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Christmas in the City to be celebrated November 26

The laughter of children and the sounds of Jingle Bells will be found in downtown Huntington on Saturday, November 26 as Christmas in the City 2022 is celebrated from 3 to 6 p.m. Children along with their families are invited to enjoy horse drawn wagon rides by Sentimental Journey accompanied by Jasmine, games, pony rides, a petting zoo, live reindeer, a visit to Santa at the Courthouse, a Christmas tree lighting at Rotary Centennial Park and much more.

The Downtown Business Association (DBA) Heart of Huntington organizes Christmas in the City each year, and the activities are free to those who attend. The opportunities for fun will be located in various places throughout the downtown area. Downtown stores and restaurants will also be open.

Shopping passports can be picked up by adults at participating downtown businesses. The passports can be used on Friday, November 25 (Black Friday) and Saturday, November 26 (Shop Small Saturday/Christmas in the City). All completed and eligible passports will be entered into a drawing for additional prizes.



Santa Claus will hold hours in the Huntington County Courthouse Rotunda during Christmas in the City, November 26, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Frederick's Photography will be at the event photographing the children with Santa. Parents will be given instructions on how to download the photos from Frederick's website free of charge.

The Huntington County Historical Museum, 315 Court Street, will feature the movie, Polar Express, at 1 p.m. Those in attendance can follow the movie with Christmas in the City beginning at 3 p.m.

Visits with Santa will take place in the beautifully decorated Courthouse rotunda from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Children can tell their Christmas wishes to Santa and photos will be taken at no charge by Frederick's Photography. Those visiting Santa are encouraged to come early to ensure that there is time to get their picture taken.

The Huntington Arts and Entrepreneurial Center, Franklin Street (across from the Courthouse), will help children create clay ornaments while stories are read from the Berenstain Bears collection. The stories include "The Nutcracker" and "The Joy of

Giving." Free books will also be presented to those in attendance. Small clay ornaments will be free, made that day and picked up after firing on a later day. A larger clay ornament to be made that day will be available for a fee. JB's Food and Cuisine will be located inside the Arts and Entrepreneurial Center with food for purchase.

"Letters to Santa" can be written at and dropped off in a mail box located at the Meal Ministry. After the event, letters can be dropped off at the Huntington City-Township Public Library. The letters can be pre-written and brought along from home or written in the Meal Ministry. Letters can also be mailed to City Services, 734 Webster Street, Huntington, IN 46750 or emailed to Megan Thompson at the City of
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Santa gets a huge hug from one of his admirers at the city Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at Rotary Centennial Park.

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Huntington at megan.thompson@huntington.in.us by December 16. All letters will receive an answer from "Santa" and parents are asked to make sure a name and address accompanies the child's letter for it to be answered.

The Indiana Dream Center will offer children's games in the first block of downtown on Jefferson Street. Games include Tic Tac Toe, Snowman Bowling, Bean Bag Toss, Can Toss and a Seven Ring Toss. The lollipop Christmas tree will be a favorite delight for children to "pluck" a treat from and a pony will visit with those who come by. Hot chocolate will also be available to "warm up" those who have been outside playing the games.

Across the street at Bend the Trend Boutique & Décor, visits with Cindy Lou Who will delight visitors to the store. Bend the Trend will also offer 20 percent off boutique clothing and provide refreshments. Face painting will take place downtown and Snow White will visit with the children.

The Brick House Grill on Washington Street, in the second block, will be the place to board the horse drawn wagon for a ride around downtown. Elsa and Anna will visit with guests at Bear & Beak Bakery, on the opposite end of Washington Street, also in the second block. HomeCraft – The Art of Home, at the tip of the second block, will have a book signing by the author of "100 Things to do in Indiana Before You Die." Meet the author Jamie Ward, and purchase a copy of her book which features Nick's Kitchen, Golfo di Napoli, Joseph Decuis and Salamonie Lake and State Forest.

The Meal Ministry, in the third block of downtown, will serve hot chocolate, by the Meal Ministry, and cookies by the Brick House Grill, inside. Coloring books and crayons will also be found inside the Meal Ministry. Buddy the Elf and Jovie will greet children at Little Sweets Spot candy store, 315 N. Jefferson Street.

The third block of downtown will feature live reindeer and an alpaca. Pony rides, petting zoo and "train rides" will add active entertainment for children visiting Christmas in the City also in this area.

Cutouts of various characters familiar to children and Santa's Sleigh will be located throughout downtown for photo opportunities. From Gingerbread to Olaf from Frozen, children can "build a snowman" and enjoy bigger than life-size representations of the stories they love. Santa's Sleigh will be located in front of the Courthouse.

