

CHAMBER NEWS

“LAWRENCE COUNTY, A GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME”



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Administrative Assistant ~ Paula McKim

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATION

Are you interested in serving on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors?

Nomination is coming up, and if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please fill out the enclosed/attached 'nomination form' by September 24. Ballots will then be in the October newsletter for members to vote for the nominated Board of Directors.

Nominations are accepted from all members in good standing. This includes the business owner, manager, and/or employee. A Director will serve a three year term (2011 – 2013), unless filling a vacancy on the Board. All names submitted in writing will be placed on the ballot for the 2011 election. The new Directors will begin their terms January 1,

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2011. Your Chamber needs dedicated and committed individuals who want to share their experiences to make Lawrence County a better place to live and work.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBER(S)

The Real McCoy Café located at 1009 State Street, Lawrenceville, IL ½ Block east of the Square, next to Albright. Dine-in or Carry-out. Gift Certificates always available. They also have a banquet room for parties, meetings, dinners, and gatherings. The Real McCoy also offers catering. Nancy Hettich, owner and operator of Real McCoy encourages you to call to help plan your next party. 618-943-4544. The Real McCoy is open Monday-Friday 9a.m. to 2 p.m.; Closed Saturday; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

XOCAI's HIGH ANTIOXIDANT CHOCOLATES BY PHIL FISH

Everyone loves chocolate, right? In fact, survey's say that 9 out of 10 people love chocolate. And when you travel around this world today there are many kinds of chocolate....and they all came from the Cocoa plant! But the early Mayan Indians knew chocolate in a different way....before chocolate had been altered in taste! They knew the raw taste of cocoa....and they used it for medicinal purposes as well as for money, and gifts to the gods. It was given to their warriors that went out into battle!

Today....ancient chocolate, or raw cocoa has gone through an enormous change to please the palate....but the changes come with some long term problems in health! Diabetes is one of the most costly health problems in America....and along with cancer, heart attacks, strokes, arthritis, lung disease, cholesterol....just to name a few....it is dreaded and feared. We don't want to age and we don't want to have chronic ailments! Is there a solution?

11 years ago MXI Corporation got off to a running start with rich, dark, Belgium chocolate distribution. Most of the major chain stores carried their product called 'Pure-D-lite'. It became so popular even among Doctors/Physicians and their patients that the Brooks family had many High Buy Out offers - even from WalMart.

After more research and study....and with a history of Diabetes in the family, the Brooks family decided to reformulate their products without all the bad ingredients that go into modern chocolate found on store shelves....like processed sugars, milks, caffeine, and other taste altering ingredients. And thus was born the Xocai Healthy Chocolate Products - 4 years ago.

My name is Philip Fish, and with my wife Debi, we became involved with MXI Corporation 2 years ago in August. We were attracted not only to the idea of a chocolate business...but we were also attracted to the medicinal studies behind Dark Chocolate. In our research of this company and general dark chocolate studies....we are now excited to share this information about the 'healing' effects that all natural raw cocoa has to our human body!

After consuming these delicious dark chocolates for 2 years our family has seen great improvements in problems relating to arthritis, diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, energy, migraine headaches, strength, and even sleep! We are convinced that the right kind of dark chocolate can indeed improve health.

In the business arena we now have over 650 people on our team, sharing healthy chocolate throughout the United States. MXI offers a very lucrative business plan....and because it is the 'Category Creator' of Healthy Chocolate from a 'cold pressed' formula....it is the leader in all categories. It is the #1 importer of rich Belgian chocolate.

The business plan gives an individual or family the option of working part-time or even full-time with residual income. Many business minded individuals are interested in the MXI business plan for that plan B, or because their current income is temporary....or they are just looking for something different. We attract all walks of life to this business.

Getting your Xocai chocolate business and up and running is easy and fun....and financially rewarding. We will have samples and tastings available from time to time. For more information about MXI Corp....call us any time at: 618-928-3888

We love to share the taste of Rich Xocai Chocolate. Brochures will be available at the Chamber office.

Philip & Debi Fish

CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LAND TITLE & ABSTRACT CO.

Land Title & Abstract Co. has been in business since May 2002 at 815 12th street, Lawrenceville (first floor of the Kensler Building); staff includes Roxie Wright, Teresa Cunningham, and Amy Rand.

