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Bowen Health Clinic offering primary healthcare

Bowen Center introduced the public to its newest health clinic Wednesday. The primary healthcare clinic is co-located with Bowen Center's Huntington mental health outpatient offices, and offers an integrated approach to healthcare for infants, children, adolescents and adults. In addition to the Huntington location, Bowen Center recently opened health clinics in Fort Wayne and Warsaw with more planned.

The Community Mental Health Center's move into integrated care addresses the strong link between mental and physical health. By integrating mental and physical healthcare under one roof, the center's goal is to reach underserved populations, improve their quality of life and extend their life expectancy by treating the whole person.

"What this means is our friends in the Huntington community are going to have better access to healthcare," said Dr. Tanner Babb, a member of Bowen Center's board of directors. "The advantage of having all one's healthcare needs met in one location and often in the same appointment, is a continuity of care which demonstrates that all aspects of a patient's health is valued."

"When patients are cared for in this holistic manner it leads to better health outcomes and healthier communities," said Emily Vanderpool, Bowen Health Clinic Nurse Practitioner. "Our goal in this clinic is to not only provide care to anyone who walks through our doors, but to do so in a kind and compassionate manner. We intend to educate and empower our patients to be advocates for their own health and well-being," said Ms. Vanderpool.

Matt Ditzler, director of the Huntington Community Foundation and a member of Bowen Center's board of directors, points to a speaker at a recent statewide conference who said that for the most vulnerable populations, the emergency room is often someone's first visit to a doctor. "This line stuck with me as I believe it truly underscores the access issues that exist in our current healthcare system," said Ditzler. "Through this



The Bowen Center formally opened its newest health clinic to the public in Huntington with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 30. Shown in the photo, from left, are Mayor Richard Strick; Matt Ditzler, executive director, Huntington County Community Foundation and Bowen Center board member; Dr. Tanner Babb, Huntington University and Bowen Center board member; Emily Vanderpool, Bowen Health Clinic Huntington Nurse Practitioner; Shelly Snyder, Bowen Center Huntington director; Kurt Carlson, Bowen Center president and CEO; Dr. Robert Ryan, Bowen Center senior vice president of operations and Shannon Hannon, Bowen Center vice president healthcare integration.

new Bowen Health Clinic, our friends and neighbors in Huntington County are going to have greater access to local, quality healthcare."

The challenges that adults with mental illness face are made more difficult if they are living in poverty and both factors can mean a shorter life expectancy. "Why do people living in poverty and especially those with mental illness live shorter lives? We know why. They have complex health needs trying to navigate a fragmented and costly health system," said Dr. Robert Ryan, Bowen Center senior vice president of operations. "For over 20 years, research has shown that many of the years lost to mental illness can be returned to the person if they have access to integrated care, care provided in a setting where multidisciplinary teams work together for the good to the patient, have improved access to care (or income-based care), knowledge and motivation. Bowen Center is perfectly po-

sitioned to help all of these contributing factors. Physical health, psychiatry, dental health, optometry and pharmacy all working together for the good of the patient. Today in Huntington we're taking our first step in that integrative care model with the promise of more services to come," said Dr. Ryan.

Huntington Mayor Richard Strick recognized Bowen Center's legacy of providing mental healthcare services to Huntington and northern Indiana, and the enhanced services it will now offer. "We welcome this new chapter in the lives of this community's people," said Mayor Strick.

Bowen Health Clinic in Huntington is located at 2860 Northpark Avenue. Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance is welcome, but no one is turned away for an inability to pay. Same or next day appointments are available. Call (888) 470-0082 to make an appointment or for more information.

Applications being accepted for Healing Partners

Huntington County Healing Partners, a funding alliance uniting the Huntington County Medical Society and Parkview Huntington Hospital (PHH) in a shared vision for improving community health and well-being, has announced the timetable for its 2022 grant cycle.

The application period for 2022 Healing Partners grant funding opens April 8 and will close May 20. The grants are available to organizations that tackle pressing local health issues in ways that promote better health and greater vitality for people throughout Huntington County. Applications and other information are available at <https://www.huntingtonhealingpartners.org>.

