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FESTIVAL GUIDE 2025

July 11th - 13th, Broad Street Blues and BBQ Festival

Central Park, 600 North Broad St., Griffith, IN The Broad Street Blues and BBQ Festival is a 3-day festival that takes place in Griffith Central Park. The baddest, funkier, and FREE blues festival in the Midwest is back, bringing you blues legends and blazing young guns from across the nation and beyond! Final arrangements are underway to secure the best of the best in nationally and internationally touring blues artists—stay tuned for our lineup announcement soon! All ages. No outside coolers allowed.

July 18th - July 19th Taste of Crown Point, Bulldog Park 183 S

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July 18th - 20th - Singing Sands Festival Washington Park, 115

Lakeshore Dr., Michigan City, IN. The Singing Sands Sand Sculpting Festival will be held on Washington Park Beach. The world's most talented sand sculptors compete over the 3-day festival, creating beautiful works of art in the famous "singing sands" of Lake Michigan. The festival includes live music, full bars and a wide variety of food, crafts and merchandise, as well as a Kid's Sand Zone. 10 am - 8 pm.

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- 1 stick butter
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla



Wash blueberries, remove stems and set aside. Heat oven to 350 degrees and grease 24 muffin cups or use paper liners. Put flour, sugar and baking powder in a large bowl; mix well. With fingers, squeeze butter into flour and keep squeezing until mixture is in crumbs. Put 1 cup crumb mixture into small bowl and set aside. To mixture in large bowl, add eggs, milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Gently stir in blueberries. Fill muffin cups with batter about 2/3 to ¾ full. Dribble melted butter over mixture in small bowl and toss with fork to make crumbs. Sprinkle crumbs on top of batter. Bake until light golden brown, about 20-25 minutes or until done. These may be frozen.

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By Phyllis Hays, #11 with Trixie



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Servings: 4-6

Dressing:
2 limes, juice only
1/4 cup mayo
1 pinch salt
1 tablespoon sugar
2 cans whole corn, drained
1 cup chopped bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped red onion (optional)
1 hot pepper (optional)
1 cup shredded queso cheese
freshly chopped cilantro, for garnish

To make dressing: In bowl, mix lime juice, mayo, salt and sugar.

In separate large bowl, mix corn; bell pepper; onion, if desired; hot pepper, if desired; and queso cheese.

Pour dressing over corn mixture and mix well. Top with cilantro.



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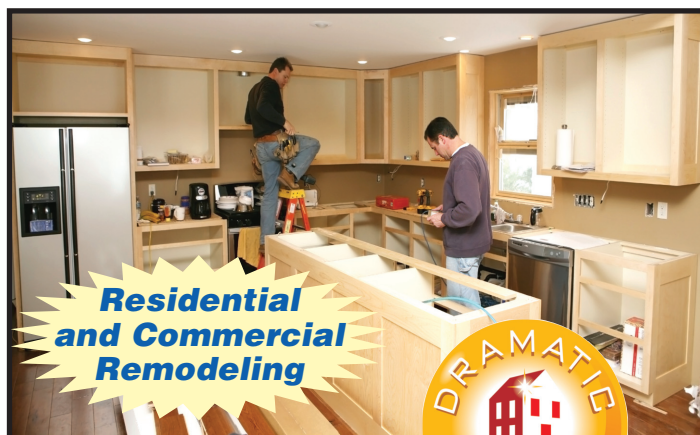
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July 17th - 26th - Porter County Fair, Porter County Fairgrounds 217 E Division Road, Valparaiso, IN The Porter County Fair brings a great combination of fun rides, delicious food, 4-H exhibits and activities and some great entertainment including the demolition derby and bull riding! Visit www.portercountyfair.com

July 19th - 26th - Jasper County Fair, Jasper County Fairgrounds 2671 W. Clark St., Rensselaer, IN. The fair has a lot of fun and exciting things planned for the whole week! Come out and enjoy all your favorites. Food, rides, games, entertainment, 4-H exhibits, 4-H animal shows and lots of other great things to do with the family! A fun filled week with lots to do for the whole family! Infield events, free stage entertainment, ground acts, 4-H shows, carnival and lots of yummy fair food! Visit www.jasper-countyfair.weebly.com

July 26th - Crafts at the Crossroads Craft Show, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Schererville Community Center 500 E. Joliet St., Schererville, IN. 9 am to 3 pm. Join us for a day filled with creativity and fun as we showcase a fabulous array of handcrafted wonders from talented vendors both inside and outside the community center! From unique jewelry to stunning home decor and everything in between, you're sure to find treasures galore! And that's not all - tantalize your taste buds with delicious treats from our fantastic lineup of food trucks! Best of all, admission and parking are both FREE! Plus, don't miss out on your chance to win amazing prizes with over 100+ free raffles throughout the day!