Roxie started her career in abstracting at Tohill & Gosnell, Inc. while in high school, prior to moving to Rockford, Winnebago County for 21 years. She returned to manage Tohill & Gosnell, Inc. from 1981 to 1986, and then moved to Champaign, where she trained title searchers and examiners in Champaign County and examined residential, commercial and agricultural titles for title insurance commitments and policies. Roxie's entire work career has been in abstract/title offices.

Teresa began her career in abstracting at Tohill & Gosnell, Inc. in 1983, searching the

records in the Lawrence county Court House, issuing title commitments and policies, and compiling information for abstracts, searches, and title insurance, she continued to work in the county in the abstract/title field until May 2002, when with Roxie, they opened Land Title & Abstract Co.

Amy began her career with Land Title & Abstract Co. in 2006; she also, searches the records in the Lawrence County Court House, compiling information for abstracts, searches, and title insurance.

Land Title & Abstract Co. purchased the records of the former Tohill & Gosnell, Inc. Abstract Business in November 2007, giving them the only tract indices in the county along with all title records, giving them a lot of history of Lawrence County. With this purchase it has given them the files and copies of previous title work done by T & G, therefore cutting down on search time needed at the court house and they can pass on the savings to their customers, they also give full reissue rates on title policies every time.

Roxie and Teresa said they believe people are always "learning from the past to take title into the future." Also, the customer has the right to choose what title company does their title work, so make sure you let your realtor and/or banker know your choice is LAND TITLE & ABSTRACT CO.

Land Title is a full service title office, issuing title insurance policies, insured closings, updating abstracts, oil and gas abstracts, mineral title searches and centennial farm applications, along with a wide variety of other request. Land Title is an issuing agent

for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company.

The staff of Land Title & Abstract Co. can also perform any title service needed in the counties of Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards,

White, Wayne, Richland, Crawford, Clay and Jasper.

Please stop by and see us or give us a call at 618-943-4732, we will be happy to help you with your title needs.

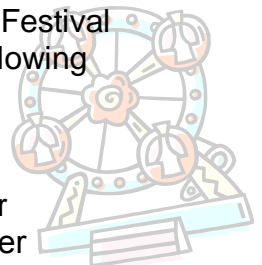
THE CHAMBER REPORTS

5K Run/Walk: The Chamber would like to welcome teams to participate in the 5K Run/Walk on September 18 at 9 a.m. Teams may only consist of three members and team members can be any combination of ages. We are encouraging everyone to get a team together. Teams are \$30. It can be competing businesses or a family that would like to challenge another, or just anyone who wants to have some fun and support our community. You can still pre-register up until Friday, September 17th. You still have an Opportunity to be a sponsor. Sponsorship levels as follows: \$250 – A larger placement of business logo/name on t-shirt; \$200 – Logo or name on shirt; \$100 Name on shirt. All sponsors will be printed on a banner at the Start and Finish lines. If you are interested in helping sponsor this event or need additional information, please contact Lori or Paula at the Chamber office. 618-943-3516. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

A sheet of ten (10) tickets will be \$10 a sheet. One ticket per one ride! The Chamber office will sell tickets from September 7 to September 15 at 2:00 p.m. Price during the festival will be \$15 a sheet of ten (10). If you have any questions, please call the chamber office or contact us via e-mail. Fall Festival tickets are available at the following businesses:

McKim's IGA
Lawrenceville Banking Center
People's State Bank in Sumner
First Bridgeport Banking Center



First Financial Bank
Old National Bank
Personal Finance
Ambraw Federal Credit Union
Ace Hardware
Cuttin' Up
Essentials Cards & Gifts



BASKETBALL CAPITAL CLASSIC

Basketball Capital Classic is soon approaching. We are celebrating the 22nd year. This year, we are honoring the request from team coaches to change the bracket format. This year all eight (8) teams will have the chance to play four games throughout tournament. Four games will be played on Friday, November 26th. Although the teams will be playing two games at both County high school sites on Saturday, November 27th morning, all Championship games will be played at Lawrenceville High School that evening of the 27th of November.

We held the first Basketball Capital Classic meeting August 25th at 12:00 p.m. All meetings will take place at the Chamber office. We are in process of contacting businesses for their sponsorship. Basketball Capital Classic will be held on November 26th and 27th.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner meetings are now in process. We held the last meeting at the Chamber office on August 26th. More details will come. The committee is entertaining the thought of having the Chamber Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Feel Free to call the Chamber for any suggestion and/or comments.

