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City, County looking at new housing study

The housing market potential analysis completed through a City-County partnership with the Community Foundation of Huntington County and the Housing Resource Hub found a strong potential for residential growth in Huntington County over the next five years and beyond. The results were presented at a recent Housing Symposium at the Historic Forks of the Wabash on April 12.

Heather Presley-Cowen and Ryan Chasey of the Housing Resource Hub presented at the meeting. Those attending were from city and county government, elected officials, realtors, developers, bankers, not-forprofits and more. The group discussed the housing market potential and worked to identify sites for development that area developers and/or units of government can work with the Housing Resource Hub to construct the new units.

According to the Housing Resource Hub, "Communities across the country are facing a critical shortage of affordable housing. At The Hub, they offer high-impact housing solutions to solve this problem through innovative public-private partnerships. Their team is made up of experts from various fields, each with a unique perspective and fresh ideas for serving their clients."

The Hub went on to say, "We specialize in developing and implementing workforce housing strategies, housing development and homebuyer programs. Our approach is grounded in a deep understanding of the challenges facing communities and our



clients. We work closely with our partners to develop customized solutions that meet their unique needs and goals."

Their goal is to create vibrant, sustainable communities where everyone has access to safe, affordable housing. Through their public-private partnerships, they leverage the strengths of each partner to achieve this goal. With their experience and expertise, The Hub can help develop and implement the right housing solution for a community.

According the study, Huntington County has a population of 36,509 residents with a total of 14,215 households. One and two person households make up 62% of the population with a median income of \$61,700. The owner/occupancy rate is 77% with a median household value of \$137,000. Empty nesters make up 46% of the population while the non-traditional family is 35% and younger singles and couples make up 19% of the population.



The study went on to say that Huntington County has the potential of 2,110 households of all incomes moving into the county and the housing production possibilities of 1,035 to 1,390 new housing units over the next five years.

With the housing production wheels in motion, Phase II is Market Empowerment. This strategy is designed to enhance the community's economic stability and prosperity through increased homeownership and reduced employee commutes. By focusing on the talent that local employers are seeking to attract and retain as targeted buyers and renters of housing, this approach blends community attachment with employer/employee engagement.

The project is comprised of three high-level tasks:

Program Design: Employers are the focus of this step. Employers are engaged to help to define housing program priorities, including programs designed to increase homeownership and reduce commute time. An optional employee housing needs survey may be used to further define housing preferences of local employees.

Fund Development: Community investors and creditors (employers, banks, lenders, etc.) are the focus of the second step. With the Hoosier Homes down payment assistance program as a lead tool, a workforce housing toolkit is developed from available community development grants and loans, the sale of tax credits, etc.

Program Delivery: Employees are the focus of this step. With a "Homeownership is Possible." A pipeline of interested buyers for new homes under construction is built. The participants are walked through the process of understanding what's available to help them to become a homeowner and where to apply for available resources, such as down payment assistance.

The executive committee of the group continues to meet to discuss how to work through the process. More information will be shared with the community as the process moves along.

Chamber cuts ribbon at HG Market on Vine

The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at HG Market on Vine and Coffee d'Vine on Friday, April 14. The ribbon cutting was held at their location at 46 Vine Street, Huntington.

HG Market on Vine and Coffee d'Vine is owned and operated by Austin and Taryn Fusselman and Chad and Ashlyn Kippert.

According to Taryn Fusselman, "We are a one-stop shop for our clients. Our store has a variety of merchandise for purchase such as bath products, earrings, women's and little girl's clothing, pillows, furniture and more. We offer furniture, house décor, wall art, and bookshelf décor and art. We also offer exterior and interior painting, design and styling, furniture painting, realty and more."

"Coffee d'Vine has a great selection of coffees and other hot or cold drinks prepared on site. If you have not visited our shop and had one of our Coffee d'Vine drinks, please allow Austin to make one for you. We think you will be glad you did," said Fusselman.

You can reach HG Market on Vine by calling (260) 494-6261, visiting them on Facebook or on the web at hgcreate.com.



