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# *The Road More Traveled*

Imagine me as a sophomore in college at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN. My parents have decided I did well enough my freshman year to warrant having my car on campus.

It's going to be my first time making the drive solo. As I take the back roads from Elkhart to get to US 31, it's not bad.

Then I hit US 31 and all its traffic signals (especially in Kokomo which is affectionately called Stoplight City), crossroads, and railroad crossings. I think to myself, "My goodness. There has to be a faster way to make this trip. I wish someone would figure this out."

A year later, the US 20 Bypass was completed, and that made the first leg of that trip faster and smoother and to this day, I am thankful for that. However, there was still the dreaded US 31 drive, and while it didn't change before I graduated from ISU, help was on the way.

Leaders from Elkhart, St. Joseph, Marshall, Fulton, Miami, Howard, Tipton, and Hamilton Counties all came together to generate an action plan to work with the Indiana Department of Transportation.

The US 31 Coalition came together in 2000 with a clear mission—to upgrade US 31 into a modern, limited-access freeway. Why? Because too many parts of the highway were outdated, slow, and, in many cases, unsafe. Dangerous intersections and traffic backups made daily travel frustrating and risky.

The US 31 Coalition is a group of community leaders, local governments, and economic partners all working toward a big, shared goal: making US Highway 31 safer, faster, and better for everyone who uses it.

This key north-south route stretches through Indiana from Michigan to Kentucky, and for many towns in Indiana, it's a lifeline to jobs, schools, and commerce.

Elkhart County is the one US 31 Coalition member that is not directly touched by US 31, but as a founding Board organization, the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce has played a key role in being a voice for the importance of establishing US 31 as a freeway artery connecting North Central Indiana to the core of the state which then connects to US 65, 69, 70 and 74.



By advocating for smart investments and better design, the coalition has helped push important projects forward—reducing crashes, easing congestion, and opening the door for new economic opportunities.

A great deal of the work has been completed, especially in St. Joseph, Howard, and Hamilton Counties but there is still more to do to achieve the words of Governors Daniels, Pence, and Holcomb who all stated, "...finish what you start."



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Levon Johnson**  
President/CEO  
[ljohnson@elkhart.org](mailto:ljohnson@elkhart.org)

