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Christmas in the City to be celebrated November 25

Downtown Huntington will begin to look alot like Christmas on Saturday, November 25 when Christmas in the City is celebrated. From 3 to 5:30 p.m., children along with their families are invited to enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides by Sentimental Journey, games, photos around the community, live reindeer and alpaca, a visit with Santa at the Courthouse, a Christmas tree lighting at Rotary Centennial Park and much more.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's Christmas in the City event. All 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.

The Huntington County Historical Museum, 315 Court Street, will feature a Polar Express Conductor and Christmas cookie decorating from 2 to 4 p.m. Those in attendance can then follow the fun by attending all the Christmas in the City activities beginning in downtown 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



Pauline Anstead of Mystic Brush LLC, paints the face of a young child during Christmas in the City last year.



Those attending last year's Christmas in the City were offered wagon rides from Sentimental Journey around the downtown area. Everything associated with Christmas in the City is free to those attending the celebration.

time to get their picture taken.

The Pathfinder Arts and Entrepreneurial Center, (PAEC) Franklin Street (across from the Courthouse), will help children create wooden 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. The small wooden ornaments painted for free can be taken home that day. After creating the wooden ornament be sure to have the children's picture taken with Snoopy.

"Letters to Santa" can be written 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 Huntington at megan.thompson@huntington.in.us by December 15. 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 an-



Mrs. Claus and her Elves will be located at the Party Shop again this year to greet those participating in Christmas in the City. swered.

The Indiana Family 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.

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Christmas in the City to be celebrated continued

(Story Continued From Page 1) Hot chocolate will also be available to "warm up" those who have been outside playing the games.

Tim Hadaway will once again have his pony in attendance to give children rides on his small wagon that is pulled behind the pony. Across the street at Bend the Trend Boutique & Décor, visits with Cindy Lou Who will delight visitors to the store. Bend the Trend will have specials throughout the store during the day.

Face painting will be provided by The 5th Parlour, 442 N. Jefferson Street, and at the Brick House Grill's building located at the corner of N. Jefferson and Washington Streets (formerly Hogg Law Office).

The Brick House, 19 W. Washington Street, 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. Boy Scout Troop #130 will have a fire pit located in this area where children can roast marshmallows.

Families will be able to visit with Mrs. Claus and some elves at the Party Shop, 413 N. Jefferson Street, while visiting with Santa and participating in all the activities downtown during the day.

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





Those attending this year's Christmas in the City will again be able to enjoy a live Nativity Scene provided by the Evangelical United Methodist Church as shown above. The bottom photo shows the Lime City Brass prior to entertaining the crowd at last year's festivities.

live reindeer and an alpaca. Train rides will also be available in the third block of downtown again this year. Those interested in riding the train will board in front of Smith Furniture.

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 for photo opportunities.

Free popcorn will be provided at the Pathfinder Arts and Entrepreneurial Center 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 5:50 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 by the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce.

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



Kids last year were given the opportunity to pet this pony and take a ride on the back of the small wagon. Tim Hadaway will be back again in 2023 to entertain the children.



Marvel Dental officially opened their doors on Monday, October 23 with a Huntington County Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. Shown in the photo, front row, fourth from left, with scissors is Dr. Virajitha Velichala, DDS, Dr. Bhavneet Singh, DDS and office manager Esther Bolanas next to Dr. Singh. Others shown in the photo are employees of Marvel Dental and family members. Also shown are Chamber board members and Chamber Ambassadors. The Chamber congratulates Drs. Velichala and Singh as they open their new practice in Huntington. The new office is located at 2880 Walmart Drive, Unit 2920. Sturges Property Group was the broker for the new business.

Marvel Dental opens practice October 23

Marvel Dental Huntington, a state-of-the-art dental practice committed to providing the highest quality oral healthcare services, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of its newest location in Huntington. This momentous occasion marks a significant milestone for the Marvel Dental family as they expand their mission of delivering exceptional dental care to the Huntington community.

The grand opening of Marvel Dental Huntington was held on October 23 featuring a Huntington County Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting, and a warm welcome to the community. Those in attendance were invited to tour the facility, meet the dental team and learn about the comprehensive dental services available.

The dynamic and compassionate team of Dr. Velichala, Dr. Singh and Dr. Olu at Marvel Dental is excited to embark on a mission to provide timely and convenient access to top-notch dental care for underserved communities. With a shared vision, these dedicated professionals opened their first two practices in Fort Wayne, marking a significant step towards improving access to quality dental care.

Unlike many private practices, Marvel Dental proudly accepts Indiana State Medicaid and Medicare plans, ensuring that quality dental care is accessible to all, both now and for the long-term. The commitment to making quality care available to underserved communities has been the driving force behind Marvel Dental's journey.

