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## Good time downtown during Harvest Festival



The Second Annual Harvest Festival, presented by the Heart of Huntington, took place in the downtown area this past Saturday, October 1. The 2022 Harvest Festival offered an afternoon and early evening of fun including live music, food trucks, games, a Pet Parade Costume Contest, face painting, balloon art, shopping, local vendors and more! Guest appearances were also made by Johnny TinCap and the MadAnt.

Area families listened to music provided by Carolyn and Dave Martin. The Harvest Festival also offered a variety of family friendly activities. Novae Corporation was the sponsor of the festival while the Downtown Business Association were host of the event.

A Pet Parade Costume Contest began at Rotary Park at 4 p.m. and paraded through the downtown area. Everyone in the community was invited to bring their costumed pet for a Paws-itively good time! Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

Vendors sold their wares at the Harvest Festival. Home fragrances, Color Street dry nail polish, candles, pumpkins, mums, gourds, crafts, banana bread, cookies, premium fudges, handmade baskets, kids and adult clothing, leggings, Disney items, custom acrylic paintings, antiques, polished stone and geodes, beverages and more were all offered in booths in the downtown area.

Free games were a part of the fun for those attending the festival. Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Toss, Putt Putt Golf, Checkers, Tic Tac Toe, and new this year was the inflatable axe throwing game, 9-Square, football throw, corn hole and more. Face Painting was provided by Mystic Brush, LLC and the Joy Pleasers Clown Ministry made shaped balloons for the children. Visits and photos were taken with the Mad Ants mascot and Johnny TinCap.

Festival visitors were encouraged to shop in the downtown stores which were open during the event. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time. Thanks again to Novae Corporation for your corporate sponsorship and the Downtown Business Association for hosting the festival.



The children had a great time in downtown Huntington during the Harvest Festival. The kids visited with Johnny TinCap, the MadAnt and had many games in which to play. There was also face painting and balloon art for the kids. The Chamber of Commerce saw many happy and smiling faces during the day.



The above photo shows Johnny TinCap as he plays his air guitar with Dave and Carolyn Martin during the 2022 Harvest Festival in downtown Huntington. The festival took place on Saturday, October 1. Novae Corporation was the corporate sponsor of the festival.



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## Two ribbon cuttings in Warren



Bolinger's Propane Service, Warren, held a ribbon cutting at their new location at 115 N. Wayne Street in downtown Warren on Monday, September 19. Bolinger's Propane Service is back in the building where the company was founded nearly 75 years ago.

Bolinger's Propane Service began as a local, family owned business servicing Warren, Huntington, Blackford, Wells, Grant and the surrounding counties since 1948. In September 2021, AgBest Cooperative, Inc. announced its acquisition of Bolinger's Propane Service as part of their Propane Fuel Division, while Warren Service and Supply continues to resume its operations independently. AgBest is committed to providing the same high-quality products and service with which Bolinger's reputation was built.

Shown in the photo are several family members, friends, local business owners and members of the Huntington County and Warren Area Chambers of Commerce. Cutting the ribbon is Scott Canady, center, and his wife, Gina, to his left.



Professional Hearing Care held a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, September 27 to celebrate their new office location in Warren. The hearing clinic formerly located at 119 N. Wayne Street is now located at 427 Matilda Street, Warren, formerly Homespun Market.

According to owner, Dr. Andrea Stout, "Since our business has continued to grow in the Warren area, we were looking for another location for the business. This location came up for sale and we thought it was the perfect spot for our office."

Stout went on to say, "We have been in Warren for the past eight years and are now wanting to grow our business right here in Warren."

Shown in the photo celebrating the move to their current location are several family members, friends, clients, local business owners and members of the Huntington County and Warren Area Chambers of Commerce. Cutting the ribbon is Dr. Andrea Stout, center, and her husband, Andy, to her right.



## Renaissance in Roanoke, October 8

Downtown Roanoke will present their 15th Annual Juried Art Show and Handcrafted Marketplace in beautiful downtown Roanoke on Saturday, October 8. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join them for a Plein Air painting competition, live entertainment, children's activities, food court and the charming shops and restaurants of Roanoke. There's something for everyone!

For additional information, visit the Art Council website at: [RenaissanceinRoanoke.org](http://RenaissanceinRoanoke.org).

## Bee Hive's Fall Bee'zarre, October 15

The Bee Hive will hold their Fall Bee'zarre at the Sweet Life Honey Farm, 5386 W 200 S, on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local vendors will be back sharing their wares and making it a great day to find those unique gifts. Vendor items include handmade, homegrown, raised and/or designed, making their items truly unique. While there be sure to shop The Bee Hive for that unique items.

While you are shopping be sure to enjoy a Honey Sweet root beer float. JB's 'Cuisine Machine' food truck will be there and music will be provided by Space Junk.

