



February Edition



Talk On The Street

As I have mentioned before our organization, Decatur Main Street, has applied to become an Aspiring Indiana Main Street, that is the next step into eventually becoming an Accredited Indiana Main Street. The application was due and submitted on December 31, 2024. Only a few of the competitive applications each year are awarded to continue to pursue the top status.

The state currently has 73 Downtown Affiliate Main Streets (our current status), 4 Aspiring Indiana Main Streets who are working to become Accredited and 17 that have already received the top status. Of those 17, sixteen have gone on to become Nationally Accredited Main Streets.

What does all this mean and how does it benefit our organization and Decatur?

To be an Accredited Indiana Main Street our organization must meet the standards that are set out by the state. We must show that we are organized both financially and have dedicated leadership, passionate advocates and volunteers. That we are working for all businesses, building owners and organizations within our downtown district. We need to continue to create a revitalized downtown that preserves our history and generates a community-gathering place for fun, commerce and pride.

Once we have proven that we have accomplished these things we become eligible for a number of high dollar grants from both the state and nationally that are only available to the elite group of Accredited Main Streets.

The announcement on who will be chosen this year will be announced on March 6, 2024. We will share these results once it is official.

Keep your fingers crossed.

Max A. Miller
President Decatur Main Street

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I Love Decatur

February is "I Love Decatur" Month! We will be highlighting businesses on our Facebook page to spread love for our community and Decatur. If your business is interested in being highlighted, please click the link [here](#).



If you are having a valentine special or event, please email us the details at decatur.mainstreet@gmail.com so we can share it on our social media pages.

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Featured Members of the Month

Eichhorn Jewelry Inc.

Eichhorn Jewelry, Inc. is a family business that was founded in 1965 by John Eichhorn, who passed away in 2004. His commitment to quality continues with his children, Eileen Eichhorn, Kate Dyer and Laura Ditto and grandson Matt Dyer, plus nine additional employees. They are a retail jewelry store that specializes in diamonds, colored gemstones, wedding rings, fine jewelry, gifts, estate jewelry, watch and jewelry repair/restoration, jewelry appraisals/gem identification, pearl restringing, ear piercing, engraving, and much more. Two full-time Graduate Gemologists are on staff. Eichhorn Jewelry, Inc. is located at 130 N. Second Street in Decatur, Indiana and their phone number is 260-724-2621. "Making the World Sparkle One Diamond at a Time, Since 1965" .



" True love is eternal, infinite, and always like itself. It is equal and pure, without violent demonstrations: it is seen with white hairs and is always young in the heart."
- Honore de Balzac

Funkee Monkee Creations



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Funkee Monkee Creations was founded in 2019 by Bonnie & Craig Keller. Funkee Monkee Creations is your one-stop shop for all your personalized and custom needs. NO SET-UP FEES, NO DIGITIZING FEES, NO ART-WORK FEES AND IN MOST CASES NO MINIMUMS! Our work is done on location and by us (Bonnie & Craig). We do Embroidery, silkscreen, laser (wood, tumblers, etc), monkee heads (photos on stick), patches, awards, promotional products, signs, yard signs, metal signs, banners, license plates, car coasters, custom wooden ornaments, ornaments, vinyl cutting, hot foil stamped napkins, custom ribbons-sashes, sublimation printing, flat printing (business cards, brochures, pamphlets, programs, etc.), gifts items, photo/campaign buttons, invitations and lots more. If you don't see it, ask, we probably do it. We do free online stores for schools, business or anyone that would like one. The online stores can stay up as long as you like and we can password protect them so only specific people/employees can shop. We have a showroom where you can see some of our items and we do anything custom. No job too small or too big! Funkee Monkee Creations is located at 1020 West Main Street in Berne, IN. If you have any questions, please give us a call/text at 260-849-3360 or email us at bonnie@funkeemonkeecreations.com.

Highlights of the Month

Chamber Luncheon

Adams County Commissioner-President Steve Bailey will be giving the State of the County on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 11:45 AM. Commissioner-President Bailey will be updating us on what has been going on in Adams County as well as their plans for the upcoming year. The cost is \$20 and reservations are due on Wednesday, February 5. To RSVP, please email the chamber of commerce at lmorris@decaturchamber.org or call at 724-2604.