A 2020 gift of more than \$1.28 million from the Huntington County Medical Society established a permanent endowment at Parkview Huntington Foundation that is the key revenue source for the Huntington County Healing Partners program. The cooperative effort of the medical society and PHH provides annual grant funding for programs and equipment related to initiatives targeting public health priorities identified in the Huntington County Health Needs Assessment.

Conducted by Parkview Health every three years, the needs assessment identifies trends in health among Huntington County residents. The most recent assessment, completed for 2020-22, cited health priorities in the county that include chronic disease treatment/management, access to healthy foods, obesity, mental health, and substance use and abuse, among other findings.

Eleven local agencies were awarded a total of \$59,895 in the 2021 round of grants, which launched the Healing Partners program.

"The Healing Partners program allows us to best direct money to activities that will have the biggest impact on the health and wellness of Huntington County," said Matt Pflieger, DO, Medical Society vice president and Huntington County health officer. "The needs of a community shift with time and we want to ensure we are staying in line with those needs – creating an environment that helps people live their best lives."

A committee of representatives from the medical society and the hospital reviews qualifying grant applications and administers the Healing Partners program. PHH contributes toward the grants from funds set



aside annually for its Community Health Improvement work.

"So many factors contribute to health and well-being," said Doug Selig, president, PHH, "from access to health care and nutritious food to affordable housing, reliable transportation, supportive social services and more. Recognizing that major change requires substantial resources, the Healing Partners alliance aims to cast a wider net, inviting more solutions from groups that are new or have not been able to participate in

past grant funding through the Community Health Improvement program. We want to give good ideas the momentum they need to begin making a difference for even more people."

Grant applications being accepted via new website:

Local 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations with programs addressing obesity/healthy eating or mental health/substance abuse are invited to apply for funding now. Applications should be for program funding only. Applications and other information are available at <https://www.huntingtonhealingpartners.org>. Prospective applicants may also email questions about the program to HealingPartners@parkview.com. Completed applications are due on or before May 20. The selected grant recipients will be notified in early June.

PHH hosting two Check-Up Days

Parkview Huntington Hospital (PHH) and the Parkview Center for Healthy Living are teaming up to offer two Check-Up Day events in May. Taking advantage of reduced-cost lab testing at Check-Up Day can help area residents keep an eye on their health and well-being.

Check-Up Day will take place in PHH's Wellness Classrooms on two Wednesdays, May 4 and 18, from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Currently, plenty of appointments are available for May 18, but appointments for May 4 are more limited.

Changes have been made to test packages and pricing for 2022. Fasting is not required for these single tests: glycohemoglobin A1C (\$30) and thyroid stimulating hormone, known as TSH (\$35).

Wellness packages have been simplified from the past. Instead of packages A, B, C and D, participants can now choose from the customizable Green Package and the deluxe Diamond Package.

The Green Package includes a lipid profile and glycohemoglobin A1C for \$50. In addition, participants can opt to add any of these tests onto the Green Package: comprehensive metabolic profile (CMP), \$25; complete blood count (CBC), \$15; thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), \$30; prostate specific antigen (PSA, for men), \$30; and vitamin D, \$40.

The Diamond Package consists of the basic Green Package PLUS the CMP, CBC, TSH and PSA for a total cost of \$115. Those who wish to purchase a Diamond Package without the PSA may do so for \$100.

The vitamin D test can be added to either Diamond Package for a fee of \$40.

Anyone selecting a wellness package must fast for 10 to 12 hours before their appointment. During fasting, sips of water and regular medications as prescribed are fine. Questions may be directed to (260) 266-6500.

This is an appointment-only event; walk-ins cannot be accepted. Participants must pre-register by calling (260) 266-6500. Callers should leave a message including their name and phone number if a Parkview Center for Healthy Living team member is not available at the time of the call. Payment by credit card at the time of pre-registration is required.

In accordance with Parkview policy, masks must be worn over mouth and nose at all times.

Information can also be found at www.parkview.com/checkupdays.

