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New Member

The Chamber would like to welcome
a new member!

BELLA'S BOOKS & CURIOSITIES

151 South Main Street

(574) 333-8127

facebook.com/bellasbooksandpuzzles

Open Monday through Saturday 10 am to 6 pm
Closed on Sunday

Bella's Books & Curiosities offer a large selection
of new & used books and puzzles,
as well as novelty items and book accessories.
Something for ALL Ages!



New Member

The Chamber would like to welcome
a new member!

SWEET G'S HANDCRAFTED ICE CREAM & SODA

110 South Main Street

(574) 773-8440

sweetgsicecream.com

facebook.com/SweetGsIceCream

Sweet G's offers small batch handcrafted premium ice
cream, sodas, shakes, malts, and ice cream cakes.

All ice cream is made in house with mostly
natural dyes and premium ingredients!



Annual Award Winners



Justin Bell named Educator of the Year



Jonathan Towler Spoke about the Educator of the Year



John Personett named Citizen of the Year



We want to thank The Barns at Nappanee - Stutzman Steak House for Hosting!





Excellence in Business Award Ayr Custom Cabinetry

Ayr Custom Cabinetry started in 1965 and is now in the third generation of leadership. They have 66 team members. “They care deeply about getting it right and the cabinets are not only beautiful, but also practical and functional.”

Owner Weldon Miller accepted the award.



Excellence in Business Award Culinary Mill Market & Deli

Culinary Mill Market and Deli has been in business for 12 years and they have 15 employees. They offer a wide variety of items and are know for home made fresh food and their deli. They also offer catering.

Owner Lynn Miller accepted the award.



Excellence in Business Award Newcomer Towing & Service

Newcomer Towing & Service was started by Tracy and Delores Newcomer in 1985. Mark Miller started working there in high school and purchased the business in 2007. They have 7 full-time and 2 part-time employees. In addition to their recently expanded service area, they offer 24-hour towing.

Owner Mark Miller accepted the award.



From the Desk of Bill Dutkowski

Forward Together

I want to thank all of you that supported the Annual Awards Banquet this year.

I recognize there are some areas that we can improve on going forward; however, I am confident that we got the important things correct. Specifically, honoring all our award recipients!

Justin Bell, Educator of the Year; what a fantastic testimony to someone that is truly invested in the Nappanee Community. There are numerous activities he is involved in, and in every one of them, the term 'Educator' is involved.

Ayr Custom Cabinetry, Culinary Mill Market & Deli, and Newcomers Towing and Service, what a dynamic representation of our Nappanee economy as our Excellence in Business recipients. Thankfully, I do not have to choose when it comes to our awards as a non-voting member on the Nappanee Chamber board because, I feel a distinction of Nappanee businesses is the level of customer service that is displayed on a regular basis, and clearly these three businesses went above and beyond to represent Nappanee well. Job well done!

John Personett, Citizen of the Year! A quick story regarding this, earlier in the day I was explaining to someone how we were going to handle the introduction of his family, and I got so choked up I couldn't finish my explanation. The reason for my emotions is because of how much this honor meant to his family based on the number of family members in attendance (17), the distance that was traveled to be there (from as far away as Texas), and the length the family went to make all of this happen while keeping it a secret. Also, we would not have been able to pull this off without Ron Smith taking the lead on getting John to the dinner, with some assistance from John Leavitt; Thank you to John's family, Ron and John.

Lastly, I hope all of you are working at doing your part to help Nappanee move 'Forward Together.'

Be the best you can be in your role in Nappanee's economy.

Support each other's businesses.

Collaborate with one another.

Let's all do our part to make our community the best Nappanee that it can be.

Thank you,

Bill Dutkowski – Director

Nappanee Chamber of Commerce

NAPPANEE PARKS & REC.

LOCAL VENDORS WANTED

FRESH & LOCAL

MARKET ON MARKET

CORNER OF MARKET & CLARK STREETS

EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SIGN UP EARLY

JUNE 8TH TO OCT. 5TH

NAPPANEE PARKS.RECDESK.COM



Save the Goon Docks

Escape Room

EVERY SATURDAY IN APRIL
AND WEEK OF APRIL 1ST - 5TH

GROUPS OF 6-8
\$35 PER GROUP

SCAN FOR MORE INFO OR TO PICK A DATE



A New Spin on Trivia



DJ 3pm will be our guide on this musical adventure. Listen as he mixes together themed playlists for three unique games; along with some in between games!

Come dressed as the literal meaning of your favorite artist's name to enter our costume contest!

We will have a beer and wine cash bar, pizza by the slice and small concessions available for purchase; along with other prize games.

