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Please nominate
now for



Citizen of the
Year,
Educator of the
Year
and
Excellence in
Business Awards!

Nappanee Chamber Of Commerce



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*The Chamber Board of Directors and staff
want to wish you a prosperous New Year
filled with personal fulfillment and
professional success.*

**IF EVERYONE IS MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER,
THEN SUCCESS TAKES CARE OF ITSELF. Henry Ford**



Let's move FORWARD TOGETHER in 2024

The Chamber office will be closed
Monday, January 15th
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



THE
NAPPANEE
CHAMBER
WILL BE
CLOSED
ON
JANUARY 1, 2024





Happy New Year, and welcome to 2024!

As I sit here and reflect on the 'year that was' 2023, I recognize that I have only been in the role of Chamber Director for 70 days, and if you eliminate weekends and holidays, the number of days is below 50. Therefore, my pondering will be on the future, and the possibilities that lie before us.

First, I want to thank the Board of Director's for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Nappanee community. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be bestowed this level of responsibility. Second, I want to thank the business owners and community leaders that have reached out to me and welcomed me into the community with the spirit of partnership and working collectively to strengthen Nappanee for the future.

Of course, I want to thank my wife and my family for supporting me on this new adventure; however, the biggest amount of gratitude goes to Darla Burns. I know that Darla isn't going to appreciate these accolades as much as I appreciate her and the tireless work she does for the Chamber, and the Nappanee community, but without her guidance and assistance the few things that have been accomplished in the short time I have been here would not have happened.

Looking forward, I want to mention the dates of some important events in the annual cycle of the Chamber.

- 1. The 2024 Annual Banquet will be held at The Barns in Nappanee on Tuesday, March 19th.**
- 2. The Chamber Golf outing will again be held at McCormick Creek Golf Course on Wednesday, June 12th.**
- 3. Embrace the Pace Days will happen July 11th – 13th.**
- 4. In addition to these verified events, we are discussing the possibility of Industry Focused Discussion Groups, Small Business Educational Seminars, and the Leadership Academy.**

I believe, and I am confident that by going 'Forward Together' we can create and sustain a strong and vibrant Nappanee community for our residents to live locally, and for friends to experience what makes Nappanee the unique and excellent place that it is.

Looking forward to going 'Forward Together' in 2024!

Best regards,

Bill Dutkowski

We would like to thank our Chamber Board for their commitment to serving Chamber members and the Nappanee Community!

2024 Chamber Board of Directors

Kevin Yoder, President, *R. Yoder Construction*
David Kauffman, Vice President, *Edward Jones*
Donna Persing, Treasurer, *Apple Festival Representative*
Allison Berger, *1st Source Bank*
Becky Cappert, *Kountry Wood Products*
Billy Boldt, *McDonald's Boldt Enterprises*
Brian Levan, *Levan Media & Marketing*
Mandy Gerber, *Boys & Girls Club*
Mark Collins, *City of Nappanee*
Michelle Myers, *Vintage Haus*
Nelson Miller, BNG Representative, *Hoosier Coatings*
Randall Mast, *John Mast Construction*
Scot Croner, *Wa-Nee Schools*

Share Your Events With Us!

If you have any events, announcements, promotions, expansions, job openings.... We would love to know and we would be happy to share it with our members.

Just email Bill (bill@nappaneechamber.com) or Darla (darla@nappaneechamber.com) and let us know!

Are you following us on Facebook?

facebook.com/NappaneeChamberOfCommerce

2023 Award Nominations

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Annual Awards Dinner on
Tuesday, March 19, 2024!

Now is the time to nominate individuals and businesses that
have made an impact on our community!

Nominations are being accepted for the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, (3) Excellence in Business Awards.

The **deadline** for nominations is **Friday, February 2, 2024**. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination should fax (574-773-4691), mail (302 W. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550), e-mail (Jeff@nappaneechamber.com), or deliver a short (500 words or less) letter detailing why your nominee should receive which award.

The Citizen of the Year award will be awarded using the following criteria:

1. Must be civic minded and dedicated to church, club or community service
2. Have good moral character
3. Own a business or reside in Nappanee
4. Have made a significant contribution to Nappanee through his or her work in business, government, service club or volunteer organization
5. Does not have to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce

The Educator of the Year is based on the following criteria:

1. Dedication to the profession of education
2. High academic and moral standards for self and community
3. Motivator of self, colleagues, students and community
4. Inspired initiator of programs and projects of education
5. A team builder cooperating with community, educational system and citizens to insure excellence and productivity
6. Resides or teaches in the WaNee area
7. Nominations from students are encouraged

3 Excellence in Business awards are based on the following criteria:

1. Must be a member of the Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Have significantly impacted the community through growth of their respective business
3. Have contributed to the community above and beyond most normal expectations
4. Have partnered with the city, schools or service organizations to help promote a particular project or event for Nappanee
5. Have a track record of commitment to Nappanee

The Dinner will take place on March 19, 2024 at The Barns at Nappanee, 1600 W. Market Street
Social time begins at 5:15 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.

