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of interest:

*Wishing you*

*All the Best*

*In 2020*

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Please nominate  
now for



# Nappanee Chamber Of Commerce



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## New Member

The Chamber would like to welcome  
a new member!

### New Paris Telephone

19066 County Road 46

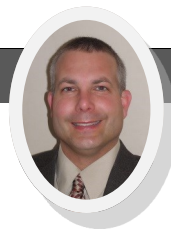
P.O. Box 7

New Paris, IN 46553

574-831-2176

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## From the Desk of Jeff Kitson

2020 is here and the Chamber is here to make you see clear in this new year.

The Library and Chamber are working with Venture International to offer some amazing leadership and professional development courses. We have worked hard to make it affordable for everyone to take 1 or all of the classes. This promises to be a great time for you to up your game in 2020. Watch your inbox and social media for more details.

The Chamber Board of Directors is welcoming 3 new members for 2020. Courtney Oberholzer, with 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, Michelle Myers, Vintage Haus, and Ken Cook, Burnworth Zollars Auto Group were voted in by the board in November of 2019. We look forward to learning from them and having them guide the Chamber.

Trevor Klotz has graduated from Ivy Tech with a degree in Business Administration and has left the Chamber/Redevelopment for a full-time position with PWI. We want to thank Trevor for his year and half at the Chamber/Redevelopment and for all his hard work on making member videos, creating a new website for the Chamber, and his passion for Nappanee. He will be missed.

Darla and I are starting off the new year getting ready for the annual dinner on Monday March 30, 2020. This year's event will be at Sammlung Platz and is shaping up to be a great evening of honoring you, our members. More details will follow shortly.

Speaking of Annual Dinner; it is nomination time! Citizen of the Year, Educator of the year and Excellence in Business nominations are now open. Please send in your recommendations to [jeff@nappaneechamber.com](mailto:jeff@nappaneechamber.com) or drop them off at 302 W Market Street. Deadline is Friday January 24, 2020. We look forward to hearing from you.

We have had to say Good Bye to Amish Acres as we know it and I wanted to extend the Chamber's THANK YOU to the Pletcher, Stillson, and Wysong families for 50 wonderful years of service to the world. You all are a blessing to us at the Chamber and we wish you the best in your retirement Dick and Susie! For Angie and Jeff, and Jenni and Andy and your families, we wish you only the best in your next endeavors.

There is a song that has the lyrics, "I can see clearly now", and our hope is that all of us can have clear vision, thinking, and passion for Nappanee. 2020 promises to be full of adventures, unexpected events, and growth.

If you are reading this and not a member, come join us in our adventure to make Nappanee a destination for all.

Jeff

# Leadership Development Series

## Tuesday Afternoons | February 4-March 2



Venture International, Nappanee Public Library, and Nappanee Chamber of Commerce will offer a Leadership Development Series in 2020 at the Library.

Work demands have never been more pressing, and the complexity of workplace problems is staggering. This leaves little time for companies to do the important work of equipping their leaders with new skills. Attending this series will offer leaders and team members insights into the concepts and skills needed to create strong teams, build resilience, leverage conflict, and improve culture.

**\$\$ Priced per event with a discount bundle also available!**

### 1) FEB 4TH - \$149 | Building Strong Teams

All teams struggle at times with communication and relationships. Discover your own and others' Everything DiSC styles and preferences along with skills to interact effectively. Team members learn to adapt to others and improve engagement, collaboration, and the overall quality of the workplace.

### 2) FEB 11TH - \$149 | Developing Resilient Leaders: Managing Stress Effectively

Workplace stress is increasing and costly; it lowers morale and productivity. Participants learn concepts and skills to respond to stress with calm, clear thinking, leading to more productive decisions and outcomes.

### 3) FEB 18TH - \$169 | Using Conflict Productively

Conflict in organizations can quickly become destructive to relationships and productivity. Utilize Everything DiSC Productive Conflict personalized techniques to curb destructive behaviors so that conflict can become more productive, ultimately improving workplace relationships and results.

### 4) FEB 25TH - \$149 | EQ: Increasing Leadership Effectiveness

Failure to identify our and others' emotional impact creates unintended negative consequences. Raising your EQ (Emotional Intelligence) equips you to manage your emotions and improve team productivity and relationships. EQ has been cited as a greater predictor of success than IQ.

### 5) MAR 3RD - \$199 | The Work of Leaders: Establishing Vision, Alignment, and Execution

Even good leaders struggle to inspire their followers to accomplish big goals. This specialized training is designed for those who need to share a vision, create a shared direction, and execute goals and priorities that produce tangible results. Personalized exercises equip leaders with the skills and confidence to achieve their desired goals.



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

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

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.