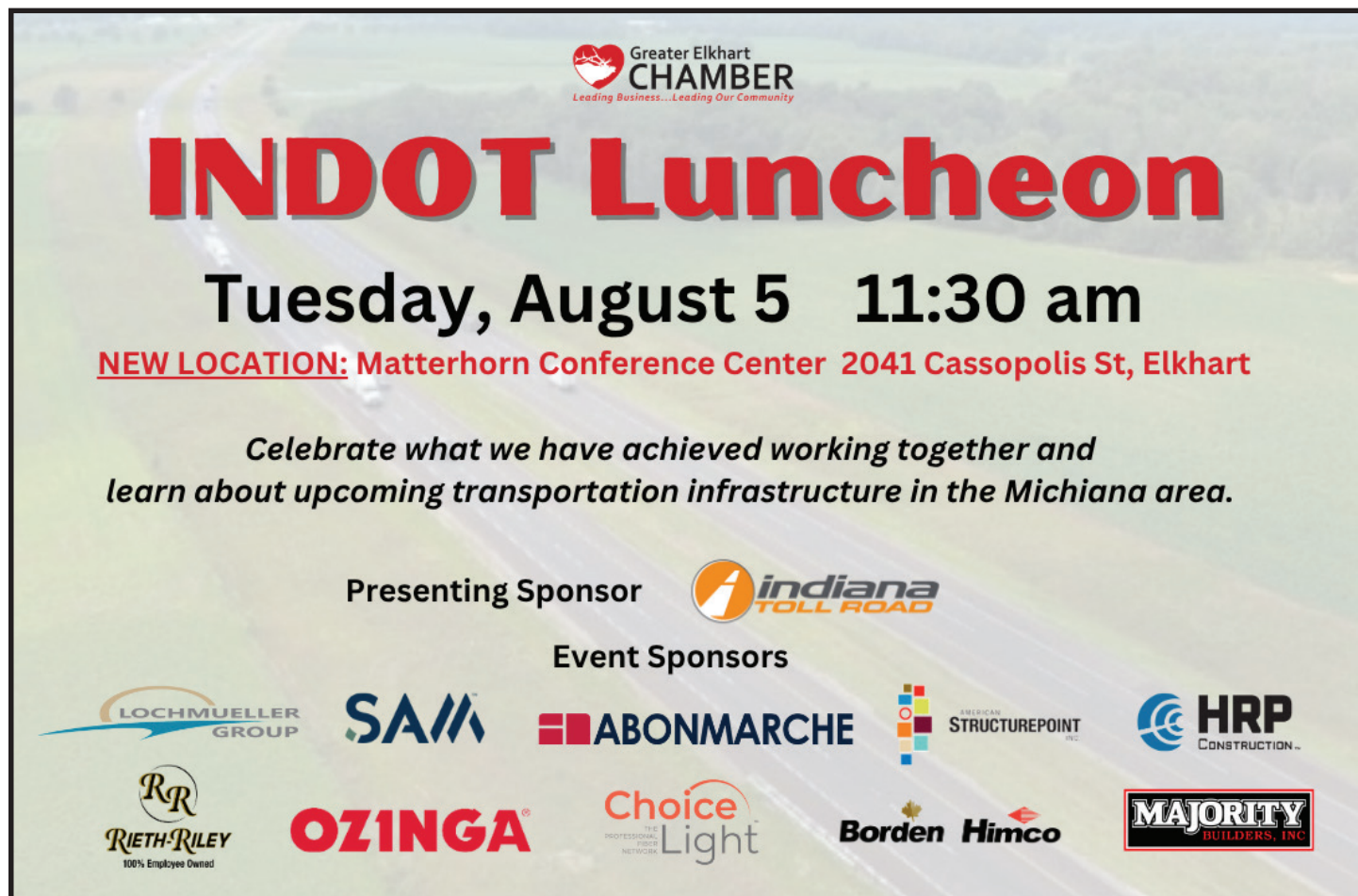
At its core, the US 31 Coalition is about making life better for Hoosiers. Whether it's safer roads for families, quicker routes for commuters, or stronger connections between communities, this work is about progress that people can feel. And thanks to the coalition's leadership, that progress is well underway.

The goals of the US 31 Coalition, other than creating a freeway, are the goals for all local, state, and federal roads and transportation systems. Just as 19-year-old me found out, there are people thinking about and working on this.

US 31 has long been a priority of the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Transportation Council. The council has built valuable relationships with local, regional, and state transportation officials, and advocates for continuous and coordinated improvement in the network which serves transportation needs in Elkhart County and connecting our community to other areas.

Annually, your Chamber Transportation Council holds a luncheon aimed at educating our members and community on the work that is being done on our transportation systems to make them safer and more efficient. We will again be joined by the Indiana Department of Transportation to give updates on their work around the State of Indiana and in our district.

Join us on August 5 for the INDOT Luncheon 2025 presented by the Indiana Toll Road at the Matterhorn Conference Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. You can register for this event at [elkhart.org](http://elkhart.org).



The graphic features a background image of a highway with a white line. At the top center is the Greater Elkhart Chamber logo, which includes a red heart icon and the text "Greater Elkhart CHAMBER" and "Leading Business...Leading Our Community". Below this, the text "INDOT Luncheon" is written in large, bold, red letters. Underneath that, "Tuesday, August 5 11:30 am" is written in bold black letters. A red line of text below reads "NEW LOCATION: Matterhorn Conference Center 2041 Cassopolis St, Elkhart". A black italicized line of text follows: "Celebrate what we have achieved working together and learn about upcoming transportation infrastructure in the Michiana area." Below this, the text "Presenting Sponsor" is followed by the Indiana Toll Road logo. Underneath that, "Event Sponsors" is written. Below this are ten logos arranged in two rows: Lochmueller Group, SAA, ABONMARCHE, American Structurepoint Inc., HRP Construction, Rieth-Riley, OZINGA, Choice Light, Borden Himco, and Majority Builders, Inc.