Workforce Strategies Survey

[Ascend](#) is conducting a brief survey to better understand the current landscape of Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunities from various industries, as well as to gauge interest in potentially implementing or expanding WBL programs.



As an employer in Indiana, your support of the future workforce is essential to the success of your organization. By completing this brief survey, you will help Ascend Indiana understand the Work-Based Learning landscape and amplify the voice of employers in the expansion and enhancement of these opportunities throughout the state. Your personal information will remain anonymous, and your responses will be aggregated.

WBL Survey [Link](#)

- Time to complete: 5-8 minutes
- Deadline: February 19th

Questions?: Erica Medina (erica.medina@ascendindiana.com)

Your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of Work-Based Learning programs in Indiana, and we truly appreciate your time and insights.

Highlights of the Month

Sidewalk program

The City of Decatur offers an affordable sidewalk program. The City will pay 50% and the residents pay the remaining 50%. to replace the sidewalk in front of your home. The sidewalk replacement program is for sidewalks located parallel to City Streets. For more information, please call 260-724-3356 and ask for Jeremy Gilbert.

“ Always dream and shoot higher than you know can do. Do not bother just to be better than you contemporaries or predecessor. Try to be better than yourself.”

- William Faulkner

Spring is around the corner. Now is the time to start thinking about replacing your sidewalk in front of your home. The City of Decatur offers an affordable program with payment options. The City will pay for 50% and the residents pay the remaining 50%.

This is a great way to improve the curb appeal of your home.

For more information call
JEREMY GILBERT - 260-724-3356

Galentine's Day

Come celebrate Valentine's Day by shopping our vendor market at D-Town Energy from 9am-2pm on Saturday, February 15. Local craft vendors will be here selling their homemade items.

You can also turn in your finished punch card from our Galentine's Day Contest! Pick up your card at any participating business listed below to begin!

From February 1st - February 14th, you can visit 9 local Decatur businesses during their open business hours and get your card punched. Once you have all 9 spaces punched, then you can drop off your card to D-Town for your chance to win the grand prize package! A winner will be drawn February 15th at 2:00pm at the Galentine's Day event.

Grand Prize Package includes gifts from...

ABCinema
Highway 27 Landscaping
The Next Page Bookstore
Famous Monster Pizza
Sorinna's Bakery
Old 27 Ice Cream
Vintage Hussel
Comfort & Chaos
D-Town Energy

For more information, please click the link to the event Facebook page [here](#).



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Board of Directors Meeting:

-When: Second Thursday at 8:30 am

-Where: Chamber of Commerce
125 E Monroe St

-Who: Board of Directors meetings are open to the public.

-Committees:

Economic Vitality

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Upcoming Events

Follow us on social media:

February 8

Valentines Decatur Artisan Craft Market

- at Riverside Center from 9 am-2 pm.

Dark Hours Dinner Theater

The Wolfman

- At Famous Monster Pizza and starts at 10:30 pm. For more information, check out the link [here](#).

February 9

Y2K Trivia Sunday The Decade

Presented by Old 27 Ice Cream Shop and Famous Monster Pizza

- At Famous Monster Pizza and starts at 5 pm. For more information, check out the link [here](#).

February 11

February Open House

- At Three Oak Christian School and Starts 9:30 am.

February 13

Senior Valentine's Day Musical Performance

- At the Merit Center from 2 pm - 3pm.

February 15

Galentine's Day Vendor Market & Contest

- At D-Town Energy from 9 am - 2 pm.

February 16

Sunday Matinee and Pizza Buffet BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

- At Famous Monster Pizza and start at 1pm.

For more information, check out the link [here](#).

February 20

Thursday Trivia - Disney Night

- At D-Town Energy and start at 6 pm.

February 28

Purse Bingo

Presented by Boy & Girl Club of Adams County

- The events starts from 5 pm - 8 pm

For more information, check out the link [here](#).

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