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Christmas in the City celebrates record crowd

Christmas music provided by the Lime City Brass could be heard throughout downtown Huntington during Christmas in the City on Saturday, November 25. The afternoon was celebrated by a record-breaking crowd on horse-drawn wagon rides decked out for Christmas, children riding a cart pulled by a special little pony, barrel train rides also for children and much more.

The afternoon began at the Huntington County Historical Museum with a showing of the Polar Express, and the beautifully decorated Courthouse rotunda was the place for visits and photos with Santa. Visitors to downtown during the afternoon and evening also petted a reindeer, a little calf and saw various Christmas characters. These included Buddy the Elf and Jovie greeting candy lovers at Little Sweets Spot, and Mrs. Claus, a hippopotamus and some elves welcoming The Party Shop visitors with soft peppermints.

Olaf greeted those entering TrophyCenter Plus, which provided bags to children to collect their goodies for the afternoon. Bear & Beak Bakery offered guests delicious treats and photos with Elsa and Anna. Bend the Trend Boutique & Décor was the place for shoppers to visit with Cindy Lou Who, and see a large animatronic reindeer in the shop's window.

Jasmine along with face painting could be found in The 5th Parlour, and the Grinch and a Gingerbread person could be found in various locations. The Brick House Grill also provided a face painting opportunity. A marshmallow roasting station was provided by Boy Scout Troop 130.

The fun also included ornament making and story time at the Pathfinder Arts & Entrepreneurial Center (PAEC) where children were greeted by Snoopy and a Berenstain Bear, listened to stories and received free Berenstain Bear books. Coloring books, crayons, hot chocolate, cupcakes, cookies and pumpkin pie were found at the Meal Ministry.

A live nativity was presented by the congregation of the Evangelical United Meth-



Celebrating the arrival of Santa Claus in 2023 is Steve Yoder, in top photo. Yoder is the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation and is responsible for assembling the tree each year, and all the lights around Sunken Gardens. The bottom photo shows Cayne Coolman as he gives barrel train rides to children around town during Christmas in the City 2023. The barrel rides are one of the most popular rides among the children attending the event.



odist Church including a stable with various members of the church presenting the story of Christmas. The Bethel Assembly of God Youth Group popped fresh popcorn providing all in attendance with an afternoon snack.

The Indiana Family Care Center gave children an opportunity to participate in some Christmas-themed games and treats

while waiting on Santa Claus to arrive by firetruck. The Rotary Centennial Park spectacular tree lighting followed and "lit up" the night while Santa danced for all in attendance. Visitors to the afternoon and evening agreed they were filled with "Christmas Spirit" and ready to celebrate the season.

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The top photo shows a live nativity scene from Evangelical United Methodist Church. The middle photo shows a young family visiting with Santa Claus in the Courthouse Rotunda while the bottom photo shows a young girl getting her face painted at The 5th Parlour all during Christmas in the City for 2023.



Shown in the photo above, front row, left to right, are Terry Miller, Chamber Ambassador; Becky Sellers, lead dental assistant, Dr. Suresh Vegesana, owner, Apex Dental; Amanda Muir, operations leader, Whitney Chalk, dental hygienist, Shelly Snyder, Chamber board and Rachel Farmer, Chamber Ambassador. Second row, from left, includes Janeé Hurlow, dental assistant, Maria Vanover, patient relations coordinator, Drew Parrett, Chamber Ambassador; Mya Bartlett, dental assistant and Brittany Brown, Chamber Ambassador. Pictured on the back row is Charles Chapman, City Council, 1st District.

Apex Dental cuts the ribbon November 28

Apex Dental Studio, 490 Bowen Park Avenue, held a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Tuesday, November 28 to commemorate their recently opened dental practice in Huntington. Dr. Suresh Vegesana is the sole dentist at the location.

According to the Apex Dental Studio Facebook page, They believe their patients deserve more than just a traditional dental appointment. By providing an unforgettable experience, they are able to provide better overall health to their patients and allow their patients to smile like they never have before.

Apex Dental Studio offers a variety of dental care procedures and includes a unique comfort menu. The unique comfort menu includes nitrous oxide, aromatherapy, headphones, beverages, warm towelettes, entertainment options and more.

Apex Dental Studio offers a discount plan, not a dental insurance plan. The plan is designed to provide greater access to quality dental care at an affordable price.

Treatments include new patient exams, x-rays including panoramic, cleanings, sealants, fillings, root canals, periodontal therapy, periodontal maintenance, veneers, porcelain crowns, bridge retainer crowns, extractions including surgical and impacted extractions and much more.

Dr. Vegesana is certified as a Diplomate ABDSM. This certification signifies to physicians, payors and patients that he has a professional commitment to education, knowledge and experience in providing oral appliance therapy for sleep-related breathing disorders.

Those interested in more information or would like to schedule an appointment can contact Apex Dental Studio at (260) 530-3111, email info@apexhuntington.com or by visiting their website at apexhuntington.com.

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Formal or semi-formal attire.

We hope you can join us for this special celebration.

New Year's Eve Eve Gala scheduled December 30

The public is invited to help close out the City of Huntington's 175th Anniversary by joining in on the formal/semi-formal New Year's Eve Eve Gala on Saturday, December 30.

Capacity is limited, so get your tickets now and invite your friends. Those interested can sign up at the New Year's Eve Eve Gala link <https://www.huntington.in.us/city/>.

Cookie baking, Purdue Extension December 20

Purdue Extension Huntington County is hosting a cookie baking event on December 20 at 5 p.m. at United with Love, 715 Byron Street.

All ages are invited to join. Pre-registration is required.

