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Small businesses opening up in county



Shown in the photos are several new businesses that have opened recently in Huntington County. The top photo at left is the new Silver Moon 3 Pub located at 32 N. Jefferson Street. The pub opened officially in downtown Huntington with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, February 11. The photo below it shows Blue Sky House of Pancakes, 2865 N. Guilford Street. Blue Sky officially opened on January 4 with a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. The bottom photo, at left, is The Local Saloon, 4162 E. Station Road, Roanoke. Their first official day was Friday, February 17. The top photo at right shows the Wise Guys Downtown restaurant that has recently opened in downtown Huntington. This new Italian restaurant is located at 435 Cherry Street. During this initial time of opening the owners ask that patrons make a reservation. You can reach Wise Guys by calling (260) 200-1056. The bottom photo shows West Park Tan, 1320 W. Park Drive. The business is now owned by John and Amber McCammon. For more information, contact them at (260) 356-7813 or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/westparktan.

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Mitch Frazier to speak at HU Foundation Breakfast March 8

The community of Huntington and the surrounding counties are invited to join the Huntington University Foundation for its March Foundation Breakfast featuring Mitch Frazier, CEO of AgriNovus Indiana.

AgriNovus Indiana is a nonprofit coalition focused on growing the agbioscience economy across food, animal health, plant science and agtech. Frazier's area of focus is agriculture in Indiana.

The Hoosier state is home to a \$52 billion agbioscience economy and a well-established presence on the global stage of food and agriculture. As we continue to grow our impact through innovation, Frazier will pose and respond to the question, "What opportunities does this present for tomorrow's leaders?"

Prior to AgriNovus, Frazier served as CEO of a Central Indiana regional John Deere retailer and held leadership roles in tech companies, including Salesforce and ExactTarget. At ExactTarget, he led a successful IPO on the New York Stock Exchange and the company's \$2.5B acquisition by Salesforce.

Frazier served in the U.S. Army — both as a Civilian communications leader in Iraq and as a soldier on active duty. Frazier, a father of two, serves as chairman of the Indiana State Fair Commission, a member of Senator Mike Braun's Agriculture Advisory Committee and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at Purdue University's College of Agriculture.

To RSVP for the breakfast, visit huntington.edu/FoundationRSVP.

The Foundation Breakfast series is held on the second Wednesday of each month, October to December and January to April, and is open to the public. Each breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. and concludes by 9 a.m. Breakfasts take place in the upper level of Habecker Dining Commons on Huntington University's home campus.

The cost to attend each breakfast is \$12, a portion of which will help support area students attending HU through the Hometown Grant. First-time attendees enjoy a complimentary breakfast courtesy of The Purviance House Bed and Breakfast, Barb and Brooks Fetters, proprietors.



Mitch Frazier

Jim Pickett, author, to speak at Historical Museum on March 15

A program that touches on the turbulent early history of northeast Indiana will be presented at the Huntington County Historical Museum on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Jim Pickett, author of the Kekionga series of historical fiction, will speak and show pictures of this era.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Pickett will present information he found while researching his book series. The books include "The Bones of Kekionga," "The March to Kekionga" and "The Siege at Kekionga: Tecumseh's Uprising." His stories date from 1790 to 1812 and are set in the Old Northwest Territory.

A time for audience questions, discussion and purchases will take place. Admission is free to Historical Society members, and there is a \$3 admission fee for non-members. Light refreshments will be provided. The museum is located at 315 Court Street. For more information, contact the museum at (260) 356-7254 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Jim Pickett

Chamber dinner to celebrate City's 175th

The 97th Huntington County Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held Tuesday evening, March 14, 2023 at the PAL Club, 2099 Riverside Drive. The event will begin with a social time at 6 p.m. followed by dinner catered by Homestyle Catering at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar for those interested managed by the Brick House Grill.

This year's event will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the City of Huntington. Dinner will be followed by Mayor Richard Strick giving a brief talk about the City's 175th celebration. Those attending will hear from local leaders about the local business community, education, sports, quality of life and the Chamber. There will be three awards given out at the dinner to the Entrepreneur of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and the Business of the Year. Mike Perkins will be the emcee for the evening.

