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Another
GREAT Apple
Festival is in
the books!
We want to
thank all that
attended,
volunteered,
and
participated
in any way!!!

Nappanee Chamber Of Commerce



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CONGRATULATIONS TO MCCORMICK MOTORS!

Join them for lunch to celebrate 70 Years!!! This is an open invitation for the community and all of their customers





Lerving you, our loyal customers

AS A THANK YOU...

Join us for Lunch!

11AM-2PM Thursday, October 5th 1225 W. Market Street, Nappanee

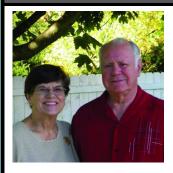


The law office of Christopher G. Walter is excited to announce that attorney Wesley Kirkwood will be based out of our Nappanee office beginning October 2nd, 2023.

Please call Wesley Kirkwood for your criminal defense, family law and estate planning\administration needs. Wesley can be reached at 574-773-7779 or Wes@Kirkwoodlawllc.com

Apple Festival Highlights

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Queen - Amber Bost

1st Runner-Up – Kloe Mills 2nd Runner-Up – Mallory Wood People's Choice Award - Kloe Mills



APPLE DUMPLING CONTEST

1st Place – Silas Pippen

2nd Place – Krue Cable

3rd Place – Audrey Beer



Women's

1st Place – Patricia Hochstetler

APPLE PEELING CONTEST

2nd Place – Rosio Ramirez

3rd Place – Nikole Ramirez

Men's

1st Place – Ramon Ramirez

2nd Place – Matt Beachy

3rd Place – Noah Ramirez



CROSS CUT SAW

1st Place - Corey Truex/Jason Stout

2nd Place – Willie Wilfong/Larry Keck

3rd Place – Caleb Jackson/Sam Ran





PIE EATING CONTEST

8-12 Years

1st Place – Adelaide Jarlzson

2nd Place – Phinneus DuBois

3rd Place – Ethan Rhoda

13-17 Years

1st Place – Zor Anglemyer

2nd Place – Ayden Ran

3rd Place – Malochai Henley

18+ Years

1st Place – Ryan Davis

2nd Place – Kayli Anglemyer

3rd Place – Matt Beachy

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Bocce Ball

1st Place – Carol Housoer & Jeremy Housoer

2nd Place – Robert Shaffer & Lori Keifer

3rd Place – Sandy Hunter & Brian Birley

4th Place - Steve Slater & Chervl Lewis

Corn Toss

1st Place – Norm McPeak & Kathy Kumfer

2nd Place – Jerry David & Scott Frush

3rd Place – Mike Parker & Sabrina Turner

4th Place - Wayne Momeyer & Robert Svinarich

GREAT APPLE GRILL OFF

1st Place – Smoke 'em BBQ

2nd Place – David Helmuth





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5K RUN ROAD RUN

5K – Male

1st Place – Fg Garcia

2nd Place – Jacob Frost

3rd Place – Nate Woolery

5K – Female

1st Place – Jody Brown

2nd Place – Crystal Gilbert

3rd Place – Stephanie Burkholder



CORN HOLE

Division I

1st Place – GO IRISH - Brandon Bobilya/Mark Richards

2nd Place – MY BAD - Carson Gingerich/Jack Augle

3rd Place – THE WOZ'S - Dave & Carol Wozniak



Division II

1st Place – DUMB AND DUMBER - Chase McNall/Eric Gonzales

2nd Place - FARM DOGS - Paul Farmwald/Leonard Farmwald

3rd Place – BEARDED BAGGERS - Matthew Heath/Robert Heath

Division III

1st Place – OLD FOLKS - Dan Wyatt /JoAnn Beachy

2nd Place – Migual Garcia/Mauricio Lomeli

3rd Place – Migual Bustos/Austin Bustos





GOLDFISH RACES

4-7 Years

1st Place – Beckett Duley

2nd Place – Reagen Mast

3rd Place – Mojo Duley

8-11 Years

1st Place – Lucy Cappert

2nd Place – Camila Leal

3rd Place – Karson Mills

12-15 Years

1st Place – Piper Sturma

2nd Place – Gabe Mast

3rd Place – Joseph Nimon