Please reserve a seat by December 15 by calling the Extension Office at (260) 358-4826 or emailing cneverid@purdue.edu.

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Raise your hand if you have needed work on your home or property and struggled to find a skilled tradesperson. Our hands are also raised. We at Pathfinder have a community rehabilitation property we purchased to save and remodel, and our rehab team is a small team. Securing additional contractors has been less than easy. We believe wholeheartedly we need to foster the growth of the next generation of tradespeople so the struggles we currently face are not a prolonged problem.

Tiffaney Drummond, the Huntington County Community Learning Center director, and Huntington North High School share this same passion for trade development. Through what is an exciting partnership, students from HNHS/HCCCLC are getting hands-on trade experience working on Pathfinder's community rehab property on Condit Street.

This partnership has opened the door to willing contractors to work with us to take these students through several steps to rehabilitate a house. The students get to work through demolition and rebuilding parts of the house. They also have the opportunity to observe or help on some HVAC, plumbing, drywall and electrical projects.

These students gain real-world skills you can't get in just a classroom. In addition to the six high school credits, they earn in their school's construction program, they can also earn nine dual college credits from Ivy Tech Community College for Intro to Construction and Intro to Carpentry 1 & 2. Additionally, they will earn an OSHA 10 certification and can earn National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) certifications.

Drummond, director of Career & Technical Education and the Learning Center states, "Our goal for our students is that they gain real-world, hands-on experience in construction so they leave our program with an understanding of what they would like to do next in their career."

Pathfinder is thrilled to be able to partner with the school system, and get these students on a project. A project that also is helping restore a house in not-so-great condition, boosting neighborhood curb appeal and property values.

Drummond goes on to share, "Our long-term vision for the program is to continue to collaborate with our community partners so that our students gain relevant experience and can also help our community. We would love to build a house from scratch one day!"

This partnership is an exciting step forward in the community mission. Students expand their education with hands-on experience, a worn-down home in our community gets restored and trade employers have fresh young minds to hire and continue teaching.



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All we need from you is the employee's name, a photo if you have one and the employee's title. Give us a brief description of what you would like to share, and we will be happy to place your news in our weekly Chamber Notes. Send your news to skimmel@huntington-chamber.com by Thursday noon to be included in the Friday Chamber Notes.

For more information, feel free to call the Chamber office at (260) 356-5300 with questions.



Shop local with Chamber Bucks this season

The Chamber Bucks program is designed to support our local businesses while embracing how important it is to support the Huntington County area first. The Chamber Bucks program allows anyone to purchase Chamber Bucks, but only participating Chamber member businesses are to accept these Bucks.

Chamber Bucks recipients are encouraged to redeem the checks at program participants, thereby encouraging the patronage of our local businesses. Chamber Bucks can be printed in denominations of \$10 and \$25.

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You can purchase them today by calling the Chamber office at (260) 356-5300 during regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and we will prepare your order for pick-up. For a complete list of businesses that participate in the program, check the Chamber's website at www.huntington-chamber.com and search community at the top of the page and click on Chamber Bucks.

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Shown in the photo above are several third-year studio class students from Ball State University's Department of Architecture as they present museum ideas to members of the Huntington County Historical Society board of directors.

Students to showcase designs December 8

The board for the Huntington County Historical Society has recognized the current museum is lacking space for exhibits and storage. The Society's board is exploring options for a new museum. Several existing buildings in the Huntington area have been explored, but the board has decided to also consider building a completely new facility. In an effort to develop ideas for a new museum, the Society asked for help from the Ball State Department of Architecture.

Professor Tim Gray has assigned the Huntington Museum as a project for his third-year studio class. To launch this project 16 students visited Huntington County's Museum in October.

At the project's halfway point eight members of the Historical Society's board visited the class at Ball State University in Muncie. The Society's board was impressed with the student's ideas and had the chance to offer observations and suggestions. On December 8 the class will return to Huntington to reveal their final designs to the community.

The Huntington County Historical Society will host an open house to review the museum ideas with the community. The proposals will be on display from four to six on December 8 in the museum. Each team of students will be available to explain their approach for a new county museum in Huntington.

The Huntington County Museum is located at 315 Court Street.



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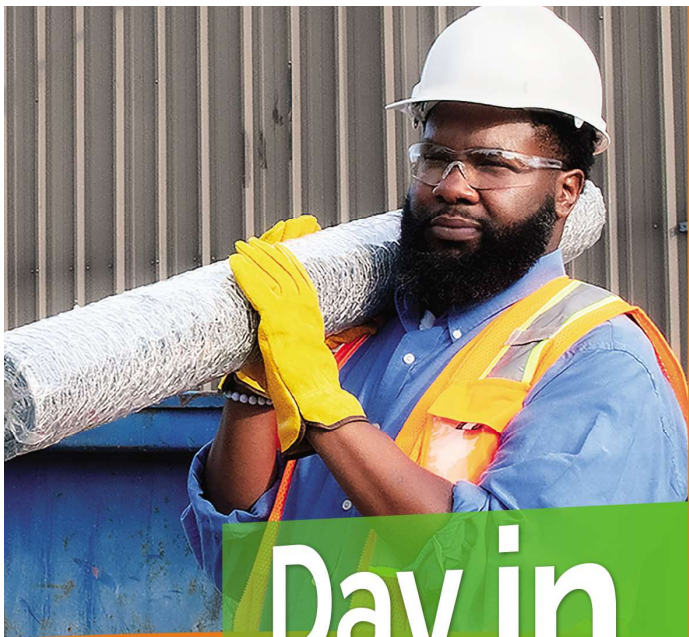
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