The cost for the event is \$40 per person. To make your reservations for the Chamber Dinner, RSVP by e-mail to skim-mel@huntington-chamber.com or by calling the office at (260) 356-5300 no later than Monday, March 6, 2023.

Chamber offers referrals, promotion, networking

Members of the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce are offered many services free of charge. All Chamber members are given the opportunity to promote their businesses by sharing new hires, promotions, information about their respective businesses, activities that take place in a company, honors, accolades, upcoming events and more.



Chamber members are also afforded the opportunity to grow their personal contacts through the many different networking opportunities offered at the Chamber. The Chamber holds After Hours, ribbon cuttings, Ambassador group meetings, networking group meetings, seminars for small, medium and large-size businesses, Lunch 'n Learns for businesses of all sizes, internship opportunities, HR/Professional Development Group meetings and Leaders EDGE. Members find that when they "engage" in one of these groups, they gain opportunities to "build their businesses" with other professionals in the community looking to do the same thing.

As an added benefit, the staff at the Chamber will refer your business to anyone looking for the services you provide.

If you are a member of the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce, we thank you. If you are a future member, please call us and see how your investment with the Chamber of Commerce will produce dividends for you and your business.

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Shown in the photo, from left, are Cheryl Hardin, Mike Grant and Melissa Mounsey from the Markle Chamber; Tina Disch from the Huntington County Visitor Bureau and Matt Ditzler from the Community Foundation of Huntington County.

Markle Chamber receives grant for Concert Series

The Huntington County Visitor Bureau and the Community Foundation of Huntington County have announced their first recipient of their “What Would YOU Do?” Place-making Grant. The Markle Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$1,000 to help fund their inaugural year of “Second Friday Concerts.” The community stage for the event is currently under construction at the Markle Fish and Game Park with the first concert scheduled for Friday, June 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. The park is located at 100 Park Drive in Markle.

Amounts of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to individuals or groups who have an exciting idea for a new community event or activity but need start-up funds. The application process is simple with no formal forms to complete. There are no deadlines for the grant, however, it is first-come, first served. The best ideas will be awarded funds.

Those wanting to apply are encouraged to send an e-mail with details on the proposed event and how the funds will be used to either director@visithuntington.org or matt@huntingtonccf.org. Funds may not directly benefit the individual or group.

Additional information on the What Would YOU Do? Grant is available at visithuntington.org or questions can be directed to: Tina Disch, executive director, Huntington County Visitor Bureau, (260) 359-8687 or Matt Ditzler, executive director, Community Foundation of Huntington County at (260) 356-8878.

Pioneer Festival looking for volunteers for 2023

The organizers of the annual Forks of the Wabash Pioneer Festival are looking for volunteer committee members who want to help plan this year’s event. Anyone interested should contact Jennifer Scalf at jenscalf@yahoo.com.

The festival dates this year are September 23 and 24, 2023.

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Coldwell Banker to sponsor Heritage Days

Heritage Days 2023 will be quite a celebration in Huntington Wednesday, June 14 through Sunday, June 18 as the annual events will be a tribute to the 175th birthday of the City of Huntington. Huntington's Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group is excited to be the official sponsor of "Huntington at 175 years" with official colors designated as navy blue, gold and red.

At Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, 626 N. Jefferson Street, they love people, homes and the communities they serve. Their real estate professionals focus on empowering people to make the best real estate decisions possible. They pair their personal compassion and local knowledge with the most advanced technology to exceed customer expectations while providing a safe and dependable real estate experience.

Bob Burnsworth, real estate professional and office manager of the local Coldwell Banker office, said that sponsoring Heritage Days is a way to give back to the community and he is excited to help celebrate our community's 175th birthday!

Burnsworth was named the 2021 Chief of the Flint Springs Tribe for his support of activities that help people in Huntington. Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group steps up to serve Huntington in a variety of ways and was named April 2022's Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month.

The Chamber of Commerce thanks Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group for their sponsorship of Heritage Days. We also appreciate your willingness to serve whenever called upon.

Heritage Days are coordinated by a steering committee of the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the Chamber at (260) 356-5300 or visit the website at www.huntington-chamber.com.



