

Nappanee Chamber Of Commerce



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Award Nomination Deadline is February 2

We're looking for nominations for our Annual Awards Banquet on March 19, 2024!

Awards will be presented to:
Citizen of the Year
Educator of the Year
(3) Excellence in Business

There are so many worthy people and businesses in Nappanee!!!

Don't let this opportunity pass!

The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 2, 2024

You can fax, mail, e-mail, or hand deliver a short letter detailing why your nominee should receive which award.

Please contact The Chamber with any questions.

Thanks,

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THE NAPPANEE CENTER
AND
THE CHAMBER OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
FOR



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

| | , |
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| 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 Crine |

2021

2022

Mandy Gerber

Marcus & Debra Miller



Educator of the Year

| - Lower Control | * |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1991 | Jim Andrews |
| 1992 | |
| 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

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| 1998 | Liz's Furniture Shoppe, Newman |
| 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

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| 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 | |

Street Coffee, Rocket Science Ice Cream
2014 Fastlake 24 Nappage Martin's

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



JOIN US 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

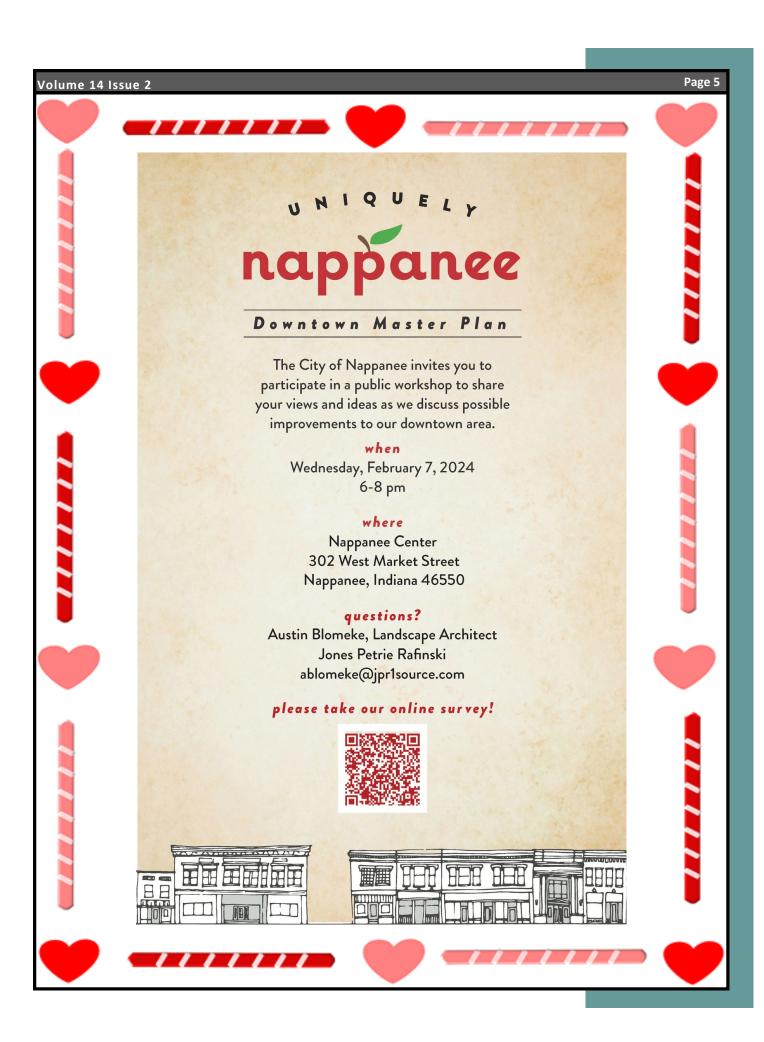
Table Sponsorship includes Seating for 8, Table Sign, Preferential Seating, Company Name and Logo in Program: \$300.00

> 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 13th for a full refund. Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card. |
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| 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 |



VALENTINE'S PASSPORT

Join the fun on Saturday, February 10th! Collect stamps at each store for a chance to win amazing prizes donated from the participating businesses.

| Name: | |
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| Phone: | |
| Email: | |





Valentine's Passport Event

Below are the participating businesses and a list of their promotions for the event along with the prize donations that YOU have a chance to win! Only one passport per person is eligible to win.

- ♥ Sweet G's Ice Cream: Free waffle cone with passport♥ Prize donation: \$10 gift card
- ▼ Main Street Roasters
 ▼ Prize donation: Mug
- ▶ Perfect Twist: 10% off all sales▶ Prize donation: Party box
- ▼ The Cork Emporium: 10% off all sales▼ Prize donation: Heart purse
- ▼ Ruhe 152: \$5 off any purchase \$20 or more
 ▼ Prize donation: \$25 gift card
- ▼ Kountry Cabinets: 25% off all decor
 ▼ Prize donation: \$100 Visa card
- ♥ Bella's Books: 20% off all romance books
 ♥ Prize donation: \$15 gift card
- ♥ Culinary Mill: Buy one lunch, get one lunch half off
 ♥ Prize donation: Goodie basket
- ♥ Dutch Kernel: 20% off select Valentines popcorn flavors
 ♥ Prize donation: Large bag of caramel popcorn