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Aug. 9th - 10th - Gary Air Show

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Aug. 16th Kielbasa Fest

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Aug. 16th - 17th - 42nd Annual Lubeznik Arts Festival.
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Sept. 26th - Brewfest Biergarten

Free, Time: 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Central Park Plaza, 68 Lafayette St, Valparaiso, IN Kick off Valpo Brewfest weekend with live entertainment and imported German beer at this relaxing evening event. Food and beverage available for purchase.

Gardening Tips

by Jackie Kubiak #12

Add Curb Appeal to your home



An inviting, well-tended landscape can add significant curb appeal to a home.

- Add a pop of color with planters. Awe-inspiring colors can make a landscape stand out from surrounding properties. Flowers, bushes and plants may be the first thing homeowners consider when trying to add color to their lawns, but planters can provide a more immediate way to give exterior grounds some color. Bold planters won't lose their color in a matter of weeks like many flowers do, and homeowners can switch planters so the colors align with the season.
- Plant perennials around the property. Well-maintained perennials grow back each year, making them ideal for homeowners who don't have the time or desire to map out new gardening arrangements each spring. Planting perennials also is a great way to add color around the property without breaking the bank.
- Plant to create privacy. Homeowners spent more time at home than ever before during the pandemic, and some might have grown tired of seeing what their neighbors are up to. Fencing might be the first solution homeowners consider but new fencing installation can be expensive. A more costly and natural solution is to plant trees around the perimeter. Creating an inviting landscape doesn't have to break the bank. Various small and relatively inexpensive projects can change the look and feel of a home's exterior. Have a great summer!!

Please Shop Local, See ya next month!

Sept. 1st - 4th - Lowell Labor Day Festival, Town of Lowell 501 E. Main Street, Lowell, IN. For more than 75 years, the Lowell Labor Day Festival has been a part of the Labor Day weekend festivities. For 103 years the Lowell Labor Day Festival has been a part of the Labor Day weekend festivities held August 30 – Sept 1st 2025. The Labor Day weekend in Lowell is a tradition of the state as it incorporated the longest running Labor Day Parade in the state and the Festival has always kicked off the weekend with family fun. The parade, which has been this year, was always hosted by the City of Lowell www.lowelllabordayfestival.com/schedule

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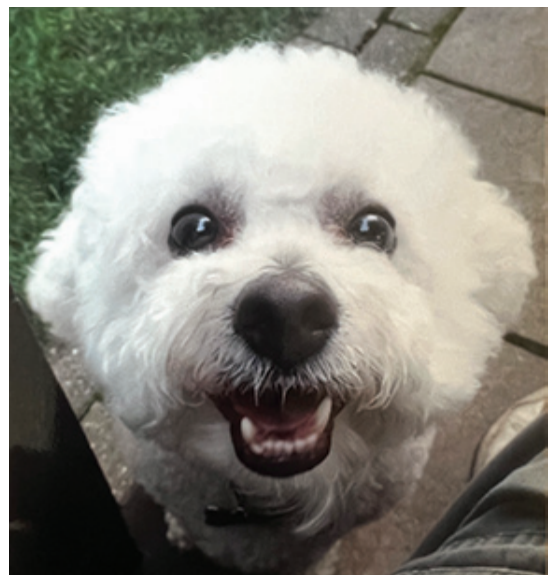
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Sept. 5th - 15th - Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival
Indiana Dunes National Park Visitor Center, 1215 N Indiana 49,
 Porter, IN . The festival starts on Friday, September 6th, and con-
 tinues through Sunday, September 15th.

More than 75 events will take place during the festival at parks and
 preserves throughout Northwest Indiana. There are events for
 visitors of all ages and activity levels include hiking, biking,
 photography, yoga, birding, geocaching, and many more for visi-
 tors of all ages and activity levels. There is no charge for the festi-
 val and no pre-registration is required for most events. Indiana
 Dunes National Park has an entrance fee of \$25 per car for a 1-7-
 day pass. A \$45 annual pass for the national park is also available.
 Please purchase passes or pay the entrance fee at the Indiana
 Dunes Visitor Center, West Beach Entrance Station or at
www.recreation.gov/sitepass/indu.

