A FRESH LOOK EVERYWHERE

CHANGING EXHIBIT AREA

Construction is complete on the new area for changing exhibits! As you can see here, we are now preparing for our first exhibit - a collaboration with Hanover College to feature two of their famous alumni who went on to become the Vice President of the United States. Keep watch for more information on this exhibit!

RESTROOM RENOVATION

Renovations have begun on the Center’s restrooms this summer with fresh paint, flooring, fixtures and a much needed overall facelift! As a second part of this project, the Center is also replacing our water heater and installing a water softener, and a new water bottle filling station is set to replace our old drinking fountain.

The restroom renovation project is made possible through a grant from the Culp CPA Group Community Fund, Daugherty Family Community Fund, David and Susan Brewer Family Community Fund, Dr. Ron & Judy Frischman Community Fund, Groff Eberhart Community Fund, James & Nancy Breiner Community Fund and Robert & Vera Deal Community Fund through the Huntington County Community Foundation.
The 2022 Efforts For Education campaign will soon be underway this summer.

Our goal is to raise $25,000 for the operating funds of the Center. That total is reliant on each of our supporters making the decision that our mission is important enough to donate what they feel they can. With costs and inflation rising dramatically, that is not always easy.

As you decide to make your gift during this difficult economic year, we realize how important your contribution is, not only for us, but especially for you. Perhaps, there is a way to make your gift make even more impact.

Does your employer have a matching grant program? A $500 gift can suddenly become $1000 with a match.

Would you consider an in-kind service for the Center? There are many projects that require more expertise than we have on staff. It could be as simple as helping keep our landscaping mowed or the parking lot and sidewalks cleared in the winter.

Perhaps you would consider underwriting a specific project in addition to your annual gift. We always post a wishlist of items in each newsletter. Underwriting one of the items is of great help to us!

Maybe you’d like to help underwrite a specific aspect of operations. For example, keeping the Center warm during the winter. That cost the Center approximately $1,000 last year. To keep the Center cool and to turn on the lights, it cost approximately $1,800 last year.

We ask that you explore these options to maximize your gift to the Center this year.

Thank you again!
OUR UPDATED WISH LIST

There are projects for which we are seeking either financial or in-kind assistance. Please contact the Center at 260-356-6356 if you can help us with these projects:

POP-UP DISPLAY UNITS FOR OUTREACH:
When we take programming to schools, these displays are great help. We have several programs that need individualized displays that are $300.00 each.

CENTER PLASTER REPAIR:
Being an older facility, the Center has several areas where the wall plaster is in need of repair.

ELECTRICAL BOX UPGRADE:
The electrical box for the second floor lighting switches is in need of upgrading.

FACILITY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP:
We are in need of someone to maintain the landscaping, provide lawn treatment and parking lot/sidewalk snow removal.

Please contact us for all opportunities!

DID YOU KNOW?

The death of newly elected President William Henry Harrison in 1841 presented a bit of a constitutional crisis for his vice president, John Tyler. Because the Constitution was a bit ambiguous in its wording concerning this situation, it was not known if he would become “Acting President” or truly take the office as President.

Tyler settled the question by taking the oath of office as president. This action settled the debate and set the precedent in place to this day.

To date, nine vice presidents have risen to the presidency through the death or resignation of the previous president.

THANK YOU FIREIGHTERS!

Thank you to Fire Chief Tony Johnson and the Huntington Fire Department for restringing the Center’s flag ropes after they snapped during a bad storm. We are happy to say that the flags are flying again!

CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

The Center is looking for volunteers! We need docents and clerical/task volunteers to help us keep things running smoothly.

We especially need volunteers to help keep the doors open when staff is out of the building, such as educational outreach days. Duties might be to open/close the Center, greet visitors and easy cashier tasks. Volunteers would be used on an “on-call” basis with schedule pre-planning. Volunteers are expected to be friendly and present themselves professionally.

Another need behind the scenes would be to carry out clerical and task duties such as assembling mailings. This might include folding, stuffing and sorting envelopes. We also need help with some research and spreadsheet work for databases.

If you would like to help or are interested to learn more, please contact the Center.
up. Now, I am working with the HC staff to design all the informational signage that goes with them and then preparing to open the display to the public. Keep an eye out for more information which will be coming!

The Purse Bingo events are a couple of our important fundraising events each year. The response has gotten bigger each year, which has been fantastic. However, they are just a part of the Center’s fundraising strategy. Each year, we rely on the Efforts For Education annual campaign to supply a large portion of our budget. The Efforts For Education campaign will be the next big project on the agenda.

Even though it is still early in the summer, it’s already time to think about the next school season. There has been a lot of teacher turnover in the past couple years. That means there’s a new audience to introduce to the Center’s educational programs. Those materials have to be ready for teachers’ mailboxes by the first day of school... which starts earlier and earlier each year. So much work to do, and then... all of the sudden, it’s fall!

- Daniel Johns, Executive Director