

Jonesboro holds seventh annual Trunk-or-Treat event downtown

By Sean Douglas

For the seventh consecutive year, Jonesboro held their annual Trunk or Treat event downtown, providing a safe way for children and their families to take part in Halloween festivities and bring the community together for a fun event.

Trunk-or-Treat is a long-standing Halloween tradition in which people gather at a central location, usually a church, school, or street, and hand out candy from the trunk of their cars. Keeping with the spirit of the holiday, cars are decorated with thematic flair, and children travel from vehicle to vehicle collecting their favorite Halloween treats.

Jonesboro’s event was held right off Main Street, and while there were not as many cars as there were in

previous years, the community still showed up over the course of the four-hour event.

With a variety of different themes such as Spongebob, the Little Mermaid, and countless others, volunteers and Jonesboro residents helped to create exciting and lasting memories in what has been a tough year.

“It builds community,” event spokeswoman Kim Purvis of the Jonesboro Indiana Park said. “It helps kids come together. We gave them hot dogs, popcorn, and hot chocolate. It’s a good community event. That’s what our intentions are.”

Purvis admitted that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, numbers at this year’s event were down significantly. However, those who did show up, even if for a brief time, seemed to

enjoy their experience.

“This year, we haven’t had as many trunks because of COVID, but [we went through] 500 hot dogs and we gave out 100 pumpkins as well,” Purvis said.

Purvis hopes that by this time next year, the COVID pandemic will be in the rearview mirror, and that more people will take part in what has become a joyous, family tradition for the town of Jonesboro.

“Every year it grows. Every year we have to increase what we give,” Purvis said. “We want people to know about Jonesboro and we want people to come to Jonesboro and build up our community. We want people to have pride in the community and just show that we are a good place to live.”



Cars were lined up down Fourth Street in Jonesboro, each with a different theme, including the Little Mermaid. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

Second round of Manufacturing Readiness Grants awarded to 31 Indiana businesses

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), in partnership with Conexus Indiana, announced the second round of awards totaling approximately \$3 million to 31 Indiana businesses in Manufacturing Readiness Grants, which Governor Eric J. Holcomb first announced in May.

A Grant County firm was among those receiving the grants, part of the Economic Activity Stabilization and Enhancement (EASE) program designed to stimulate manufacturing investments that will position Hoosier operations, and the sector overall, for future growth and prosperity.

“It’s truly incredible to see manufacturers across the state of Indiana rise to

the unprecedented challenges of this year,” said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger. “The response we continue to see from the Manufacturing Readiness Grant program is remarkable, and I am encouraged by the progress we’ve seen in getting these businesses back on track.”

The 31 manufacturers receiving grants represent 21 Indiana counties and cover a wide range of specialties, including automotive, aerospace and defense, agriculture, machinery and construction, consumer packaging products, and health care and medical. Together, these businesses plan to invest more than \$19.3 million in technology and equipment to position their businesses for future growth by increasing capacity and modernizing operations. Four of the manufacturers – EARL Solutions LLC, Helmer Scientific LLC, Hightech Signs and Trinity Guardion LLC – are accelerating operational investments in health care manufacturing technology to support critical COVID-19 response efforts.

Huhtamaki, founded in 2012 and located in Marion, was the only Grant County manufacturer awarded a grant, receiving \$10,000.

Answers to puzzles on Page12

SUDOKU

4			1		5			
	3	6	9					8
2	9		6					
		1					4	9
			4	5				
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3		9		8			5	
				6			2	1
5						8		7

Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Cold War player

5. Flat-bottomed sailboat

10. Jamaican tangelo

14. Debauched man

15. Less covered

16. Require to live

17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two

18. Mixes

19. Insurance claim expenses

20. Tries to persuade

22. Equal (prefix)

23. Czech name for Prague

24. London soccer team

27. Greek letter

30. Small Eurasian deer

31. Swiss river

32. Miller beer

35. Less appealing

37. 8th month (abbr.)

38. __ Alto, California city

39. Grandmothers

40. American time

41. NW Chinese people
42. “Westworld” actress __
Rachel Wood

43. Northeastern US university

44. Poplar trees (Spanish)

45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe __

46. Not or

47. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

48. Comedienne Gasteyer

49. Fonts

52. Female cattle mammary gland

55. Down time

56. Spiritual leader

60. Small brown and gray American rail

61. Trimmed by cutting

63. NY Giants owner

64. A long narrative poem

65. Old World lizard

66. Product for sale

67. Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)

68. Pacific Island country

69. Whale ship captain

CLUES DOWN

1. Language

2. Fly high in the air

3. Made musical sounds

4. Organized again

5. TV channel

6. Unable to fly

7. Get up

8. Air traveler

9. Married woman

10. Take weapons from

11. Sicilian city

12. Actress Remini

13. Thought

21. Infections

23. Golf score

25. Hill or rocky peak

26. Witch

27. Adjusted

28. Succulent plant

29. Forearm bones

32. Hot fluid in the earth’s crust

33. Subatomic particle
34. Part of an organism

36. 007’s creator

37. Burned material residue

38. Brain layer: __ mater

40. Unable to partake

41. Lesion

43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)

44. Basics

46. Scottish port

47. Flower cluster

49. Instruct

50. Untamed

51. Moth genus

52. Utilizes

53. Foolish

54. Fall in small drops

57. A place to get clean

58. La __ Tar Pits

59. Metrical foot

61. Semiliquid food

62. Small crow