

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.

June 14th

Flag Day



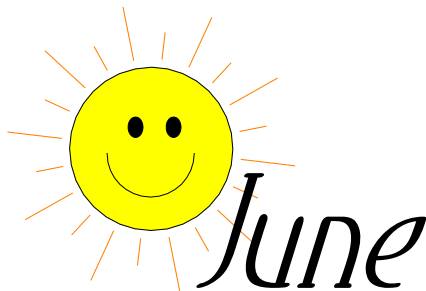
June 16th

Father's Day

June 25th

Chamber board meeting at 11:30am

• Monical's Pizza



Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce Officers

President - Nancy Ecker

Vice President - Cliff McClure

Board of Directors

Pat Harris	Andy Hudson
Karen Abbe	Cliff McClure
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May Quarterly Luncheon A Success

A total of 34 community members attended our May Quarterly Luncheon that was held on May 22nd in the American Legion Building. Amanda German from the American Cancer Society spoke as well as Craig Loschen from FlipSwitch Consulting. The Paxton Woman's Club provided an excellent lunch for the group.

Amanda spoke about the upcoming Relay For Life event that will be in Gibson City and stated that Ford County is only one of two counties who reached the Relay For Life goal last year. She

also mentioned all of the different programs that are sponsored by the American Cancer Society including a ponytail drive to help create free wigs for cancer patients, a cancer prevention research study, as well as Football 101 which is being sponsored by wives of major football coaches in our local area.

Craig spoke about different ways businesses can profit by using digital marketing

tools. He stated that many customers are choosing to consolidate their coupons and rewards programs in their smartphones. This allows customers to simply pull up coupons on their phone instead of having to worry about paper coupons. He also spoke about how social media can help many small businesses in keeping customers updated with facebook and twitter accounts. FlipSwitch Consulting is a new company that focuses on helping small businesses use digital technology in reaching, and keeping, their customers.



Pictured l to r are: Amanda German, Nancy Ecker, & Craig Loschen

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

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| Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services | Tim's Lawn Service & Snow Removal |
| First National Bank | Pizza Hut |
| Country Thyme Tea Room | Mediacom |
| Baier Family Funeral Services, LLC | Doug's Compounding Pharmacy |
| Heartland Health Care of Paxton | Paxton Record |
| Compass Insurance Partners | Paxton True Value Inc. |
| Hudson Drug & Hallmark Shop | Paxton IGA |
| Fiorillo, Shaffer & Associates, Ltd. | 523 Design |
| Paxton Ready Mix Inc. | Plastic Designs, Inc. & Ag Solutions |
| Nicor Gas | Busey Bank |
| Northwestern Mutual Financial Network-Tedd King | |

Come join us for the Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration on Thursday, July 4th at Pells Park. The event will start at 9:00 am and festivities will continue until 4pm. The City of Paxton will sponsor fireworks at dusk. The 4th of July celebration brings together all residents of the Paxton area for some good, old-fashioned fun. The event will include food stands, games, a community church service, car show, tractor show, and displays by local merchants. A local band, Back Paiges, will be performing again this year from Noon to 2pm as well.

This is the 14th year that the Paxton Area Chamber Of Commerce has sponsored this event and it is our way of thanking local residents for buying local and supporting our local businesses.

July 4th Golden Deeds Award Nominations Needed

The Paxton Area Chamber Of Commerce would like to honor volunteers in the community who have volunteered their time and talents to help the residents of the Paxton area.

If you'd like to nominate someone, please submit a letter stating all of the volunteer efforts of the nominee to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 75 Paxton, IL 60957 by June 15th. A committee will review the nominations and select a winner. The Golden Deeds award will be presented during the community church service on July 4th.

JOIN US!

at the

Old Fashioned July 4th Celebration

Show Your Patriotic Spirit

A 4th of July House Decorating Contest will be sponsored by the Paxton Area Chamber Of Commerce. The contest is open to all residents of Paxton who would like to show their American spirit by decorating the outside of their home. The deadline to enter your home into the contest is July 1st. Judging will occur on July 3rd after 1:00 pm.

There will be prizes awarded for first, second, and third place winners and the winners will be announced during the Old Fashioned 4th of July event morning announcements. To enter your home or for more information, please call Kristina at 217-379-4655.

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.

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, is 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.

Please Post 4th of July Schedule at Your Location

The Paxton Area Chamber Of Commerce is asking businesses to please post the 4th of July schedule of events at your location. This is the largest event of the year for Paxton, and it is sponsored by your local Chamber. Please pass the word to customers about this great event!

