

Special points  
of interest:

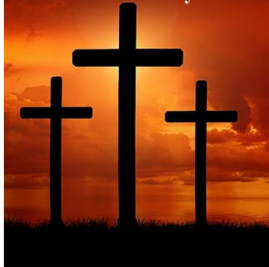


Find US on  
FACEBOOK

#### Inside this issue:

Forward Together	1
B & G Club Partnership	2
Event Information	3-5
Interra Hometown Giving	6
Parks & Rec Activities	7
Upcoming Events	8
Event Information	9
Chamber Members	10-11

The Chamber office will be  
closed March 29<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of  
Good Friday



# Nappanee Chamber Of Commerce



Volume 14, Issue 3

March 2024

Join Us

Join us for the Annual Appreciation and Awards  
Banquet on March 19

## Forward Together

*IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE.  
IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER*

NAPPANEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
ANNUAL APPRECIATION & AWARDS DINNER  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

*The Barns at Nappanee  
1600 West Market Street, Nappanee  
5:00 pm Registration & Social Hour  
6:00 pm Dinner*

**Table Sponsorship** includes Seating for 8, Table Sign, Preferential Seating,  
Company Name and Logo in Program: \$300.00

Individual Tickets: \$35.00  
Seating is Limited

**Please RSVP by Friday, March 8, 2024**

Fill out and return this form by fax (574.773.4691),  
or by email (Darla@nappaneechamber.com),

or by mail (302 W. Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550)

All cancellations must be received by Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for a full refund.  
Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax or e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for dinner @ \$35.00 per person for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or

Please reserve a corporate table for 8 @ \$300.00 \_\_\_\_\_

For your convenience, we offer payment by VISA or MasterCard

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address on CC statement \_\_\_\_\_

3 Digit Customer Verification Number on back of Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

# Help Us Celebrate These Winners

Page 2

**Don't Miss the Annual Appreciation & Awards Banquet**  
At The Barns at Nappanee on March 19!



**We will honor**  
**Citizen of the Year**  
**??????????????**



**Educator of the Year**  
***Justin Bell***



**3 Excellence in Business Winners**

***Ayr Cabinet Co.***  
***Culinary Mill Market & Deli***  
***Newcomer Towing & Service***

RSVP by Friday, March 8  
to reserve a corporate table or individual tickets!

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County and Northern Indiana Axel Partnership

Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County has partnered with Northern Indiana Axle (NIA) as part of Boys & Girls Clubs' workforce development program.

Northern Indiana Axle will host the Club program at their place of business in Nappanee. The first session launched on Monday, January 30, 2024, and will continue into February and March. Additional local businesses will be added as the program grows. Teens will be completing externships, leading to employment this summer.

The goal of the workforce development program is to skill up high school-aged teens who have displayed strong character and leadership from their experience at Club. The workforce development program provides unique experiences to teens, exposing them to additional career opportunities, practicing the soft skills needed for job interviews, and increasing their confidence. Subsequently, the teens feel they have something to offer future employers.

Owner and President of Northern Indiana Axle, Ken Mullet introduced himself to CEO Tami Hicks and Launa Leftwich, who is responsible for engaging community partners at the 2023 Nappanee Chamber Awards Dinner. As the conversation progressed, the partners discussed the need to develop workforce learning opportunities for teens ages 14-16.

Together, Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County and Northern Indiana Axle strive to inspire and empower teens to strive towards greater futures.

**This St. Patrick's Day**



**Keep your GREEN in the Local Economy!**





## Visit Nappanee's Shamrock Hunt ~ March 16

Participating local businesses will be hiding a 4" shamrock adorned with the Visit Nappanee logo within their stores. The mission is to find hidden shamrocks and win prizes provided by the businesses.



## Visit Nappanee's Bunny Trail Hop ~ March 30

Kids aged 12 and under can hop on over to participating Nappanee businesses and pick up free Easter eggs filled with all kinds of sweet surprises during their regular business hours. While the little ones are on the hunt, moms and dads can also take advantage of some egg-stra special in-store offers!



