



Decatur Main Street's Newsletter

What's New!

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Decatur Farmers Market

The **Decatur Farmers' Market** is just around the corner! Opening day is **Thursday, May 8**, and the market will take place every **Thursday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM through October 9**.

We're currently seeking local vendors to join this lively community event. If you're interested in participating, please contact us at **(260) 724-2604** or email lmorris@decaturchamber.org.

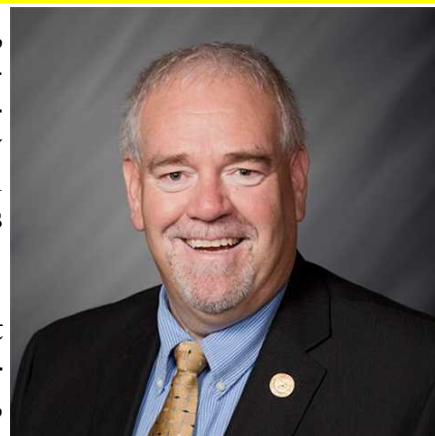
Come out and support local growers and makers at the Decatur Farmers' Market!



Chamber Luncheon

We invite you to join us on **Monday, May 12, 2025, at 11:45 AM** for a special legislative update presented by **Representative Matt Lehman**. This event will offer a valuable overview of the latest developments in the Indiana General Assembly, along with insights into the state's priorities for the coming year.

The luncheon will be held at the **Woodcrest Campus Center**. **Cost to attend: \$20 per person**. **Reservations are required by Thursday, May 8**.



To reserve your seat, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at lmorris@decaturchamber.org or call **(260) 724-2604**.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your continued engagement in our community's legislative future.



Featured Members of the Month

Krueckeberg Auction & Realty

Established in 1977 by Kent Krueckeberg, Krueckeberg Auction & Realty has grown into a regional leader in real estate and auction services. Now owned and operated by Kent's son, Josh Krueckeberg, the company continues its tradition of trusted service across Northeast Indiana. Their offerings include real estate buying and selling, auctions, appraisals, consignments, and senior downsizing solutions. You can visit their Decatur office at 1030 S. 13th Street or contact them at (260) 724-7402 to learn more.



**" 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**

Nick Rumschlag State Farm

Founded in 2021, Nick Rumschlag State Farm has quickly become a trusted name in the Decatur community. Owned and operated by Nick Rumschlag, the agency is supported by an outstanding team dedicated to helping clients find the right insurance solutions. From auto and home to life insurance, they offer a full range of products to protect what matters most. You can visit their office at 809 North 13th Street or give them a call at 260-724-6010 with any questions.



Highlights of the Month

Talk On The Street

Good News - Bad News

With our busy summer season approaching we have both good news and bad news to share with our fellow Decatur Main Street Supporters.

The good news is that each of our local Main Street volunteer committees is committed and working to make our downtown a better place for our community.

The Design Committee is currently working on new improvement ideas for the downtown area with ideas to enhance the Christmas decorations for the upcoming season and to add permanent features like art, lights and furniture to our alley pathways.

The Promotional Committee has been doing a great job with expansion of our social media promotion and they are also working on plans that will grow our current events. They are working with Adams Public Library to create a local downtown building history and make the information available online with QR codes at the historic buildings sites. The Promotional Sub-Committee for Downtown Decatur Day is working to make this year's event the best yet. They have added a number of new features and have reworked the vendor map to hopefully better accommodate all areas of the downtown.

The Economic Vitality Committee is putting together an Information Packet for new businesses and is planning an upcoming survey asking the needs of the downtown.

For our Decatur Main Street to move up from our current status as an Aspiring Indiana Main Street and to become an Accredited Indiana Main Street, the Organization Committee has been working to realign our current structure to more align with the way that the Indiana and National Main Street requires.

Now the bad news...

The state has just released their final budget for 2025-2027 and they have cut the level of funding for the Office of Community Affairs (OCRA) of which Indiana Main Street falls under. How this will effect Indiana Main Street is yet to be determined. It could mean staffing and program cuts at the state level.

Indiana Main Street has been working with Indiana Landmarks and Main Street America to insure that the state program will continue.

Indiana Main Street has recently suffered staffing changes that affected us. We were awarded the Aspiring Indiana Main Street status at the first of this year. With that we should be getting support and training from the state so that we can move up to the top level as an Accredited Indiana Main Street. Unfortunately the initial training we have been promised has been rescheduled three times and is currently in limbo on when we will have our first meeting.

Each area of the state has a liaison that we work with, our liaison Lindsey Hammond visited Decatur last week and met with Jamie Gephart and myself to get acquainted and to tour the downtown area. Lindsey is new to OCRA and has only been in the job for a few weeks, she herself is spending a lot a time in training. Lindsey promises that she will do everything to her capabilities to keep us moving forward.

We have worked hard to get us to this level. While the budget cuts are a set back for us at the state level, it cannot discourage us from continuing to make our downtown a better place.

Max A. Miller
President, Decatur Main Street

Highlights of the Month

Downtown Decatur Day

The countdown is on! We're just **one month** away from the highly anticipated **2025 Downtown Decatur Day**, happening on **Saturday, June 21**, from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the heart of Downtown Decatur.