16-Adult

1st Place – Mike Mills

2nd Place – Derek Mast

3rd Place – Richie Nimon



PARADE

Non-Commercial

1st Place – Nappanee Public Library

2nd Place – NorthWood FFA

Commercial

1st Place – Blooms on Main

2nd Place – Gracie Jiu-Jitsu

1st Place – Hickory Hucker Bus

2nd Place – Jack Jackson

Tractor

1st Place – Tractors from James Buss

2nd Place – Echoes of the Past

Animal

1st Place – Barb Hart

2nd Place – Seven Pines Riding

Theme

1st Place – Union Center Daycare

2nd Place – N/A

WINGS & WHEELS (CAR & AIRPLANE SHOW)

Best In Show – Leon Bennett/Travis Bennett

Chairman's Award - Mark & Lori Shively

Best Exterior Paint - Jack Jackson

Pre-1950's Stock-Fred Kline

1950's - Mark & Lori Shively

1960's - Will Baldwin

1970's - Leon Bennett

1980's – Ed & Tammy Boggs

1990's & Newer – Tom & Sheri Bradway

Imports - Jason Thompson

Rat Rod - Bill Haggerty

Trucks 1970's & Older- Jeff Beer

Trucks 1980's & Newer- Larry Bechler

Low Riders - Chad Mills

Motorcycles - Wade Marquette







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Join us anytime during the hours marked below

MAY 18

MAIN STREET ROASTERS

*STOP BY FOR A FREE

JUNE 15

SWEET G'S

*STOP BY FOR A FREE

JULY 13

BORKHOLDER DUTCH VILLAGE

*STOP BY FOR A FREE

OPEN House

Join us anytime 4:00-6:00pm

AUGUST 10

WASTEWATER

STOP BY FOR LIGHT

OCTOBER 12

*STOP BY FOR LIGHT

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MAGICAL ME

Saturday, October 7th 11:00 am - 4:00 pm West Park Pavilion (500 N. Nappanee St)

CELEBRATE ALL THINGS MAGICAL

CLASSES · GAMES · FOOD

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BUSINESS NETWORKING GROUP

BNG will host Dave Ramsey Classes at The Chamber on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm starting October 2.

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

November 14th, 2023

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





OUR SALUTE TO VETERANS

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Each year we honor our local veterans, both past and present, by publishing a list of their names in our November newsletter. Please review our current list to see if you, or someone you know, may be missing from the list. If so, please send us your information so we can add you to our list. Thank you!

CLICK HERE FOR 2022
VETERAN'S LIST



To sign up, please contact Gloria Moser at Gmoser@mapletronics.com or 574.537.5853



Training with



MapleTronics offers computer training in Nappanee.
Contact Gloria Moser to enroll yourself or your employees.

2023 Classes at Nappanee Chamber

CLASS TITLE	<u>DATES</u>	TIME
QuickBooks Level 1	October 3 & 5	5:30-9 pm
QuickBooks Level 2	November 28 & 30	5:30-9 pm
Excel Level 1	October 17 & 19	5:30-9 pm
Excel Level 2	September 19 & 21 November 14 & 16	5:30-9 pm
Teams	October 26 December 12	1–3 pm
Outlook Tips & Tricks	September 26 November 21	1–3 pm

MILLER STOVE & FIREPLACE IS FEATURED IN THE OCTOBER EDITION OF THE LAKES MAGAZINE!

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MILLER STOVE & FIREPLACE HAS BEEN KEEPING FIRES BURNING FOR NEARLY 35 YEARS

Writer / Lois Tomaszewsk Photographer / Tony Straw

Many things are passed down from father to son - values, character traits, family history and sometimes even the family business. After decades of leadership under Ernie Miller, his son, Matt Miller, is the new owner of Miller Stove & Fireplace in Bremen.