Free popcorn will be provided downtown and will be served by the Bethel Assembly of God Rooted Student Ministries. The Lime City Brass will provide musical selections throughout the afternoon.

The grand finale will feature a HARTA bicyclists light parade and Santa on a fire truck arriving at Rotary Centennial Park at 5:55 p.m. for a 6 p.m. Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The Christmas tree lighting promises to be a spectacular light display accented by musical entertainment. Glow sticks will be distributed.

Make special Christmas memories and celebrate together as a family in downtown Huntington for Christmas in the City. It promises to be a unique time of joy and celebration for all!



New to Christmas in the City 2022 will be horse drawn wagon rides from Sentimental Journey. The wagon rides are sponsored by Teijin Automotive, Huntington.



Bend the Trend, November 5

Bend the Trend Boutique & Decor, 510 N. Jefferson Street, will celebrate their two year anniversary with a Christmas open house. The open house will take place on Saturday, November 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bend the Trend Boutique & Decor will have discounted items on sale at their Christmas open house. The store will have snacks and possibly live music by one of their artists.

Be sure to follow them on Facebook.

Holiday Walk, Warren, November 18

The Holiday Walk - Festival of Trees and Gingerbread Houses will take place in downtown Warren on Friday, November 18. The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Warren.

Turkey Trot, November 24

The Pathfinder Kids Kampus Turkey Trot is a Thanksgiving Day tradition in Huntington County. The Turkey Trot is a 5K run and 1 Mile Walk. It has a new location for 2022 which starts at Pathfinder Services administrative offices, going around the beautiful Pehkokia Woods and passing the Izaak Walton League on the way back.

Pathfinder Kids Kampus plans to see 1,100+ participants, along with spectators and fans. In addition to the in-person race, they will continue to offer a great virtual race experience too! Money raised supports the children and programming at Kids Kampus.

The event will be held on Thursday, November 24 and begins at 8 a.m.

Christmas in the City, November 26

Christmas in the City will be held in downtown Huntington on Saturday, November 26. The event will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Visit and have your photo taken with Santa along with lots of other really fun things that are planned for the day.

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Shown in the photo above is the newly-remodeled Blue Sky Restaurant House of Pancakes located at 2865 N. Guilford Street. The new restaurant is receiving a much needed update prior to opening.

Blue Sky Restaurant House of Pancakes to open

The former Ranch House Restaurant recently received a new coat of paint and other improvements. Restoration is being done on the inside now. The restaurant is located at 2865 N. Guilford Street.

According to the sign on the building Blue Sky Family Restaurant House of Pancakes will fill the vacancy of the Ranch House Restaurant when the restaurant closed recently in Huntington.

Keep an eye on the Chamber Notes and we will do our best to keep you up to date on the new restaurant's opening.

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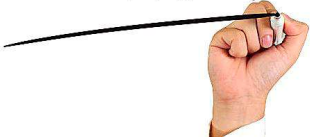
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For more information, feel free to call the Chamber office at (260) 356-5300 with questions.

Huntington County Disaster Team looking for volunteers

Are you looking for ways to give back to the county and volunteer your time? Are you searching for a way to serve during accidents, events and more? If this sounds like something you might find interesting you may give some consideration to becoming a volunteer with the Huntington County Disaster Team.

The Huntington County Disaster Team is looking for about twenty volunteers to help with traffic control, parking, closing streets for emergencies, blocking roads for downed wires, traffic accidents, fires and more. The Huntington County Disaster Team also assists with floods by helping with sandbagging, assisting individuals with their doctor appointments or maybe driving individuals back and forth to work.

All volunteers will be trained in first aid to include CPR and the use of a defibrillator and more.

The Huntington County Disaster Team meets on the second Monday of each month at the Hier's Park Family Building at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the Huntington County Disaster Team, call Max Kaylor, director, at (260) 224-3535.

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PHH to host remember your loved ones December 4

The holiday season can be a difficult time for people who are missing loved ones who have passed away. Remembering them in the company of others who have gone through similar loss can provide comfort and fellowship.

Parkview Huntington Hospital (PHH) and Parkview Huntington Foundation will host an event to offer that comfort on Sunday, December 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. "Lights to Remember" will take place in the hospital's main lobby at 2001 Stults Road in Huntington.

The event will include light snacks and refreshments, music and words from Doug Selig, president of PHH. At the beginning of the event, there will be a moment of silence with the lighting of candles to remember guests' loved ones.

"Of course, the holiday season is a time for joyful gatherings with family and friends," says Selig. "But it also presents a time to stop and reflect. The pandemic has been hard on so many people, and we want to offer those who are feeling the absence of lost loved ones a supportive way to remember and honor them while experiencing the warmth of community. We hope many folks will join us for this special time."