This year's celebration promises fun for all ages, with **exciting new additions and returning favorites**, including:

- The always-popular **merchant sidewalk sale**
- A crowd-pleasing **classic car show**
- A **fun-filled kids' zone**
- The **Jim Barron Magic Show** – perfect for the whole family
- The **Little Miss Decatur Day Pageant**
- Delicious food, live entertainment, and much more!

Vendor Opportunities Available!

We're still welcoming **vendors, artisans, food trucks, and community groups** to be part of this exciting day. It's a great chance to engage with hundreds of attendees and showcase your offerings.

Vendor applications and full event details are available [here!](#)

Let's make this year's Downtown Decatur Day unforgettable — we can't wait to see you there!



Little Miss Decatur Day

Get those gowns ready Decatur, we have a pageant to attend!

Introducing our Little Miss Decatur Day pageant, on June 21st, during our annual 2025 Downtown Decatur Day!!

Do you have a little girl who is ready to show the world what she's made of? Maybe she's dreaming of the big stage and is ready to show our small town what she's all about! This is for girls who will have completed Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade in the 2024-2025 school year. We will be awarding 1st Place, Runner Up, and Miss Personality.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email Keyara: old27icecream@gmail.com for the application and Rules.

Enjoy a celebration of talent, beauty, and community spirit! Whether you're a contestant or a supporter, this is the perfect opportunity to come together, celebrate local talent, and showcase the amazing individuals who make our town shine!

Let's make this pageant one for the books!



Highlights of the Month

Decatur City Flag Design Contest

Voting open until May 16 !

After reviewing more than 50 entries, the Decatur Flag Committee is excited to kick off the public voting period that will run through May 16.

After the public voting period has ended, the votes will be counted and the result will be reviewed by the flag committee. Your input during this period will help guide the committee and Decatur City Council's final decision. We appreciate your input.

You can vote online at www.cityofdecatur.in.gov

Or vote in person at: Decatur City Hall or Adams Public Library (Decatur)

This is your flag - help us choose the design that will represent Decatur for years to come! Thank you for being part of this historic moment.



Merit Center Classes

Upcoming classes at the MERIT center! Check out them below:

May 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm

The MERIT Center will be offering a Cookies & Canvas class. The cost of the class is \$30.00 with all supplies will be provided. Join us for an evening of fun as we learn how to paint a street light scene. This program is open to 14 years and older adults. Please RSVP to meritcoordinator@outlook.com or 260-216-5604. The MERIT Center is located at 1109 Dayton Street in Decatur.



May 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Farmers & Merchants State Bank is presenting a workshop on Buying A House. This workshop is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to learn more about how the home buying process works. This free program is open to the public. Please RSVP to meritcoordinator@outlook.com or 260-216-5604. The MERIT Center is located at 1109 Dayton Street in Decatur.

May 5, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Quick Cuisine: An Introduction to Microwave Cooking

Discover the convenience of microwave cooking in our hands-on class designed for all skill levels! Quick Cuisine will teach a variety of techniques to prepare quick and tasty meals using just a microwave. This class will cover essential tips, safety practices, and creative recipes that maximize flavor and nutrition. Try your hand at different microwave recipes, and more importantly, taste them! By the end of the session, you'll be equipped with the skills to whip up delicious microwave meals in no time! This class costs \$5.00 and has a maximum capacity of 10 participants. Please RSVP to meritcoordinator@outlook.com or 260-216-5604. The MERIT Center is located at 1109 Dayton Street in Decatur.

May 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm

The MERIT Center will be offering a class on Vegetable Gardening taught by Brad Kohlhagen, Adams County ANR Extension Educator with Purdue Extension. The cost of the class is \$10.00, and you are welcome to bring a planter from home to fill. Join us for an evening of education on this popular subject. The MERIT Center is located at 1109 Dayton Street in Decatur.

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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

Promotional

Organizational

Design

Upcoming Events

May 3

Muffins' N Mug - Women's Ministry

- At the Java Bean from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Ladies, join them for a few hours of laughter, fun and fellowship.

May 4

Star Wars Trivia Sunday

- At Famous Monster Pizza and starting at 5 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

May 7

Line Dancing at Adams Woodcrest

- At Adams Woodcrest from 2 pm - 3:30 pm. For more information, [click here!](#)

May 10

Dark Hours Dinner Theater- Invasion of The Bee Girls

- At Famous Monster Pizza and start at 10:15 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

Make A Pot With Mom

- At D-Town Energy from 10 am - 3 pm. Join us at D-town for a Mothers day Event!! Make a pot with mom!

May 12

Decatur Club: SLL Parent Informational Meeting

- At the Decatur Boys & Girls Club from 5:30 pm - 6 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

May 15

Thursday Trivia - Star Wars Night

At D-Town Energy at 6 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

May 16

Decatur Club: Teen Night

- At the Decatur Boys & Girls and starts at 6 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

3rd Annual Diamonds and Denim Gala

- At Adams Memorial Hospital Campus and start at 5:30 pm. For More information, click [here!](#)

May 17

Vintage Store Day

- At Vintage Huddle Shop from 10:30 am - 3 pm. We are participating in the first ever Vintage Store Day! In store giveaways and promotions. For more information, click [here!](#)

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