



January/February 2007

Nappanee Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
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2007  
Calendar  
of Events

**Dates to Remember** 

- Jan. 16**  
Noon Kiwanis Meeting  
Nappanee Center  
12:00 noon
- Jan. 18**  
SBDC Feasibility Workshop  
Nappanee Center  
8-10 am
- Jan. 22**  
Chamber Retail Retreat  
Nappanee Center  
6:00 pm
- Jan 24**  
BID Meeting  
Nappanee Center  
6:00 pm
- Feb. 2**  
Chamber Retail Meeting  
Nappanee Center  
7:30 am
- Feb. 5**  
City Council  
7:00 pm
- Feb 6**  
NIFTY Meeting  
Nappanee Center  
7:00 pm
- Feb. 10**  
Legislative Breakfast  
Nappanee Center  
8:00 am
- Feb. 12**  
Apple Core Meeting  
Nappanee Center  
6:00 pm
- Feb 13**  
Leadership Academy  
7:30 am
- Feb 15**  
SBDC Circuit Rider  
8 am – 2:30 pm
- Feb 19**  
Chamber Board Meeting  
Nappanee Center  
12:00 noon
- Feb 19**  
City Council  
7:00 pm

**NAPPANEE CENTER: 302 W. Market Street**  
**Welcome Center, The Nappanee Store,  
Chamber of Commerce, Redevelopment Office and  
Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Collection!**

You are cordially invited to stop in and visit us at our new office. There are a few things yet to do but we are here and ready to serve!! This joint effort with the City and the Library has opened up new opportunities for *VOLUNTEERS!!* If you are interested in volunteering at the new **Welcome Center** please contact the Library at 574-773-7919 (FAX: 574-773-7910) or stop in and fill out an interest form at our office (302 W. Market Street).

**NEW MEMBER**

**Center for Rehabilitation - Goshen Health System**

Fred Luster, Senior Physical Therapist for Goshen Health Systems "Center for Rehabilitation" is entering into its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of serving the Nappanee community at the Anglemeyer Clinic (1953 Waterfall Drive). The clinic offers Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy. Fred has specialized in "Spine" rehabilitation and all the Physical and Occupational Therapist are certified in "Graston", a soft tissue mobilization technique.

**THROUGH OUR EYES MOVING TO NEW OFFICE**

The non-profit organization, **Through Our Eyes**, whose purpose is to ensure that Physical, Occupational and Aquatic therapy services are available to ALL children in North Central Indiana is moving its administrative office from the old Union Center School (CR 7) to downtown Nappanee (107 W. Lincoln St) and is in need of office equipment: desk, chairs, fax, table, sofa, computer, printer, dividers. If you would like to make a donation to this non-profit organization, please contact Don Guckenbeger, Properties & Maintenance Manager at (574)773-3326.

**CENTER FOR HOSPICE – NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

The **Center for Hospice** and Palliative Care, Inc. is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Thomas M. Kolakovich, MD as medical director of the Elkhart office. The Center for Hospice, a chamber member since 2005, is a premier not-for-profit, community-based agency improving the quality of living through hospice, home health, grief counseling, and community education.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF 2006**

**January**

Legislative Update

**February**

Light The Fire Workshop with Jack Schultz  
Annual Meeting Citizen of the Year Max Bigler

**March**

Opening of Community Hospital of Bremen  
NIFTY Committee grants  
Façade funding

**April**

ADA Workshop with Dwight Greiser

**May**

Cooperative Marketing Workshop

**June**

Women In Leadership Workshop  
Successful Golf Outing  
Linda Yoder named Apple Festival Grand Marshall

**July**

Embrace The Pace Day

**August**

Small Business Development Center Circuit Rider Program  
Apple Festival Queen Contest  
New Teachers Luncheon  
All About Gadgets workshop with Rich Hays

**September**

Successful Apple Festival

**October**

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic  
Small Business Institute for Elkhart County formed  
Nappanee/Wakarusa featured in "Taste of Midwest"

Cookbook

**November**

Sam Beachy, Reliance Construction, named 2007 Apple Festival Chairman  
How To Earn More Profits Workshop

**December**

Hospitality Training Program initiated  
Chamber Board Members painted new offices  
Moved into new office at 302 W. Market St.

**ENTREPRENEUR RESOURCES:**

**Small Business Development Center**

The Nappanee Chamber and the Indiana Small Business Development Center will host a Business Feasibility Workshop: **"Can I Make Money At This"** January 18, 2007, 8-10 AM at the Nappanee Center - \$25 per attendee. Key Topics: **Possessing the characteristics needed to succeed, Does your idea make good sense, Explore the market for your idea, Estimate financial feasibility and Making informed decisions before you start your business.**

**Nappanee Circuit Rider – January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Call the Chamber Office now to set-up a time to meet one-on-one with **Business Advisor, Staci Brettin**. She comes to Nappanee January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>. She is scheduling 1 hour sessions after the January morning workshop from 10:30 – 2:30 pm to help your business grow.

**TIKI HUT RIBBON CUTTING**



Mayor Thompson, Larry Andrews, Tammy Coquillard, Jessica Farrell, Bernie Todd, Angie Martin, Brandon Myers, Carl Bals, Dianne Debelak

**Tiki Hut** is bringing sunshine to Nappanee all the way from New Zealand where up until 5 years ago, owner Bernie Todd resided. Bernie resides in Syracuse with her husband but fell in love with Nappanee's downtown and can feel the excitement of the great things developing around town. **Tiki Hut** is offering sun bed tanning, spray tanning and a nail salon with plans to expand to a

hair salon. Employees Jessica Farrell and Angie Martin are both experienced Tanning Consultants and Tammy Coquillard has 20 years experience in doing nails. **Tiki Hut** is located at 105 E. Market Street and their hours are M-Sa 7am-10pm and Sun 1-7.

