

Present: 20 - **Vet Tech Coach, Cut Rite Tree Services, Ameriprise Financial Services, Work One, Interra, Paul Davis Restoration, LaParilla, Indiana Carton, Town of Bremen, Bremen Police Department, **D&J Roofing & Construction, Bremen Public Library, **Bremen Farmers Market, VFW, Lochmandy Chevrolet, 1st Source Bank, **Bremen Park Apartments, bFACS

May 8th, 8:00 AM - VFW

- **June meeting will be at the library**
- We had around 20 submissions for the scholarship. Winners were awarded at the Dollars for Scholars night at the high school - Michela Berger for first place, and Brady Erickson for second place
- I want to start featuring a new member each week on our Facebook page, so if anyone has photos/a very small description they'd like included. Please email that to me! If it's easier to just text it to me, my number is 574-360-8996. Thanks!
- Summer's End
 - Final flyer for this is done and was sent out with the newsletter. Please feel free to share!
 - Vendor applications are still trickling in, again, feel free to get the word out there:)
 - We're planning on having a Chamber booth that we'd love to be run by Chamber members. Discuss Chamber events, promote Chamber businesses, etc. **We are in need of Chamber members for this, let me know if you are interested:)** The sooner we know, the better because we want to get shirts made for people "working" this event.
- Businesses of the Year awards
 - Voting will be at the Chamber booth at the SEF. hopefully this will help draw people to the event
 - Instead of a dinner, the meeting in October will be a more formal breakfast at the VFW with the director/HR of the three winning businesses giving a quick speech
 - We're thinking the three awards will go to categories: Manufacturing/professional services, small/retail, and nonprofit. However, we've also discussed doing: Small, large, and nonprofit. If you have any thoughts, please share:)
- Would love to have more businesses host meetings, **July and August are available**. Thanks to all who have hosted so far, it truly helps build the Chamber!
- Bremen Pickleball Courts - info Scott Graybill asked me to share with you all
 - Ribbon cutting & dedication will be Tuesday, July 16th at 5:00 PM
 - He can be contacted at 574-209-1241 or sgraybill52@gmail.com
- Need more articles as well:)
 - **June articles we have the VFW**
 - **August articles we have Anneka and the Summer's End Festival**
- Business updates quick?
 - Paul Davis Restoration - Bremen location has a new owner! Desires to develop relationships with residential and business consumers
 - Library - hiring bookkeeper, children's librarian
 - Vet Tech - Oath of Enlistment ceremony at school - May 20th @ 3:30 in Bowen Auditorium
 - bFACS - Summer opportunities
 - Lochmandy Chevrolet - May 18 pancake breakfast, May 15 - Customer Appreciation Cookout, New car specials on financing
 - VFW/American Legion/Sons of American Legion - renovations in the works but so much has been completed! Patio out back. May 18th flags 9:00 AM at the Bremen Cemetery, Evening Spring Fling at VFW location, Fish Fry, Smelt dinner THIS FRIDAY
 - Memorial Day on North Center St 10:30 AM meet at bridge and walk to cemetery
 - Salad bar testimonials - AMAZING!!!
 - D&J Roofing & Construction - on border between Bremen & Nappanee, new homes, construction, concrete

Bremen Park Apartments - new property manager

1st Source Bank - looking for full-time teller, credit building loan programs,

Town of Bremen - aquatic center - soft opening in August for splash pad

Bible reading program at new pavilion - Vern McGraine - need volunteers to read - June 3rd - 7th
7AM - 10PM

Go to Facebook page to register EVERY WORD FOR BREMEN, everywordforbremen.com

CutRite Tree Services - emergency and planned tree removal, stump grinding, infestations, tree specialist on staff, mulch is available at Birch Road Greenhouse or Plymouth for the same price - bulk & bagged

Bremen Farmers Market - Wednesday evenings 4 - 7PM, live music, food trucks, 1st Wednesday - June - kick off to summer, July - Fourth themed, August - back to school, June market will be in parking lot East of downtown next to Bud's, all others at Jackson Street Pavilion
Cori - 574-209-1233

- Old news (but still important news :))
 - View old newsletters at: <https://bremenchamber-news.blogspot.com/>
 - Chamber trifold for 2024 is finalized and was sent out with the March newsletter email - feel free to put copies of this in your businesses front
 - **We now have access to adding events to the Bremen Town Events calendar, so if you would like to get something added, please send it to me!**
 - Business between business Chamber perks:
 - bFACS: 10% off rates
 - Bremen CarQuest: 10% off non-sale items
 - Siefer Services, LLC: 5% Hardware Purchase 10% Prof Services