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# INDOT Luncheon

## Tuesday, August 5 11:30 am

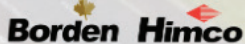
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learn about upcoming transportation infrastructure in the Michiana area.*

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## Chamber requests nominations for 2026 Board of Directors

The Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce will receive applications for its board of directors through September 1, 2025. Community leaders are encouraged to serve and participate in governing the finances and strategic initiatives of the Chamber, which represents roughly 47,000 total employees and nearly 950 member businesses and organizations.

Board terms are three years in length, and selected individuals from this year's nominations will be seated on January 1, 2026.

Any employee of a member business or organization in good standing may submit a Board Application and resumé.

A nominating committee will review candidates and make selections to fill positions based on business category, occupation or profession, memberships in civic and fraternal organizations, achievements, community contributions, and participation in Chamber projects or events.

Business categories include retail, professional, service, manufacturing, technical, wholesale, not-for-profit, and others.

The application is available on the Chamber's website at [www.elkhart.org/chamber-information/boardapplication](http://www.elkhart.org/chamber-information/boardapplication), or by calling Amanda at (574) 293-1531. Applications may be submitted using the online form, mailed to PO Box 428, Elkhart, IN 46515; or delivered to 418 S Main St, Elkhart.



## Fairbanks Award



The Early Learning Center at Hubbard Hill has received a Fairbanks Award from the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Business Recognition Council. The award recognizes the new facility on the grounds of Hubbard Hill, located at 28070 CR 24 in Elkhart. This new 31,000 sq ft facility includes a huge indoor playground, an extraordinary library, and the AEP Ingenuity Through Arts Center with a dedicated art instructor.

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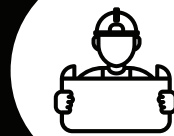
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## Contest Winners

#3 Closest to the Pin – Dan Weaver

#7 Longest Drive (Men) – Matt Luce

#9 Longest Putt – Cory Metzger

#13 Closest to the Pin – Jake Stephenson

#14 Shortest Drive – Dalton Cook

#16 Longest Drive (Women) – Allison Schrock

#18 Longest Putt – Alex Holtz

***Thank you to all our Golfers, Sponsors, and Volunteers!***  
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# US 31 – Crucial North - South

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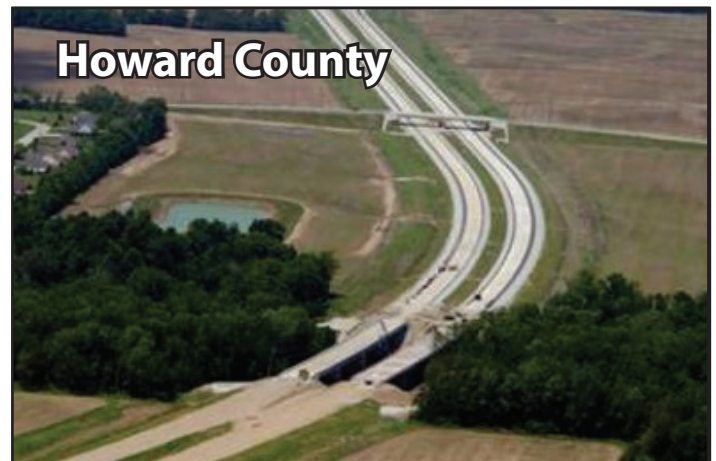
We now have a freeway in St. Joseph and Marshall Counties that opened in 2014. The Howard County portion opened in 2013 and the first half of Hamilton County in 2015. Those portions are incredible to drive on.

INDOT has initiated more improvements - a new SR 28 interchange in Tipton County opened in 2016, a new portion of freeway in Northern Hamilton County will be completed next year, and the railroad crossing in Tipton County has been replaced with an overpass. The deadly railroad crossing in Argos has now been replaced with an overpass. The next scheduled projects are at SR 10 and 110 in Marshall County.

These are exciting projects, but until the entire US 31 corridor from Indianapolis to South Bend is a freeway with fully controlled access, there is much more work to be done. The completed portions of the corridor are incredibly important, but the full benefit for all the connected communities comes when the freeway is finished.