In addition to offering solace and remembrance, the event will also raise funds to benefit the hospital's Clinician Education Fund, which provides financial assistance to enable clinical staff members to continue enhancing their skills and knowledge by attending state, regional, or national conferences, workshops, seminars or similar events.

For a donation of \$10, individuals can have their loved one's name displayed during the event and receive a special keepsake, a memorial ornament in the shape of a dove. The ceramic ornaments will be hand-crafted by hospital and foundation volunteers.

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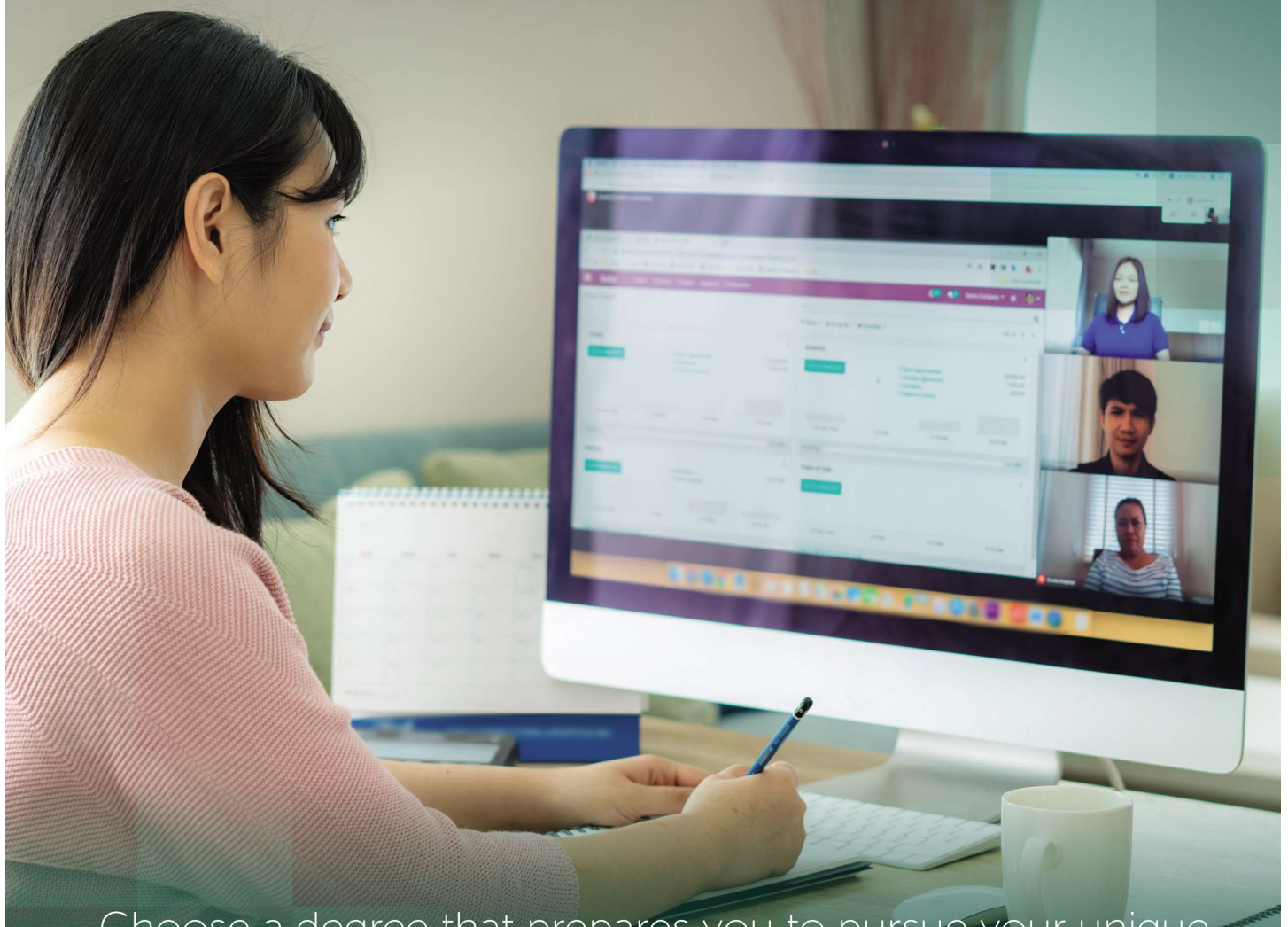
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Friday, November 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Downtown Markle

Holiday Walk - Festival of Trees

Friday, November 18, 5 to 8 p.m.
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