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Harvest Festival to take place downtown, October 2

A new festival presented by the Heart of Huntington will take place in the downtown area Saturday, October 2. From 3 to 7 p.m. the 2021 Harvest Festival will offer an afternoon and evening of fun including live music, food trucks, games, a Pet Parade Costume Contest, Scarecrow Decorating Contest, face painting, shopping, local vendors and more!

Area families are invited to listen to the music of country artist Gabe Walsh, from Nashville, Tennessee, playing a compilation of current and greatest hits in country music during the new festival. The Harvest Festival will also offer a variety of family friendly activities. Sponsors of the event include Novae Corporation and MetroNet.

A Pet Parade Costume Contest will begin at Rotary Park at 4 p.m. and end at the Courthouse. Everyone in the community is invited to bring their costumed pet for a Paws-itively good time! Prize opportunities include Best Costume, \$50; Funniest, \$50 and Best Couple (pet and human), \$50. Line up for the parade will begin at Rotary Park at 3:30 p.m. with prizes awarded at 6 p.m.

The Pet Parade is sponsored by The Fiber Alchemist. The entry form may be found on the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or The Fiber Alchemist Facebook page. Completed entry forms may be submitted to Homecraft - The Art of Home, 400 N. Jefferson Street, or Simply Sweet Bakery, 37 E. Washington Street, by September 15. Rights are reserved to refuse any entry that may be offensive to the public, and participants are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Individuals, families, businesses, civic organizations, school groups, sports teams – all are welcome to participate in the Scarecrow Decorating Contest. Scarecrows entered in the contest need to be built and set up in their designated spots by September 15. People's Choice voting begins September 15 and continues until September 30. People's Choice voting will be available at the Chamber of Commerce, 40 E. Franklin Street, and on the Chamber Face-



book page.

Scarecrows entered in the contest must be family friendly, and rights are reserved to refuse any entry that is offensive to the public. Entry forms can be found on the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, and returned to Homecraft - The Art of Home and Simply Sweet Bakery. Prizes include People's Choice, \$100 and Judges Choice, \$50. Scarecrows must be removed October 3 through 10. The contest is sponsored by The Huntington Downtown Business Association.

Vendors are invited to sell their wares at the Harvest Festival. There is no fee to set up a booth, but vendor forms must be submitted to christine@thefiberchemist.com by Monday, September 20. The form with

complete information may be found on the Chamber's Facebook page. Space assignments will be emailed to vendors by Monday, September 27.

Free games will be a part of the fun for those attending the festival. Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Toss, Pumpkin Putt Putt, Pumpkin Checkers and Pumpkin Tic Tac Toe will be located throughout the downtown area, and Face Painting will be inside Simply Sweet Bakery. The Joy Pleaser Clown Ministry will be on hand making shaped balloons.

Phil's Orchard and several other local vendors along with a Farmer's Market will also be part of the 2021 Harvest Festival. Food will be available from several food trucks including BEE BQ's, Tacos Los Gordos and Saucy Zoodle.

Shoppers that visit the downtown stores will be offered a passport. As purchases are made from the stores, the passport will be stamped. The passports that are completed with five stamps will be entered in a drawing. The grand prize winner of the drawing will receive \$250 worth of Chamber Bucks that can be redeemed at participating Chamber member businesses.

Invite family and friends to come to downtown Huntington and enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun and entertainment at the Harvest Festival!

Heartland REMC and TWN to sponsor 2021 A B.I.G. Day



Heartland REMC and TWN Communications will be the sponsors of the 2021 Huntington County Chamber of Commerce's A B.I.G. Day Golf Outing. The golf outing will be

held on Wednesday, September 15 at Maple Grove Golf Course. The golf course is located at 5961 W. Maple Grove Road.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch being served at 11 a.m. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 12 noon. Each team consists of six golfers with an entry fee of \$85 per golfer. Golfers will be treated to lunch, dinner and six beverage tickets that may be used for beverages on the golf course throughout the day.

For more information on the event, call the Chamber office at (260) 356-5300.

Shuttleworth to expand manufacturing facility

Shuttleworth has announced a significant expansion to their headquarters facility located at 10 Commercial Road in Huntington, Indiana.

Founded in Huntington in 1962, Shuttleworth is a global leader in the engineering and production of cutting-edge materials handling equipment for the automotive, electronics, paper conversion, pharmaceuticals, food and personal care items and other markets, featuring both materials handling and product packaging line equipment. The company was acquired by ProMach in 2011.

With the expansion slated for groundbreaking in the Fall of 2021 and a target completion in 2022, Shuttleworth currently occupies three facilities in Huntington to meet the manufacturing demands needed to provide automated conveyor solutions for customers across a range of industries including food, healthcare, eCommerce, automotive and more.

