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JESSE JAMES DIDN’T SLEEP HERE!

GETTING LOUD ABOUT LIVE MUSIC!!

AUSTIN’S POWERS!!

BAM! POW! SHE-ZAM!!

GET YOUR SHOP ON!

JUST PUSH PLAY

HIDDEN GEMS!!!

CHEERS!!

INSIDE, OUTSIDE ART

OLD SCHOOL COOL!

JUST A WEE WEST !!!

I’LL SKATE TO THAT!!

THEY SERVE WHAT??

WHAT’S ON TAP!!!

WALK THIS WAY!

AROUND THE WORLD IN 40 BITES

WHAT’S YOUR FREQUENCY JEWEL CITY?
Sip coffee from a second floor, shipping-container-built patio at Australian native Brendan Finn’s *Grindstone Coffeology*, 818 8th St.,

Grab a coffee, pastries and an empanada from Heritage Station’s *Nomada Bakery*, co-owned by Panama native, Ariel Barcenas and Minnesota native Shawn Schulenberg. Located in the Keith-Albee building, 919 4th Ave., Pete and Vicky Cooper have operated *The Old Village Roaster* since 1995. The couple roasts all their own coffee, as well as nuts, and their cozy shop oozes charm and style with the couple using antique brass espresso machines and roasters. Don’t get to the Roaster too late in the afternoon or Pete may be “at church” having a pint at St. Mark’s Bar and Grill.
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Home to The Chessie Room Bed and Breakfast on the second floor and Haute Wick Social on the first floor, this historic 1875-built brick building once housed the Bank of Huntington reportedly robbed by members of the infamous James Gang. The building was moved to Heritage Station now home to the Huntington Area CVB as well as more than a dozen shops such as Brown Dog Yoga, Taps @ Heritage, Birds of a Feather Boutique, the new Gumbo Stop, and many others.
Like Morgantown’s 123 Pleasant Street, and Charleston’s Empty Glass, Huntington’s V Club, 741 6th Ave., has been a staple for national and regional music acts. Opened July 2006, the V has hosted everyone from Jason Isbell and the Avett Brothers, to dozens of Tyler Childers’ early shows. The V has re-emerged after being shuttered for most of 2020 as The Loud music venue and beer garden with beer on tap from owner Patrick Guthrie’s Charleston-based brewery, Bad Shepherd Beer Company.
Austin’s Homemade Ice Cream has been in Ceredo since 1947, but you can grab a scoop of their national award-winning chocolate, and some of their oddly refreshing original flavors, like the famous Grape Pineapple at The Market between Fourth and Third Avenues.

Other downtown hot spots for sweet treats: Paula Vega Cupcakes, Nomada Bakery, Old Village Roaster (chocolates), Dang Good Cinnamon Rolls and Waffles (at The Market) and Peace, Love and Little Donuts.
For 40 years, the Jewel City has been the destination regionally for comics, and now boasts three comic book shops (Comic World, Purple Earth and Inner Geek). Of note is that Kathleen Miller opened Comic World, 1204 Fourth Ave., on April 5, 1980 and it is now the longest running female owned comic shop in the World! She’s been the subject of a film (shown at film fests around the world) and a comic book, Harvey Pekar’s last graphic novel “Huntington On the Fly.” If you want some more world-famous, comic flavor, check the stacks for The Adventure Zone series, written by Huntington Wall of Fame member, Clint McElroy and his three sons including Justin, who still lives in Huntington. That series was the first comic book to claim a No. 1 slot on The NY Times Best-Sellers list.
Heritage Station shops include Red Caboose’s artful gift cache. Under the bricks - the spicy Full Circle Gifts and Goods is ran by edgy artist Noelle Horsfield. Browse The Market’s shops: Hip Eagle, Wildflower and Tulsi (a grab-n-go health market). Kombucha anyone? Near the courthouse, the Progress Building, 418 8th St., boasts River City Leather, The Potted Edge, Harbour House and Modern Daisy Boutique. Find a fresh Marshall vibe at Old Main Emporium, 842 Fourth Ave. Shop, dine, buy books, video games and gifts at Pullman Square.
Get your clay on and your game on downtown. Make and take creations at Pullman Square’s Pottery Place. Try Paint and Sip on Fourth. Take your squad on a quest at The Lost Escape Room on 8th Street. Test your skills at the retro Arcades, consoles, pinball, air hockey and games at Old North Arcade at Pullman Square. Nosh on Detroit style square pizza. If you’re drinking, games are free. Easy to miss at The Peddler, is the second floor arcade with free ping pong and retro arcade games. Past campus on Fifth Avenue is the old school cool of Gino’s The Pub, a full room packed with games. Take your angst out on co-workers or friends at The Battlelarium, 917 Third Ave., in a game of dodgeball, laser tag and foam dart battles.
Head under the street to **Cellar Door Tapas Room**, 905 Third Ave., for apps and drinks on comfy couches.

