



August/September 2006

Nappanee Area
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**2006
Calendar
of Events**

Dates to Remember

**Lunch and Learn
"Gadgets" by Rich Hays,
U4 Com**
Friday, Aug 25th
Noon – 1:00 pm

**Leadership Academy
Orientation**
Tuesday, Aug 29

Chamber Retail Meeting
Friday, Sept 1

**SBDC Consultant in
Nappanee**
Thursday, Sept 7

**Redevelopment
Commission Meeting**
Tuesday, Sept 12

**Nappanee United Way
Campaign Kick-Off**
Thursday, Sept 14

Chamber Board Meeting
Monday, Sept 18

**ANCO Business Expo
Plymouth**
10 – 4:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept 20

APPLE FESTIVAL QUEEN IS CROWNED



Whitney Kirkdorffer was crowned the 2006 Miss Apple Blossom Queen Saturday, August 5, 2006. Whitney is the daughter of Jeff and Terri Kirkdorffer, Nappanee and is sponsored by **Thompson, Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home**. Reigning as 2006 princesses will be first runner-up Asha Holsopole, **Miss Salem Insurance** and 2nd runner-up Kendra Lentz, **Miss Edward Jones**.

APPLE FESTIVAL BIKE RIDE – Saturday, September 16

Brochures are now available. You can pick one up or print one online at www.nappaneeapplefestival.org. A 9 mile Fun Ride, 30 mile Heritage Ride and 55 miles Tri-County ride are planned. Pre-registration is \$15.00 (after September 1st - \$20.00) a family rate is available (\$50.00).

APPLE FESTIVAL CIDER CUP CHALLENGE



Be apart of the **1st Annual Cider Cup Challenge** sponsored by **Aluminum Trailer Company**. Any Business/Organization or Industry can provide a team (4 co-ed runners) for a \$40.00 entry fee. The race will take place from Jackson to Main (3 runners run 1 block, 1 runner runs 2 blocks). Winner will be determined by combination of time and amount of remaining cider in the cup!! The winners will receive a traveling trophy and have \$200.00 donated in your name to the local charity of choice!!!

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER CIRCUIT RIDER

The SBDC is dedicated to helping grow new businesses. The Nappanee Chamber has committed to making the investment to bring SBDC's counseling to Nappanee, at no charge, one day a month. If you would like to learn more about how SBDC can help you achieve your small business goals, please contact the Chamber to set an appointment for September 7th, at (574) 773-7281 or contact



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Small Business Development Center
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South Bend, IN 46617
(574) 282-4350 ext. 8



Ben Hahn and John Crawford, Lithotone, examine a freshly printed page from their newest printing press from Germany.

John stated that Ben works with manually coloring proofs on the computer before they go to press so everything matches and shows true to the actual items being sold. They do many booklets for RV manufacturers where customers have multiple choices in the colors of wood and fabric.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

We are still accepting nominations for the upcoming 2006-2007 Leadership Academy.

Call the Library at 773-7919 for more information

NEW MEMBERS:



LITHOTONE , INC

The commercial printing company **Lithotone** hums with the familiar sound of a high speed printing press but that is were the familiarity ends.

Lithotone, Located at 1313 W. Hively Ave, in Elkhart specializes in **PRINTING**. Nationally known and using the highest technology in equipment, **Lithotone** could easily forget the little guy, the small business, the non-profit, but they don't and they won't. **John Crawford**, Marketing Director stated that **Lithotone** has been in business 45 years and from day one the company has been 100% owned by its employees. This is evidenced by the pride and demand of quality taken in the work done at **Lithotone**. They specialize in short and long print runs, variable data printings, mailings and insertings. They work with Disney, Veggie Tales and many RV companies. You can contact Lithotone for a quote for your printing needs at: Phone: 574-294-5521;

Email: jcrawford@lithotone.com

MANCINO'S

Mancino's, 903 W. Market Street, Nappanee is the place to be for Pizza and Grinders. New Owner, for the past 8 months, Heather Walter is focusing on faster service, menu changes including "Vics" famous ice cream and interior improvements. **Mancino's** food is made fresh to order by an experienced staff offering personal service. Phone: 773-5900

Carry-Out menus available!



