



October/November 2006

Nappanee Area
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**2006
Calendar
of Events**

Dates to Remember

NIFTY Meeting
Oct. 23 – 7:00 PM

**Redevelopment
Commission Meeting**
Oct. 24 – 6:00 PM

**Chamber Retail Meeting
At Market Street
Guesthouse**
Nov. 3 – 7:30 am

**Dutch Market Days
Borkholder Dutch Village**
Oct. 21

**Gun Show & Sale
Borkholder Dutch Village**
Oct. 28 – 8 am, 4 pm

**Tool Expo
Borkholder Dutch Village**
Nov. 10 & 11

**DATE CHANGE!!
45th Annual Amish
Acres Arts and Crafts
Festival is Moving
Forward One Week!!**

**Thur – Sun, August
2-5, 2007**



NAPPANEE CENTER – A WELCOME INVITATION

Plans are moving forward for the new **Nappanee Center** at 306 W. Market Street (old Liz's Furniture Store). This unique collaborative project is bringing together several organizations under one roof. The **City, Chamber of Commerce** and the **Library** are creating a vibrant community center that will serve as a gateway to the downtown and Nappanee community. Visitors will have access to a wealth of 1) local tourism information in the Welcome Center and 2) local history through expansion of the Nappanee Public Library's Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Center. The **Chamber of Commerce** and **Nappanee Redevelopment** offices will be located at the entrance of the facility where brochures and information on local businesses, attractions and amenities will be readily available. Plans are to include a gift shop as well. The **Heritage Center** will feature vignettes on many different aspects of local history. Stories celebrating the life of the City and the people who have lived here will be abundant as guests explore room by room. The woodworking industry and the six internationally known cartoonists from Nappanee will be featured as these stories have national appeal and are unique and indigenous to Nappanee. A meeting room space will provide opportunity for group presentations, organizational meetings and study or research.

The City assumed ownership of the former Pletcher Furniture Store building in early October. The building is currently being prepared for occupation by the Chamber and Redevelopment offices and the Heritage Center which will continue to be managed by the Library. PK and Company Hair Salon occupies the north portion of the building and it is expected that the space will continue to be leased in that way to help support operating costs of the building. While an opening date has not yet been confirmed, expectations are that the Center will be ready by the first of the year to welcome visitors and local residents to learn more about this community and explore its rich history.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS



Richard and Jake Wilson, owners of **Big Papa C's Pizza** as of May 2006, will continue to offer a great menu and home delivery. Their family owned and run businesses exemplifies a hometown atmosphere with good food and friendly faces. Hours: M-TH & Sun: 11-9/F-Sa: 11-10

PH: 773-9600 Located at 1411 E. Market in the Country Center Plaza



Roman and Deborah Lehman and their new addition to their business, the MMTJ-4

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**Amish Acres
Round Barn
Theatre presents:**



September 19 –
October 29

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS cont.

Action International

Steve Thalls, Master Business Coach, formed **Action International** in May 2005 after 25 years of sales/marketing and management in corporate America. He provides one-on-one coaching, group coaching, profit clubs, seminars and workshops teaching business owners how to make more money and spend less time doing it. Steve is a franchise owner in an international company with 1000 offices in 24 countries. You can contact Mr. Thalls toll free at (866)841-0678 or visit his website at www.actioncoaching.com/stevethalls. His office is located at 59563 Tanglewood Ct. – Goshen.



Steve Thalls presented "5 ways to grow your business" at the Heritage House Business Luncheon October 13th.

Gehl Industries, Inc.

Roman and Deborah Lehman purchased R&D Woodworking, Inc (New Paris) in 1999 which specialized in custom hardwoods and recreational specialty parts and **Gehl Industries, Inc.** (Nappanee), maker of custom cabinet doors and bed ends in 2005 and moved both businesses to **72377 Airline Drive, Nappanee** in January 2006. Having both businesses in one building in Nappanee means a lot to the native Nappanee couple who is excited to become Chamber Members and Embrace The Pace. They have currently purchased the machinery (MMTJ-4) that will allow them to produce top-of-the-line mitered mortise & tenon doors. The Lehman's greatly appreciate working with Kami Bunch, 1st Source Bank and Staci Brettin, Small Business Development Center and are very excited about 2007.



You are Cordially Invited

Gehl Industries, Inc.

OPEN HOUSE

Honoring all customers

Past, Present and Future

Thursday, November 9, 2006

2 – 6 PM

72377 Airline Drive - Nappanee

Doggie Divas

Amber Moyer and Marla Jimerson will soon be offering Dog training classes in Nappanee. The **Doggie Divas** puppy and adult training classes will cover basic obedience training. The **Doggie Divas** have enjoyed working with the SBDC circuit rider and will open for business as soon as they secure a doggie friendly building.





**Nappanee
McDonald's
Has New Look!!**

McDonald's
Restaurant will open
**Thursday, October
19th at 3:30 am.**

Register to win a
\$1000.00 shopping
spree to University
Park Mall until 11 am
on opening day!

***There are 2 classes
of people that like
change:
Babies and
Cashiers***

**Chamber of
Commerce Board of
Directors**

- Brad Baum**
John Mast Construction
- Tom Bradway**
Curtis TV
- Dianne Debelak**
HomeSpun Country Inn
- Arden Graber**
Graber's Carpet Studio
- Sonya Harman**
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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC



The **Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** served approximately 70 community volunteers Saturday, October 14th at the **Chamber Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** held at **Heritage House**. The chilly temperatures did not dampen the enjoyment of food, fellowship and entertainment provided by J.J Brooks as the event was conveniently celebrated indoors.

INFORMAL SURVEY VERY DECISIVE



Results of a recent membership survey revealed that 87% of you are in favor of SR 19 being made into a 4-Lane highway from Elkhart to Nappanee. Discussions concerning SR 19 improvements took place October 11th between Wakarusa and Nappanee Chamber Members, City Officials, State Representatives Jackie Walorski and Marv Reigsecker and a representative from the Governors Office.

**24 hour Vehicle count
of traffic on SR 19 at
various intersections**

- CR 26 - **17084**
- CR 42 - **7439**
- CR 46 - **13312**
- CR 54 - **11405**

HERITAGE HOUSE OFFERS CATERING SERVICE

The **Heritage House Senior Living Community** can now meet your catering and meeting room needs. Whether you are looking for an intimate experience or large celebration, **Heritage House** can meet your need. Special events can be held in the private dining room or in the "one of a kind" 1950's soda shop. Small or large corporate meetings, picnics, church and family events can be accommodated with great food, great memories and always, a fair price. Favorite holiday dates are filling up fast so make your reservations soon by contacting **Heritage House Catering Services** at (574)773-3592 ex.115.

GOSHEN COLLEGE BUSINESS SEMINAR

Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Elkhart County Small Business Institute to host the workshop **"Tools from the Turnaround Trail"**. Whether you are part of a highly successful organization or perhaps one requiring a "turnaround", Jeff Vogelsang, Promontory Point Partners, LLC, will present thought provoking and challenging ideas. **This event is FREE** and open to the public and will be held at Goshen College Music Center, **October 31, Appetizers 6:00, Program 6:30.**