Yutzy Enterprises is having a **SPRING SALE** at the Expo. Enjoy 10% off, and bring your kids to the booth for a free kite or softball.

(While supplies last)

**\* FREE ADMISSION \* FREE ADMISSION \***

## 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY & FRIENDS EXPO

**MARCH 1ST 4PM - 8PM & MARCH 2ND 8AM - 2PM**

**Claywood Event Center**

13924 N. 1100 W. (W. County Line Rd.) Nappanee, IN

**BAKE SALE**

FOR TLC  
Center for Special  
Needs Children

### VENDORS INCLUDE

**70+ Vender Booths**  
Lots of Specials throughout!

- 18" Dolls & Accessories
- Anglin Rd Farms
- Arbonne
- Beech Rd. Seed & Fertilizer
- Beech's Wedding
- Blue Ribbon Kettle Korn
- Bontrager Water One
- Bourbon Outdoors RV Surplus & Camping Supplies
- Bubble Tea & Soda
- Cedar Road Gazebos
- Charcuterie Boards
- Country Market Basket
- Custom Made Signs
- Cutco
- Dan's Resale
- Double M Poly
- Elite Curbing
- Elite Custom Carriage
- Elite Flooring
- Fox Ridge Taxidermy
- Homestead Carriage
- Hoosier Wind & Solar
- J & S Flooring
- Lemongrass
- Leona's Herbs
- Little Herb Shop
- Little Nook Bookstore
- Lone Maple Feed & Harness
- Michiana Backyard builders
- Miller Custom Plastics
- Norwex & Reign
- Pampered Chef
- Partylite
- Pine Valley Feeds
- Pinnacle Clothespin Dryers
- Plant Stands
- Quality Tackle Sales
- R&B Sales
- Ringtele
- Shaklee
- Simply Delightful
- Sisel
- Stampin Up
- Sugar & Spice (and Everything Nice)
- Sweet Goodness Cake Co.
- Traeger
- Vollara
- Yutzy Enterprises

**\* FREE ADMISSION \***

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH AVAILABLE**

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED!**

**SERVING OPEN KETTLE CHILI & GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICHES**

**CERTIFICATE BOARD NAPPANEE YOUTH OUTREACH**  
**COME CHECK OUT WHAT OUR YOUTH CAME UP WITH!**  
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT A FAMILY IN NEED!**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT A FAMILY IN NEED**

For more information contact: Brenda at 574-546-2250

**NAPPANEE IS TURNING 150 THIS YEAR**

**NAPPANEE**

**150 YEARS**



**SESQUICENTENNIAL**

**1874 - 2024**

**Wa-Nee**  
**ROBOTICS**

## 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**

**UCS**  
United Christian School

## Community Cleanup Event

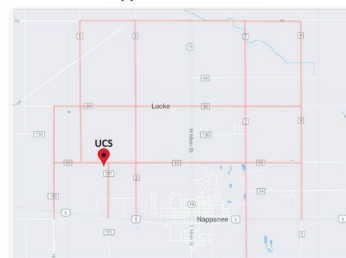


**Clean Up the Nappanee Community!**

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.

### Nappanee Service Area



Thanks for partnering with UCS and our community!

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



## INTERRA CELEBRATES RECORD BREAKING HOMETOWN GIVING HOLIDAY PROJECT

Interra Credit Union held its 30<sup>th</sup> annual Hometown Giving holiday service project where staff and members raised a record-breaking total of \$47,515.71 to benefit 43 nonprofit agencies throughout the five counties the credit union serves. These agencies focus on the needs of adults and children, meal providing, clothing, medical supplies, and education.

Hometown Giving originally started as a community coat drive and has grown into much more over the last 30 years. Through a variety of initiatives, the project provides financial support, hosts parties and events, adopts families and donates wish list items to support organizations that serve those in need. For this milestone Hometown Giving year, Interra employees set a goal of raising \$40,000 and were pleasantly surprised when they surpassed that goal by more than \$7,000.

“Our staff continues to amaze me,” said Amy Sink, Chief Executive Officer. “As a part of Interra’s commitment to Do Well To Do Good™, nothing makes me happier than to see our staff come together for the greater good of this community.”