The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at HG Market on Vine and Coffee d'Vine on Friday, April 14. The ribbon cutting was held at their location at 46 Vine Street. Shown in the photo, front row, from left, are Terry Miller, Terry Miller Realtor Century 21 Bradley, Marti Evans, First Federal Wealth, Brittany Brown, MidWest America Federal Credit Union and all three Chamber Ambassadors; Chad Kippert, Ashlyn Kippert, Taryn Fusselman and Austin Fusselman, owners, HG Market on Vine and Coffee d'Vine; Angie Garner, HG Market on Vine and Coffee d'Vine and Mayor Richard Strick. Back row, from left, include Eric Horvath, Humana, Janet Branham, Community Foundation of Huntington County, and both Chamber Ambassadors; Danielle Shaw, Chamber board of directors and Jenna Strick, HG Market on Vine and Coffee d'Vine.

Little Miss, Junior Miss Heritage Days invitation

Huntington County girls are invited to become contestants for the Little Miss and Junior Miss Heritage Days Pageant to be held Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date. The pageant is open to girls ages five to 12, and is part of Huntington's Heritage Days celebration.

Two divisions will be judged including Little Miss Heritage Days for girls, ages five to eight, and Junior Miss Heritage Days, ages nine to 12.

The objective is for girls to learn about stage presence and gain self-confidence. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality and overall confidence. There will be a brief interview during the pageant, and attire will include Sunday best or formal attire. The official pageant T-shirt and matching shorts or skirts will also be a part of the attire.

A mandatory orientation will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at Horace Mann Elementary School. Pre-registration and in-



formation can be found at: here. Frederick's Photography will take photos on Thursday, May 4 at Frederick's Photography. No photos may be submitted.

A Junior Dance Clinic will be held Monday, June 12 at the YMCA at 6 p.m. The clinic is for contestants in the age 9 to 12 division. Pageant rehearsal is Tuesday, June 13, 6 p.m.

There is a \$30 entry fee which can be brought to the orientation or sent to: Little Miss Heritage Days, 10249 N 300 W, Huntington, IN 46750. Make checks payable to Little Miss Heritage Days. Girls may obtain sponsorships from businesses, family members or a combination of both. The deadline for payment is May 4, 2023.

The community is invited to attend the Wednesday evening pageant. Tickets are \$5 and children under age three may attend for free. Tickets will be sold at the rehearsal on June 13 and at the door the night of the pageant (as tickets last). The directors of the pageant are Dawne Pearson and Janelle Buzzard.

For more information email: dawnepearson75@gmail.com or jbuzzard1@hccsc.k12.in.us.

Sarah Kemp selected United Way director

The members of the United Way of Huntington County board of directors are excited to announce Sarah Kemp has been hired as executive director of the United Way of Huntington County. She began her duties on April 10.

Kemp joins the United Way after 11 years working as a case manager in the Huntington County Prosecuting Attorney's office.



Sarah Kemp

Prior to moving to Indiana, Kemp

worked six years for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Social Services District in Harrisonburg, Virginia, serving as a foster care social worker for three years, senior social worker for two years and supervisor for a year. She has also worked as a probation officer and an adult mental health case manager.

Kemp holds bachelor degrees in social work and psychology from Olivet Nazarene University. She resides in Huntington and enjoys spending time with her family, being outdoors with her friends and neighbors and participating in the Huntington University Symphonic Band.

Kemp can be reached at the United Way office located at 356 W. Park Drive, by calling the office at (260) 356-6160 or by email at skemp@huntingtonunitedway.com.

Guild seeks board members

The Huntington Theatre Guild ACT II is now in the process of seeking new members for its board of directors. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The group will meet at the reception desk.

If you enjoy live theatre, attending productions, being on stage, building sets, directing, music direction, choreography or have a finance background then they would love for you to be a part of the Huntington Theatre Guild ACT II. There are many opportunities in which to participate.

If this is something you are seriously interested in, contact Kelly Frank, president, at (260) 355-5103 for more information.

Once Upon a Time auditions scheduled for June 25, 26

The Once Upon a Time Variety Show by the Huntington Theatre Guild will hold auditions for the play on Sunday, June 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Monday, June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both auditions will be held at Huntington North High School. Participants are asked to enter door 32.

Come be a star at the Huntington Theatre Guild's Once Upon a Star Variety Show. All ages and talents are welcome with spots limited. Questions should be sent to huntingtontheatreguild@gmail.com.