## Trunk or Treat, October 21

The United Way of Huntington County and the Huntington Parks Department will hold a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 21. The event will be held at Yeoman Park, 900 E. Market Street - South Parking Lot from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

## Halloween Hustle 5K, October 29

The Parkview Huntington Family YMCA will hold a Halloween Hustle 5K on Saturday, October 29 at 8:30 a.m.

Costumes encouraged and participants will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Awards will be given for the fastest in both the men and women age group and for the best costume.

## 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.

## 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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## United Way invites public to kickoff, October 5

The public is invited to be part of the fun while helping support the United Way of Huntington County, which will host its 66th annual



Kickoff Celebration at the Huntington North Athletic Stadium on Wednesday, October 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is family-friendly and will feature a short opening program. Light concessions will be available.

As part of the evening's activities, kids and adults can step into Huntington North's new football stadium and compete to win in a Punt, Pass and Kick Competition. Fun prizes will be awarded.

The United Way of Huntington County's 2022 campaign goal is to increase 2021's total pledges from just over \$375,000 to more than \$412,500, according to executive director Jenni Harris. That would mark a ten percent boost in giving that will be funneled straight back to Huntington County.

"We've set our sights high to accommodate Huntington County's ever-changing needs," Harris said.

The United Way is committed to keeping funds raised by Huntington County in Huntington County, providing \$393,300 in grants in the 2022-23 grant cycle. These grants went to 18 community partners to support 25 vital programs.

It's about "giving our community the opportunity to support the community," 2022 campaign co-chair Lori Mickley said.

For more information about the Huntington United Way, visit us at [www.huntingtonunitedway.org](http://www.huntingtonunitedway.org).



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Shown in the photo is the A.B.I.G. Day winning team of Wings, Etc. Second place went to Heartland REMC and third place to First Federal Savings Bank. Pictured is the winning team from Wings, Etc., from left are Zach Kindler, Jason Parke, Lee Cutting, Garin Stephan, Darik Sands and Bryan Burcroff.

## Chamber names A B.I.G. Day golf winners

The Chamber of Commerce held its A.B.I.G. Day golf outing on Wednesday, September 14 at the Maple Grove Golf Course. The first-place winning team was Wings, Etc.

Second place went to Heartland REMC. Team members were Rob Pearson, Dalton Caley, Kurt Drummond, Colt Bur-nau, Garrett Keiser and Nick Caley.

First Federal Savings Bank finished third. Team members were Michael Zahn, Stan Perry, Hank Jones, Carl Brubaker, Vikram Kothery and Darrell Bevins.

Closest to the pin for men was Michael Zahn and for women, Lori Culler. Longest putt went to Lee Cutting while Darrell Bevins won longest drive for men and Lori Culler for women. Jeff Souder won the putting green contest.

New to the golf outing this year, the Chamber had a hole allowing golfers to take their turn launching their drive using an AR-15 rifle. The gun owner/instructor was Scott Howell shown in the photo. Pictured shooting the rifle is Ryon Derickson from the W.A. Zimmer team.

The team showing the most exuberance was the JJ's team of Darlene Stanley, Megan Reckelhoff, Ronda Smelser, Megan Bobay, Leanne Pike and Kristy Walker.

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## Local leaders take action on housing obstacles

Huntington leaders are preparing to launch an effort to create workforce housing solutions for the community. The City of Huntington, Huntington County and the Huntington County Community Foundation recently engaged the Housing Resource Hub (the Hub) to develop and implement a dynamic Housing Strategy, tailored to the needs of the workforce.

"Now is the time to address housing needs in our community," said Rob Miller, Huntington County Commissioner. "We continue to hear from employers, both large and small, that a lack of suitable housing is preventing them from attracting and retaining workers."

The Housing Strategy will include measuring local market potential, prioritizing sites for catalyst housing developments, and launching a community-wide housing initiative to address the needs of the local workforce through partnerships with local employers, banks, lenders, realtors, developers and builders.

"The City of Huntington recognizes the need to take action to ensure that our community continues to grow and thrive," said Mayor Richard Strick. "We are looking forward to working with the Housing Resource Hub to lean on their expertise as we create our Housing Strategy."

The Housing Optimization Market Empowerment method is a framework for executing high performance housing strategies and focuses on the following: Engaging local leadership to measure the housing potential, identifying barriers, prioritizing sites for development, designing workforce housing programs for talent attraction, retention and building a pipeline of buyers and renters.

"This important work to grow our community and aligns well with the purpose of the Huntington County Community Foundation," said Matt Ditzler, executive director, "we are excited to be a leader of this effort and look forward to sharing the results."

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### **Holiday Walk - Festival of Trees**

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Downtown Warren

### **Christmas in the City**

Saturday, November 26, 3 to 6 p.m.  
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