Fundraisers by staff totaling more than \$12,000, member donations of nearly \$6,000 through the Merry Match initiative and a corporate donation of \$25,000, contributed to the total funds raised this year. Interra staff members also volunteered with a variety of organizations and events including the Goshen Salvation Army bell ringing, Soup of Success product preparation, and holiday party celebrations at Boys & Girls Clubs and Bashor’s Children’s Home. Interra’s valuable staff and members also made donations to 35 Angel Tree organizations in order to provide provisions and donated holiday gifts. These gifts were delivered through adopt-a-family programs for Lakeland Youth Center, ADEC, CAPS and Fairfield Food Pantry.

“The generosity of our members and staff amazes each year with how they support Hometown Giving,” shared Andy Marshall, Chief Operating Officer. “There are so many great organizations that these resources go to support and it’s an honor that Interra can lead this holiday initiative.”

The recipients of the monetary donations or wish list items collected include: ADEC, Arc Opportunities, Bashor Children’s Home, Boys & Girls Clubs (Bremen, Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee, and Plymouth), Cancer Resources of Elkhart County, CAPS, Cardinal Services of Marshall County, Center for Healing & Hope, Church Community Services/Soup of Success, Clothes & Food Basket of LaGrange County, Elijah Haven, Elkhart County Council on Aging, Fairfield Food Pantry, Family Christian Development Center, Five Little Stones, Goshen Interfaith/First Light Mission, LaGrange Miracle Tree, Lakeland Youth Center, Lighthouse Daycare Ministries of Noble County, Madison Township Firefighters, Maple City Kiwanis Tools for Schools, Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Middlebury Food Pantry, RETA, Ryan’s Place, St. Joe Valley Blue Star Mothers, St. Paul’s United Methodist Christmas Shoppe, Salvation Army, Sleep In Heavenly Peace, SPA Women’s Ministry, Syracuse Food Pantry, The Villages, Wakarusa Elementary School and The Window.

Interra Credit Union, headquartered in Goshen, was chartered in 1932 and has assets of \$1.7 billion. The credit union’s field of membership spans 24 counties in northern Indiana, with more than 325 full and part-time employees serving more than 91,000 members. Interra currently operates 16 offices in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall and Noble counties in Indiana and via a suite of robust electronic services at [interracu.com](http://interracu.com).



*Members of Interra Credit Union’s Hometown Giving service project committee surround Amy Sink, Chief Executive Officer, and Andy Marshall, Chief Operating Officer. A record-breaking total of \$47,515.71 was donated to nonprofit agencies throughout Interra’s communities.*

For more information, contact Meegan D. Siegwarth, Vice President of Marketing  
[meegans@interracu.com](mailto:meegans@interracu.com) or 574-534-2506 ext. 7159

NAPPANEE PARKS & REC.

## LOCAL VENDORS WANTED

FRESH & LOCAL

### MARKET ON MARKET

CORNER OF MARKET & CLARK STREETS

### EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

JUNE 8TH TO OCT. 5TH

NAPPANEEPARKS.RECDESK.COM

SIGN UP EARLY



## GET FUNKY & WIN

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



## Spring Break Adventure Awaits

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-Nee Spring Break)

#### Cost

\$35.00 per group

#### Registration Required:

Visit [nappaneparks.recdesk.com](http://nappaneparks.recdesk.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Page 8



Mar 1-2	Community & Friends Expo
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
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 30	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training
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>







Nappanee Parks & Rec.