LUNCH AND LEARN ABOUT "GADGETS"

Blue Tooth, Blackberry, GPS, MP3... what are these things??? Plan to attend the **Lunch and Learn Workshop Friday, August 25th** (noon-1:00) and **Rich Hays, U4 Com** will tell you almost everything you ever wanted to know about the newest communication Gadgets to hit the market. Lunch is \$5. Make your reservations by calling Heritage House 773-3592!!

Workshop sponsored by: Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce and Heritage House

ANCO BUSINESS EXPO IN PLYMOUTH

Nappanee Chamber Member, **Anco Office Products** in Plymouth, would like to invite Chamber members to their Business Expo at Christo's Banquet Center on Wed, September 20th in celebration of their 28th anniversary with Canon®. The open house will be from 10 – 4:30. Christo's Banquet Center is located at 830 Lincolnway East in Plymouth. For more information call Jeff Jones at 1-800-262-6944.



**APPLE FESTIVAL
BROCHURES ARE
AVAILABLE!!**

31st Apple Festival



Over 100 craft booths



Over 30 commercial
booths



Two Stages of
Entertainment



World's Largest 7'
Apple Pie



Fall Furniture Festival



Parade



Wings & Wheels Show

**AND SO MUCH
MORE!!!!**

BEAUTIFICATION

John's Auto Spa was the recipient of the Second quarter Beautification Award given for beautiful outdoor landscaping.



ASSETS

ASSETS of Elkhart County has trained more than 100 entrepreneurs and many successful businesses have been developed, launched and strengthened. A good business plan and advice from experienced business owners can mean the difference between success and disappointing returns on investment. By creating a partnership with the Goshen College Business Department, **ASSETS** will continue to offer practical, experienced-based training and support for entrepreneurs interested in starting or expanding a business. The program integrates training with individual coaching, assistance in arranging loans, networking opportunities and mentoring. **The 13 week course starts Thursday, 9-14-06 and runs through Tuesday, 12-05-06 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. at the Lexington Business Centre, 530 E. Lexington Ave, Elkhart, IN** The two-hour classes are taught by volunteer community business leaders, professionals and college faculty who draw on their own experience and success to help entrepreneurs. The cost for **ASSETS** training is based on the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income levels and will range from \$50 to \$350. To request more information or a registration packet call 574-535-7451 or Email: business@goshen.edu

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Construction on Nappanee's downtown improvement project is underway on North and South Main Streets! Improvements will be made to the sidewalks, lighting and landscaping. Construction will be suspended during the weekend of the Apple Festival.





NIFTY APPLICATIONS DUE DEC. 1, 2006



Prepacked Chamber Gift Basket filled with Nappanee made-sold products

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

- Arden Graber**
Graber's Carpet Studio
- Brad Baum**
John Mast Construction
- Tom Bradway**
Curtis TV
- Dianne Debelak**
HomeSpun Country Inn
- Sonya Harman-Nash**
Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Shane Henry**
Fabwel Owens Corning
- John Leavitt**
Salem Insurance
- Gavin Miller**
Lake City Bank
- Gary Shuder**
Newmar Corp
- Criss Walter**
Holmes & Walter Attorneys

NEW OSMC OFFICE



Construction of the new **OSMC** facility is expected to be completed by February 2007. The **OSMC** main office is in Elkhart, **OSMC East** is located in Middlebury and now **OSMC South** in Nappanee. Services will combine orthopedic care medical group's offices currently located in Wakarusa and Nappanee and offer physical and hand therapy and physician care.

WIN ONE OF THESE CARS AT THE APPLE FESTIVAL!!