For 34 years, it has been the place to go for quality fireplaces, stoves, furnaces and equipment needs for outdoor kitchens. It has, as the company logo says, been providing quality and comfort for the area since 1989.

"Heating is essential," Matt Miller says. "When people buy from us, they know it will be a quality product."

Over the years the business has evolved, from first selling anthracite coal and the stoves to burn it in, to the current wide range of possibilities for customers seeking to heat their homes, or create a "cozy comfort zone" with a fireplace, as Miller says.

There are over 60 stoves and fireplaces on display, so customers can get an idea what they would like to see in their own home. The traditional wood-burning fireplace and stove is still highly popular. Other choices include gas, electric and pellet fuel systems. Whatever the choice may be, Miller says customers can expect high-efficiency units and great customer service.

The decision on what fireplace may be best for the customer has many facets. Wood-burning fireplaces provide a heat source if the power goes out. Electric and gas fireplaces require less cleaning and maintenance. Pellet-fueled fireplaces can be helpful in reducing the labor involved in cutting and storing wood.

To help in making those decisions, customers can look at the models on display, and talk with an expert to make sure their needs are met with the choice they make. The store features models of both traditional fire-places and contemporary styles.

When a customer decides on the type of fireplace, Miller's trained crew handles all the work needed to get the fireplace operational. This includes design of the mantle and the fireplace surround, the installation of any gas or electric lines needed, and masonry. As Miller says, it is a one-stop shop for fireplaces and stoves.

It is also important to know what the customer needs. The fireplaces that the business creates are individualized based on customer tastes





and preferences. Miller can design a fireplace from a photograph that the customer provides, and can help make sure the design fits correctly in the available space.

"When the customer comes in, I want to know what they want the fireplace to do for them," Miller says. "We try to sell them a solution."

That same care is given to customers who may be struggling to decide whether a wood stove would be a better option for their space. They sell wood stoves that can be used for heating a home, and wood-burning cook stoves for kitchens. Wood-burning cook stoves do double duty as both a source of heat and a way to prepare meals.

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A fireplace is a bigger project than the installation of a wood stove. It depends on the scale of the room and the individual needs of the customer.

"A fireplace changes the look of a room, but it does take up more space," Miller says.

In addition to quality fixtures, the company has always made customer service and satisfaction a priority. Their installers operate with the highest level of professionalism. "We tell our employees to leave the customer's house cleaner than when we got there," Miller says.

For him, the job is done well when he gets a positive response from the customer.

"One of the best things I like to hear is how much they are saving on their energy bills" Miller says.

Fireplaces and stoves can lower heating and electricity costs that come with keeping a home warm in winter. The key is to keep the fireplace or wood stove fueled while lowering the thermostat. That way the furnace does not kick on as often, reducing electricity usage.



Miller says the following phrase helps to know if

his team has met the customer's expectations: "If they cry because they are so happy."

"They tell all their friends about it, send a handwritten note or write a nice review about their experience with us," he adds.

These types of responses come about because Miller believes his business is not simply about making a sale. It is about connecting with those who come into his business.

"We just love interacting with people," he says. "It's about building relationships."

To keep products and service on trend, Miller Stove & Fireplace has expanded to offer an extensive election of outdoor gas, charcoal or pellet barbecue grills, as well as popular add-ons like griddles or pizza ovens. To make that cookout even better, the store has a selection of grilling utensils, sauces and seasonings. Whether it's a stand-alone grill, outdoor kitchen, fireplace or fire pit, Miller is ready to help his customers enjoy their yards even more.

"Creating an outdoor living space is an extension of their home," he says.

If an outdoor kitchen is what a customer wants, Miller can supply everything needed. This includes cabinets, grills and installation of the utility lines.