Learn how to hire and build your team, May 20

The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce will hold a seminar on selecting/hiring, developing, building and designing teams for your organization. The seminar will be held at Faith Community Church, 3615 N. Norwood Road, on Friday, May 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

If you're interested in hiring the right person the first time, putting employees together to complete a task or learning how to build a team, you will not want to miss this seminar.

The seminar will be presented by Tamra Boucher, senior leadership consultant for IN2GREAT, a consulting business that helps small and large business owners, managers and HR directors not only find the right person, but help businesses of all sizes as they put employees together to build teams.

According to Boucher, "IN2GREAT are people experts who are data centric, insight driven and action oriented."

She explained, her company uses data and insight to help organizations:

- * SELECT the right people in the hiring and promotion processes.
- * DEVELOP employees by discovering their unique potential and maximizing it.
- * BUILD effective leaders who understand how to cultivate others.
- * DESIGN highly effective teams with the right people, culture and strategic focus.

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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HC County Council on Aging to hold Senior EXPO on May 19

The Huntington County Senior Citizens EXPO is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Huntington University Merillat Complex Fieldhouse. This event is free to attend and is not associated with Huntington University.



People of all ages are welcome to attend this fun and helpful event that offers exhibitors and information about services for seniors.

For transportation needs, contact Huntington Area Transportation (HAT) to schedule a ride at (260) 356-3006. Pick up times should be scheduled by 11 a.m. the day before the event. Return trips are available from the EXPO by HAT from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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Novae LLC acquires LOOK Trailers

Novae Corporation LLC, a trailer manufacturer based in Markle, has acquired Middlebury-based LOOK Trailers, which manufactures standard and custom-built enclosed trailers. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

LOOK will continue to operate its six manufacturing facilities, which are located in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Utah and Texas, and dealer network as a division of Novae. Matt Arnold, LOOK founder and chief executive officer, will serve as Novae's chief innovation officer.

"By joining forces, LOOK and Novae will make great strides toward our goal of creating the best North American trailer company," said Chris Storie, chief operating officer of Novae. "Matt Arnold and the great LOOK team have created a company that is highly regarded in the industry for exceptional quality and service. Together, we will have more than 1,800 employees, 22 manufacturing facilities, and an active dealer network of approximately 1,100 partners, providing a strong foundation to expand our geographic reach and product range."



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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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Huntington Trails Beer & Wine Festival, June 11

The Huntington Beer & Wine Festival is back this year and scheduled for Saturday, June 11. The festival will take place at the Huntington County Fairgrounds and First Merchants Heritage Hall, Hier's Park.

Tickets for the Huntington Trails Beer & Wine Festival can be purchased at <https://harta-gotrails.org/>.

The annual Huntington Trails Beer & Wine Festival is put on each year by Huntington Area Recreational Trails Association (HARTA). This is a wine, distilled spirits and beer tasting event featuring the products of many Indiana wineries, Artisan Distilleries and U.S. breweries. Music and food will be a part of the festival with local food trucks on hand offering plenty of food.

The board of HARTA invites you to sip your favorite wine, distilled beverage or brew and enjoy live music in a festive atmosphere. Mark it on your calendar, you will not want to miss this tasty summertime event!

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

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

Sampling Ticket includes: A souvenir wine glass, tasting program, sample selections at each winery, brewery table, opportunity to purchase bottles and glasses from your favorites, appetizers, live music, prize raffles and access to lots of great food vendors.

Designated Driver Ticket includes: Live music, prize raffles, non-alcoholic beverages and access to great food vendors.

Group Rate available for 25 or more!

Tickets: \$25, Early Bird, on sale now, online only; \$30 in advance, April 1 to June 10; \$10 for designated driver; \$35 at the gate the day of the festival.

Tickets may be purchased at: First Federal Savings Bank, Huntington locations; Bippus State Bank, Hauenstein Road and Roanoke branch and online via <https://event.ontaptickets.com/>.

Follow the event on Facebook via <https://www.facebook.com/harta.gotrails>. For complete details visit HARTA's website at www.harta-gotrails.org.



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