2007 Chevy Cobalt provide by: **McCormick Motors** or 2007 Ford Focus provided by: **Nappanee Ford**



Raffle tickets are now available for the Apple Festival Car Raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 each. A Maximum of 3,500 tickets sold. Minimum of 2,500 must be sold or 1st prize becomes a 50/50 cash drawing. The drawing will be held Sunday, September 17th at the NIPSCO Entertainment Tent at 6:00 pm. (Need not be present to win). Tickets available at: 1st Source Bank, Chase Bank, Chiphone Credit Union, Farm Bureau Credit Union, KeyBank, Lake City Bank, Martin's Supermarket, McCormick Motors, Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce, Nappanee Ford, Nappanee Public Library, or from any NorthWood High School Band Member.

- 2nd Prize:** (2) 18 holes of Golf/McCormick Creek Golf Course *and*
(2) candlelight dinners at Heritage House *and*
(1) overnight stay at the Homespun Country Inn B&B
- 3rd Prize:** \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Martin's Hardware *and*
(10) free card washes plus a \$30.00 Gift Certificate at John's Auto Spa
- 4th Prize:** \$100 gift certificate from Metzler Shoe Company
- 5th Prize:** One year free oil changes (limit four) at Newcomer Service
(Must be 18 to participate)

NAPPANEE UNITED WAY KICK-OFF

Wednesday, September 13th marks the 2006 **United Way** Campaign Kick-Off Luncheon at the Goshen Salvation Army building. **United Way of Elkhart County** wants to improve the quality of life throughout Elkhart County by bringing together individual members of our community to develop priority social needs through consensus; generation and facilitate solutions to meet those needs; and efficiently recognize, raise and allocate resources to meet those identified needs. United Way of Elkhart County supports 25 agencies. Listed below are just some of the agencies that have a direct impact on our Nappanee Community: American Red Cross, ADEC, Boys & Girls Club of Goshen, Boys Scouts, Camp Fire USA, CAPS, Council on Aging, Family Christian Development Center, Elkhart Legal Aid Services, Family Services of Elkhart County, United Cancer Services, YMCA and many more.



THANKS!

To the following Nappanee businesses! Your donations to the New Teacher Gift Baskets were greatly appreciated!

1. Community Hospital of Bremen
2. WFRN
3. KeyBank
4. Chiphone Federal Credit Union
5. Miller's Merry Manor
6. Edward Jones
7. Evangel Press
8. U4 Com
9. FCDC
10. 1st Source Bank
11. Cathy Searcy
12. Reliance Construction
13. Embarq
14. Chris Rahe
15. Main Street Coffee House
16. Mobile Tire and Axle,
17. H&R Block
18. N.D. Oglesbee
19. County Wide Guides
20. John's Butcher Shop
21. Kountry Wood Products
22. Chase Bank
23. Heritage House
24. Nappanee Family Eye Care
25. Nappanee Farm Service
26. Ivy Tech
27. McCormick Motors
28. Persing Tire and Lube,
29. Nappanee Public Library
30. Amish Acres

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ORIENTATION

The 2006-2007 **Leadership Academy** introductory Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The class will meet leadership skills facilitator, Kevin Deary, fellow 2006-2007 class participants, sponsors and Leadership Academy planning committee members. The luncheon will be held at Amish Acres, 1600 West Market Street in Nappanee.

HERITAGE CENTER

At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Larry Thompson was authorized to negotiate the purchase of the building located at 306 West Market Street to be used as a new Heritage Center, Welcome Center, Chamber of Commerce Office and Redevelopment Office. It is proposed that the City of Nappanee own the building, the Nappanee Public Library handle the management of the building and that the Nappanee Chamber assist with staffing the Welcome Center. The funds to purchase the building will come from community donations as well as Economic Development Income Taxes. The Chamber is looking forward to moving into their new location and is expecting to host additional visitors in this locale.

NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON

August 9th, 14 teachers and 3 administrators were welcomed to the Wa-Nee Community by the Wakarusa and Nappanee Chambers. This annual luncheon, held at Miller's Senior Living in Wakarusa was sponsored by Lake City Bank.



NEW ADMINISTRATORS:

- Dave Maugel – Principal, NWHS
- Jay Olson – Vice Principal, NWHS
- Randy CRipe – Principal, Nappanee Elem.