As the business continues to transition into the next chapter of leadership, Miller is thankful for the seven employees who have helped keep the "quality and comfort" portion of their motto a

part of standard operating procedures. The past 34 years of happy customers would not have been possible without a great team, he says.

Customers come from an approximate two-hour radius from their shop on Beech Road. This includes Bremen, Nappanee, Wakarusa, Goshen, Warsaw, Elkhart, South Bend, Plymouth, Culver, Knox, Walkerton and Rochester.

Miller Stove & Fireplace is located at 2570 Beech Road in Bremen. For more information, visit miller-stoveandfireplace.com or call 574-773-2686.



Upcoming Events

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	Oct 2	BNG Dave Ramsey Classes begin
	Oct 5	McCormick Motors 70th Anniversary Celebration
1	Oct 7	Parks & Rec Magical Me Day
	Oct 12	Open House ~ Nappanee City Hall
	Oct 14	Night at the Museum
	Oct 31	Parks & Rec Halloween Activities & Contest
	Nov 10	Chamber & City Offices Closed Veteran's Day
3	Nov 14	Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Training at Nappanee Center
AL TO	Nov 17	Parks & Rec Family Night
	Nov 24-25	Chamber & City Offices Closed Thanksgiving
	Dec 2	Miracle at Main & Market Streets Parade
	Dec 8	Countryside Nite Out
	Dec 25	Chamber & City Offices Closed Christmas Day

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INTERRA MAKES DONATION TO CHILD & PARENT SERVICES

September 25, 2023 – Interra Credit Union, headquartered in Goshen, Indiana, recently held an event with business members for a day away and friendly competition. "Rather than the traditional golf outing, Interra hosted some of our business partners for a clay shooting contest," shared Randy Lehman, Vice President, Business Lending Manager. With morning and afternoon flights, a total of 80 individuals participated in the day.

During the initial planning of the day, it was suggested that Interra increase the stakes and use the time to also raise funds for a local non-profit, all in the spirit of Interra's vision of Do Well To Do Good™. Child & Parent Services' of Elkhart (CAPS), was chosen as the recipient of any dollars donated. "In the beginning of planning this day, there was little business purposes behind this event rather than connecting individuals and showing Interra's appreciation for their continued partnership with the credit union," said Lehman. "Adding in the fund raising was a whole new aspect. We had no idea what to expect and set our fundraising goal at \$5,000. But instead, we found through the generosity of the attendees, CAPS was the real winner as individuals donated nearly \$9,000!"

CAPS CEO, Rebecca Shetler Fast, said it best when she accepted the donation by saying, "We are humbled by this kindness. The money will be used specifically to help support the efforts of our Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) who work in the court system protecting children who have been affected by abuse and neglect."

"I've always known we had generous business partners," shared Mike Blosser, Senior Vice President and Head of Commercial Services, "but the charity of this year's participants blew us away. I can't wait to see what happens next year."

Other business sponsors who helped provide lunch and promotional items for the event were Synergy Insurance Group and Maple Lane Hunting Preserve.

Interra Credit Union, headquartered in Goshen, Indiana, was charted in 1932 and has assets of \$1.7 billion. The credit union's field of membership spans 18 counties in northern Indiana, with more than 315 full and part-time employees serving nearly 92,000 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.

Child And Parent Services' (CAPS) mission is to support families to ensure that every child lives a life free from abuse and neglect. CAPS serves the community through its child and family support programs and response services. These programs include education and resource navigation for parents, home visiting services for families, direct advocacy for abused and neglected children, and more. CAPS serves more than 2,000 children and 1,800 families annually.

Pictured left to right. Front Row: CAPS representatives: Rebecca Shetler Fast, CEO and Troy Smith, Senior Director of Advancement. Back Row: Interra representatives: Brook Germann, Assistant Vice President, Securities & Facilities; Randy Lehman, Vice President, Business Lending Manager; Mike Blosser, Senior Vice President, Head of Commercial Services; Jeremy Bender, Vice President, Agribusiness Lending.

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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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