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Heritage Days 2022, Huntington University at 125 years

Huntington's 58th Heritage Days are being planned in Huntington by a steering committee of the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce for Wednesday, June 15 through Sunday, June 19. The theme celebrates Huntington University at 125 years of Christ, Scholarship, Service. Huntington University is also the sponsor of Heritage Days 2022.

The rich history of our local University and its contributions to our area and the world will be celebrated throughout Huntington County. The official button for Heritage Days 2022 represents the University. Buttons are available in the Chamber office for \$2.

Huntington University, 2303 College Avenue, had its beginning as Central College. The college began with the dedication of one building on September 21, 1897. The original cornerstone was laid August 18, 1896 by Bishop Milton Wright, a United Brethren minister and the father of Wilbur and Orville Wright, credited with the design and build of the world's first viable flying machine. The building was complete in June 1897.

That building, known then as the Administration Building, still stands, and today is known as Becker Hall. Classes began at the College the next day. Central College became Huntington College in 1917 and Huntington University in 2005 with the first graduating class under that name being 2006.

The first year at Central College 85 students would enroll for classes. By the fall of 1900, 102 were enrolled. There were no graduates the first year and three students graduated in 1899. Dr. Charles Kiracofe, an ordained United Brethren minister, was the college president for the first five years.

Today the fall enrollment at Huntington University for 2021 was 1,363 and Dr. Sheryllyn Emberton has been the president since 2013. Locations include the Huntington campus, Carew Street in Fort Wayne and Peoria, Arizona.

Huntington University is among the top



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Indiana Christian liberal arts colleges with a strong historic and ongoing relationship with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. As explained in the mission statement, "With the conviction that all truth is God's truth, the University exists to carry out the mission of Christ in higher education. Through a curriculum of demonstrated academic excellence, students are educated in the liberal arts and their chosen disciplines, always seeking to examine the relationship between the disciplines and God's revelation in Jesus Christ."

The university is a private, four-year, Christ-centered institution committed to developing the "whole person" by assisting students to understand all areas of human knowledge from the perspective of a Christian worldview. Each year, Huntington sends out hundreds of men and women with associate, bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees "to impact their world for Christ."

Heritage Days begin with the traditional Little Miss and Junior Miss Heritage Days Pageant Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Crestview Middle School. Girls from Huntington County, ages five to 12, will compete for the titles. Tickets are \$5 for adults and

children age three and above. They can be purchased in advance from contestants and at the door the evening of the pageant.

Current plans for this year's Heritage Days festivities also include the traditional 53rd Chief of the Flint Springs Tribe Breakfast Thursday morning, June 16 at 8 a.m. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. with the event to take place at the Historic Forks of the Wabash. The event is \$25 per person with reservations required by Wednesday, June 8 with the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce by calling (260) 356-5300.

The annual Rotary Strawberry Feed takes place on Thursday evening at the PAL Club, 2099 Riverside Drive, from 5 to 7 p.m. All you can eat strawberries on shortcake with ice cream is the featured treat. Tickets are \$6 with children under age five eating for free. Tickets can be purchased at local banks, from Rotarians and at the door the evening of the event.

Junior Achievement of Huntington County will hold the Third Annual Duck Race on Friday, June 17 at 5:15 p.m. Ducks will be released from the Jefferson Street bridge and travel to the island by Kiwanis

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Park. Tickets will be assigned a number corresponding to a matching and unique duck. The first duck to cross a designated finish line will win \$1,000 cash. The second duck to cross will win \$250 and the third will win \$100 cash. Winners do not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased from Junior Achievement board members or message on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JAHuntington. Ducks are \$5 for one, \$20 for a Duck Pack (5) and \$50 for a Quack Pack (15).

The public is invited to the Car, Truck and Bike Show on Friday evening, June 17 in downtown Huntington from 5 to 9 p.m. Registration is from 3 to 6:30 p.m. with an entry fee of \$10. The event is sponsored by the Downtown Business Association and MetroNet. Hosted by Busted Knuckles Car Club, the show is open to all models of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Awards will be presented to the Top 25 and six "Best of" Categories.

Biscuits and Gravy will be served up at the Moose Lodge on Saturday morning, June 18 from 7 to 10 a.m. The breakfast is sponsored by Women of the Moose. Full and half orders will be available along with biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes and coffee included. Milk and juice are available for an extra cost.