Set to open in late September is Huntington’s first rooftop bar, **LaFontaine’s Rooftop Bar and Cigar Lounge**, 418 10th St. Huntington’s only on-the-river dining can be found at **Pier One Landing**, behind the flood wall in Guyandotte, at 92 Buffington St. Tucked in the 1906-built Frederick Hotel, is the dark, history-rich and delicious **21 @ The Frederick**. A fine dining destination since Mark Cross opened it in 2005. Take a seat in the lobby featured in “We Are Marshall.” Sift through a warehouse of vinyl records at **Records on the Wall**, 335 7th Ave. **The Lantern**, 817 Fourth Ave., has a hidden, outdoor patio out back walled in by vines and brick buildings.
Huntington’s Fourth Avenue is packed with Cheers-like local pubs. You’ll love the prices, bartenders, and vintage red couches at Hank’s tucked in the 1916-built Orpheum Theater. The under street bathrooms are not haunted. Stay too late Saturday night, confess your sins as Hank’s is in the same building as Redemption Church. Find live jazz and cocktails at Jockey Club, 938 4th Ave., in the Frederick Hotel. Club Inn Between is the locals, near-campus go-to for cheap beers and grub since 1978. Next door to Jockey is a local favorite, the cozy, but two story, St. Mark’s Bar and Grill. Escape the crowd upstairs with drinks in comfy seating overlooking the bar and street. Evolve Ultra Lounge has 25 signature martinis and cocktails in its sleek, modern bar and semi-enclosed outdoor patio. Tucked inside is one of downtown’s most pumping dance floors.
Famed Philly artist Ernel Martinez guided kids and community painting Fairfield Murals’ first of three murals. Be blown away by this fresh art at Ebenezer Day Care, 1660 8th Ave. Easy to miss at Huntington Museum of Art is the back Daine Gallery. Opening Sept. 18, is Huntington’s Sesquicentennial Art Exhibit. Outside at HMOA, take a hike in the woods below to see Earl Gray’s faces carved into rocks along the trail. Check out murals of Paint and Sip owners, Charlie Barager/Stuart Mohr. The couple has murals at Backyard Pizza, The Peddler, Calamity J’s and Le Bistro. Sassa Wilkes (painter of 100 Badass Women) created the sculpture “Dancing With Max” at Harris Riverfront Park. The artistry and work of renowned regional interior designers, Seth and Jill Cyfers, sets the mood at Backyard, Peddler, Bahnhof, Black Sheep, and Grindstone.
Featured on the History Channel, Heritage Farm Museum and Village houses hands-on fun with aerial adventures, playgrounds and maker spaces. Don’t skip the museums at this Smithsonian-affiliated log cabin complex including the life-size doll house - one of the nation’s largest doll collections. Nosh at ‘50s-era drive-ins like Midway, Frostop and Stewart’s. For classic diners try: Central City Cafe, Cam’s Ham and Griffith and Feil (Kenova).
At Huntington Museum of Art, don’t miss unique collections of guns, WV glass and Near Eastern art. Look close at the Jockey wall art - those vintage paintings depict fav WV spots when this was “western Virginia.” 1987 is calling at The Loud where you can take a phone booth selfie.
Along 14th Street West is Old Central City, a former factory hub, still home to WV’s largest bakery, Heiner’s. Smell fresh bread exploring antique shops like Hattie and Nans. The Wild Ramp, with

