September 14<sup>th</sup> ,2022 Bremen Chamber of Commerce Hosted at Bremen Town Hall 8:00am

- There was no meeting held in August 2022
- Newsletter Updates:
  - o October:
    - Spotlight: Rosentrator
    - Community Spotlight: School
  - o November
    - Spotlight: Rancho Viejo
    - Community Spotlight: Town Lighting
  - o December:
    - Community Spotlight: Movie Theatre
    - Member Spotlight: H&R Block
- Summers End was a success and need to set a date for next year (avoid bourbon fest, and Jr. Miss)
  - o Bourbon fest contact is Lonnie Berkey
  - o Jr. Miss contact Kathy Ayoub (says its always the first Saturday of the first week of school)
  - o Planning on setting a date asap in order to keep the same venders coming back
- Bremen Public Schools is starting the process for its next accreditation visit in 2024.
  Community members, business leaders, and parents are needed to provide their input and help guide our district leadership committee as it reviews its processes and procedures in order to make Bremen schools the best they can be.
  - o If you are interested, please let Chris Scandling know, or contact Reggie Flesvig, the chairperson for the committee. He can be reached at rflesvig@bps.k12.in.us or 574-546-3554 x2218"
  - o Open to anyone who has opinions/ wants a say in the way the school works.
- Business to Business holiday scavenger hunt possibility (promoting businesses within the community)
- Oktoberfest Sept 23-24 with headliner 1985 band on Saturday at 7pm
- Open Discussion
  - o Trick or treating will be on the 31st of October from 5:00-7:00
  - o The town lighting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 6:00. Santa will be there at 7:00. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the police station or the town the morning of; all cookies are accepted.
  - o Trend showed us all the new and approved plan for the reconstruction of downtown Bremen and the seating/stage area. This will be where big events will be held and where the town can just hang out. It should be done next fall.
  - o Digger's purchased 45 acres to expand a little.

- o The movie theatre has been very successful with their screen rentals. Anyone who wants to rent out the screen for a private party can do so for \$30 an hour, or \$100 for a new release.
- o Starting the night of the lighting ceremony, there will be a scavenger hunt with the large gingerbread men around Bremen. Thinking about maybe having them grab something from each business and then bring them all to the town hall to get a candy bar and enter their name in the main drawling. This will last 3 weeks as a way to draw business to Chamber businesses and bring awareness to the Chamber. Anneka and Claire are working on this to hopefully have it figured out before the next Chamber meeting.
- o Lisa Scott will also be going around to businesses to try and add more members by telling them about what the Chamber does.
- Next meeting October 12th, TBD

(9 members present)

H&R Block, Cutrite, Town of Bremen, Bremen Public Library, Bremen Police