The Heritage Days Parade is planned for Saturday, June 18 beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at Huntington North High



The new Multi-Purpose Stadium and Learning Center at Huntington North High School will be open to the public on Saturday, June 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tours of the facilities during the open house will be offered.

School and continue down MacGahan and Jefferson Streets. It will follow Jefferson Street straight through the downtown area with its completion at Etna Avenue. The theme can be carried through on parade entries with anything pertaining to the history of Huntington University.

The Lafontaine Saddle Club will be the place to view Ranch Horse and Pleasure Shows Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Located at 792 N 200 W, the shows are a Huntington tradition and draw some of the best horses from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. All styles of riding are welcome.

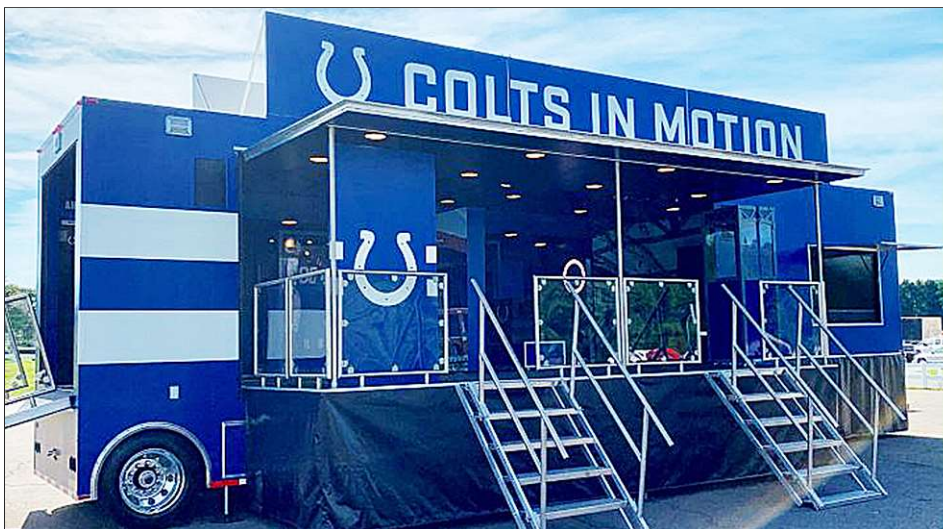
Huntington County Modelers will hold an open house Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m., and an event, Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. at the former Northwest School location, 4524 W 800 N. They will also provide demonstrations of their flying models in the Kids Zone from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday at Huntington North High School, 450 MacGahan Street.

A Juneteenth Celebration will be held Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Risen Savior Church. Located at 404 Grayston Avenue, the public is invited to a celebration of freedom including food, games for children and the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Huntington County Historical Museum will be open on Saturday, June 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. during Heritage Days. The Museum is located at 315 Court Street. For more information call (260) 356-7264 or huntingtonhistoricalmuseum@gmail.com.

The 16th Annual Huntington County Disaster Team Car and Truck Show is planned at Huntington North High School from 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Registration is open from 3 to 6 p.m. with a \$10 fee. Awards will be presented at 7 p.m. in various categories. DJ Dick Smart will provide the music and announcements. Food will be available for purchase. All car show proceeds benefit the Huntington County Disaster Team.

The Third Annual Moose Cornhole Tournament for Cancer will take place Saturday at 4 p.m. Registration will take place on site
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at Moose Lodge 837, 390 Frontage Road. The fee is \$20 per team. For information call Mark at (260) 224-7817.

A free Kids Zone including bounce houses, obstacle course, games, Huntington City-Township Public Library activities, free pony rides and petting zoo sponsored by McDonalds of Huntington and more will also take place also at the High School from 5 to 8 p.m. The Kids Zone will be the place for a free bicycle helmet giveaway to the first 200 kids to visit the Truitt Law Offices tent between 5 and 8 p.m. Participants can also enter to win a brand new child's bicycle.

Pulling for Riley – Kiddy Tractor Pull will begin at 5 p.m. with registration at 4:30 p.m. also at the High School. Four weight classes will be offered with awards given for the top three in each class. There is no fee to enter and children must have an adult present. It is sponsored by Beacon Credit Union.

