

McComb Economic Development Newsletter



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On March 27th, McComb Economic Development Organization met with Small Nation in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Small Nation develops places, spaces, and dreams for small towns and small-town entrepreneurs across the country. Their mission is to be a resource for others who need assistance in discovering how to approach the overwhelming task of revitalizing their dying towns.



Small Nation has taken Bellefontaine, a town that was 80% vacant and empty at the time, pulled together a team that could renovate buildings and create new businesses, and created life / injected new energy into their community. Ten years later, it is a bustling, industrious town, full of energy and opportunity for locals and visitors alike. Once vacant and dilapidated buildings are now strong, vibrant, welcoming places of business.

The Small Nation tour in Bellefontaine led McComb EDO around the town, in and out of buildings that house stores, restaurants, and loft-style apartments. We discussed what the facilities looked like initially and what it took to bring them to the successful states they are in today. This tour has taught us many things about revitalizing a town and has set our minds whirling with ideas for our beloved McComb.

We are excited to host Small Nation when they come to McComb for a visit in May. They will be touring the town, learning more about our community, and offering suggestions on how we might be able to implement creativity, hard work, and the community's desire for growth and industry in our little village.

"There is power in the ripple effect. One good idea spawns other good ideas. And it just keeps growing." Jason Duff, Founder / CEO

Sponsorship Drive for 2021

The fees for membership are the same for 2021 as last year. Members will receive FREE space at any event we host.

\$100—Sole Proprietor & Individual

\$150—Civic, Educational or Religious

\$250—Sm. Business (2-10 employees)

\$500—Med Business (11-75 employees)

\$1000—Large Business (over 75) employees

Invoices will be sent to all current members. Please send payments to:

Address: McComb EDO, PO Box 727, McComb, OH

Email: president@mccombedo.org

We have 22 Sponsors this year already and several of them are new. We are not done yet. This will be an exciting year for everyone in McComb.





Contact: Sam Polk or Seth Archer

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Hearthside Food Solutions – Partnering With Our Community

Hearthside Food Solutions is focused on increasing their level of civic involvement with the Village of McComb and neighboring communities. Giving back to the cities and towns where Hearthside employees work and live is a priority for the Hearthside management team.

In 2021, Hearthside has committed to becoming more involved with local events, charities, service organizations, and schools. In the course of reengaging with the community, Hearthside has interfaced with local organizations, such as McComb Schools, McComb Economic Development Organization, Findlay – Hancock County Economic Development Organization, McComb Village Council, and McComb Rotary Club.

To this end, Hearthside partnered with McComb High School for a Community Clean-up Day. Twenty-five McComb High School students met at the McComb plant for a day of learning and earning community service credits. The students were broken up into groups in partnership with several Hearthside employees to help clean up trash from neighboring homes and community properties. Several residents shared their appreciation for Hearthside take a leading role in demonstrating community pride, and involving both employees and local youth.

After the clean-up, the students were provided with lunch, and participated in interactive sessions with the Hearthside team. The focus of these was to familiarize the students with manufacturing as a career field, Hearthside as a company, and the broad variety of professional roles and job opportunities at Hearthside.

Looking forward, Hearthside is excited to continue building on this effort. Among the activities in the works for Hearthside is helping to refresh the 2021 McComb Cookie Festival and establishing routine partnerships to help prepare high school students for direct entry into the workplace or planning a path for continued education.

Hearthside is interested in learning about opportunities that have broad-ranging impact to our residents. Anyone with ideas as to how the Hearthside team can support our communities is encouraged to contact Sam Polk or Seth Archer at the McComb manufacturing site. Additionally, any residents 18 years of age or older who are interested in temporary or permanent employment with Hearthside should reach out Sam or Seth as well.

Coming Soon: Romero's Market

This Mexican market will be located at 267 East Main Street. Owners Juanita and Frank Lopez anticipate opening their market in June.



Did you know there is a gym in McComb?



Leslie Kahle's gym, **Cut by Coach** (5447 SR 613), offers personal training, sports training, bootcamps, and boxing for all fitness levels. Check them out on Facebook, Instagram, or by calling 419-348-0575.

McComb Village Barber Shop

Now Open!

137 E. Main St.
Call Kendra at 419-265-5362

Tuesday – Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 9 – 1

We have a new barber in town! Be sure to stop in and get a fresh new hair cut.

Remember to support our local businesses.

Flag City Furniture and Bedding Outlet

Now Open! Saturdays Only from 11 - 4

The Outlet is located on the southwest corner of West Main Street and Todd Street in McComb, across the street from the McComb Emporium. Stop in there for some great bargains and other treasures.

Stillwater Retreat Ohio

McComb's very own gorgeous 215 acre wedding / event venue is located just outside of McComb near 224 at 7904 TR 120. Featuring an outdoor chapel, pavilion, lodge, and cabin by the lake, it is the PERFECT backdrop for any event. They are holding a free open house / vendor fair on June 6th from 11-4:30. Stop by and check them out!

Phone: 419-890-5453; www.stillwatersohio.com

McComb Housing Market – You have to be Quick!

When driving around McComb, if you see a house for sale, it's highly likely the next time you drive past, it will have a SOLD sign in front of it.

This is even happening on the first day a house is listed: it's posted for sale in the morning and sold by the evening.

Houses for sale are not lasting long in McComb. It is most definitely a sellers market.

Things are going to start happening here in McComb, so hang on and stick with us. It's going to be very exciting here shortly. If you are interested in being a sponsor, check out Page 1.

Getting Started. Resources for new business ideas!

Visit Ohio's Business Gateway. It has lots of information on starting a new business.

<http://www.business.ohio.gov/starting>

To register a business:

Ohio Secretary of State
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
614-466-3910

To get planning and funding:

Small Business Resource Center
Dan Sheaffer
123 E Main Cross
Findlay, Ohio 45840
419-422-3313

To obtain a vendor's license:

Hancock County Courthouse
304 S. Main St, Rm. 21
Findlay, OH 45840

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