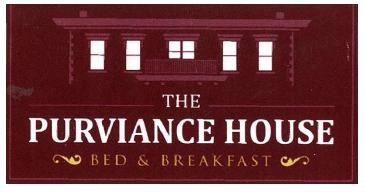
For more information about Marvel Dental's services in Huntington, please contact (260) 200-4100 or visit marveldentalin.com.













Shown in the photo above is Jean Gernand, a local historian in Huntington County. She was honored Tuesday, October 10 with a plaque, unveiled in her honor, with her photo and an inscription recognizing her contributions to the history of Huntington County.

Jean Gernand has plaque unveiled at Historic Forks

Jean Gernand, a local historian in the community, had a plaque unveiled in her honor on Tuesday, October 10 at the Historic Forks of the Wabash. The plaque in located at the Chief Richardville house at the Forks.

The plaque reads: "With honor and appreciation we recognize Jean Gernand for her unrelenting accomplishments in helping to preserve much of the history and culture of the county. Presented with gratitude by citizens of Huntington County."

Gernand was honored for being one of the first individuals in the community to help establish the Historic Forks of the Wabash. She was instrumental in seeing that the Chief Richardville house was moved from across the road to where the house is placed now. Gernand was also instrumental in the start of the Pioneer Festival with the first festival held in the parking lot at Huntington North High School in October 1976. Since then the festival has grown in size and has been moved to Hier's Park in September.

Professionally, Gernand was a history teacher for the Huntington County Community School Corporation.



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The 5th Parlour salon and spa held a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Tuesday, October 10 at their new location, 442 N. Jefferson Street. Shown on the front row, from left, are Terry Miller, Terry Miller Realtor Century 21 Bradley and Chamber Ambassador; Caitlyn Nelson, esthetician, Alexis Rodriguez, stylist, Andrea Kloer, owner, The 5th Parlour, son, Lawson Kloer, Jessica Parrett, stylist, Kiersten Wireman, stylist and Mayor Richard Strick. Back row, from left, include Danielle Shaw, Bippus State Bank and Chamber Ambassador; Kylea Mongosa, stylist, Madison Garrett, stylist, Tamara Schmidt, stylist, Montana Haines, esthetician, Macie Brockhaus, hospitality, Charles Chapman, City Council, 1st District and Megan Wolfe, Kimmel Financial Services and Chamber Ambassador.

The 5th Parlour cuts ribbon at new location

The 5th Parlour salon and spa held a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Tuesday, October 10 to celebrate their grand opening. The event was held at their new location at 442 N. Jefferson Street. The work inside the new salon and spa is beautiful and being done by Andrea and her husband, Eric. The business currently has twelve employees.

According to The 5th Parlour's Facebook page, "We are a unique, trendy salon and spa located in the heart of downtown Huntington."

Andrea Kloer, owner, said, "The 5th Parlour is a full service hair and skin salon and spa. We offer color, cuts, wedding services, airbrush makeup and hair extensions." Kloer went on to say, "We also have two estheticians on staff and in the process of partnering with a medical spa in our new space. This will provide guests the latest advanced skin care treatments."

The 5th Parlour can be reached by email at the 5th parlour@gmail.com, Facebook page, or by calling (260) 200-1427.

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Shown in the photo above cutting the ribbon, from left, are Todd Latta, CEO, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA; Terri Brumbaugh, Jody Alsman, Dave Pearson, with scissors, and all employees of the Parkview Huntington Family YMCA; Michelle Weatherford, Mary Burke, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA board members; and Mike Skeens, City of Huntington. Second row, from left, Karen Teusch, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA; Darlene Stanley, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA board member; Bill Burke, volunteer; Jill Gradeless, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA; Megan Bobay, Parkview Huntington Hospital and Bruce LeMar, Parkview Huntington Family YMCA Chaplain. Back row, former board member Ryan Lemon.

Parkview Huntington Y holds ribbon cutting

The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce sends our congratulations to the Parkview Huntington Family YMCA on their new outdoor space to include a new playground, basketball court, pickleball court, sidewalks, bleachers, turf, pavilion and more. The area was officially opened on Saturday, October 21 with a ribbon cutting by the Chamber.

Parkview Huntington Family YMCA officially opened their outdoor courts and space for their members' use. Over the course of the past few months, the Y upgraded their outdoor space to include basketball and pickleball courts (SnapSports athletic play surface), outdoor pavilion, new fencing, additional sidewalks, updates to playground equipment, ADA-accessible synthetic turf and picnic table, outdoor bleachers, outdoor court lighting, picnic tables and security cameras.

Todd Latta, CEO of the YMCA stated, "We are often at fulluse of our current indoor spaces and our board felt the community could benefit from this additional outdoor space improvement. Pickleball is America's fastest growing sport and our community has a large group of pickleball enthusiasts. Additionally, our day camp, preschool and middle school students will benefit from the shade of the pavilion as well as the upgrades in additional activities offered. We are excited to see the use of this outdoor space and equipment for years to come."