The US 31 Coalition was formed in 2000 to promote the US 31 corridor from Indianapolis to South Bend as a freeway. Its long-established goal has been to accelerate the design and construction of this much needed upgrade.

The Coalition continues its work with the next critical pieces of the corridor in Fulton, Miami and Tipton and parts of Marshall and Hamilton Counties. With the completion of the full freeway, Indiana will realize significant safety and economic benefits!



## We're getting closer – but there

# South Connector for Indiana

## 1,192

### Where We Started

*In the beginning, there were 1,192 impediments on US 31*

- 125 miles of road work to be done
- 38 stop lights
- 922 driveways
- 4 railroad crossings
- 228 intersections

## 245

### Where We Are Now

*After current projects are completed, there will be 245 impediments*

- 72 miles remaining
- 5 stoplights
- 135 driveways
- 0 railroad crossings
- 105 intersections



## is still more work to be done!

# NEW MEMBERS

## Akins Earthworks & Pools

www.AkinsEarth.com  
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www.chick-fil-a.com/locations/in/elkhart-in  
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Ellie Male  
Restaurant

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Kristi Eger  
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Human Resources Information System (HRIS)  
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Bremen, IN 46506  
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South Bend, IN 46617  
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Byron Sanders  
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## What is your Personality Type?

September 18 11:30 am  
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September 25 | 4-6 pm  
Kercher's Sunrise Orchards  
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A Networking Event hosted by the Young Professionals Council - all ages welcome

# Business Recognition Awards



KMC Controls in New Paris has received a **Business of the Month Award** from the Greater Elkhart Chamber Business Recognition Council. From their beginnings in a small garage in Manitoba in 1968 to a vertically integrated automation powerhouse in New Paris, KMC Controls has grown into one of the most respected names in building automation. KMC specializes in building automation controls that power systems in schools, hospitals, government facilities, and commercial buildings across the U.S. and beyond. They even private label controls for major players like Honeywell. They are launching a patented product that tracks how much outdoor air is entering a building – an innovation that could change the way air quality and efficiency are monitored in public spaces. As a third-generation, family-owned business, KMC remains rooted in community values while leading innovation across the globe.

President Mitch Kehler began at KMC as a sales engineer in 2008. Director of Operations Chad Brew started as a summer helper and never left. With over 180 employees, KMC still does everything in-house – from injection molding to final assembly. Their commitment to vertical integration allows total control over quality and production, something nearly unheard of in their industry. At the core of KMC is a deep sense of purpose and community. The company's biggest community engagement initiative is the hands-on partnership with Habitat for Humanity, where employees who qualify can help build their own homes alongside colleagues.

**Valley Screen** in Mishawaka has received a **Business of the Month Award** from the Greater Elkhart Chamber Business Recognition Council. Founded in 1967 by Jerry Bauer in Mishawaka, Valley Screen has grown from a small operation with six employees to a prominent large-format commercial printer with 60 employees. Now led by Jerry's daughter, Karen Barnett, as President and CEO, the company has maintained a strong presence in Elkhart County, where 85% of its business is concentrated. Valley Screen has evolved from traditional screen printing to incorporating digital printing, specializing in self-adhesive graphics for RVs, marine vehicles, fleet graphics, and interior architectural designs like window films and wall murals. The company serves diverse markets, including retail, commercial, and medical sectors, and has recently created art and screening for food trucks. Currently implementing the Entrepreneurial Operating System (EOS), Valley Screen is modernizing processes to stay competitive after 60 years in the market. Community engagement is a cornerstone of Valley Screen's ethos, and the company is exploring metrics to formalize its community service efforts. The company emphasizes employee longevity, offering quarterly recognition for tenured staff. With a family-oriented culture and a commitment to quality, Valley Screen continues to uphold Jerry Bauer's legacy while innovating for future growth.



**REAL Services Inc.** has received a **Quarterly Nonprofit Award** from the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Business Recognition Council. REAL Services provides programs that promote nutrition, self-sufficiency, education, and protection for 30,000 people in northern Indiana each year and offer services in 12 counties, including Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Starke, and St. Joseph. Created in 1966 as part of the planning division of United Way, REAL Services was established to develop a service network to meet the needs of older adults in St. Joseph County. In 1968, REAL Services designed the first program in the US to set up nutrition sites to provide meals and socialization for older adults – a program which has served as a model for nutrition assistance across the country. REAL Services is as a state-wide leader, and a national example, in effectively serving the senior community.