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To sign up,  
please contact Gloria Moser  
at [Gmoser@mapletronics.com](mailto:Gmoser@mapletronics.com) or  
574.534.2830 x 153

**2020 Classes at Nappanee Chamber**

CLASS TITLE	DATES	TIME
QuickBooks Level 1	February 25 & 27	5:30-9 pm
QuickBooks Level 2	March 24 & 26	5:30-9 pm
Outlook	February 25 April 21 June 10	3-5 pm
Excel Level 1	March 3 & 5 April 21 & 23	5:30-9 pm
Excel Level 2	March 31 & April 2 May 19 & 21	5:30-9 pm
Word Level 2	May 5 & 7	5:30-9 pm
Teams	April 16	3-5 pm

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**Persing Tire  
donated  
128  
items!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO  
EVERYONE THAT  
DONATED ITEMS FOR  
JEFF'S 2ND TOY  
CHALLENGE!!!**

**We collected 414 items for  
FCDC's Christmas Jubilee!!!!**



**RJ (Richia Jennings)  
donated 110 items!**



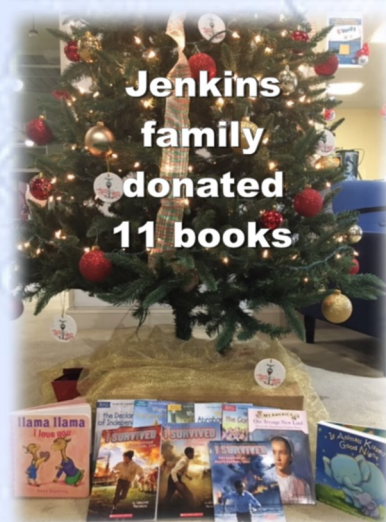
**Vintage Haus  
donated 42 items!**



**Partylite donated 8 items!**



**inTech donated  
54 items!**



**Jenkins  
family  
donated  
11 books**



**Mills Family  
donated 10 items!**



**Burkholder  
Country  
Store  
donated  
37  
items  
today!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>New Year's Day</i></b>
<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i></b>
<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Class at The Nappanee Center</b>
<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>Leadership Development: Building Strong Teams</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Leadership Development: Developing Resilient Leaders: Managing Stress Effectively</b>
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>President's Day</i></b>
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Leadership Development: Using Conflict Productively</b>
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Leadership Development: EQ: Increasing Leadership Effectiveness</b>
<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>Leadership Development: The Work of Leaders: Establishing Vision, Alignment, and Execution</b>
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Chamber Annual Appreciation &amp; Awards Dinner</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Good Friday</i></b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Class at The Nappanee Center</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Memorial Day</i></b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Quilt Garden Tour Opens</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Nappanee/Wakarusa Joint Chamber Golf Outing</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Hot Air Balloon Festival &amp; Summer Diesel Pull ~ Power from the Past Showgrounds</b>
<b>July 3</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>4th of July Celebration (Fireworks, parade)</b>
<b>July 9-11</b>	<b>Embrace the Pace Days</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Fireman's Fish Fry</b>
<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Class at The Nappanee Center</b>
<b>Sep 7</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Labor Day</i></b>
<b>Sep 12</b>	<b>Apple Festival Tractor Pull</b>
<b>Sep 17-20</b>	<b>Nappanee Apple Festival</b>
<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Night at the Museum 6-8 pm at The Nappanee Center</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Veteran's Day</i></b>
<b>Nov 26-27</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Thanksgiving</i></b>
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>Hoosier Hospitality ServSafe Class at The Nappanee Center</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Countryside Nite Out</b>
<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>"Miracles at Main &amp; Market Streets" Parade, Cookies &amp; Hot Chocolate, Santa arrives</b>
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Close at Noon - <i>Christmas Eve</i></b>
<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Closed - <i>Christmas Day</i></b>
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Chamber &amp; City Offices Close at Noon - <i>New Year's Eve</i></b>

*Save the Date*

**NAPPANEE CHAMBER  
ANNUAL APPRECIATION  
AND AWARDS  
BANQUET**

**Monday, March 30, 2020  
5:30 pm  
at Sammlung Platz  
758 N. Tomahawk Trail**



**SAVE THE DATE!  
June 9, 2020**

**17th Annual  
Wakarusa/Nappanee Joint Chamber Golf Outing  
at McCormick Creek Golf Course in Nappanee**





## 2019 Award Nominations

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Annual Awards Dinner on  
March 30, 2020!

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, January 24, 2020. 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 30, 2020 at Sammlung Platz, 758 N. Tomahawk Trail .  
Social time begins at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.



# Past Award Winners



## 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



## 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



## Excellence in Business

### RETAIL / INDUSTRY

1997 Fairmont Homes  
 1998 Liz's Furniture Shoppe, Newmar Corporation  
 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

# Chamber Members

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## **MANUFACTURING**

Alexander Dennis, Inc.  
Aluminum Trailer Co.  
Ayr Cabinet  
Challenger Door  
Commercial Structures Corp.  
Cornerstone Moulding  
Eagle Routing & Laser  
Hochstetler Grain Equipment  
inTech Trailers  
Kountry Wood Products  
Miller Manufacturing Corp.  
Newmar Corporation  
Northern Indiana Axle  
Nuway Construction  
Quality Hardwood Sales