“We are expanding, thanks to the impressive efforts of every employee, both past and present, who have brought us to where we are today. Lots of sacrifice, hard work, travel, late nights and weekends over the years have proven that we sincerely care for our many customers, continually striving to fulfill our mission to deliver robust integrated solutions and product handling technology to solve global automation needs,” said Ken Tinnell, vice president and general manager of Shuttleworth. “The new expansion will allow us to efficiently accommodate larger automation systems we currently manufacture while providing opportunities for continued growth.”

The expansion will connect with the existing facility at 10 Commercial Road and provide an additional 50,000 square feet to the manufacturing area with supplementary loading docks and restrooms. The project involves an investment of private capital of \$4,670,000 and a commitment to retain 85 existing jobs while adding 20 net new jobs by the end of 2024. Shuttleworth first moved operations to the 10 Commercial Road facility in 1969.

“The expansion was necessary because of years of sustained growth of our Slip-Torque conveyor systems, automated devices and aftermarket services,” states Matt Reich, manufacturing manager. “Operating under one roof will help facilitate process



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improvements to develop workflow and operational efficiencies while providing opportunities for improved safety measures.”

We are very proud of our team in Huntington,” said Bret Ranc, ProMach’s chief operating officer. “The team at Shuttleworth continues to demonstrate their brilliance in serving the needs of our clients. We enjoy an excellent relationship with the Huntington community and truly appreciate their support, he added.

To learn more about Shuttleworth visit www.shuttleworth.com.

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tions with low back pressure ingenuity to gently transport product along the production line while accumulating, diverting, sorting, rotating, stacking or moving product in a variety of other ways in the process. Shuttleworth utilizes engineering creativity and a suite of roller surface technologies to help customers around the globe maximize their efficiency no matter the application need or product being handled. Shuttleworth is a product brand of ProMach, a global leader in packaging line solutions. As part of the ProMach Handling & Sterilizing business line, Shuttleworth helps their packaging customers protect their reputation and grow the trust of their consumers. ProMach is performance, and the proof is in every package. Learn more about Shuttleworth at www.Shuttleworth.com and more about ProMach at www.ProMachBuilt.com.



Founding Fathers back together on September 17

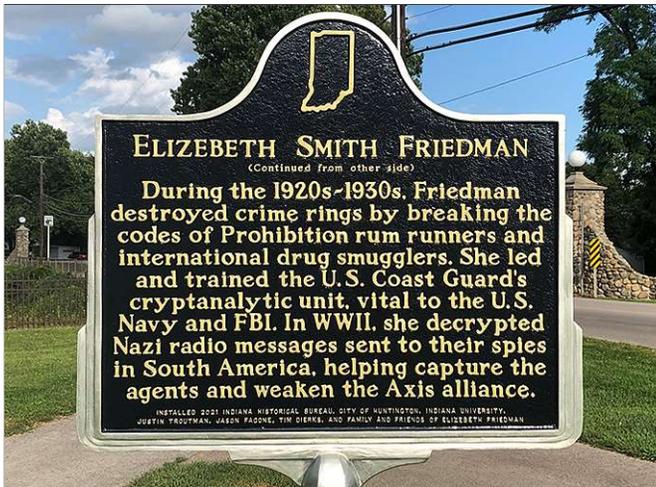
The Founding Fathers, a program honoring Constitution Day 2021, will be held Friday, September 17. The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce invites the community to the Zurcher Auditorium at Huntington University to hear Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams as they discuss the Constitution and events of that day.

On September 16 and 17, they will also hold convocations for Huntington County Community School Corporation students. Barry Stevens as Benjamin Franklin, Michael Lepage as John Adams and Tom Pitz as Thomas Jefferson, will engage students in assemblies both days.

On Friday evening, September 17 – which is Constitution Day across America as well as the 173rd anniversary of the establishment of the City of Huntington – they will take the stage, in 18th-century costume, for a free public performance at Huntington University’s Zurcher Auditorium. Sponsorship for Friday’s event is provided by the City of Huntington, Huntington University, Huntington County Community School Corporation and Our Sunday Visitor.

Those interested in history and the lives of these “Founding Fathers” will find this program enlightening. The community is encouraged to attend.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for the 7 p.m. “Founding Fathers” program. The program will be held in the Zurcher Auditorium in the Merillat Centre for the Arts on the Huntington University campus, 2303 College Avenue.



Marker to honor area Huntington codebreaker

A historical marker was unveiled Thursday, August 26 commemorating a World War II codebreaker from Huntington. The state historical marker honors Elizebeth Smith Friedman, a female pioneer in the field of cryptanalysis, or breaking a secret code without knowing the key.