The Chamber Annual Dinner is a good opportunity to get all membership together and recognize all that you have done for the community.



The Chamber of Commerce supports the U.S. Route 50 Coalition by a way of a \$1,000 donation. Charlie Gillespie is a Coalition Member, spoke at the last Chamber luncheon of Charlie explained a group of business and civic leaders works toward improving transportation infrastructure on U.S. Route 50, thus stimulating the economy and creating and retaining jobs in Lawrence County. Charlie thanked all who donated money. He explained the representatives who have aided U.S. Route 50 Coalition. In 2007 the Illinois Department of Transportation funded a feasibility study to identify the requirements and costs of upgrading the roadway. This study was completed in 2008 and approved by IDOT as a feasible expansion project with various alternatives. In 2009 the Coalition hired Chuck Hartke as a consultant and retained his services for 2010-2011. Mr. Hartke was most recently the Director of Agriculture for the State of Illinois and former State Representative for the 108th District serving from 1985-2003.

RIBBON CUTTING(S)



MELISSA POTTS, LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST

Recently at her place of business, The Cutting Edge, a mile south Lawrenceville on Illinois Route 1, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Melissa who is

also a new Chamber Member. She is open for business from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Appointments can be made calling 943-6629. She has a Back to School Special which consists of 30 minute massage with a facial for \$25 and/or a 60 minute massage with a foot treatment for \$35. This is valid until September 30, 2010,



Lawrence County Health Department hosted an open house Sunday in celebration of the completion of an extensive remodeling and expansion project. Tours of the facility were given, along with free gifts.



Congratulations to our newly crowned 'Miss Lawrence County and 4-H Fair Queen,' Jayla Perrott and to Hannah Rhinehart crowned as the second Lawrence County Junior Miss Fair Queen!

THE LUCKY CHAMBER CRAZYDAYS CASH' DRAWINGS

Our latest August winners from the CrazyDays Cash Drawings are: Friday Winners for \$25 are Tom Sloan, Kim Meyer, Jenni Vinsel, Eric Drummond, and Bill Shick. Congratulations!

It is still not too late to get your 2010 Lucky Chamber Crazy Days tickets NOW. Purchase your tickets at : The Lawrence County Chamber office, Old National Bank, First Financial Bank, First Bridgeport Banking Center, Lawrenceville Banking Center, McKim's IGA, J.V. Pools, or from any Chamber Board Member. You have a great chance to win BIG money. You can win throughout the whole year such as; Every Friday - \$25; Martin Luther King's Birthday, President Day, Memorial, Labor, Columbus, and Veteran's Day - \$50. The Jackpot for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, Mother's Day and Father's Day is for \$75. July 4th, Easter, and/or New Year's Eve - \$150. This year the BIG Wins start on Thanksgiving - \$275, Christmas Eve - \$300 And Christmas Day - \$500!! Remember that you have multiple chances to win because tickets are not discarded until after the end of the year. Tickets are only \$5.00/each. Winners will be contacted by phone, printed in the monthly newsletter, printed in all Lawrence County newspapers, read on WAKO 103.1 & AM 910 and posted on the web site: lawrencecountyillinois.com Call or e-mail the Chamber office for more information.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

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Please get involved, we love to see more Chamber members at the Chamber luncheons. Luncheons are held every third Wednesday of each month. The meeting consists of information on upcoming events in the county and any business related updates. Please call the Chamber if you are interested.
The next Chamber Luncheon is at Real McCoy

**State Street,
Lawrenceville, IL .
on Wednesday, Sept. 22
at 1:00 p.m.**

(Please note: Sept. luncheon is one week later due to Fall Festival)

**Submitted Articles From
Chamber Member(s)**

PUPPET SHOW

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday September 18, during the Fall Festival, there will be a puppet show put on by the Handyman Puppets at First Presbyterian Church, just south of the town square on 12th Street. The program includes lots of lively music and an interesting array of puppet characters. Refreshments will be served. It is a great way to start your day at the festival.

