Unknown Muncie

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Abstract

Muncie has changed a lot in the past few decades, shifting from a manufacturing-based community to a middle-class community trying to find new direction. There have been numerous efforts to clean up parts of Muncie and make it more appealing, but the fact remains that many students do not leave the Ball State University campus, the Village, or Downtown. Because of this, I used the Muncie Visitors Bureau as a starting point and profiles a few nearby locations that are interesting or unique. I found that there are actually appealing and inexpensive activities in Muncie that many students are unfamiliar with. Locations and contact information are also provided at the end of each segment.
Artist's Statement

This project was a learning experience for me, both in the rewarding experiences of meeting interesting people and learning about a town that I have lived in for the past six years, and the frustrations I encountered. I found that many places did not open until after the school year finished, which removed them from my list. Furthermore, it was sometimes difficult to obtain equipment, and I learned that it didn't always function as expected.

I enjoyed creating the graphics and utilizing some of my abilities from my time in the Telecommunications program. As I am not a News Option student, but rather a Multimedia Option student, interviews and editing for a documentary were a bit of a challenge and forced me to step outside of my comfort zone. This process also made me realize that it is rather difficult to create a project of this magnitude with limited assistance.

However, I hope that this project will at least prove that there are things to do if someone is willing to look for them. Despite many people having a negative association with Muncie compared to places like Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, or Chicago, it does have its own special niche.
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