## **RETAIL**

Amish Acres  
Bourbon Street Pizza Co.  
Burkholder Country Store  
Burnworth-Zollars Chrysler  
Dodge Jeep RAM  
C & C Breakfast Co.  
Community Business  
Equipment  
Coppes Commons  
CountryHome Furniture  
Culinary Mill Market & Deli  
E. Newcomer & Son  
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  
K.E.Y. Boutique  
Kountry Cabinets  
Light of Grace Book & Gift  
Store  
Little Nook Bookstore  
LJ Wagner Interiors  
Main Street Roasters  
Martin's Super Market

McCormick Motors  
Miller Stove & Fireplace  
Miller's Variety Store  
Mullet's Dining  
My Red Moon  
Nang's Chinese Restaurant  
Nappanee's Bakery & Treat  
Shopee  
Panthers Pizza  
Perfect Twist Pretzels  
Persing Tire & Auto Service  
Plevna Implement Co Nappanee  
Rentown Stores, Inc.  
Rite Choice  
Rocket Science Ice Cream  
Samuel Mancino's  
Schwartz Nylon Harness Shop  
Solar Energy Systems  
Stickley Ace Hardware  
Tractor Supply Co.  
Veni's Sweet Shop  
Verizon Wireless - Russell  
Cellular  
Vintage Haus  
Weaver Furniture Barn  
Woodland Variety Store

## **SERVICE/ PROFESSIONAL**

1st Source Bank  
Adams Remco  
ADEC, Inc.  
Anglemeyer Clinic  
Beacon Medical Group  
Nappanee  
Beer & Slabaugh, Inc.  
Best Insurance Settlement  
Better Business Bureau  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Elkhart County  
Boys & Girls Club  
Center for Hospice  
Chiphone FCU  
City Of Nappanee  
CLC International, Inc.  
Community Foundation of  
Elkhart County

Community Hospital of Bremen  
CountrySide Inn  
DIR Incorporated  
Eastlake 24 Nappanee  
EDC of Elkhart County  
Edward Jones ~ David Kauffman  
Edward Jones ~ Deborah Ayres  
Elkhart County Commissioners  
Elkhart County Convention &  
Visitors Bureau  
Family Christian Development  
Center  
Farmhouse Spa  
Get Fit Get Healthy  
Goshen College  
Goshen Hospital  
Goshen Health Rehabilitation  
Services  
Gravelton Machine Shop, Inc.  
Gravelton Properties  
GT Properties Eastown Villa  
Hampton Inn  
Heckaman Insurance Agency  
Henschen Oil  
Heritage House  
Hoosier Hospitality Consulting  
Horizon Education Alliance  
Hutsell Chiropractic  
Inn At Amish Acres  
INterra Credit Union  
John Mast Construction  
John's Auto Spa  
Jr. Achievement & Lemonade  
Day  
Justus Property Management  
Kemp Electric  
KeyBank  
Kindig & Sloat  
Klotz Insurance  
Korhorn Financial Group  
Lake City Bank  
Law Office of Christopher Walter  
Lee Anne Stewart Dance School  
LOH Bookkeeping & Tax Service  
Loucks & Weaver CPA  
Main Street Manor



MapleTronics  
 Market St. Auto Service  
 Meadows MHC  
 MedStat Nappanee  
 MJ Finishing  
 Mullet Custom Interior  
 Nappanee Family Eyecare  
 Nappanee Noon Kiwanis  
 Nappanee Open Door  
 Nappanee Public Library  
 Nappanee Rotary Club  
 Nappanee Spinal Adjusting  
 Center  
 Nephew Pharmacy  
 Newcomer Service  
 NIPSCO  
 Norris Estate  
 NorthWood Family Dentistry  
 Northwood Family Medicine

OSMC  
 O.T. Works/The Therapy  
 Playce  
 PDS  
 Phil Hahn & Associates  
 Physicians Health Plan  
 Premiere Signs  
 PWI  
 R. Yoder Construction, Inc.  
 Reliance Construction, Inc.  
 RPM Supply  
 Salem Insurance  
 Schrock Financial  
 SCORE  
 Shamrock Motel  
 Sylvia Benjamin State Farm  
 Insurance  
 The Goshen News  
 The Hall at Oakland Park

The Papers, Inc.  
 Thompson Lengacher &  
 Yoder Funeral Home  
 Topping Dental Group  
 Topp-Notch Construction  
 United Way of Elkhart County  
 Victorian Guest House  
 Visit Nappanee  
 Visiting Angels  
 WaNee Community Schools  
 Weaver Home Improvement &  
 Construction  
 Wilson Financial Group  
 Windsor Legacy LLC  
 WSBT TV 22  
 Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer &  
 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.***

# What's in store for YOUR business in 2020?

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

Just email Jeff ([jeff@nappaneechamber.com](mailto:jeff@nappaneechamber.com)) or Darla ([darla@nappaneechamber.com](mailto:darla@nappaneechamber.com)) and let us know!

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Did you know we have a YouTube channel? Check it out at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5BRXe8JKMXRV77ULKxGuA/featured>

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