Past Award Winners

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Citizen of the Year

1981 Freemon Borkholder
1982 George Hornish
1983 Richard Jenkins
1984 Larry Wagner
1985 Richard Pletcher
1986 James Clouse
1987 Wendell Metzler
1988 Harold Hoffer, Robert
McAndrew, Brant Nine
1989 Jerry Lelle
1990 Robert Callander
1991 Gordon McCormick
1992 Linda Yoder
1993 Mike Stull
1994 Ron Ringenberg
1995 David Widmoyer
1996 Laurie Sumpter
1997 Harlan Beer
1998 John Leavitt
1999 Dr. Russell Bolyard
2000 Don Abel
2001 Dana Hollar
2002 Nathan & Nicole Wiggins
2003 Steve & Kristi Gall
2004 Henry & Ruby Whelan
2005 Max Bigler
2006 Gale Gerber
2007 City of Nappanee
2008 Tom Lehman
2009 Donna Persing
2010 Liz Mullet
2011 Dale Tobias
2012 Bobbie Wilson
2013 Will Wilson
2014 Larry & Linda Thompson
2015 Tracy Hochstetler
2016 Bernie Beer
2017 Bonnie Hochstetler
2018 Ola Yoder
2019 Larry Mullet
2020 Sheila Cripe
2021 Mandy Gerber
2022 Marcus & Debra Miller



Educator of the Year

1991 Jim Andrews
1992 Richard Campbell
1993 Larry Thompson
1994 Jane Leavitt
1995 Carol Wyman
1996 Joe Sabo
1997 Richard Smith
1998 Robert Riley
1999 Joan Calvin
2000 Jane & Jerry Lelle
2001 Beverly Fales
2002 Tom Allen
2003 Bill Swigert
2004 Jim Snider and
Dennis Myers
2005 Genie Tobias
2006 Bob Harkness
2007 Toni Bonacorsi
2008 Caryn Hershberger
2009 Ruth Mattingly
2010 Alan Thompson
2011 Rita Harnish
2012 Randy Cripe
2013 Tom Bennett
2014 Kay Kelley
2015 Jim Hess
2016 Stacey Morgan
2017 Jake Simons
2018 Kati Andrews
2019 Brant Nine
2020 Michael Nolt
2021 Andy Hostetter
2022 Scott Knafel

Excellence in Business

RETAIL / INDUSTRY

1997 Fairmont Homes
1998 Liz's Furniture Shoppe, Newmar
1999 Uptown Auto & Detailing,
Williamsburg Furniture
2000 Everlastings, Persing & Company
2001 Martins Hardware, Vitco
2002 Graber Carpet Studio, Borkholder
Corporation
2003 Martin's Supermarket, Owens
Corning-Fabwel

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

2004 Amish Acres
2005 Nappanee Window
2006 Dal Mar Catering
2007 Heritage House
2008 Nappanee Farm Center
2009 Beer and Slabaugh
2010 McCormick Motors
2011 Stickley Ace Hardware
2012 Downtown Design & Consign
2013 Graber's Flooring Studio, Main
Street Coffee, Rocket Science Ice
Cream
2014 Eastlake 24 Nappanee, Martin's
Super Market, Nappanee Bakery
& Treat Shoppe
2015 inTech Trailers, Kountry Wood
Products, Topping Dental Group
2016 Challenger Door, Hunter's
Hideaway, Nephew Pharmacy
2017 Kemp Electric, Nappanee Family
Eyecare, Rentown
2018 John's Butcher Shop, K.E.Y.
Boutique, PWI
2019 Burkholder Country Store,
E. Newcomer & Son Jewelers,
R Yoder Construction
2020 Coppes Commons, Solar Energy,
Thompson Lengacher & Yoder
Funeral Home
2021 Kountry Cabinets & Home
Furnishings, L J Wagner Home
Interiors, The Pretty Cakery
2022 Boys & Girls Club, Miller's
Orchard, Veni's Sweet Shop

Highlights of 2023

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**Marcus & Debra Miller
named Citizens of the Year**



Scott Knafel named Educator of the Year

Excellence in Business Winners:

Boys & Girls Club, Miller's Orchard, Veni's Sweet Shop

20th Annual Joint Chamber Golf Outing Winners



1st Place Team Morning

Nappanee Mayor

**Cybil Stillson, Summer Stillson,
Brent Warren, Phil Jenkins**



1st Place Team Afternoon

McCormick Motors

**Alec Dutkowski, C. J. Cunningham,
Mel Shields, Trevor Shields**



2nd Place Team Morning

Phil Hahn & Associates

**Alec Dutkowski, Matt Peterson
Scot Honeycutt, Trevor Shields**



2nd Place Team Afternoon

R. Yoder Construction #2

**John Emmons, Nate Yoder
Jason Yoder, Tony Chimienti**

Training with
M  **PLE** **TRONICS**
COMPUTERS

To sign up,
please contact Gloria Moser
at Gmoser@mapletronics.com or
574.534.2830 x 153

2024 Classes at Nappanee Chamber

CLASS TITLE	DATES	TIME
QuickBooks Level 1	March 5 & 7 May 14 & 16 July 9 & 11 Oct 1 & 3 November 5 & 7	5:30-9 pm
QuickBooks Level 2	April 9 & 11 August 13 & 15	5:30-9 pm
Excel Level 1	March 12 & 14 May 21 & 23 July 16 & 18 October 8 & 10	5:30-9 pm
Excel Level 2	April 16 & 18 Jun 11 & 13 August 27 & 29 November 12 & 14	5:30-9 pm

**Hoosier Hospitality Consulting offers
ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Classes
at The Nappanee Center
302 W. Market Street**

February 5th, April 30th, September 12th, October 30th, 2024

Enrolling in a ServSafe class is easy! Check out the class dates above, and then [visit our website](http://www.hoosierhospitalityconsulting.com) (www.hoosierhospitalityconsulting.com) to enroll, or call Erin in our office at 317- 447- 4761, or email her at erin@hoosierhospitalityconsulting.com



**Registered ServSafe Proctor
& Certified ServSafe Instructor**

Indiana law requires that all licensed food service establishments have at least ONE Certified Safe Food Handler responsible for each physical location.

Courses Offered in 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Jan 1	Chamber office closed- <i>New Years Day</i>
Jan 15	Chamber office closed- <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>
Feb 5	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training
Feb 10	Visit Nappanee Valentine's Passport
Feb 19	Chamber office closed- <i>President's Day</i>
Mar 16	Visit Nappanee Shamrock Hunt
Mar 19	Annual Awards Banquet
Mar 29	Chamber office closed- <i>Good Friday</i>
Mar 30	Rotary Easter Egg Hunt
	Visit Nappanee Bunny Trail Hop
April 30	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training
May 18	Visit Nappanee Taste of Nappanee
May 27	Chamber office closed- <i>Memorial Day</i>
June 12	Joint Chamber Golf Outing
June 14	Visit Nappanee Friday Fest
June 22	Fireman's Fish Fry
July 4	Chamber office closed- <i>Independence Day</i>
July 11-13	Embrace the Pace Days/City Wide Garage Sales
July 12	Visit Nappanee Friday Fest
July 19-27	Elkhart County 4-H Fair
Aug 9	Visit Nappanee Friday Fest
Sept 2	Chamber office closed- <i>Labor Day</i>
Sept 12	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training
Sept 19-22	Nappanee Apple Festival
Oct 30	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training
Nov 11	Chamber office closed- <i>Veteran's Day</i>
Nov 28-29	Chamber office closed- <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Dec 7	Miracle at Main & Market Streets parade
Dec 13	Countryside Nite Out
Dec 24	Chamber closes at noon- <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Dec 25	Chamber office closed- <i>Christmas Day</i>
Dec 31	Chamber closes at noon- <i>New Year's Eve</i>

2024
Happy New Year

*Save
the
Date*

NAPPANEE CHAMBER ANNUAL APPRECIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Join us as we celebrate 2023 by honoring

Citizen of the Year

Educator of the Year

(3) Excellence in Business Winners



SAVE THE DATE!

June 12, 2024

**21st Annual
Wakarusa/Nappanee Joint Chamber Golf Outing
at McCormick Creek Golf Course in Nappanee**

2024 Chamber Members

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MANUFACTURING

Aluminum Trailer Co.
Ascot Enterprises
Ayr Cabinet
Hochstetler Grain Equipment
inTech Trailers
Kountry Wood Products
Miller Manufacturing Corp.
Mullet Custom Interior
Newmar Corporation
Northern Indiana Axle
PWI
UFP Nappanee
Lufkin Rod

RETAIL

Alpha Building Center
Bourbon Street Pizza Co.
Burkholder Country Store
Community Business
Equipment
Coppes Commons
CountryHome Furniture
Culinary Mill Market & Deli
Daily Bread Market
E. Newcomer & Son Jewelers
Glen's Diamond Tile
Graber's Flooring Studio
Heritage Fabrics & General
Store
Holy Smokes BBQ
HomeStyle Furniture
Hunter's Hideaway Bar & Grill
Jenkins Automotive/NAPA
John's Butcher Shop
JR Firearms
K.E.Y. Boutique
Kountry Cabinets & Home
Furnishings
Light of Grace Book & Gift
Store
Little Nook Bookstore
LJ Wagner Interiors
Locke Auto & Diesel Repair
Main Street Roasters