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Meal Ministry now serving weekday lunches

After many months of preparations and arranging volunteers, New Life Ministries is officially ready to expand their Meal Ministry hours. Starting February 1, New Life Ministries began serving free lunches at the Meal Ministry on Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

According to the ministry God has greatly blessed them and they look forward to offering weekday lunches to the community. As always, these meals are free and are available to anyone in the community.

These new lunch hours will be in addition to their original hours. The ministry will still continue to serve free dinners Monday through Friday from 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m.

If anyone would like to support the Meal Ministry, they can do so by donating food or funds or volunteer to serve lunch or dinner to those who visit the Meal Ministry. Donations can be made online or send checks made payable to New Life Ministries, 313 E. Franklin Street. Anyone who would like to help in any way, can contact Bob Burnsworth, Meal Ministry director, at (260) 519-3637.

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Old-Fashioned Swing Inn to be held March 18

Back in the 1950's and 60's the YMCA was the host and the place-to-be for the ever-popular Swing Inn. Located in the basement of the original YMCA, teens from Huntington High and Huntington Catholic gathered to dance and chat the night away! According to the yearbooks, Swing Inn fun was rated as the "best ever" by all the smartest "cats" and coolest "chicks."

On Saturday, March 18 the Y is bringing back this ever-popular dance party event complete with The Moon Cats band, one of Indiana's premiere 50's and 60's bands with members from Grant and Huntington counties. Attendees will be treated to hors d'oeuvres and old-fashioned sodas during social hour. While dressed in their best era outfits from the 50's, 60's and 70's, "cats" and "chicks" will cut up the dance floor to the beat of the Moon Cats. This is a ticketed event with proceeds supporting the YMCA Annual Campaign which provides scholarships and financial assistance to allow Y programming to be available for ALL.

Many supporters and sponsors are needed to make the Swing Inn a successful and annual event. We are asking for businesses to consider joining us in helping this first annual event be a big success! Please contact Joy Koch at the Y at joy.koch@huntingtony.org and she can provide you with sponsorship information and about how you can help! Those who attended this event "back in the day" are so excited and the word has gotten out, so we wanted to get this "save the date" information in circulation now!



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Huntington Trails Beer and Wine tickets on sale

Early bird tickets for the Huntington Trails Beer and Wine Festival on Friday, June 9 are on sale now until March 31 for just \$30 (online only) via <https://event.ontaptickets.com/>. The annual event is hosted by HARTA (Huntington Area Recreational Trails Association) and takes place at the Huntington County Fairgrounds in First Merchants Heritage Hall.



Guests have the pleasure of tasting several wines, distilled spirits and beers. The tasting event features the products from many great Indiana wineries, Artisan Distilleries and U.S breweries. Local food trucks will be on hand with plenty of food options available for purchase. Guests may also bid on various items available during the silent auction.

HARTA invites you to sip your favorite wine, distilled beverage or brew and enjoy live music from Joe Donnell. New to the event this year, guests can participate in karaoke provided by Screaming Goat LLC. Mark your calendar – you will not want to miss this tasty summertime event!

Proceeds from the event will go towards development, maintenance and awareness of trails in Huntington County.

Currently the board is raising funds for wayfinding and kiosk signs throughout the county to promote and guide people on the various types of trails.

Sponsors are needed to help our organization reach its goal of raising \$20,000 for the event. The group is also seeking donations for the silent auction. If interested, please contact Kelly Frank at (260) 355-5103.

Ticket prices: Early Bird - \$30; Advance - \$35; Gate - \$45 and Designated Driver (no sampling) - \$10.

Tickets will be available after April 1 at Bippus Bank and First Federal Savings Bank. Follow the event on Facebook via <https://www.facebook.com/harta.gotrails>. For complete details visit HARTA's website at harta-gotrails.org.