# Member Celebrations



**Bent Oak Golf Club and 523 at Bent Oak** celebrate their new ownership and partnership! Located at 3610 Bent Oak Trail in Elkhart, they are ready to host your next golf outing or event. [www.bentoakgolf.com](http://www.bentoakgolf.com)



**Spark41** unveils their new location at 128 S Main St in downtown Elkhart. Spark41 is transforming Elkhart, one organization at a time, through next-gen marketing. [www.spark41.com](http://www.spark41.com)

## Minority Business Excellence Award Nominations Requested

Minority Business Excellence Awards honor outstanding minority business leaders who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields. The awards recognize individuals and organizations across various sectors who have significantly contributed to the success of their businesses and the empowerment of their communities. Each award category celebrates unique achievements, ensuring that the diversity of talent and impact is acknowledged.

This year's categories are:

- Communications
- Nonprofit Leadership
- Health
- Retail / Restaurant
- Community Impact / Service
- Emerging Entrepreneurs
- Construction & Trades

The nominees must conduct business or provide service in Elkhart County, be minority owned and operated (at least 51%), and have been in business for at least one year.

Nominations can be submitted at [www.elkhart.org/celebrating-minority-business-excellence-awards-nominations](http://www.elkhart.org/celebrating-minority-business-excellence-awards-nominations). Each category has its own nomination form, and all nominations must be received by midnight on Sunday, August 31. A link to the list of previous winners is on the nomination cover page.

Award recipients will be determined by members of the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Business Diversity Initiative.

Recognition of recipients will take place at the Celebrating Minority Business Excellence Dinner on November 6, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Lerner, starting at 5:30 P.M. Registration is now open at [Elkhart.org/events](http://Elkhart.org/events).

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**September 25    8 am - 1 pm**  
Greater Elkhart Chamber 418 S Main St, Elkhart

This 5-hour Seminar is designed specifically for managers, supervisors, team leaders, safety committees, and anyone with a supervisory or leadership role in the workplace

An OSHA Council Training workshop. Register at [www.Elkhart.org](http://www.Elkhart.org) Pre-registration required

## Ambassadors of the Month



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*"It's an honor to serve the Greater Elkhart Chamber. I love how our community comes together to support local businesses. I have learned a lot personally and professionally from leaders in our area and I'm proud to call our community home."*



**Samuel Hoover**  
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*"Winning Ambassador of the Month with the Greater Elkhart Chamber is truly humbling. I'm honored to represent such a passionate community, and grateful for the chance to serve alongside leaders who care deeply about Elkhart's success. It's not about me—it's about all of us."*

## OSHA TRAINING 10 Hour General Industry Safety & Health Program October 1-2

**Matterhorn Conference Center, 2041 Cassopolis St, Elkhart**

Upon successful completion of the 10 and 20 hour classes, participants will receive their 30 hour certification.

The 20 Hour Class will be offered in March 2026

Register at [www.elkhart.org](http://www.elkhart.org) Registrations must be made in advance.

Class size limited to 40 attendees.

## ANNUAL WINE TASTE & TOUR Friday, October 17 - 11:30 am - 5:30 pm Locations to be announced soon!

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**APEX Integrated Solutions, Inc.** has been certified as a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) by the Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Supplier Diversity.

**Centier Bank** was recently named the Best Retail Bank for Customer Satisfaction in the North Central Region of the U.S. by J.D. Power.

**The City of Elkhart** has appointed **Carl Thompson** as General Manager and **Robert "Bob" Garcia** as Director of Events and Finance.

