

PAXTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to making the Paxton area the best possible place to live, work, and to do business.

May 12
Mother's Day

May 13
City Council Meeting

May 22
*Chamber Quarterly Luncheon,
Noon - American Legion Bldg*

May 27
Memorial Day 

May 28
*Chamber Board Meeting, 11:30
at Lakeview Country Club*



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Meet Our New Executive Secretary/Treasurer

The Paxton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to welcome Kristina Phelan as the new Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Kristina was recently interviewed and hired by Board President Nancy Ecker and Board Member Craig Loschen. Kristina replaced the former Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Diane Rasmus, who resigned from her position as of April 15th.

Kristina and her family recently moved to Paxton from Colville, Washington last summer. Her husband, James, is the Plant Manager at Colmac Coil and they have two boys, Noah and Isaac, who attend Clara Peterson Elementary. Kristina has experience working on a Board of Directors with having held the President and Secretary positions on both a preschool and PTO board back in Washington State. With a degree in English, Kristina's forte is writing and she has experience with publishing and marketing as well.

"I'm excited to work for the Paxton Chamber of Commerce and believe that I will bring some fresh ideas to the group," Phelan said. "I look forward to meeting all of the business owners in town and helping to promote shopping local in Paxton."



DOUG HIGGINS AWARDED PCCA PHARMACIST OF THE MONTH

Doug Higgins of Doug's Compounding Pharmacy, Paxton, IL, has been named Pharmacist of the Month by Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA)—a provider of Accreditation Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)-approved pharmacy compounding training and continuing education programs, fine chemicals, devices and technical consulting headquartered in Houston, TX. Pharmacists are chosen for this honor based on their dedication to quality standards in pharmacy compounding, and for their commitment to their community and patients. Doug Higgins was selected from a field of more than 3,500 independent pharmacists located throughout the U.S. & Canada.

Compounding is the pharmacy method of preparing customized medications tailored to an individual's needs when a commercial medication is not available in the dosage form and strength needed. Many patients are allergic to preservatives or dyes, or are sensitive to standard drug strengths. With a physician's consent, a compounding pharmacist can change the strength of a medication, alter its form to make it easier for the patient to ingest, and add flavor to it to make it more palatable. A compounding pharmacy also can prepare the medication employing several unique delivery systems, such as a troche or lozenge, a lollipop, or a transdermal gel.

Preparing these customized medications allows compounding pharmacists to achieve their ultimate goal: to help the prescriber and patient achieve a more positive therapeutic outcome.

Doug's Compounding Pharmacy is a compounding-only pharmacy providing medications in areas including pain, bio-identical hormone replacement therapy, wound care, hospice, and veterinary medications. Hours of operation are 9-5, Monday through Friday, and 9-12, Saturdays. Doug's Compounding Pharmacy is located at 137 N. Market St., Paxton. For more information, please call Doug and 217-379-3684.

Did You Know?

- If you have any news about your organization or business, please submit it to the Chamber office by the 15th of each month.
- The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the Extra Mile Award. Please send all nominations to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 75, Paxton, Illinois 60957.
- Chamber Bucks can be redeemed or bought at FlipSwitch Consulting located in the Marshall Building. For more information call Craig Loschen at 379-8061.
- The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce holds its board meeting at various eating establishments. If any Chamber restaurant or business that serves food would like the Chamber to hold its 4th Tuesday of the month meeting at your location, please contact the Chamber office at 379-4655.



History of the Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce

The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization that is dedicated to promoting business and businesses in the Paxton area. The organization joined forces with the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce 68 years ago in 1945. Originally the name of the group was called the Paxton Chamber of Commerce. Since other businesses that are not located in Paxton wanted to join the Paxton Chamber, over the course of time the name was changed to the Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce to include those out of town businesses. Now the organization has a strong membership of 110 members. The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce members are businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The Chamber has twelve individuals that serve on the Chamber's board, and one part time secretary/treasurer. The board meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, and quarterly meetings are held for the membership as well as an annual meeting. At the board meetings, updates on each committee are discussed, as well as old and new business of the organization.

The members on the Chamber board are President Nancy Ecker, and Vice President Cliff McClure. The board members are Cliff McClure, Royce Baier, Nancy Ecker, Karen Abbe, Don Rasmus, Jim Wesslund, Lori Epps, Jennipher Wilson, Craig Loschen, Pat Harris, and Andy Hudson.

The Chamber office is located at 148 North Market in Paxton with a mailing address of P.O. Box 75, Paxton, Illinois 60957. The phone number is 217-379-4655, email is pacc@illicom.net, and the Chamber's website is www.paxtonchamber.org. The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to making Paxton the best possible place to live, work, and do business.

Invitation To Showcase Your Business

The 4th of July Committee would like to invite all area businesses to have a table or exhibit at the 4th of July celebration at Pells Park. This is a chance for you to promote your business or organization at one of the largest community events of the year. There is a small fee that will be assessed to businesses, but it is free to Chamber businesses. Please contact the Chamber office at 379-4655 if you are interested, so that we can reserve a space for you.

4th of July House Decorating Contest

The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a 4th of July House Decorating Contest. Residents of Paxton that would like to enter their home in the contest should contact the Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce at 379-4655 no later than July 1. The judges will be judging the exterior of the homes on July 3 after 1:00 pm.

The winners of the 4th of July House Decorating Contest will be announced on July 4th at Pells Park during the morning announcements. There will be prizes awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. For more information contact the Chamber office at 379-4655.

Food Stands for July 4th

Any non-for-profit organization that would like to have a food stand at the Chamber-sponsored Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration, are asked to contact the Chamber office at 379-4655 or contact the sub committee chairman Candi Riecks. The Chamber will assess a small fee to those groups wanting to have a food stand. All non-for-profit organizations will also need to obtain a Temporary Food Permit from the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department, and a list of guidelines from the Chamber.