The leadership of the YMCA would like to thank the following sponsors for helping bring this vision to fruition. Thank to Mueller-Scherger Foundation, English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation, Flora Dale Krous Foundation, Community Foundation of Huntington County and Huntington County Help.



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Entrepreneurial 'Meet & Greet' at Game On!

The Entrepreneurial Leadership Council, a committee of the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce, will hold its second entrepreneurial 'Meet & Greet' on Monday, November 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Game On! Virtual Sports Lounge, 141 S.



High Street, Roanoke. Please mark your calendars for this event.

The gathering will feature guest speakers Jay and Jodie Geiger, owners of Game On! Virtual Sports Lounge as they share their story with those in attendance. More information about the event will be shared later.

If you are an entrepreneur, aspiring entrepreneur, own your own business, thinking about starting a business, or simply interested in learning more about growing entrepreneurial wealth in Huntington County, this gathering is for you.

If you would like to attend this meeting reply to skimmel@huntington-chamber.com. There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP as we need to know how many will be attending.

Veterans Days parade, celebration, November 11

The annual Veterans Day parade will be held on Saturday, November 11. The parade will begin at Huntington North High School at 10 a.m.



The parade will travel east on MacGahan Street to N. Jefferson

Street and south to E. Park Drive. The parade will then turn west on E. Park Drive and end at the Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park. Following the parade a Veterans Day celebration will be held at the Veterans Memorial at the park.

For more information on the parade and celebration, contact Lisa Tackitt at the Veterans Service Office at (260) 358-4863, or email lisa.tackitt@huntington.in.us.













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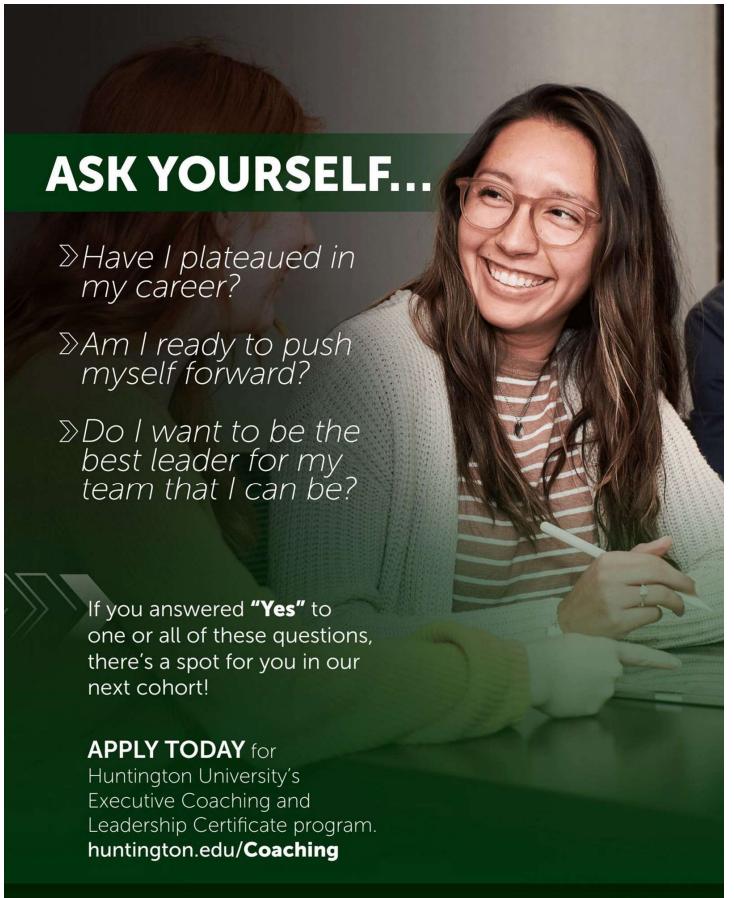


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Downtown Huntington

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3 to 5:30 p.m.

Photos with Santa: Courthouse



Huntington County Historical Museum, 2 to 4 p.m.

Polar Express Conductor and Christmas Cookie Decorating

Around Downtown, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Meet "Buddy the Elf" and "Jovie" at Little Sweets Spot Story Time with "Berenstain Bear" and "Snoopy" at the Pathfinder Arts & Entrepreneurial Center (PAEC) Photos with "Elsa and Anna" at Bear & Beak Bakery Face Painting 5th Parlour, Brick House Grill Building Cindy Lou Who Bend the Trend Boutique & Decor Hot Chocolate & Cookies at the Meal Ministry

6 p.m. Tree Lighting, Rotary Centennial Park













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Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m. Starting at Huntington North High School

Christmas in the City

Saturday, November 25, 3 to 5:30 p.m. Downtown Huntington

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 25, 6 p.m. Rotary Centennial Park, Downtown

<u>Lighting of Sunken Gardens</u>

Sunday, November 26, 5:30 p.m. Memorial Park, 1125 W. Park Drive

Entrepreneurial 'Meet & Greet'

Monday, November 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Game On!, 141 S. High Street, Roanoke

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