**Everwise Credit Union** has earned Certification™ as a Great Workplace by Great Place To Work.®

**Haley Peery** has been named Mortgage Loan Officer at **Horizon Bank**.

**Indiana Trust Wealth Management** announces the addition of new team members **Jennifer Sailor, Karen Nevorski, Hunter Horan, Bernard Cunningham, and Noelle Leszczynski.**

**Eric Stoneburner** has been named to the Agribusiness Lending Department at **Interra Credit Union.**

**Brandon Gritton, CPA,** has joined **Kruggel Lawton CPAs** as the Director, State and Local Tax Practice Leader.

**Momentum Marketing Consultants** and **Alonzo Photography** have merged, and **Christian Alonzo** has been named Creative Director at Momentum.

**Poly Electronics** has added a second Surface Mount Technology assembly line to increase manufacturing capabilities.

**Andre Gammage** has joined **THK Law** as Of Counsel, focusing his legal practice on business law, civil litigation, and mediation.

**Seth Woolf** has joined **THOR Industries Inc.,** as Head of Corporate Development & Investor Relations.

Submit your company's news and information to [marketing@elkhart.org](mailto:marketing@elkhart.org)

## Intrigue, Inspire, Ignite ELKHART COUNTY

**Thursday, October 23 5:30 pm**  
**Crystal Ballroom at the Lerner Theatre**

**Table Sponsorships \$500 Single Tickets \$50/\$75 Register at [Elkhart.org](http://Elkhart.org)**

An event designed to showcase how we can work together to make Elkhart County an even more fantastic place to live, work and play

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AUGUST

## CHAMBER EVENTS

**5** **INDOT Luncheon**  
11:30 am  
Matterhorn Conference Center  
2041 Cassopolis St, Elkhart

**12** **Business After Hours**  
**hosted by All Things Snacks - Middlebury**  
5 - 7 pm  
335 N Main St, Middlebury

**19** **Economic Update 2025 Luncheon**  
11:30 am  
Crystal Ballroom at the Lerner Theatre  
410 S Main St, Elkhart

**21** **Women's Council Planning Retreat**  
8 am - 12 pm  
Ancon Construction  
2121 W Wilden Ave, Goshen

**28** **YP Networking Event - Par for the Course: Golf Outing Etiquette**  
4 - 6 pm  
Bent Oak Golf Club, 3610 Bent Oak Trail, Elkhart

SEPTEMBER

**5** **New Member Welcome**  
8:30 am  
Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce  
418 S Main St, Elkhart

**11** **Breakfast with the Superintendents**  
8 am  
Matterhorn Conference Center  
2041 Cassopolis St, Elkhart

**16** **Business After Hours**  
**hosted by everwise credit union**  
5 - 7 pm  
201 CR 6, Elkhart

**17** **OSHA Council Breakfast - Behind the Claim: Real-World Workers' Comp Scenarios and Expert Insights**  
7:30 am  
Matterhorn Conference Center, 2041 Cassopolis St, Elkhart

**18** **Women's Council Luncheon - What is your Personality Type?**  
11:30 am  
Ivy Tech Community College, 22531 CR 18, Goshen

**25** **Safety Conscious Supervisor Training**  
8 am - 1 pm  
Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce  
418 S Main St, Elkhart

**25** **YP Networking Event - A Bushel of Fun!**  
4 - 6 pm  
Kercher Sunrise Orchard  
19498 CR 38, Goshen

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

**AUGUST 12** 5:00-7:00pm  
335 N Main St  
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**P L A N N I N G**

*Retreat*

**Thursday, August 21 8 am - 12 pm**

**Ancon Construction Co., Inc., 2121 W Wilden Ave, Goshen**

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**New Member Welcome**

**Friday, September 5 8:30 am**

Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce 418 S Main St, Elkhart

Presenting Sponsor **LEADERSHIP TAP**

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**Business After Hours**

*Hosted by Everwise Mortgage*

**September 16 from 5 - 7 p.m.**

Everwise Credit Union  
201 County Road 6 West | Elkhart  
Hors d'oeuvres will be served

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# ECONOMIC UPDATE 2025

**August 19 | 11:30 am**  
**Crystal Ballroom**



Keynote Speaker  
**TOM JALICS, CFA**  
Fifth Third Private

**The Economic Update Luncheon**  
**features economic expert**  
**Thomas Jalics, Chief Market Strategist at Fifth Third,**  
**who will share valuable information about**  
**current events and the future of the economy.**

Presenting Sponsor



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