**Happy 25th Anniversary
J.V. Pools & Spas!!!**

J.V. Pools & Spas, Inc. located at R.R. #1 Box 2 in Lawrenceville began their venture when Texaco Refinery closed its doors in 1985. It is owned by Jerry and Veronica Kirkwood.

The beginning of J.V. Pools started in the spring of 1985, when we had planned on purchasing an inground pool kit and installing it ourselves. We had an appointment on a Friday to buy the kit, however on Thursday Texaco announced it was closing the plant, so the appointment was cancelled. One day Jerry was reading the Wall Street Journal and it stated that the fastest growing business of that time was the pool business. We decided to go for it and built shelves in our garage and ordered what chemicals we needed to get started. Next we built our pool to use as a demo. That same year we built a pole

building at our residence and officially got the business started. The next year we hired some former Texaco employees and built our first inground pool and above-ground pool. Four years later we outgrew that location and built a 3,500 sq. ft. cedar building across from our home, this consisted of a large showroom and offices. As we continued to grow we added a warehouse on the back and nine tanning rooms were added to the location. In February of 1993 a 20' x 60' heated indoor pool was added to the site. Also, a 3,000 sq. ft. shop was erected. Another 2,000 sq. ft. building was built which is used for step aerobics and other activities.

J.V. Pools provides services such as installing inground and above-ground pools, spas, renovation, replacement liners, equipment repairs, parts, safety, equipment, chemicals accessories. We cover an area of 12 counties.

We have from 8-12 full and part time employees. We would like to thank Ladonna Swindle for being with us from day one. (25 years) and are hopeful she will stay another 25 years. We would have a hard time without her. Also a big thanks to our son Tyler, who has been in the business with us the past 23 years.

Today our business has grown beyond pools and chemicals. We have a unique gift shop including purses, luggage, jewelry, etc. We also offer water exercise, water and step aerobic classes, lap swimming, swim lessons, birthday and group parties, tanning, air brush tanning, ear candling, therapeutic massages are available.

We want to thank all of our customers and we strive to give them professional and exceptional service. We want to provide only the upmost highest quality of material and workmanship. You can reach us by calling 618-943-3404.

We the Chamber would like to thank J.V. Pools & Spas for their commitment to the Chamber and wish them continued success.

**Rides Mass Transit District
Saturday Trips**

Sept 4: Happy Labor Day -No trip scheduled; **Sept 11 :** Shawnee Queen Trip; **Sept 18:** Effingham; **Sept 25:** Vincennes, IN; To schedule a Ride contact RMTD: 1-866-389-7536
To Reserve a seat please call by 3PM on Thursday before the trip. Thank you.



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September Calendar of Events

September 4----- "Festival in the Park Celebration" will be held at Lawrenceville City Park from 7-5 p.m. This event will include a Barbeque Cook Off, Tennis Tournament, Recreational Vehicles, Car & Tractor Show, Flea Market, and a variety of food and craft vendors. There will be plenty of fun for the whole family. For more information contact Doug York at 943-7655.

September 6----- "Denison Township Chowder" at the Firehouse in St. Francisville, carry out will begin at 11:00a.m. For more information contact 618.943.3516

September 9-12---"Sumner Festival" Downtown Sumner. For more details, call City of Sumner 936-2415.

September 15-18-----"48th Annual "Lawrence Co. Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival," downtown Lawrenceville around the square. For more information contact the chamber office at 618.943.3516

September 18-----Fall Festival 5K Run will begin at 9:00 am starting at City Hall Parking lot to Lawrenceville City Park and then ending at 12th and Jefferson Streets. To pre-register you can contact the Chamber office at 943.3516.

Sept. 18.....Chauncey "Chowder Day" will be held from 11-4pm. For more information contact Wilma at 618-947-2211.

Sept. 24-25.....Alumni Mixer will be held at the Elks, for more information contact Roger Kull at 943.6455.

Sept. 24-----Lawrenceville Homecoming, parade set for 3:00 p.m. Theme will be: "Black in the Night". For more information or to enter the parade, contact LHS at 943-3389.

September 25----- Lasata Wines- Annual Autumnfest (Dinner at 5pm Music 6-9pm)

Sept. 25-----McKim's IGA "Annual Cruise In" will be held at McKim's IGA. This is a customer appreciation day, from 4-7 p.m. The band "Hot Rod Lincoln" will be playing during the car show. For more information call Mark at 618.943.2767.