4th of July Committee Members

General Chairman

Jake Pietkiewicz with the First National Bank (217-379-2336)

Sub Committee Chairmen

- Soda Stand - Karen Abbe
- Food Vendors - Candi Riecks
- Entertainment - Cliff McClure
- Chamber Food Tent - Craig Riecks
- Tractor Show - Dennis Starkey
- Church Service - Colleen Lawrence
- Set Up on July 3 - Knights of Columbus
- Car Show - Chad Riggelman
- Set Up Before the Event - Lindsay Ostendorf
- Traffic and Safety - Ed Hanson
- Children's Games - Jill Webber
- Clean Up and Taking Down Decorations - Knights of Columbus

Sponsors for the 2013 July 4th celebration are as follows:

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Svcs
Paxton True Value Inc.
Paxton IGA
Tim's Lawn Service & Snow Removal
Country Thyme Tea Room
Nicor Gas
Moore Surveying & Mapping
Flavel J. Heyman, O.D.
Pizza Hut
Compass Insurance Partners
Paxton Veterinary Clinic
Busey Bank
Hudson Drug & Hallmark Shop
Market Street Barber Shop
Mediacom
Vital Education & Supply, Inc.
Casey's General Store
523 Design
Baier Family Funeral Services, LLC
Kirchner Building Center
S & P Rentals
Doug's Compounding Pharmacy
Cheesecloth & Buttermilk
First Natl Bank
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network-Tedd King

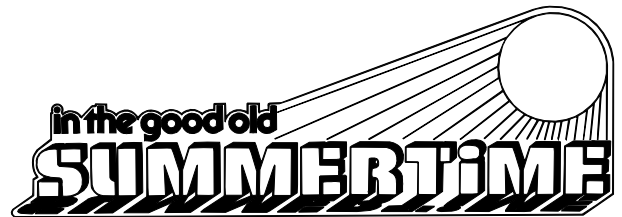


Colmac Coil originally started in 1971 in Colville, Washington and is a 3rd generation privately owned company. Known as "The



Heat Transfer Experts" they specialize in manufacturing heating and cooling coils that are mainly sold to contractors and equipment manufacturers. In 2009, Baltimore Air Coil sold Colmac Coil one of their product lines and later the entire plant.

Colmac Coil is committed to the Paxton area and they have grown from just 15 employees in 2009 to over 60 employees today. Plant manager, James Phelan, is committed to growing this second Colmac Coil manufacturing facility to bring jobs to the community. Due to its proximity, the Colmac Coil Midwest plant serves customers from the Midwest and eastern US regions while the original Colville, WA plant serves the Northwest and international customers.



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How Can We Help?

- Do you have business news you'd like to share with us? Please email your news to Kristina by the 10th of each month so that we can put you in the newsletter.
- We are always seeking nominations for our Extra Mile Award for employees. Nominations can be sent via mail or email. Need some nominating cards? Just ask Kristina to bring some to your business.
- Are you a restaurant or have food services? Let the Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce support your business by hosting one of our monthly board meetings. All we need is space for 12 people. We pay for lunch, you get the business! Contact Kristina to put your business on the list!

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**HOMETOWN
PROUD**

217-379-3312

**“We want to
spoil you.”
“We carry out”**

IGA Cookouts:

Cookouts are great money making opportunities for any organization. Make \$250 to \$350 in a 5-hour span. Make a note now to call early in January. These add up to over \$12,000 each year.

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT:

*“Senior Citizen Day”
every Tuesday.*

Get 10% off

your first \$30.00 in purchases.

*A senior is anyone
62 years young.*



Delivery Service:

Only a \$2.00 fee for IGA customers within the Paxton city limits. This service is available to individuals with special needs and senior citizens. Order call-in on Wednesday; delivery on Thursday.



CUT ON SITE:

Our meat department employs 4 individuals that daily cut and package your meat needs. We cut on-site with in-store meat cutters. If you want a special cut, no problem. We can have it for you the same day.



**Spend \$200,000 -
Get \$1,000**

Local non-profits can bring us **PAXTON IGA** receipts totaling \$200,000 and we will issue a \$1,000 check.

50 members x \$77 x 52 weeks = \$200,200

This program began October 1, 2009.

TV Screen Advertising

Non-profits can advertise an upcoming event on our in-lane monitors. There is no charge to run a 10-second spot up to 30 days. Where else can you find a bargain like this?

