

## LOCAL NEWS

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rural hospitals in three categories: quality, outcomes and/or patient perspective. This year is the sixth Performance Leadership Award received by Parkview Huntington Hospital since 2016, which has been named a Top 100 hospital by Chartis four times over that same span.

Said Deb Potempa, market president, Parkview Health South, "We're proud to once again be recognized by the Chartis Center as one of the nation's top-performing rural hospitals as we continue to deliver excellent service to Huntington County and the surrounding area."

The Performance Leadership Awards are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX, a comprehensive and objective framework for assessing how rural hospitals are performing.

### Call 2-1-1 to find local warming centers

With winter approaching, warming centers will be open across the state for those in need of a safe and warm place to stay.

Indiana 211 is your community's resource for updated locations and hours of warming centers in your area. Hoosiers can call 211 or 866-211-9966, or visit IN211.org, to find their nearest warming center.

### 'Solar Advisory' story correction

HUNTINGTON — An article Nov. 28 in the Indiana Plain Dealer, suggested in the last paragraph a related matter report from Huntington County Economic Development created research related to solar ordinance, which is not true, misrepresenting the work and report. The newspaper regrets the error.

"My report to the Commissioners is 'not in any way' connected, relevant nor even emotely 'related to' the solar rdinance 'nor' any other proj-

ect," stated Mark Wickersham Executive Director of HCED. "In a completely and totally unrelated way, I am simply researching the electrical capacity currently servicing the geography of Huntington County."

Wickersham added that the commissioners are not funding or directing research, nor are power providers. It is simply keeping the commission updated on his work.

### Huntington County Council sets 2025 meetings

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Council recently approved its 2025 meeting schedule. All meetings are expected to occur in the Huntington County Courthouse G.A.R Room, 201 N. Jefferson St., beginning at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2025; Feb. 24; March 24; April 21; May 19; June 23; July 21; budget hearings at 6 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 12; budget workday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 15; budget adoption at 7 p.m. Oct. 13; regular meetings continue at Nov. 17; and Dec. 8.

### CITGO station suspect in custody

HUNTINGTON COUNTY — The Huntington County Sheriff's Department reported on social media that on Thanksgiving about 3 a.m. the department got word that the Hicksville Police Department in Ohio responded to an armed robbery resulting in a vehicle pursuit.

The suspect's vehicle crashed and he was taken into custody in Ohio. Evidence links the alleged suspect to the Andrews CITGO station robbery on Nov. 7, as well as other robberies in Indiana and Ohio, according to the Sheriff's Office. The suspect was not yet named.

### Beacon Credit Union Scholarship open

WABASH — Beacon Credit Union is accepting applications for its 2025 Scholarship Program.

There will be five, \$2,500 scholarships awarded to Beacon Credit Union members entering freshman year at a college, university or technical school in the fall of 2025.

Applicants must be a member of Beacon Credit Union by the date of submission, meet specific requirements and submit a response to two essay questions. To apply, visit [beaconcu.org](http://beaconcu.org) or a Beacon Credit Union Member Center. All submissions must be received or postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2025. They may be mailed to: Beacon Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 627, Wabash, IN 46992 or emailed to [marketing@beaconcu.org](mailto:marketing@beaconcu.org).

### Veterans get new call line

FORT WAYNE — One Call Indiana (844) IND-VETS is now available for Indiana veterans. The new telephone line is a one call resource for VA health care needs and provides information on many issues including eligibility, scheduling an appointment and health care team advocacy.

While the call center will help with concerns, it will not manage medical issues, appointments, cemetery or crisis issues.

Veterans experiencing a crisis should contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 988, then press 1.

### Honeywell calls for art show contributors

WABASH — Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will accept applications for its Annual Fine Art Exhibit until Sunday, Jan. 5.

The competition has three categories: Painting, Drawing, and Other Arts Forms. Participants may enter all categories and there is no residency requirement. Photography does not qualify for this competition.

Detailed guidelines and the entry form can be found online at [honeywellarts.org/exhibits](http://honeywellarts.org/exhibits).

The exhibit will be on display in the Clark Gallery from Jan. 27 through Feb. 26.