- ♥ K.E.Y. Boutique: 10% off anything pink, purple or red
- ▼ Nappanee Public Library: Free snacks during the day
 ▼ Prize donation: Kindle Fire
- **♥** Veni's Sweet Shop
 - ♥ Prize donation: Small heart box of assorted chocolates
- **♥** Neighbors Mercantile
- ♥ Prize donation: Valentines decor
- **♥** Speedway
 - ♥ Prize donation: Gift Basket
- **♥** Joyfully Made Pottery & Soaporium
 - ♥ Prize donation: 4 bars of soap
- John's Butcher Shop: Dinner for 2 that comes in a box with chocolate covered bacon, a heart-shaped steak, potato salad, and cookies
 - ♥ Prize donation: \$15 gift card
- ♥ Blooms on Main: \$5 off & free delivery within a 10 mile radius that day and will be giving away a dozen roses if you order Valentine's Day flowers day of the event
- JR Firearms: Show your passport and buy 2 or more boxes of ammo to get 10% off.
 Prize donation: "Anatomy of a Pew" bullet thermos
- ✔ Irish Belle Boutique: 25% off Marmalade candles & 10% off Mary Meyer plushies
 ✔ Prize donation: Marmalade Luxury Reed & Blackberry scented diffuser







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

| 2024 Classes at | Nappanee Chamber | |
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| 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 (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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| | | |
| 90 | Feb 5 | Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training |
| | Feb 7 | Nappanee Downtown Master Plan Workshop |
| | Feb 10 | Visit Nappanee Valentine's Passport |
| ₹ | Feb 17 Feb 19 | BNG Quad County Seminar |
| 6/ | reb 19 Mar 16 | Chamber office closed- <i>President's Day</i> |
| | Mar 19 | Visit Nappanee Shamrock Hunt Annual Awards Banquet |
| | Mar 29 | Chamber office closed- <i>Good Friday</i> |
| \ ⊚ | Mar 30 | Rotary Easter Egg Hunt |
| A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH | Mai 30 | Visit Nappanee Bunny Trail Hop |
| | April 18 | Visit Nappanee Ladies Night Out |
| | April 18-20 | Power from the Past JI Case Collectors Spring Convention |
| \ \ | April 30 | Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training |
| l al | May 3 | Visit Nappanee Men's Night Out |
| | May 18 | Nappanee Parks & Rec Music Bingo |
| (3) | • | Visit Nappanee Taste of Nappanee |
| Y | May 27 | Chamber office closed- <i>Memorial Day</i> |
| | May 30 | Quilt Garden Opens |
| (a) | June 8 | Nappanee Parks & Rec Dino Dig |
| | June 12 | 21st Annual Joint Chamber Golf Outing |
| (2 × | June 14 | Visit Nappanee Friday Fest |
| 1 | June 22 | Fireman's Fish Fry |
| | July 4 | Chamber office closed- <i>Independence Day</i> |
| | | Nappanee 4th of July Celebration - Fireworks |
| 9 | July 11-13 | Embrace the Pace Days/City Wide Garage Sales |
| 4 3€ | July 12 | Visit Nappanee Friday Fest |
| 6/ | July 19-27 | Elkhart County 4-H Fair |
| | Aug 3 | Nappanee Parks & Rec Summer Slide |
| | Aug 8 | Nappanee Parks & Rec Touch a Truck |
| (e) | Aug 9 | Visit Nappanee Friday Fest Chamber office closed- <i>Labor Day</i> |
| P | Sept 2 Sept 12 | Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training |
| (3) | Sept 19-22 | Nappanee Apple Festival |
| | Sept 28 | Nappanee Parks & Rec Promenade on the Path |
| | Oct 5 | Nappanee Parks & Rec Magical Me Day |
| (a) | Oct 10 | Visit Nappanee Ladies Night Out |
| 3 | Oct 30 | Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training |
| 6 | 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> |
| (၈ | Dec 7 | Miracle at Main & Market Streets parade |
| Ŏ | Dec 13 | Countryside Nite Out |
| (S) | Dec 24 | Chamber closes at noon-Christmas Eve |
| • | Dec 25 | Chamber office closed-Christmas Day |
| 160) | Dec 31 | Chamber closes at noon-New Year's Eve |
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DID YOU KNOW NAPPANEE IS TURNING 150 THIS YEAR???



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THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP

7th Indiana Light Artillery Re-Enactment Unit

Adams Remco

Alpha Building Center Nappanee

Ascot Enterprises

Beacon Health Foundation

Beer & Slabaugh

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elk. Co.

Bourbon Street Pizza

Burkholder Country Store

Chiphone Credit Union

ChoiceLight

City of Nappanee

Community Business Equipment

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

Economic Development Corp. of Elk. County

Edward Jones ~ Deborah Ayres

Elk. Co. Commissioners

Elk. Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau

Everence Financial

Graber's Flooring Studio

Gravelton Machine Shop

GT Properties/Eastown Villa

Hampton Inn

Heckaman Insurance

Henschen Oil

Hepton Road Auto

Heritage Fabrics & General Store

Hochstetler Grain Equipment

HomeStyle Furniture

Horizon Education Alliance

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

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

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

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Newcomer Service

Newmar Corporation

Northwood Family Dentistry

Nuway Construction

O.T. Works, The Therapy Playce

Perfect Twist Pretzels

Phil Hahn & Assoc.

Physicians Health Plan

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Power from the Past - Nappanee

Pro IT Solutions

PWI

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Shamrock Inn

The Center - FCDC

The Papers Inc.

Topping Dental Group

Trinity HealthWorks

UFP Nappanee

Veni's Sweet Shop

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.

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