

Focus on Chamber Businesses: Med-Equip Pharmacy and Gift Store

Local pharmacy fulfills not only medical needs, but home décor and gift desires as well. Med-Equip Pharmacy is able to do things that other small town independent pharmacies couldn't likely do.

“We are able to get medications in, we have several channels which we can buy bulk medications and compound them to a specific medication for people and pets too,” said Wally Tschopp President PBR incorporated and pharmacist at Med-Equip. Med-Equip pharmacy is an incorporated entity known as PBR inc. (which reflects the names of the individuals that originally set up the corporation, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Brown, and Walt Ronnfeldt R.Ph.). The Tschopp team moved back to Hartley in 1973 to join the partnership.

This small town business goes above and beyond to make life a little easier for its consumers; they offer free gift wrapping, gift and medication delivery within city limits, UPS shipping, and *Bubbles* dry-cleaning services.

“We also provide regional delivery, via our weekly Med-Equip route drivers, of medications and medical supplies and devices,” W. Tschopp said. They also offer 24 hour on-call emergency pharmacy services.

While you're waiting for a prescription be sure to look at what the gift shop has to offer: they have a vast selection of contemporary gifts, collectables like Willow Tree, specialty consumable products featuring Iowa wines and a wide array of candles including flame free candles and Yankee.

“We always have new things coming in,” said Becky Tschopp, Secretary and Treasurer of PBR and visual coordinator of Med-Equip. “We try to carry seasonal things as well.”

Not only does the home town pharmacy make life a little easier, but they help the community they serve.

“We support and give back to the community; we are locally owned, participate in the Chamber and just try to support the community as a whole,” B. Tschopp said. “It's fortunate we (Hartley) can sustain so many businesses. We all team up and work together.”

Quick answers for consumers:

1. **Store hours:** (gift shop) Monday-Tuesday 8:30-5:30, Wednesday 8:30-7:00, Thursday-Friday 8:30-5:30 (pharmacy) Monday-Friday 9:00-5:30, and both open Saturday 8:30-1:30.
2. **Location:** 141 South Central Avenue, Hartley, Iowa 51346

3. **Owner(s):** Becky Tschopp, Secretary, treasurer and visual coordinator and Wally Tschopp, President and pharmacist.
4. **What they offer:** Prescription and over the counter drugs, compounds, shingles vaccinations, home décor and consumable gifts. They also have Bubbles dry cleaning and UPS shipping available.
5. **Something people should know about your business:** Because of *The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* (HIPAA) all information concerning insurance and medication information is private
6. **Upcoming wedding?** : The Med-Equip gift shop offers wedding registry.
7. **Price of medication:** They not only deliver for free, but often times can match prices of competitors and because of Medicare Part D many times prices are the same at your home-town, locally owned and operated pharmacy