NEW TEACHERS:

- Jeanne Balough – Grade 1, Wakarusa Elementary
- Sara Davies – Kindergarten, Wakarusa Elementary
- Krystalynn Decker – Kindergarten, Nappanee Elementary
- Lynette Edmiston – Math, NWHS
- Eric Highley – Industrial Tech, NWHS
- Jaclyn Jennings – Grade 1, Nappanee Elementary
- Audrey Leatherman – Grade 3, Wakarusa Elementary
- Abbey Lortie – Art, NWHS
- Zachary McGowen – Spanish, NWHS
- Cassandra McIntyre – Speech/Language, Wa-Nee Schools
- Brandon Miller – Special Education, NWMS
- JoLynn Miller – Vocal Music, Nappanee Elementary
- Karen Renner – Counseling, NWHS
- Tonya White – Grade 4, Woodview Elementary



THANK YOU
APPLE FESTIVAL
Harvest Sponsors
\$800+

A-One Apparel

E. Newcomer and Son

Nappanee Window

McCormick Motors

NIPSCO

PHP
Physicians Health Plan

R. Yoder Construction,
Inc.

EMBARQ

John's Auto Spa

Country Table

Everlastings

Brokers Mortgage
Group

L.J. Wagner Home
Interiors

Thompson, Lengacher &
Yoder Funeral Homes



SMALL BUSINESS INSTITUTE OF ELKHART COUNTY

The Elkhart County Small Business Institute (SBI) is a collaborative community resource contact point for entrepreneurs to secure information and assistance in starting or expanding a business in the Elkhart County Community. The **Nappanee Chamber** has partnered with SBI and shares in the goals of supporting and strengthening entrepreneurial and small business growth in our Nappanee Community through mentoring, workshops, lecture series, encouragement, resources and partnerships with successful long-term business owners and leaders. For more information, contact Larry Andrews, Ex. Director, at the Nappanee Chamber Office: 574-773-7812.

BULLDOG REUNION

The Nappanee community welcomed Nappanee High School graduates at the Bulldog Reunion banquet held on Saturday, August 19th at Dal-Mar Catering Hall. Several hundred Bulldog grads enjoyed reminiscing and renewing friendships.



FALL FURNITURE FESTIVAL

Friday (3-8 pm) and Saturday (8-3pm), September 15 & 16, *during the Nappanee Apple Festival*, be sure to attend the **Fall Furniture Festival** at Borkholder Dutch Village. Quality handcrafted furniture and home products presented by dozens of skilled craftsmen of custom hardwood furniture, crafts and home products will be on display. A haystack supper on Friday from 4-8 pm and a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast Saturday morning will raise monies for local charities and the Amish Special Education fund.

APPLE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT – BEST EVER!!

NIPSCO Entertainment Tent:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

6-7 pm
Amarillo Star/Line Dancing
Sponsored by:
Farm Bureau Insurance

7-10 pm
Cook and Belle/Country Rock
Sponsored by: McCormick Motors
and E. Newcomer & Son Jewelry

Saturday, Sept. 16

12:15-2:15 pm
Out of Towners Variety Rock
Sponsored by:
Marty & Ted Equipment

2:30-3:30 pm
Country Cloggers
Sponsored by:
Homespun Country Inn B&B

4-5:30 pm
Jeff Gainey Variety Band
Sponsored by: Reliance
Construction

5:45-7:15 pm
Classic Country Band
Sponsored by: Trees Unlimited

7:30-8:30 pm
Spike and the Bulldogs 50's Rock
Sponsored by:
R. Yoder Construction and PHP

9-10 pm
Spike and the Bulldogs Adult Dance

Saturday, Sept. 16

11-1 pm
Lance Mullins & Carrie Rivera
Contemporary Vocalists
Sponsored by: Apache Transport

1:30-3:45 pm
Due Process Variety Band
Sponsored by: Salem Insurance

4-4:30 pm
NWSH Dawning Generation Swing
Choir
Sponsored by: Kindig & Sloat, Attys

4:30-5:30 pm
Huckleberry Blue/Bluegrass
Sponsored by: Apache Transport