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Heritage Days 2023 record crowds, delightful



Aerial photo compliments of Greenbear Photography

Thank you Huntington!



We are grateful for an absolutely beautiful week for Heritage Days 2023 where Huntington came alive with record crowds at all of the events. The Chamber heard from many people that enjoyed the events.

According to Gary Grant, Fort Wayne Corvette Club, "Our group enters parades all over Northeast Indiana and Huntington is second only to the Three Rivers Festival in regards to crowd size for the parade. I've never seen so many people on the streets as this year."

The Chamber appreciates everyone who participated, celebrated and just had some good old-fashioned fun with others in the community. Heritage Days is a great time to get together with family, neighbors and friends and enjoy some good times.

Shown in the top photo is the RE/MAX balloon as it flies over the City of Huntington during this year's event. This is the fifteenth consecutive year that RE/MAX has sponsored a balloon for the festival and the longest running sponsor. The photo at left is the steering committee of Heritage Days. The Chamber could not possibly put together such an event without the help of all of those individuals in the photo. The Chamber offers a special thanks to Bob Burnsworth and Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group for being the corporate sponsor of Heritage Days this year. We are so grateful to everyone! Until next year ...

Heritage Days 2023 record crowds continued



Shown in the top photo at left, is Little Miss Heritage Days, Hadley Newsome, left, and Khalysee Farrington, right, Junior Miss Heritage Days. The middle photo, at left, shows John Nelson, Chief of the Flint Springs Tribe for 2023 as he is greeted by 2022 Chief, Stan Bippus, left, and Wil Hahn, 1998 Chief, and Jim Scheiber, 2014 Chief. The bottom photo at left, shows a young man enjoying a bowl of strawberries, shortcake and ice cream at this year's Rotary Strawberry Feed. The top photo at right shows the winning theme float for this year's parade. The winning float was entered by the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County. The bottom photo shows a truck on display at this year's Huntington County Disaster Team's Car & Truck show during the Hot Air Balloon Festival on Saturday, July 17. The crowds at all of this year's events seemed to be larger as Huntington celebrated it's 175 anniversary during a weekend of almost perfect weather. We are so grateful to everyone who helped with this year's events, those that participated and those individuals and families that came out to help the City of Huntington celebrate 175 years.



Shown in the top photo is a smiling child taking in a ride during the Heritage Days carnival downtown on Cherry Street. The middle photo shows the Joy Pleasers Clown Ministry as they make all types of balloon art for children, and the bottom photo shows three young racing enthusiasts sitting in the Mizpah Shriners midget racing cars. The racing cars are always a big hit during the Heritage Days parade and these young children were thrilled to have the opportunity to have their photos taken inside the cars.

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Thank you for a successful Heritage Days 2023 event

The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce thanks the many dedicated volunteers who gave of their time, talent and resources to make Heritage Days 2023 a success! We also appreciate the great people of Huntington County who participated in and attended the events.



Thanks to the administration of the City of Huntington including Mayor Richard Strick for all their help, and the County of Huntington to include County Commissioners Rob Miller, Tom Wall and Terry Stoffel for their assistance. Thank you to Tim Bischoff and the city street department for all their kind attention to street safety and clean up. We appreciate Police Chief Cory Boxell and the police department for their assistance. Special thanks to Terry Miller and Boy Scout Troop #130 along with several scout leaders for their help keeping things clean in downtown Huntington and the carnival midway.

To anyone who sponsored events, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, corporate sponsor, thank you for your generosity. We also appreciate the Heritage Days steering committee for their efforts to plan and orchestrate all of the activities. Thank you to the Huntington County Disaster Team for traffic control.

To all who helped with or participated in the Little Miss Heritage Days Pageant, the Chiefs' Breakfast, the Rotary Strawberry Feed, Car Shows, Heritage Days Parade and judges, Charles Chapman, emcee, the Huntington City-Township Public Library, Kids Zone, Beacon Credit Union and the Kiddie Tractor Pull, Joy Pleaser Clown Ministry, the Hot Air Balloon Festival, Novae for sponsoring the pony rides, ProFED for sponsoring the Colts in Motion, the Huntington County Modelers Club events, the Izaak Walton League Bear Hunt, JeFFFest and the LaFontaine Arts Council, we send our thanks! Heritage Days would not be possible without all of you and we are grateful!