Fusselman appointed to Housing Finance

The Independent Community Bankers of America® (ICBA) announced that Adam Fusselman, senior vice president of Bippus State Bank, Huntington, Indiana, was elected to serve on ICBA's Housing Finance Subcommittee. ICBA is the nation's voice for community banks and is committed to its founding mission to create and promote an environment where community banks flourish.



Adam Fusselman

"As a financial steward of my community and advocate for the banking industry, I'm proud to support ICBA's efforts to highlight the role community banks serve both locally and in our nation's economy," Fusselman said. "As relationship lenders, community banks remain focused on the needs of their customers, and work hard to earn and retain their trust every day. I'm proud to be a community banker and to be called to serve to preserve our industry's legacy for future generations."

In addition to helping shape and promote ICBA's national policy positions and programs, Fusselman's duties include engaging in grassroots activities in Indiana to advocate pro-community bank policies and serving as a liaison between community banks and ICBA staff and leadership in Washington, D.C.

"Adam is a respected civic leader and community banker who has graciously volunteered his time and resources to advocate and promote the important role of community banks in our financial system," said ICBA Chairman Derek Williams, president & CEO of Century Bank & Trust in Milledgeville, Georgia. "We are honored that Adam has accepted this appointment and extend our heartfelt appreciation for his ongoing efforts to ensure the future of community banking remains bright."

Roanoke's first Fridays to begin Friday, May 5

The Town of Roanoke will begin its first Fridays on Friday, May 5. The hours of the event are from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Roanoke. Other dates to place on your calendar for first Fridays are June 2, July 7 and August 4.



First Fridays is a summertime family evening on Main Street filled with live music, local food, kids' activities, farmers and artisan markets.

Roanoke is now accepting applications from handmade, homemade and homegrown vendor applicants. If you would like an application, click Vendor Application. Questions? Email roanokefirstfridays@gmail.com and follow Roanoke first Fridays on Facebook.



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PHD, Inc., Huntington, recently hired four students from Huntington North High School and the Learning Center to begin work after graduation this year. Shown in the photo above from left, are Helena Samons, training coordinator, PHD, Inc.; Tyler McNally, Ian Garber, Elijah Dimond, all three HNHS and Learning Center students and Brian Wallace, plant manager, PHD, Inc. Not pictured is Connor Pheral another HNHS student hired by PHD, Inc.

PHD, Inc. hires four from Learning Center

PHD, Inc., 4763 N U.S.-24 E, Huntington, held a sign on session Thursday where they hired four students to work for the company. Student Connor Pheral who began work parttime at PHD on February 13 and Ian Garber will start work part-time next week. The other two students are Tyler McNally and Elijah Dimond. All four HNHS and Learning Center students will work full time after graduation.

According to plant manager, Brian Wallace, "I have been visiting and talking with these four students since December 2022. I went to their classroom and visited with them along with their teacher, Brian Murray."

"All four students have been working in the machining area of the Learning Center, and all will be trained in CNC programming once they begin work full-time. We are grateful to be able to hire these four young talented students," said Wallace.

For more information about PHD, Inc., reach the business at (260) 356-0120. Those interested in connecting with the Learning Center, 2201 N. Jefferson Street, can call (260) 356-2858 or visit them on Facebook.





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Hospital hosting Check-Up Day events May 6, 17

Parkview Huntington Hospital and the Parkview Center for Healthy Living invite area residents in need of lab testing to sign up for Check-Up Day events at the hospital in May.

Check-Up Day makes it convenient to obtain common lab tests at a reduced cost. The event will take place from 7 to 9:30 a.m. in the Wellness Classrooms on two dates: Saturday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 17.

Wellness packages

Participants may choose between two blood test packages. 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; and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) for men, \$30.

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.

Individuals who choose either wellness package can also add any of three additional tests: iron, \$15; vitamin B12, \$25; and vitamin D, \$40. Iron and B12 are new tests that were added to Check-Up Day for 2023.

Anyone selecting a wellness package should fast for 10 to 12 hours before their appointment. During fasting, it is OK to drink water to avoid dehydration and take regular medications as prescribed.

Single Tests

Apart from the wellness packages, three single tests are available: glycohemoglobin A1C, \$30; TSH, \$35; and PSA, \$35. Fasting is not required for these single tests.