**CHAMBER BOARD RETREAT**

The Chamber Board of Directors met on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Heritage House to define the plan of work for 2007. Three committees were established by the board to review various issues: Program, Marketing and Finance. After several weeks of study, the three committees reported their findings at the Retreat. The **Program Committee** reported that they would like to see the Chamber continue to focus on the Small Business Development Center Circuit Rider program as well as continue to implement community marketing efforts. The **Marketing Committee** reported that they would like to see the chamber continue to focus on the Welcome Center, hospitality training and website. The **Finance Committee** reported that they will continue to work toward a balanced budget for 2007.



*Give  
The Gift of  
Choice!*

Nappanee Chamber gift certificates are the perfect gift for sweethearts, the new bride and groom and the golden anniversary couple.



Leadership Academy  
Graduation Breakfast  
Dal-Mar Catering Hall  
Tuesday, June 12



Golf Outing  
McCormick Creek  
Tuesday, June 26, 2007

## **NIFTY APPLICANTS RECEIVE GRANTS**

Six applications were received for the NIFTY Grant Program by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The NIFTY Board approved to grant all the applicants with their request as follows:

- 156 S. Main:  
Remove canopy, create 3 store fronts, renovate masonry/signage
- 105 N. Main:  
Better signage of store front
- 160 N. Main:  
Restore decorative detail on front of building
- 106 S. Main:  
Better signage of store front
- 158 N. Main:  
New Awning
- 110 E. Market St.  
New awning adjoining other stores

## **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**

Saturday, February 10, 2007 is the next scheduled Legislative Update Session with State Representatives in Nappanee. Mark your calendar! Invited guests: State Representatives Jackie Walorski and Bill Friend, State Senators Marvin Reigsecker and Ryan Mishler.

## **2007 RETAIL BROCHURES**

20,000 - 2007 Retail Brochures are ready to print. Sixty-four Nappanee Businesses participated in this years newly formatted booklet. They will be distributed on the Toll Road, Interstate 65 and Interstate 69 as well as the Nappanee Center.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**March 10, 2007** is the date set for the Chamber's 2006 Annual Meeting to be held at **Amish Acres**. Guest speaker, **Staci Lugar-Brettin**, Small Business Development Center Circuit Rider, will share her hands-on experiences with local Nappanee Entrepreneurs. More information will follow in the months to come. *Cost: \$35.00 per person \$275.00 corporate table.*

## **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The February 14<sup>th</sup> Leadership Academy will be held at the Nappanee Center. Facilitator, Kevin Deary will be addressing the topic "Leadership Skills" specifically: how to keep yourself organized, ethics in community leadership, managing personal debt-planning for tomorrow and balancing home, work and community.

The March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Nappanee Missionary Church. Rev. Dave Engbrecht will address the topic "religion" and David Sullivan, "public speaking" followed by a book discussion on leadership skills.



**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Enrollment:  
3311

Certified Employees:  
205

Average Teachers Salary:  
\$48,030

ISTEP scores compared to  
State Averages:  
(S: State W: Wa-Nee)

2000-01  
S: 64.1  
W: 73.6

2001-02  
S: 64.6  
W: 72.3

2002-03  
S: 69.4  
W: 74.3

2003-04  
S: 70.6  
W: 77.9

2004-05  
71.2/78.8

2005-06  
S: 71.7  
W: 77.5

2006-07  
S: 71.4  
W: 77.0

Indiana Department of  
Education Statistics

**NEW MARKETING PROGRAM**

The Chamber Marketing Committee is hard at work developing several new marketing efforts:

- A new website
  - Community profile
  - Chamber membership information
  - Relocation information
  - Business directory
  - Visitor information
  - Newsletter
- Welcome Center
  - Volunteer staffing
  - Visitor information Kiosk (provided by ECCVB)
  - Computer to gather research information
  - Nappanee themed retail store
  - Hospitality training program for staff and volunteers

**REDEVELOPMENT**

Recently the Redevelopment Commission met to reorganize for 2007. The following officers were elected: President – Don Abel, Vice-President – Peg Hoffer, Secretary – Jane Leavitt. The Commission will meet at the Nappanee Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

**SHINGLE SHOP OPPORTUNITY**

The Chamber is updating the "Shingle Shop" information but due to increased printing costs, we will **NOT** be printing a brochure, we will instead, be listing Shingle Shop business information on our Chamber Website. If you are or know of a small business whose main source of exposure is a shingle hanging in their front yard, please have them contact the Chamber for an application that is due February 1, 2007.

**SPECIAL RETAIL MEETING**

Ron Bedward would like to invite you to a **Special Retail Meeting** at the Nappanee Center, Monday, January 22, 2007 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM (Complimentary dinner served at 6:30). Discussion items for this important meeting are:

- Cooperative Marketing
  - I 80/90 Brochure
  - Visitor Coupon Book
  - Retail Brochure
- Value of Networking
  - Monthly meeting times
  - More participation
- Chamber Initiative
  - Embrace The Pace Day
  - Welcome Center/Nappanee Center
  - Hospitality Training
  - New Website
  - Christmas At Home
- Additional Suggestions for 2007

**RSVP**  
to the Chamber a  
**574-773-7812**  
**by Wednesday,**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup>.**