Friedman's career stretched from the 1920s through the 1940s. During World War II and working with her husband, William, she helped unravel Nazi radio messages to their spies and allies in South America.

The couple helped capture some of those agents, weakening the Axis powers, the marker states. Elizebeth Friedman also led and trained the U.S. Coast Guard's cryptanalytic unit.

Friedman, who passed away in 1980, was the subject of a PBS documentary that aired locally in January. The documentary was based on a book, "The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies," by Jason Fagone, a San Francisco Chronicle journalist and writer of long-form nonfiction.

She was also honored in 2019 with a U.S. Senate resolution for contributions to national security.

Friedman was the great-aunt of Bonnie Baumgartner of New Haven and Friedman's grandson includes Chris Atchison.

The marker is the 13th state historical marker installed in Huntington County and one of more than 700 in Indiana. It is located in the Veteran's Memorial area of Memorial Park, 1200 W. Park Drive, Huntington.

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Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch came to Huntington University on Wednesday, August 25, to announce that Huntington County is officially a Broadband Ready Community.

Huntington County receives Broadband Ready designation

Source: Inside INdiana

Huntington County has been designated a Broadband Ready Community, the 50th Hoosier community to receive the designation. The branding, which is approved by the Indiana Broadband Office, means a community has removed barriers to encourage broadband development.

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs says the certification was approved following the Huntington County Commissioners adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance.

“By making our permitting process more user-friendly to all development and by streamlining the broadband permitting process, Huntington County is welcoming expanded broadband throughout the county,” said Huntington County Commissioner Tom Wall.

Wall says to compete for high quality development, along with talent attraction and retention, strong broadband connectivity is essential. The state created the tool to encourage development throughout Indiana.

“Huntington County’s designation comes at a great time as Indiana further invests in expanding broadband infrastructure,” said Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch. “With \$270 million available to invest in this critical infrastructure through our Next Level Connections Broadband grant program, our administration remains focused on getting high-speed, reliable internet service to unserved and underserved Hoosiers.”

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Shown in the photo are runners from previous years' Parkview Huntington Family YMCA Sock Soaker event.

7th Annual YMCA Sock Soaker set for September 11

The Parkview Huntington Family YMCA 7th Annual Sock Soaker returns to Lake Clare on Saturday, September 11, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m.

“The Y is excited to offer this annual event that promotes fun, fitness and philanthropy,” says YMCA race coordinator, Vanessa Macias-Hannie. “We encourage community members to grab a few friends, coworkers or family members and sign up to join us.”

The Sock Soaker is a three-mile multi-faceted obstacle course race that appeals to individuals of any skill level. The race will kick off at 9 a.m. in front of Our Sunday Visitor, 200 Noll Plaza. Racers will follow the paved trail toward Lake Clare and racers will be confronted with several fitness challenges such as burpees and jumping jacks in addition to a variety of sock-soaking obstacles throughout the course around the area of Lake Clare. Once they complete the fitness challenges, racers continue to make their way back to Our Sunday Visitor to finish the race.

Racers may register for the September 11 event on the YMCA website at www.huntingtony.org or by calling the Y at (260) 359-9622. Registrants will receive a race t-shirt.

“The Sock Soaker is a fun and accessible event for everyone,” said Macias-Hannie. “Funds raised from the Sock Soaker benefit the YMCA’s annual campaign for financial assistance. In 2020 the Parkview Huntington Family YMCA awarded over \$87,000 in scholarships to the Huntington community. The annual campaign enables the YMCA to not turn anyone away from membership or programs based on their ability to pay the full rates.”

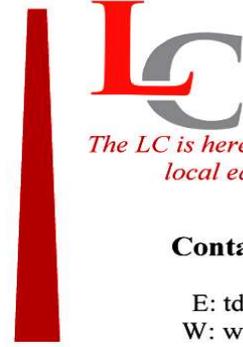
Racers may contact Vanessa Macias-Hannie at vanessa.hannie@huntingtony.org or (260) 359-9622 with questions.

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Shown in the photo is Danielle Clements, left, sister of fallen soldier, Chad Clements, and Gloria Holzinger, organizer of the event.

Huntington community gathers to remember fallen from August 26

The Huntington community gathered on Sunday, August 29 to remember the fallen military personnel lost in Afghanistan on Thursday, August 26. A special service was held at the Veterans' Memorial in Memorial Park.

Prayers were offered by Mayor Richard Strick.

Gloria Holzinger and Danielle Clements, sister of fallen soldier Chad Clements, addressed those in attendance, and read the names of those lost in Afghanistan.

The colors were presented by the Huntington North High School JROTC students, Amazing Grace was sung by Angie Garcia and taps were played by Rick Stell.



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Constitution Day

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Zurcher Auditorium at Huntington University

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