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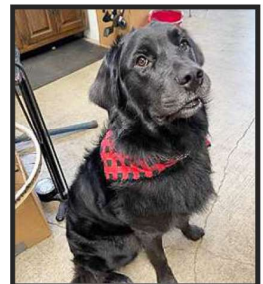
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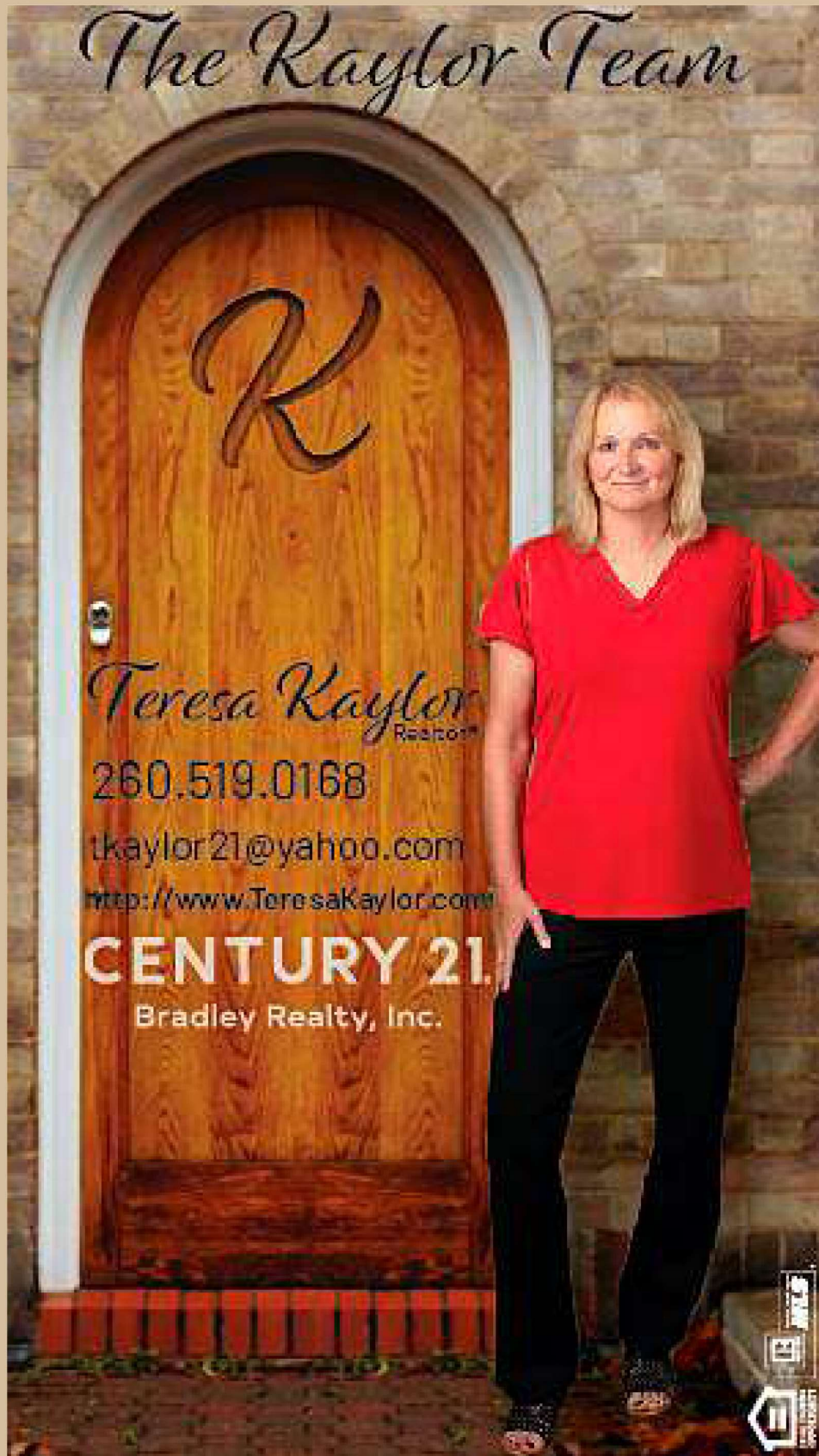
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Parkview Huntington Family YMCA, 1160 W 500 N

Spring Fling

Saturday, April 8
Downtown Huntington

Huntington Trails, Beer & Wine

Friday, June 9, 6 to 10 p.m.
First Merchants Heritage Hall, Hier's Park

Heritage Days

Wednesday, June 14 to Sunday, June 18, 2023

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