



JASPER CITY BAKERY "The Scent of a Smile"

With one tug on the handle of the Jasper City Bakery's front door, the wonderful aroma of tantalizing baked goods envelopes you. Lying in the bakery case to greet you are the delectable smiley face sugar cookies, a favorite among many youngsters and those young at heart. The signature smiley face is more than just a cookie – it is a symbol of the bakery's ongoing reputation and friendly atmosphere. Started in 1894 in the same location as today, the bakery has been owned by three separate families, and recipes more than 112 years old are still being followed. A short closing in early 2005 sent hundreds of local patrons swarming to the shop and waiting in line at 4:00 a.m. to purchase their last loaf of log cabin bread and pretzel doughnut. The smiley face cookies could have been frowns on that day in March. Fortunately, the bakery was only closed for two months before two friends and their families reopened the doors. Luckily for visitors, the bakery lives on and so does the smiley face cookie.

Snippets of other information:

- The bakery bakes approximately 185 dozen sugar cookies per week.
- The bakery bakes 60,000 loaves of log cabin bread a year, much of which is provided to area restaurants.
- A baker's shift starts between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. so that fresh items are baked each day.
- The bakery housed the first permanent telephone in Jasper in 1896.