Martin's Super Market
McCormick Motors
Metz Chrysler Dodge Jeep
RAM
McDonald's/Boldt Enterprises
Miller Stove & Fireplace
Miller's Orchard
Miller's Variety Store
Monteith's Best-One Nappanee
Nang's Chinese Restaurant
Nappanee's Bakery & Treat
Shoppe
Neighbors Mercantile Co.
Panthers Pizza
Parlor No. 3
Perfect Twist Pretzels
Plevna Implement Co
Nappanee
Pro IT Solutions
Rentown Stores, Inc.
Scooter's Coffee
Seifert Drug #3
Solar Energy Systems
Stickley Ace Hardware
The Barns at Nappanee
Thingamabaubles
Tractor Supply Co.
Veni's Sweet Shop
Vintage Haus
Weaver Furniture Barn
Yutzy Enterprises

SERVICE/ PROFESSIONAL

1st Source Bank
7th Indiana Light Artillery
Re-enactment Unit
Adams Remco
Amish Inn
Beacon Health Foundation
Beacon Medical Group
WaNee
Beer & Slabaugh, Inc.
Better Business Bureau

Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Elkhart County
Boys & Girls Club
Chiphone FCU
ChoiceLight, Inc.
City of Nappanee
CLC International
Community Foundation of
Elkhart County
CountrySide Inn
Cultivate Food Rescue
Cut-Rite Services
Dynamic Fleet Services
Eastlake 24 Nappanee
Economic Development Corp.
of Elkhart County
Edward Jones ~ D. Kauffman
& T. Shields
Edward Jones ~ Deborah
Ayres
Elkhart County Commissioners
Elkhart County Convention &
Visitors Bureau
Elkhart County Miracle
Baseball
EPIC Insurance
Everence Financial
Fahlbeck Properties
Goshen Health
Goshen Health Osteopathic
Family Clinic-Nappanee
Goshen Health Rehabilitation
Services
Gravelton Machine Shop, Inc.
GT Properties Eastown Villa
Hampton Inn
Heckaman Insurance Agency
Henschen Oil
Hepton Road Auto
Heritage House
Hoosier Coatings
Hoosier Hospitality Consulting
Horizon Education Alliance
Hutsell Chiropractic

INterra Credit Union	Miller Poultry	Simmons Chiropractic Clinic
John Mast Construction	MJ Finishing	Sylvia Benjamin State Farm
John's Auto Spa	Nappanee Family Eyecare	The Center (FCDC)
Justus Property Management	Nappanee Missionary Church	The Dog Lb.
Kemp Electric	Nappanee Noon Kiwanis	The Goshen News
KeyBank	Nappanee Open Door	The Hall at Oakland Park
Kindig & Sloat	Nappanee Public Library	The Papers, Inc.
Klotz Insurance	Nappanee Rotary Club	Thompson-Lengacher &
Korhorn Financial Group	New Paris Telephone	Yoder Funeral Home
Lake City Bank	Newcomer Service	Topping Dental Group
Law Office of Christopher	NIPSCO	Trinity HealthWorks LLC
Walter	NorthWood Family Dentistry	United Way of Elkhart County
Lee Anne Stewart Dance	Nuway Construction	Visit Nappanee
School	OSMC	Visiting Angels
Levan Media & Marketing	O.T. Works/The Therapy	WaNee Community Schools
L.O.H Tax Group	Playce	Weaver Home Improvement &
Loucks & Weaver CPA	Phil Hahn & Associates	Construction
M-Line Electric	Physicians Health Plan	WFRN Studios
Main Street Manor	Power from the Past	Wilson Financial Group
Maple City Dispensing	Premiere Signs	Woodlands & Waters Real
MapleTronics	R. Yoder Construction, Inc.	Estate
Market St. Auto Service	Reliance Construction, Inc.	Woodside Retreat
Meadows MHC	Schrock Financial	Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer &
Mid-West Wado-Kai Karate	Shamrock Inn	Buckingham, LLP
		Yoder-Stutzman, Inc.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce is to help make Nappanee an industry leading city with innovative businesses, a great community in which to live with abundant resources, and a wonderful tourist destination where visitors can "Embrace the Pace".

Our Vision Statement

The vision of the Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce is to create an environment for people to start or relocate businesses, to work, to worship, and to live in our community and to ignite passion to serve our community with heart.



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