Pre-registration is required

Participants must register for a Check-Up Day event in advance by calling 260-266-6500. Call soon as appointments fill quickly! Make sure to leave a voicemail if a Parkview Center for Healthy Living team member is unavailable to take your call. Payment must be made in advance by credit card only.

To access the Wellness Classrooms for either event, guests should use the main hospital entrance, turn right at the information desk, pass the Holly D. Sale Rehab and Wellness Center, and enter the first door in the hallway connecting the hospital to the Medical Office Building.

Information about this event can also be found at parkview.com/checkupdays. Parkview Huntington Hospital will host additional Check-Up Day events on Sept. 13 and 27. The hospital is located at 2001 Stults Road in Huntington.



Knights to host 'Wine Around the World' May 20

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a "Wine Around the World" dinner on Saturday, May 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

The evening includes a fourcourse dinner with wine pairings each wine will be from a different country), plus live music! The event is presented by Denny Jiosa



who will provide a presentation on each wine and the country it is from during the dinner, along with providing the musical entertainment.

Tickets are \$60 each and all proceeds will go to the Rob Mayo Scholarship Fund. The dinner will be held at the 1014 Club, 2817 Theater Ave, Huntington. Dress is semi-formal.

This event is open to everyone. Contact Laura Hinen, (260) 224-3096, or Amy Richert, (815) 912-2401, for tickets.

The Bee Hive's Open House

The Bee Hive, 5386 W 200 S, will hold their Spring Open House event on Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

They plan to have live music, vendors, kids activities, talk with the beekeeper, and a live observation hive. Feel free to come and enjoy the day with local artisans, browse through the store, or even get up close and personal with our favorite insects. We hope to see you all there. JB's Food Truck will be on hand for lunch.

For more information on the event, feel free to contact The Bee Hive at (260) 468-2657.





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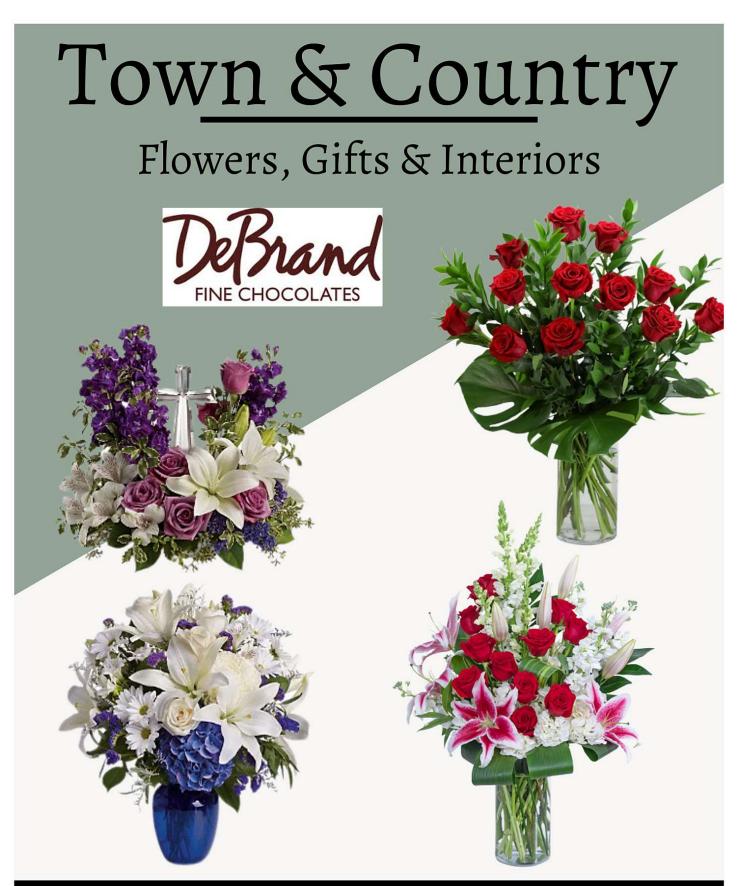
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Roanoke's First Fridays

Friday, May 5, 5 to 8 p.m. Downtown Roanoke

Parkview Check-Up Dav

Saturday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 17 Parkview Huntington Hospital

Designer Purse Bingo

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. Police Athletic League (PAL), 2099 Riverside Drive

Tri Kappa TK3K Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus, 2817 Theater Avenue

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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