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HUNTINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Ribbon cuttings, expansions 2022



As the Chamber closes out another year in Huntington County, we are grateful for the many blessings we had during 2022. The Chamber is hopeful for 2023, and looks forward to the new year ahead. We build those hopes on our strong past, and the continued hard work of Huntington's dedicated leaders toward the future.

In this first newsletter of 2023, we look back at some of the accomplishments of the past year. The Chamber is featuring and sharing with you some of the new businesses and expansion of businesses here in Huntington County. This information also highlights some of the things the Chamber does every day and every year to promote and support our members and the local business community.

As we begin the New Year, we also want to say "thank you" to all of our wonderful members, and pledge to continue our mission of "supporting and promoting a community atmosphere in which business prospers and the quality of life continually improves."

Shown in the photos from top left, down, are the ribbon cuttings for 2022 at State Farm Insurance - Eileen McMillan, 2855 North Park Avenue, Suite 102; the newly remodeled EPCO Accounting and Tax Services, 2812 Theater Avenue; State Farm Insurance - Damon Kuhlbeck, 1420 W. Park Drive; Harbor Freight, located at 2028 N. Jefferson Street in the Huntington Shopping Plaza; the groundbreaking at Shuttleworth Inc., 10 Commercial Road and the ribbon cutting at The Amethyst Lotus, 35 W. Market Street.



More celebrations!

Huntington, Roanoke, Markle and Warren, have all seen new businesses begin in recent months, and buildings revitalized, repainted, improved and more. As we move into 2023, the Chamber is hopeful that the momentum continues. People are expressing the desire to visit downtowns for a special experience or unique gift. Huntington County has begun to see the resurgence of small independently owned businesses start in the county, and the Chamber believes this is a positive beginning to the new year.

The top photo, at left, shows the new Mattress by Appointment, 2082 N. Jefferson Street in the Huntington Shopping Plaza; the ribbon cutting at the newly remodeled location for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, 626 N. Jefferson Street; the ribbon cutting at the new health clinic located inside the Bowen Center, 2860 Northpark Avenue; the groundbreaking at Teijin Automotive, in the new Riverfork West Industrial Center and the upgraded Riverside Park in downtown Warren. The photo at top right, pictures Kyle and Sharon Metzger inside their bakery, the Bear & Beak Bakery at its new location, 37 E. Washington Street; the ribbon cutting at the new All-Purpose Stadium on the campus of Huntington North High School and the ribbon cutting at the new Planet Fitness which is located in the former Marsh Supermarket, 230 S. Jefferson Street.



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Additional celebrations!

The top photo is a rendering of the new Huntington University (PLEX). The PLEX is an \$18.7 million expansion and redesign and will bring a spotlight to HU's athletic programs. The new Purple Heart Monument that was placed this summer on W. Park Drive across from Huntington Nursery and along the Purple Heart Corridor. The next photo is a ribbon cutting at Bolinger's Propane Service, as they move back to the original location of the business at 115 N. Wayne Street, downtown Warren and the ribbon cutting at Professional Hearing Care. Professional Hearing Care moved to their new location 119 N. Wayne Street, also in downtown Warren.

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More celebrations!

The top photo shows the new Junk Ditch Brewing Company located at 426 Warren Street, downtown Huntington; the ribbon cutting at Huntington's newest salon, Studio Nirvana, located at 2048 N. Jefferson Street in the Huntington Shopping Plaza; the newly opened Blue Sky Family Restaurant and House of Pancakes located in the former Richard's Restaurant and Ranch House Restaurant, 2865 N. Guilford Street and the ribbon cutting at the Shuttleworth Inc. expansion. Shuttleworth added 57,000-plus square feet of manufacturing space to their current location at 10 Commercial Road. Felderman Design-Build was the general contractor for the expansion.

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Teijin Automotive breaks ground on expansion

Teijin Automotive Technologies broke ground on May 12 to expand the capabilities at its Huntington facility, adding a top-coat line and assembly area. These additions enhance the capabilities of the company's Huntington facility, which currently include compression molding, bonding, water jetting, sanding and priming.

Specifically, Teijin Automotive Technologies purchased 30 acres in the new Riverfork West Industrial Center and will be building a 164,400 square-foot facility on this site to house a new paint line and assembly capabilities. This facility will be located across Indiana Highway 9 from the company's existing 350,000 square-foot manufacturing facility. The new facility is expected to be complete, including all equipment installation, by December 2023, and will employ approximately 110 people when operations begin in April 2024, and more than 200 at full employment.

