



# NEW HAVEN

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## E-Connection

December 19, 2018

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce office will be closed from December 24 through January 1

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## Legislative Preview

Well Attended

On December 14 people gathered to hear about legislative concerns coming up this year. There were three governmental representatives there: Representative Matt Lehman, Representative Dave Heine, and Senator Dennis Kruse.



State Representative Dave Heine began. Some of his main concerns were:

- A balance budget
- Money into our education sector, also public safety for K-12
- Rural Broadband
- The Maumee River watershed. He stated that Indiana is one of the biggest polluters

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of Lake Erie through the Maumee River watershed.

- Create limited access on US 30 from Ohio to Chicago
- Keeping an eye on the Highway 24, 469 exchange which is supposed to begin construction on the west side this spring.

State Representative Matt Lehman spoke second and some of his main concerns were:

- A top to bottom review of the Department of Children Services (DCS) with a hope to make their services more effective without increasing their budget as much as they would like.
- Our educational sector. Hoping to increase teachers pay. His hope is to structure funding to get more into the classroom and not so much to the Administration. Also, safety for the schools.
- Finding ways to entice companies to invest in old buildings instead of building new ones. This would help eliminate empty buildings.

Senator Dennis Kruse spoke last

- A balanced budget is also one of his priorities. Kruse stated that Indiana has had a balanced budget for the quite a few years and he would like that to continue.
- Kruse talked then about illegal drugs stating that most of the Meth in the US comes from Mexico. He felt that if a wall is built that would help that situation.
- He also touched on medical marijuana and recreational marijuana. Kruse would like to see Marijuana changed from a level 1 drug to a level 2 drug so that it can be studied. Till now because it is a level 1 drug the colleges and medical laboratories are not even allowed to study its medical impact. As far a recreational marijuana he stated the biggest issue right now is how to deal with people crossing state borders to get marijuana and bringing it back.
- Kruse also touched on the legalization of Sports Betting.
- The legislative preview ended by allowing the attendees to ask questions of the legislators. It seemed that the hot topics in the questions were school issues; especially technical schooling, the DCS, and the rural broadband issues.

A handout was shared that was entitled Governor Holcombs Next Level Agenda. To see information on the Next Level Agenda click [here](#).

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## Calendar

**January 16** - Board of Directors Meeting - 12 noon - Chamber Office

**January 21** - Executive Meeting - 11:30 a.m. - Chamber Office

**January 24** - Ambassador Meeting - 11:45 a.m. - Chamber Office

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## Welcome To Our New Members

### Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana

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At YFCNIN, it's our aim to grow our ministry to unchurched students- to those in desperate need of the restorative love of Christ. We've established a variety of ways for individuals and organizations to join with us, because ministry to students is unique to every community.

Every day at high schools, middle schools, community centers, juvenile institutions, coffee shops and local hangouts, YFC staff and volunteers meet with young people who need Jesus. We are rural and urban and we are always about the message of Jesus. Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana is committed to pursuing and impacting teenagers in their world, sharing the hope and love that God has for them.

In pursuing teenagers, YFC will consistently strive to develop safe, bridge-building relationships with young people through the different programs that we offer. As students come to know the hope and love that God has to offer, our belief is that a teenager's life will be forever changed!

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## Stellar Communities Winners Unveiled

Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch has unveiled the two winners of the 2018 Stellar Community designation. The regions selected for the designation will receive state funding to implement the revitalization plans submitted for their communities.

This is the first year the designation has been awarded on a regional basis. This year's designees include the Health and Heritage region, which is comprised of Greenfield, Fortville and Hancock County, and the New Allen Alliance, which is made up of Grabill, Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, New Haven, Woodburn and Allen County.

Each region will receive \$4.5 million from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, \$2 million from the Indiana Department of Transportation, and potentially up to an additional \$2 million from other agencies depending on the qualifications of their respective projects.

To read this entire article click [here](#).

Projects currently proposed for Stellar funding include:

- East Allen County Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
- Healthy Eating Active Living Kitchen Classes
- Grabill Downtown Streetscape Project
- Leo-Cedarville Downtown Streetscape Project
- Monroeville Forest Street Sidewalk Project
- Monroeville Monroe Street Corridor Project
- New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project
- New Haven Community Center Park Project
- New Haven Kady Gene Cove Senior Housing Project
- Woodburn Sidewalk Improvements Project

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## Sauder Manufacturing Decoration Contest



On December 11th the Morale Department at

development.

To find out more about Devin Geegh click [here](#).

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## Welcome Back Our Renewing Members

### Twenty-six to Thirty-five Years

Pro Line Rental & Sales - 32 years  
Home Lumber of New Haven, Inc. - 32 years

### One to Ten Years

Kos & Associates - 10 years  
TriCore Logic, LLC - 2 years

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## Don't Miss Out on this Networking Opportunity Chamber Networking Group

Every Tuesday  
from noon to 1 p.m.  
at  
Rack N Helen's Bar & Grill  
525 Broadway Street  
New Haven, IN

For more information call  
Shane Grantham at 260-414-9617

Hope to see you there!

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## Top New Haven, IN Real Estate Firm Joins RE/MAX



We're pleased to share that Indiana real estate broker/owner Steve McMichael is bringing Imagine Real Estate, New Haven's largest and

Sauder Manufacturing asked the Chamber of Commerce staff to judge a department decorating contest at Sauder Manufacturing. Entering the building we were given a list with each department listed and also the criteria to be used for judging. Three things were to be considered: Creativity, Christmas Cheer and WOW factor.

As we walked through each department it became very clear that this was going to be no easy task, however one department stood out.



Our congratulations go out to the Cutting Department.

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## About Us

### Our Mission Statement

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce will provide services to its members and through its strategic partnerships be a leader in promoting economic development for the benefit of the greater New Haven.

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Located at 221 Lincoln Highway East in New Haven, IN, Steve and his brokerage of 10 agents will serve buyers and sellers in New Haven and the greater Fort Wayne area of Allen County and northeast Indiana.

Steve is celebrating his 25th year in real estate and his 17th as a broker/owner and says he's excited for this next chapter of his career. "I considered many options as I looked toward the future for our team, but I quickly learned the incredible technology and support RE/MAX provides will allow us to take our business even further. I look forward to utilizing the RE/MAX brand to create an even greater environment for our agents and their clients to succeed."

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