**WE'RE HIRING**

- Maintenance Crew
- Camp Leaders
- Golf Attendants
- Concession Staff
- Lifeguards

Apply at  
[www.nappanee.in.gov/business/jobs](http://www.nappanee.in.gov/business/jobs)



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

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

# 2024 Chamber Members

Page 10

**THANK YOU FOR RENEWING  
YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP**

1st Source Bank  
7th Indiana Light Artillery Re-Enactment Unit  
Adams Remco  
Alpha Building Center Nappanee  
Ascot Enterprises  
Ayr Cabinet  
Beacon Health Foundation  
Beacon Medical Group WaNee  
Beer & Slabaugh  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elk. Co.  
Bourbon Street Pizza  
Boys & Girls Club  
Burkholder Country Store  
Chiphone Credit Union  
ChoiceLight  
City of Nappanee  
Community Business Equipment  
Community Hospital of Bremen  
Coppes Commons  
Country Home Furniture  
Crossroads United Way  
Culinary Mill Market & Deli  
Cultivate Food Rescue  
Daily Bread Market  
Dynamic Fleet Service  
E Newcomer & Son Jewelers  
Eastlake Nappanee  
Economic Development Corp. of Elk. County  
Edward Jones ~ D. Kauffman, T. Shields  
Edward Jones ~ Deborah Ayres  
Elk. Co. Commissioners  
Elk. Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau  
EPIC Insurance  
Everence Financial  
Glen's Diamond Tile  
Graber's Flooring Studio  
Gravelton Machine Shop  
GT Properties/Eastown Villa

Hampton Inn  
Heckaman Insurance  
Henschen Oil  
Hepton Road Auto  
Heritage Fabrics & General Store  
Heritage House Senior Living  
Hochstetler Grain Equipment  
HomeStyle Furniture  
Hoosier Hospitality Consulting  
Horizon Education Alliance  
Hoosier Coatings  
Hunter's Hideaway  
Hutsell Chiropractic  
inTech Trailers  
Interra Credit Union  
John's Auto Spa  
John's Butcher Shop  
John Mast Construction  
JR Firearms  
Justus Property Management  
Kemp Electric  
K.E.Y. Boutique  
Kindig & Sloat  
Klotz Insurance  
Korhorn Financial Group  
Kountry Cabinets  
Kountry Wood Products  
L.J. Wagner Home Interiors  
L.O.H. Tax Group  
Lake City Bank  
Law Office of Christopher G. Walter  
Lee Anne Stewart Dance School  
Levan Media & Marketing  
Light of Grace Book & Gift Store  
Little Nook Bookstore  
Locke Auto & Diesel Repair  
Loucks & Weaver CPA  
M-Line Electric  
Main Street Roasters  
Maple City Dispensing  
Market Street Auto Service  
Martin's Super Market  
McCormick Motors  
Meadows MHC  
Miller's Orchard



Miller's Variety Store  
Miller Manufacturing Corp.  
Miller Poultry  
Miller Stove & Fireplace  
MJ Finishing  
Monteith's Best One Nappanee  
Mullet Custom Interior  
Nang's Chinese Restaurant  
Nappanee Bakery & Treat Shoppe  
Nappanee Family Eyecare  
Nappanee Missionary Church  
Nappanee Noon Kiwanis  
Nappanee Open Door  
Nappanee Public Library  
Neighbors Mercantile  
New Paris Telephone  
Newcomer Service  
Newmar Corporation  
Northwood Family Dentistry  
Nuway Construction  
O.T. Works, The Therapy Playce  
OSMC  
Perfect Twist Pretzels  
Phil Hahn & Assoc.  
Physicians Health Plan  
Plevna  
Power from the Past - Nappanee  
Premiere Signs

Pro IT Solutions  
PWI  
R Yoder Construction  
Reliance Construction  
Rentown Store  
Schrock Financial  
Scooter's Coffee  
Seifert Drug #3  
Shamrock Inn  
Solar Energy System  
The Center - FCDC  
The Coppes House B & B  
The Farmhouse Inn B & B  
The Goshen News  
The Papers Inc.  
Topping Dental Group  
Trinity HealthWorks  
UFP Nappanee  
Veni's Sweet Shop  
Vintage Haus  
Visit Nappanee  
Visiting Angels  
Wa-Nee Community Schools  
Weaver Home Improvement and Construction  
WFRN  
Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer & Buckingham  
Yoder Stutzman  
Yutzy Sports Equipment

### **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.***





Nappanee Chamber Of Commerce  
302 W. Market Street  
Nappanee, IN 46550