Time

Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Games Start at 6:00 PM

Place

West Park Pavilion

Cost

\$10.00 per player

Pre-registration is encouraged ~
Walk-ins welcome based on availability

Are you ready for an adventure like no other? Join us for the ultimate Goonies-themed escape room experience - "Save the Goon Docks"! Get ready to embark on a journey through multiple rooms filled with puzzles, mysteries, and the spirit of your favorite 80s adventure movie!

Nappanee Parks & Rec. department has again created a unique escape room for groups of 6-8 to experience right here in Nappanee! This year's adventure has teams trying to find treasure to save their beloved "Goon Docks"!

Time

Evenings AND Every Saturday in April
AND
Week of April 1st - 5th (Wa-Neer Spring Break)

Cost

\$35.00 per group

Registration Required:

Visit nappaneeparks.recdesk.com

LITTLE NOOK BOOKSTORE FEATURED IN THE LAKES WEST MAGAZINE

Writer / Matt Keating Photography Provided



Amanda Hochstetler's love of reading led her to open a business that would enable her to be surrounded by books.

Hochstetler, co-owner of Little Nook Bookstore, says she was glad she made the decision.

"We opened in 2004, and we have been able to get customers by offering books they are very interested in reading," she says. "I co-own the business with my husband, Aden. It's been a lot of fun to have this business. The main reason I started this bookstore is that I love to read, and I have been able to share that love of reading with other people. I also like to talk to them about books."

Hochstetler notes that the books at Little Nook Bookstore appeal to a wide audience.

"We have books for all ages to love," she says. "We have a lot of true stories, Bibles and devotional books that people have really seemed to enjoy."

Hochstetler also likes the fact that parents feel good and comfortable about sending their kids to Little Nook Bookstore.

"Kids can come here and pick out a nice, wholesome book to read, and their parents don't have to worry about them," she says. "That makes me feel great. We have books for preschoolers, grade-school children, and older kids."



Little Nook Bookstore also features a variety of books for adults to enjoy. "We have a nice selection of books to choose from, and I have received a lot of compliments from happy customers," she says. "I also enjoy giving out book recommendations."

Hochstetler says Little Nook Bookstore originally started in her home. "We eventually moved to another building very close to our house," she says. "We use most of that building for Little Nook Bookstore. It was great to be able to expand the business."

Hochstetler notes that Little Nook Bookstore features other products besides books. "We have some wonderful greeting cards and gifts," she says. "We also have games and puzzles, clocks, toys, and school supplies. We have some very nice bookmarks, as well as wonderful stationary and a variety of journals. We have some really nice, high-quality, handmade purses and handbags that really look wonderful. They are from Pennsylvania."

Hochstetler says she treasures and appreciates all her customers. "We have some customers that bring in the whole family to find something to read," she says. "I enjoy talking to them about books, and finding out what books we have coming in that they might be interested in reading. I like helping people pick out their books and their next great reads."

Hochstetler notes that the cold winter months are always a great time for readers. "It's always nice to cozy up with a great book," she says. "I think a lot of people tend to read more in November, December, January and February. We remain busy after Christmas, and that's been encouraging. Things tend to slow down in March, but we still have our steady, loyal customers. We also aren't always as busy in the summer, but that's alright because we have more things going on at home."



Hochstetler loves reading books from different genres. "I love any book I can get my hands on," she says. "Reading is such a joy. I enjoy reading my kids' books."

To get your next great book for a cozy night of reading, visit Little Nook Bookstore at 13871 North 1050 West in Nappanee. For more information, call 574-773-2107.

Little Nook Bookstore
MORE THAN JUST A BOOKSTORE

Clocks, Games, Puzzles, Toys,
School Supplies, Handmade Purses,
Greeting Cards

574-773-2107 • 13871 N 1050 W • Nappanee, IN
M, W & F 8-5, Sat 8-1

Blood Drive with Northern Indiana Axle

Tuesday, April 9th
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 1780 W. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550

Sign up online at
www.GiveBloodNow.com

WEEKLY DRAWINGS FOR (4) \$100.00 GIFT CARDS

Each week during the months of March and April, SBMF will randomly draw four winners from blood donors who donated at an SBMF Donor Center or mobile blood drive.

GOLF BINGO AT ELBEL GOLF COURSE ON MAY 6, 2024

All March and April donors will be entered to win an invitation to participate in Golf Bingo. SBMF will randomly pull 125 donor names.