local farm-raised goods and gifts. See WV brew history and more at Village RenewALL Antique Mall, 608 14th St., W. Don’t miss Cicada Books, Thistlepatch, West Tenampa, MFE Videos and Collectibles and the new Sloane Square Gallery’s fresh mix of mid-century furniture with modern art and fashion. While the Ragtime (where Billy Ray Cyrus and Sly Dog launched) may be gone, you can hear live music at Bobby’s G’s and eat lunch at Old Central City Cafe.
Did you know the Mountain Health Arena’s new custom designed art comes from one of the world’s most famous skateboard artists? Ravenswood native Marshall graduate Don Pendleton, who also paints murals all over the world. Don designed the flowing mural to give the 1977-opened Arena, new energy and a modern redesign. In 2015, Pendleton won a Grammy for Best Recording Package for Pearl Jam’s Lightning Bolt album. He still designs posters and art for such bands as Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, and many others. Pendleton is designing Huntington’s new logos to be unveiled later in 2021.
The iconic Jim’s Steak and Spaghetti (founded in 1945) is best known for spaghetti (they sell sauce by the gallon) but the Haddock and cheeseburgers are also local favs. Looking for authentic gyros? Go to the donut shop, Jolly Pirate, 4526 U.S. 60, owned since 1975 by George Alexandropoulos, one of the Greek Fest founders. FYI, George’s son has an upscale Greek restaurant, Navarino Bay at The Market. Don’t leave The Jockey Club without sipping a glass (or pitcher) of house sangria (a speciality of owner Milca Vence and a nod to her Cubano heritage). Backyard Pizza cranks out mouthwatering pies but don’t sleep on their wood-fired mussels and Ahi Tuna. At Bahnhof WVrsthaus and Biergarten, head north for the spicy Canadian favorite appetizer, Poutine (with a German twist -
H-town’s craft beer bars include destination beer gardens - Summit Beer Station and Bahnhof WVrsthau and Biergarten. Up Fourth, Huntington Ale House serves burgers and beer. Beer hound Jason Beter (Oscars) has a new deli - Hoagie’s and Hops on Third. Huntington’s only brewery, The Peddler, has a dozen tap beers brewed by Jay Fox. Beyond beer, try wine or whiskey flights at SIP, 311 9th St.

Download the @DigitalPour App to see what’s on tap at 7 Huntington hot spots. Craft beer bars by the taps: Bahnhof (33), Summit (33), Oscars on Route 60 (30) Black Sheep (20), Taps @ Heritage (16), Giovanni’s (13) and Marshall Hall of Fame (13).
At the CVB, pick up nearly a half dozen Huntington walking tour brochures including one highlighting the city’s architecture. On your phone, download GPS-enabled history mobile app, The Clio. Created by MU professor David Trowbridge, (theclio.com), has uploaded 35,000 entries in every state uncovering history through local tours. Check out Clio’s Social Justice Bicycle Tour of Huntington. Don’t miss the Chuck Ripper Interpretative Trail at Harris Riverfront Park featuring artwork of the late, great iconic American wildlife artist.
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National country comedian Cledus T. Judd recorded 13 albums and toured with Brooks and Dunn. He anchors WTCR-103.3-FM’s morning show with Judy Eaton, who celebrated 30 years on air in 2020. Clint McElroy and his three sons (Justin, Travis and Griffin) and their spouses create some of America’s top comedy podcasts including MBMBaM (My Brother, My Brother and Me). Listen Here

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