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The Hot Air Balloon Festival will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. at the High School. A balloon glow will take place at dark. Emergency vehicles along with the Samaritan helicopter may be on hand for tours. New Hope Church will sell hot dogs/chili/cheese, pulled pork, pretzels, nachos, walking tacos and drinks. Huntington Catholics In-Action Youth Ministry will sell sno-cones. New Life Meal Ministry will sell hamburgers, chips and drinks. Cotton candy and cookies will be sold by HNHS Show Choirs. The Huntington County Disaster Team will sell ice cream. Joy Pleaser Clowns will be on hand to make balloon designs.

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Sunday, June 19, the Bear Hunt will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Izaak Walton Grounds on Hauenstein Road. Tickets are \$5 and provide children "hunting bear" with a license, the opportunity to hunt a stuffed bear and lunch including a hotdog, chips and drink.

JeFFFest is planned for Sunday evening, June 19, on Franklin Street between Warren and Jefferson Streets, completing the Heritage Days festivities. From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., adults and children are welcome to listen to fabulous music, enjoy fine art and purchase food through the use of tickets from various area vendors. The musical entertainment will be provided by The Todd Harrold Trio on the Franklin Street landing of the Huntington County Courthouse. Tables and chairs will be available but attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs. New to the event will be a kid's arts and crafts area inviting youth to participate in a creative activity in the workshop studio at Huntington Arts & Entertainment Center (HAEC). Pathfinder Services will also have a group perform the song "This is Me" from the musical drama, "The Greatest Showman."

Poor Jack's Amusements will provide the midway and carnival rides for 2022. Rides and activities are planned for the Cherry Street area from Wednesday, June 15 through Sunday, June 19. Streets involved with the carnival will close on Monday, June 13 at 3 p.m. to allow for set-up.

Heritage Days Brochures and event forms are available at the Chamber office and can also be found on the Chamber's website and are ready to download. For more information contact the Chamber at (260) 356-5300 or visit the website at www.huntington-chamber.com.

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Shown in the photo above are local citizens shopping from the vendors at last year's Farmer's Market.

Farmer's Market 2022 will move to Lake Clare

The Huntington Farmer's Market will move to a new location for 2022. The Farmer's Market plans to open and operate at Lake Clare starting on June 8. The market will take place, as in past years, on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m.

EJ Carroll, Huntington Township Trustee, approached the Chamber last fall asking if we would like to partner with the trustee's office and hold the market at Lake Clare.

Carroll said, "We would love to have the market join in on our food truck days. Not only would those attending have access to the food trucks, but it would be nice to have additional events at the site, and we feel the Farmer's Market would be a great addition to the evening."

"The food trucks have been a big hit with the community over the past few years, and our plans are to incorporate live music at Lake Clare this year during the Farmer's Market and food truck days. Future plans at Lake Clare are to teach children how to fish and other activities for those attending along with their children. We feel that by bringing more events to Lake Clare, it will make for a more festive event and will draw more people to Lake Clare and our community," said Carroll.

This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Wednesday, June 8. Those having questions about the market can call the Huntington Township Trustee's office at (260) 356-5218, or the Chamber at (260) 356-5300.

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HCCF, United Way to hold After Hours on June 9

The Huntington County Community Foundation (HCCF) and the United Way of Huntington County, 356 W. Park Drive, will hold a Chamber After Hours on Thursday, June 9. The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Parking will be available at the Huntington City-Township Public Library where their bookmobile will be open.

The VFW will have a 'Veterans BBQ Food Truck' available at their site for anyone who would like to purchase dinner. HCCF and the United Way will have desserts available in their covered tent and will have giveaways.

Stop by and see their newly renovated office space. Staff and board members of both organizations will be on hand.

Behavior Health issues to be discussed on June 24

The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Lunch 'n Learn on Behavioral Health that is affecting many in the world today even including the young. The seminar will be held at the Faith Community Church, 3615 N. Norwood Road, on Friday, June 24. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The seminar will discuss what Mental Wellbeing is and what are causing the behavioral health concerns in the workplace today. Those attending will learn the signs and symptoms of behavioral health issues to include substance abuse, mood disorders, depression, personality and eating disorders, PTSD, alcohol abuse, drug abuse and more.

If you would like to attend this seminar, email skimmel@huntington-chamber.com. The seminar is \$10 per person and this will include lunch.



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HCCF, United Way offices, 356 W. Park Drive

Music in the City

Saturday, June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Huntington County Courthouse

Huntington Trail Beer & Wine Festival

Saturday, June 11, 5 p.m.
First Merchants Heritage Hall, Hier's Park

Heritage Days

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