Parade winners announced

The Chamber congratulates the winners of the annual Heritage Days Parade which took place Saturday, June 17. The parade proceeded from Huntington North High School on MacGahan Street and followed down N. Jefferson Street through the downtown district with the completion at State Street just prior to the railroad tracks. This marked the third time the parade proceeded through downtown area since the closing of Jefferson Park Mall.

Parade winners include: Best Theme Float, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA, sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank; Best Adult Group, Smurf Village of the Midwest, sponsored by Lehman Floor Covering; Best Religious Unit, Christian Life Tabernacle, sponsored by Heritage Pointe Communities; Best Antique Vehicle, Sutter's Dairy, sponsored by Myers Funeral Home; Best Classic Vehicle, Fort Wayne Corvette Club, sponsored by Sportsmobile North; Best Youth Group, Parkview Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County, sponsored by Bippus State Bank.

Many thanks to all who participated in the parade!

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The Moon Cats to perform downtown on July 8

Join in the celebration as Huntington presents The Moon Cats sponsored by the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce. The evening is a part of Huntington's Music in the City for 2023.

The concert will take place on Saturday, July 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The concert will be held on the Courthouse Square on E. Franklin Street and is free to the public. There will be food trucks available for the purchase of food. Don't forget to bring a chair and blanket.

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Farmer's Market now at Evangelical UM Church

The Huntington Farmer's Market will move to a new location for 2023. The Farmer's Market is planning to open and operate at the Evangelical United Methodist Church (EUM), 1000 Flaxmill Road. The market will take place, as in past years, on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m.

After the Chamber of Commerce met with Pastor Chris Lantz, he said the church is very excited to host the market, is looking forward to partnering with local vendors and getting the church more active in the community.

The Chamber would like to thank Pastor Lantz and EUM church for their willingness to host the event each Wednesday for the community.

This year's Farmer's Market begins on Wednesday, July 12. Those desiring to be a vendor can call the Chamber at (260) 356-5300. The vendor fee per week for a 10'x10' spot will remain the same at \$5 per spot.

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The Huntington Bicycle Shop, 45 Etna Avenue, Suite 100, ran a promotion during the month of May honoring National Bicycle Month where 10% of all tune-up sales were donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County.

The Huntington Bicycle Shop met at the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County on Monday, June 19 to award the check.

For more information on the bicycle shop call (260) 224-0232, or visit them on their website or Facebook page.



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Pizza Junction plans to reopen in July

Pizza Junction Café announced recently that they are planning to reopen their doors this summer after a fire at the restaurant in May 2022.

Investigators say the May 13 fire started on the restaurant's back deck in a small three-gallon pot of soil mix. They went on to say they believe given the weather conditions that day, spontaneous combustion was the cause of ignition. No one was in the area at the time of the fire.

The family-owned business, which has been in operation since 1983, said the fire, smoke and water damage was bad enough that they had to completely redo the building.

The Dettling family, owners of Pizza Junction Café, took to Facebook to keep the community updated on the renovation process, sharing in February that they were aiming to reopen in late spring or early summer.

Now, according to a recent report, the family says they are looking to open in the beginning of July and are in need of employees.

The family says they are now hiring kitchen and driver positions, and interested applicants can contact the owners on their Facebook page.

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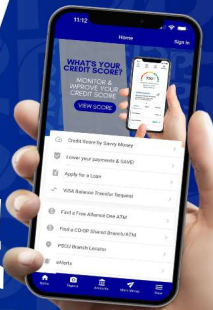
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Farmer's Market

Begins Wednesday, July 12, 4 to 7 p.m.
Evangelical United Methodist Church, 1000 Flaxmill Road

The Bulldogs

Friday, July 28, 7 to 9 p.m.
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