The Chamber office has contacted the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department and a Temporary Food Permit can be obtained at no charge to non-for-profit organizations. A food permit application can be obtained at the website www.fiphd.org and organizations will have to speak with the Health Department at 815-432-2483. The Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department will need all applications into their office no later than June 22, 2013.

On July 4th, the Temporary Food Permit that was obtained from the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department will need to be displayed at the food stand, and the Chamber will need a copy of the permit before groups will be allowed to have a food stand at the Chamber-sponsored event.

The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to a day filled with food, fun, and excitement for everyone.

Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce to host Quarterly Luncheon May 22nd, 2013

The Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Quarterly Luncheon meeting on May 22nd at the American Legion Building at noon. The catered lunch will be made and served by the Paxton Women's Club. The speakers for the event will be Craig Loschen with Flipswitch Consulting and the American Cancer Society with Relay For Life.

If you are interested in attending, please mail your check and the names of the people attending to the Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 75, Paxton, Illinois 60957. The price for the luncheon is \$8.00 a person, and reservations and payment must be made by May 17th. The public is invited to attend.

The sponsors for the Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheons are:

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Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon

Wednesday May 22, 2013 • 12:00 Noon • American Legion Building
Speakers: Craig Loschen with FlipSwitch Consulting Group and
the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life"

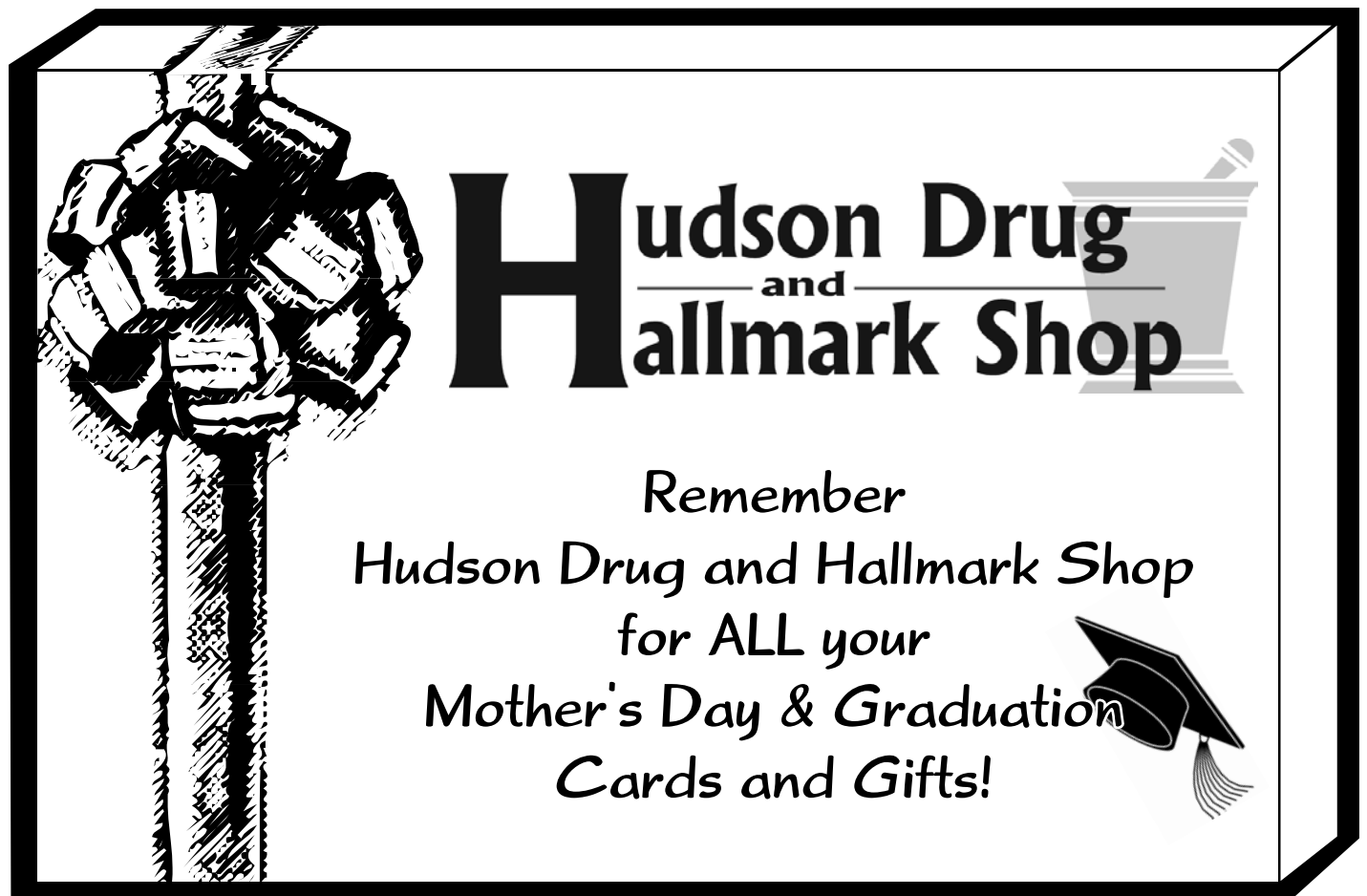
Please reserve _____ lunches for the following people:

Please mail your check and this form to: Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 75, 148 N. Market Street
Paxton, Illinois 60957

*The lunch is served by the Paxton Woman's Club at \$8.00 per person.
Reservations and payment must be made in advance, and received by May 17th, 2013.*

Call 379-4655
The public is invited.

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