the upcoming scholarship in May, 2008. This \$2000.00 scholarship is divided up in increments of \$500.00 for the 4 years they are in college. Anyone graduating from Jefferson West High School this May is invited to apply.

April's meeting will be on the 17th at The Flamingo Grill @ Noon



OSKALOOSA CHAMBER MINUTES



MARCH 12, 2008

Meeting called to order by Brad Hammil **Minutes:** - Read by Laura Thompson

Treasurer's Report: - \$3,200 chamber cash, Old Settlers Savings - \$9,886. Income this year \$550, expenses \$310. There were 47 invoices mailed out for chamber dues only 4 received, Brad asked everyone to check on this, several have paid but he has not received.

EDC Report: - Jim announced the new micro loan program – seven county region, entrepreneurs, currently \$750,000, they recently made their first loan.

Senator Brownback will be at Ernest Spencer on March 31st, it will be a small group to be conversational and not speeches. Jim will meet with Neal for details.

Website is up visitjeffcounty.com

Jim brought a guest George Wright/The Wright Handyman Service, LLC. George does a little bit of everything, remodeling, bathrooms, and interior and exterior, painting, installation of windows, doors everything except roofs and carpeting. We welcome George!

Wakarusa Music Fest still ongoing discussion in 2009 for Jefferson County.

Jim wanted to know if anyone knew who made the "Our Town Flyer".

Community Center: - Linda Loving reported that the land is now paid for. They are still looking at ways to earn money for building. They are looking into bringing circuses to town, Linda planning of checking into this further.

Lynn Luck/Jefferson County Services Organization is now renting the old location that was Brad Hammil's. Linda puts out the community calendar each month and takes to area businesses, you can put an ad in for \$30, and ads will list for two months. The Oskaloosa events are first. Be sure to have your ads in by the 15th of the month. Events are free.

Guests: - Tamie Ferrell, and Marsha McLaughlin, American Cancer Society, were here to challenge each chamber to get teams together for the American Cancer Society - Relay For Life of Jefferson County to be held June 13 – 14, 2008 at the Jefferson West High School Football Stadium in Meriden, KS. There are currently on two teams in Oskaloosa now, teams consist of 8 to 15 people. Brochures and posters were given to area business owners to help promote the Relay for Life. Kansas raised 1.7 million last year and they received back 2.9 million in grants.

Peggy Wallert of Cottonwood, Inc. was also a guest of the Chamber and looking to join. Cottonwood, Inc. is in their 36th year and offers support for developmental, disabilities, also provides employment and case management support.

Comments: Janet Wise wanted to bring to the attention to all small business owners that if you have a returned check, the Jefferson County district attorney will not accept a scanned image which states it is a legal document, it must be the original.

Committee Reports: - By-Laws were tabled.
Old Settlers – Terry reported they have the itinerary down, still looking for band for Saturday night. Next meeting March 31st, 7 p.m. at Terry's house.

Membership committee – Jim McGrath, Terry Burris, Barb Farmer and Janet Wise will look into getting new businesses to come into the community, this was brought about after losing the pharmacy. The chamber wants to help promote new business into the community.

After Hours sign up sheet passed around. Last mixer was hosted by First State Bank & Trust in Perry, KS; Anna reported that there were five Perry businesses in attendance was a nice turnout.

Janet Wise will host the March Chamber Mixer at her house on Thursday, March 20th 5:30, 17366 K-16 HWY, McLouth, KS.

Jim McGrath will have the July Chamber Mixer to be held at Spirit Lake and to be combined with all of the area chambers. To be held July 18th at 3 p.m. **Next After Hours** will be held at Brad Hammil's on April 25, it will be an open house, ribbon cutting and Mixer, and Community Center will help.