Event Drawings:

- Win one of (2) \$500 gift cards. All March and April donors are entered in this drawing.
- The 125 donors in attendance will receive a bingo card for a chance at the following prizes:
 - Win a \$500 gift card. A bingo grid will be printed on the driving range and a golf pro will chip on the grid and announce the winning number.
 - Win one of (2) \$250 gift cards. The bingo cards will be numbered. The pro will chip onto the green and announce two winning numbers.
 - Door Prize Drawing: Win one of (4) \$100 gift cards.



GiveBloodNow.com | southbendmedicalfoundation.org
 Please eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water. Bring a photo ID. Eating extra iron-rich foods the week before can help prevent deferral.



GEARING UP FOR WORLDS

On April 20th, we'll be hosting our 3rd annual event to support our 120 Wa-Nee Robotics students. If interested in attending, scan here:

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- auction items
- raffle items

CONTACT DENNY AT 574-354-0724

LADIES NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024 **3 - 900 PM**

Hosted by: Visit Nappanee

Nappanee Ladies Night Out is all about bringing women together to support our vibrant community through a fun-filled night of shopping and camaraderie.

Stroll through the charming local stores to treat yourself, find gifts for loved ones, or simply enjoy browsing the diverse offerings of our local businesses.

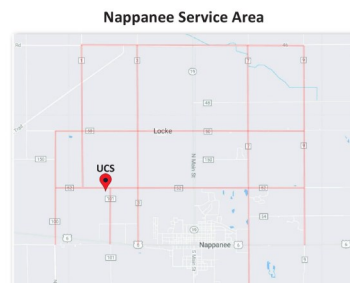
You'll also have the chance to win special prizes adding an extra layer of excitement to your evening!

Community Cleanup Event

Clean Up the Nappanee Community!

The UCS students, parents and staff are teaming up for our annual roadside clean up.

- Target Service Area Goal: **30 miles** of roadsides cleaned up in the Nappanee area.
- Target Fundraising Goal: **\$120,000**
- When: **Thursday, April 18, 2024**
- Local supporters invited to help fund this mission.
- Funds will be used for upgrades and renovations to our existing facility.
- Each contribution is an investment in the future of our community and our environment.



Thanks for partnering with UCS and our community!

For questions or to make a contribution, contact a committee member at 574.354.0271

UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 4-6	Heritage Fabrics Spring Sale
April 9	Northern Indiana Axle Blood Drive
Sat. in April	Parks & Rec Save the Goon Docks Escape Room
April 18	Visit Nappanee Ladies Night Out
April 18-20	Power from the Past II Case Collectors Spring Convention
April 26-28	Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival
May 3	Visit Nappanee Men's Night Out
May 18	Nappanee Parks & Rec Music Bingo
	Visit Nappanee Taste of Nappanee
May 27	Chamber office closed- <i>Memorial Day</i>
May 30	Quilt Garden Opens
June 8	Nappanee Parks & Rec Dino Dig
June 12	21st Annual 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>
	Nappanee 4th of July Celebration - Fireworks
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 3	Nappanee Parks & Rec Summer Slide
Aug 8	Nappanee Parks & Rec Touch a Truck
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
Sept 28	Nappanee Parks & Rec Promenade on the Path
Oct 5	Nappanee Parks & Rec Magical Me Day
Oct 10	Visit Nappanee Ladies Night Out
Oct 30	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training
Oct 31	Nappanee Halloween Activities & Contest
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>



675 N. Arnott Street, Nappanee

2024 EVENTS: (OTHER EVENTS MAY BE ADDED)

- April 18-20 Case Convention
- May 18 Fallen Heroes Tractor Drive
- May 31 IPL Truck/Tractor Pull
- June 8-9 Civil War Re-Enactments
- June 21 KOI
- July 26-27 Classic Green
- Aug 31 KOI Drag Racing
- Sept 14 Truck/Tractor Pull
- Sept 19-21 PFTP Show - featuring Case Company
- Sept 26-29 Random Acts of Camping

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

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.



NEW SPRING FOOTWEAR ARRIVING SOON!

joybees in-stock Mid-March!

Heritage Fabrics & GENERAL STORE

- Shoes & Boots • Kitchenware
- Sewing Notions • Toys & Games
- Gift & Baby Items • Krause Vitamins
- Rhythm Clocks • Books • Ertl Toys

Save the Date for Our Spring Sale.

April 4th, 5th, 6th

10% Off Store-wide!

New Moda Quilting Fabrics In Stock!

25350 CR 52 • Nappanee • 574-773-2445
Between County Roads 9 & 11
Mon- Fri 8am - 5pm • Sat 8am - 1pm • Closed Sunday

Check out our friends at Union Center Store. Same dates, storewide sale!