Sept. 6th - Popcorn Festival

Festival Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Parade: 10:00 a.m.

You won't want to miss this long-standing Valparaiso tradition, that
 all started with Orville Redenbacher in 1979, as it returns for its
 46th year! After watching the Popcorn Parade, explore 300+
 vendors lining Downtown Valpo's streets, Main Stage Music per-
 formances in Central Park Plaza, the Ultimate Poppin' Play Zone,
 Beer Garden, and so much more for fun no matter what age!

Pop onto our website and social media throughout the year for
 updates on the festival, including the 2025 Popcorn Festival theme
 announcement, vendor lists, maps, Main Stage music lineup,
 parade information, and more!

www.valparaisoevents.com/event/valparaiso-popcorn-festival

**Sept. 26, 27, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30,
 31, 11/1. Haunted Hills Haunted Attractions** 7:00 PM. 7611 E
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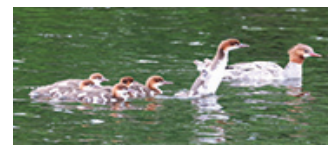
During the dark, chilly nights in October, Haunted Hills brings you
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Oct. 10th - 11th - Hunt & Gather Market, Lake County
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Dec. 5th & Dec. 6th. Hometown Santa Indoor Market \$5 at the
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 St., Crown Point, IN. Shop local this Christmas season at the 2-day
 Hometown Santa Market, Friday, Dec. 5th, 5-9p & Saturday,
 Dec. 6th, 10a - 4p, inside the Industrial Building of the Lake
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Outdoor Observations

by Tom Berg



"A common merganser mother with her babies! Photo by Tom Berg."

The Fish-Eating Common Merganser

Mergansers are diving ducks – not dabbling ducks like mallards, teal and pintails that feed at or near the surface of the water. Dabbling ducks dip their heads underwater to nibble on submerged plants and capture aquatic insects, while the different species of mergansers dive deeper in search of minnows and other small fish.

There are actually three species of mergansers in North America: hooded mergansers, red-breasted mergansers and common mergansers. The common mergansers are easily identified by their distinctive plumage. Adult males have a bright white body with a black back, and an unforgettable iridescent green head. Females have a dull gray body and a cinnamon-colored head. Both sexes have a reddish-orange bill.

As mentioned, common mergansers are diving ducks, and they dive underwater to catch small fish to eat. Their serrated bills help them hold onto the slippery fish. Minnows, chubs, perch and sunfish are some of their favorite foods. They also eat aquatic insects. If their lake or river has an abundant population of crayfish, they are more than happy to add those crustaceans to the menu, too.

Common mergansers spend much of the non-breeding season in the central section of the United States, all the way from one coast to the other. In the late winter or very early spring they begin migrating north to their breeding grounds in Canada and Alaska. Some populations of common mergansers spend all of their time in the mountains of the western USA and the Pacific Northwest and breed there, too.

The female of the species chooses the nest site, and it is usually a natural hole or cavity in a tree. Old woodpecker holes are perfectly acceptable to them, as long as the hole is large enough for them to enter. Once the baby mergansers hatch, they typically leave the nest within 1-2 days. They jump from the nest hole and land on the forest floor below, then follow their mother to water.

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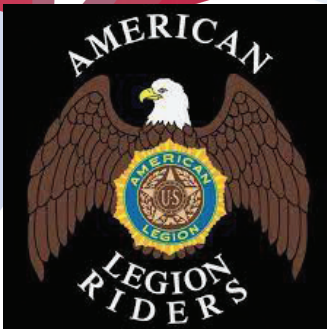
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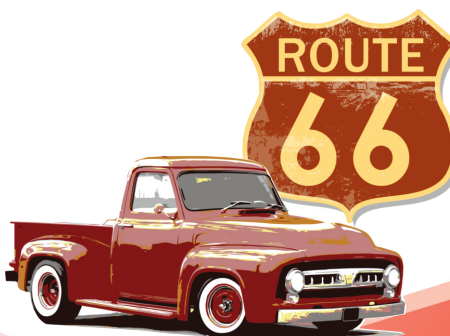


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