"As demand for our innovative, lightweight components continues to grow, we have the opportunity to add capabilities and capacity to meet current and future customer needs," said Steve Rooney, Teijin Automotive Technologies CEO, and general manager of Teijin's Composites Business Unit. "This site near to our existing Huntington facility made sense because there was land available, and we knew we could access a skilled workforce. We are grateful for the continued support and collaboration from the economic development teams from the State of Indiana, Huntington County, and the Huntington community."

Teijin Automotive Technologies and its parent company Teijin Limited are making an investment of more than \$100 million, including the land, building and equipment, to support future growth and maintain its competitive advantage. The Huntington area was selected for this expansion based on a number of factors, including the availability of a skilled workforce, proximity to a number of current and potential customer facilities in Indiana and surrounding states, and tax credits offered through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's EDGE Program (Economic Development for a Growing Economy).



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Ecolab - Huntington Plant, held a celebration and tour on October 27 with a ribbon cutting highlighting their new lab. After months of improvements at the local facility, the new lab was installed and is now up and operational at their 971 E. Tipton Street location. City and county officials were on hand to celebrate.



Sortera Alloys Inc. plans to open at I-69 in Markle in the first quarter of 2023 with approximately 80 employees.

Scrap metal recycler expanding to Markle

Fort Wayne-based Sortera Alloys Inc. is continuing to grow in northeast Indiana. The company, which sorts and recycles industrial scrap metal, announced this summer it is expanding into a 200,000-square-foot processing facility just outside the town of Markle, and creating about 80 jobs.

Once the business is up and fully operational they expect to have around 110 total employees.

"On behalf of the Town of Markle we are extremely excited to have Sortera choose and invest in our local community," Markle Council president Matt Doss and vice president Nick Lund said in a joint statement. "Their impact on our community will be very significant with little impact on our local environment."



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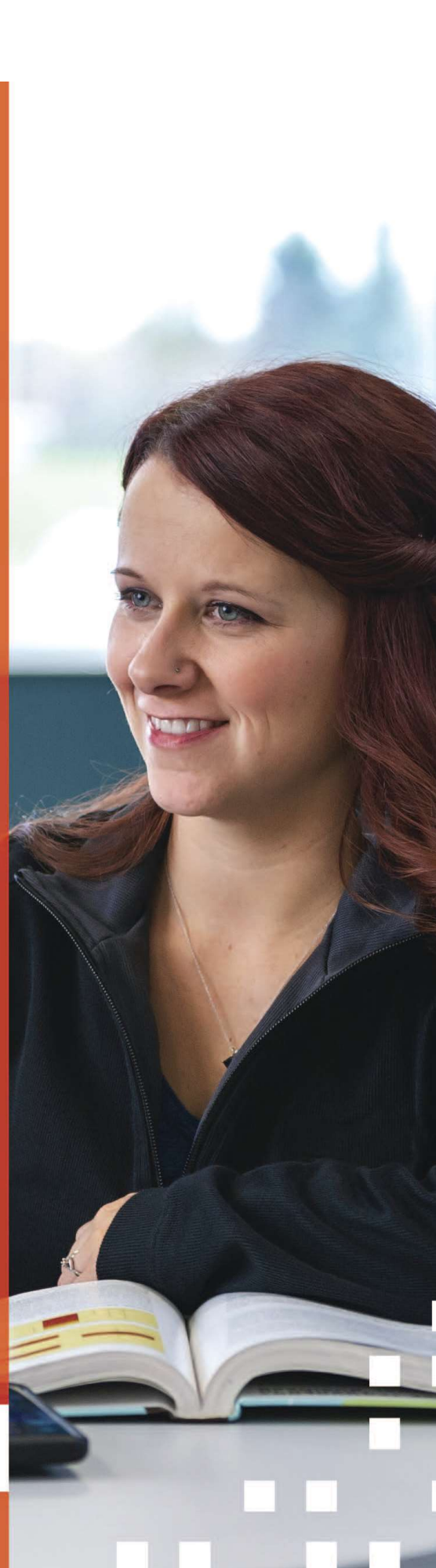
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