2024 Chamber Members

MANUFACTURING

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

RETAIL

Alpha Building Center Nappanee
Bourbon Street Pizza
Burkholder Country Store
Community Business Equipment
Coppes Commons
Country Home Furniture
Culinary Mill Market & Deli
E Newcomer & Son Jewelers
Graber's Flooring Studio
Heritage Fabrics & General Store
Holy Smokes BBQ
HomeStyle Furniture
Hunter's Hideaway
John's Butcher Shop
K.E.Y. Boutique
Kountry Cabinets & Home Furnishings
Light of Grace Book & Gift Store
Little Nook Bookstore
L.J. Wagner Home Interiors
Main Street Roasters
Martin's Super Market
McCormick Motors
McDonald's Boldt Enterprises
Miller Stove & Fireplace
Miller's Orchard
Miller's Variety Store
Nang's Chinese Restaurant
Nappanee Bakery & Treat Shoppe
Neighbors Mercantile
Panthers Pizza
Perfect Twist Pretzels
Plevna Implement Nappanee
Pro IT Solutions

Rentown Store
Scooter's Coffee
Seifert Drug #3
Solar Energy System
Stickley Ace Hardware
Veni's Sweet Shop
Vintage Haus
Weaver Furniture
Yutzy Sports Equipment

SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL

1st Source Bank
7th Indiana Light Artillery Re-Enactment Unit
Adams Remco
Beacon Health Foundation
Beacon Medical Group WaNee
Beer & Slabaugh
Bella's Books & Curiosities
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elk. Co.
Boys & Girls Club
Chiphone Credit Union
ChoiceLight
City of Nappanee
Community Foundation of Elk. Co.
Community Hospital of Bremen
Crossroads United Way
Cultivate Food Rescue
Daily Bread Market
Dynamic Fleet Service
Eastlake Nappanee
Economic Development Corp. of Elk. County
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Edward Jones ~ Deborah Ayres
Elk. Co. Commissioners
Elk. Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau
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Everence Financial
Glen's Diamond Tile
Gravelton Machine Shop
GT Properties/Eastown Villa
Hampton Inn
Heckaman Insurance
Henschen Oil
Hepton Road Auto
Heritage House Senior Living
Hoosier Hospitality Consulting
Horizon Education Alliance
Hutsell Chiropractic
Interra Credit Union
John's Auto Spa
John Mast Construction

JR Firearms	NIPSCO
Justus Property Management	Northwood Family Dentistry
Kemp Electric	Nuway Construction
Kindig & Sloat	O.T. Works, The Therapy Playce
Klotz Insurance	OSMC
Korhorn Financial Group	Phil Hahn & Assoc.
L.O.H. Tax Group	Physicians Health Plan
Lake City Bank	Power from the Past - Nappanee
Law Office of Christopher G. Walter	Premiere Signs
Lee Anne Stewart Dance School	R Yoder Construction
Levan Media & Marketing	Reliance Construction
Locke Auto & Diesel Repair	Schrock Financial
Loucks & Weaver CPA	Shamrock Inn
Main Street Manor	Simmons Chiropractic Clinic
Maple City Dispensing	Sylvia Benjamin State Farm
Market Street Auto Service	The Center - FCDC
Meadows MHC	The Coppes House B & B
Miller Poultry	The Farmhouse Inn B & B
MJ Finishing	The Goshen News
M-Line Electric	The Papers Inc.
Monteith's Best One Nappanee	Thompson Lengacher Yoder Funeral Home
Nappanee Family Eyecare	Tobacco Control of Elkhart County
Nappanee Missionary Church	Topping Dental Group
Nappanee Noon Kiwanis	Trinity HealthWorks
Nappanee Open Door	Visit Nappanee
Nappanee Public Library	Visiting Angels
Nappanee Rotary Club	Wa-Nee Community Schools
New Paris Telephone	Weaver Home Improvement and Construction
Newcomer Towing & Service	WFRN Studios
	Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer & Buckingham
	Yoder Stutzman

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.

Saturday, May 18 at The Barns at Nappanee



The Annual Taste of Nappanee and Spring Artisans Market is a fantastic way to experience a number of the exciting restaurants and businesses that make Nappanee their home. This annual event is held outside on the beautiful grounds of The Barns at Nappanee. Businesses set up booths and give guests a "taste" of what they have to offer. You can enjoy samples of food from many of our city's eateries, bakeries, and more! In addition, over 60 local artisans will have booths set up to share and sell their handcrafted items. Live music by Big Daddy Dupree will fill the grounds of The Barns as we enjoy this special day to celebrate all things Nappanee!

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