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In this month's Family Flyer we bring you "New Year Review 2026." Local businesses letting you know how long they have been serving you. Please shop The Family Flyer advertisers first!

We continue to bring you important information in 2026: 26 years bringing you What's Goin on happenings in your Communities, 26 years bringing results to our advertisers, A BIG thank you to you, our readers. We will be back on line Thursday, February 5th. Have a GREAT month and a *Happy New Year!*



Call Today...219/689-6262

Sincerely,
The Family Flyer Team

Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.

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Outdoor Observations

by Tom Berg

The Shellfish-Loving American Oystercatcher



"American oystercatchers stalk the beaches for clams and shellfish. Photo by Tom Berg."

The American Oystercatcher is a strange-looking, but very cool bird. It is a fairly large shorebird, and it lives most of its life along saltwater beaches and shorelines – so you won't see it here in Indiana. It has a jet black head, neck and breast, and its wings and back are a dark brown color. It has a bright white belly and underparts. Its long bill is bright orange – almost red. Its eye is a deep yellow color and it has a bright red eye-ring which is hard to forget.

This bird is called an oystercatcher because oysters, clams, mussels and other shellfish make up the vast majority of its diet. It is surprisingly adept at finding and opening these bivalve mollusks, too. Oystercatchers move along the beach or oyster bar very slowly until they see a clam or oyster underwater that is slightly open. Then they stab their long bill into the opening and quickly cut the muscle that holds the two halves of the shell together. Once this is done, they can eat the meat inside at their leisure.

The American oystercatcher prefers to forage and nest on small barrier islands where there are no predators like raccoons (and others). Small mangrove islands are ideal, as long as they have areas of dry sand where the birds can nest, and shallow waters with plenty of mollusks and shellfish.

American Oystercatchers can be found all along the Gulf Coast and most of the East Coast in the United States. They are also found throughout the Caribbean and the coasts of Central America and Mexico, too. You might see one on your next trip to Florida!

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Annual Homemade Sausage Sale

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We will be selling our bulk pork sausage in a 5 lb package. Cost is \$25 per package. To place your order, please call

219-384-0794 or 219-365-5288.

Sausage pickup will be Sunday, Feb. 22nd from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

The Women's Guild will be holding a
Bake Sale at the same time as sausage pickup.

Family Flyer Road Trip!



My son Michael and I were in Egypt at the
Pyramids of Giza in February of 2025!

(Sent in by Kathryn Murphy of Crown Point)

HAVE YOUR VACATION PHOTO FEATURED IN THE FLYER!

It's easy, just send us a picture of you reading your Family Flyer in the most unlikely place you can think of. Take The Family Flyer "on the road", wherever it leads, get your picture taken (no copies please original photo only!) and send it along with your name, address and location of photo to:

The Family Flyer Road Trip P.O. Box 1004, Crown Point, IN 46308.
or send a digital photo to debbie@familyflyer.com

"What's Goin' On"

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NEW BINGO - Mondays and Wednesdays Doors open at 4pm with 1st Early Bird at 5:45pm and Regular Bingo at 6:30pm. St. Elijah 8700 Taft St. Merrillville, IN 219-779-2464 (after 3pm). Play all night long for \$19 set-up. \$300 5 Regular games, \$600 total 2 in 1 Picture Frame and \$1300 total for 3 in 1 Coverall. Free birthday set-up "week of" only. Delicious homemade food available for purchase. Permanent seating available.

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2nd Saturday- Bingo! The Lowell American Legion, at 108 E Commercial Ave. holds Bingo on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Doors open at 5, first early bird game begins at 6, with regular Bingo following. There are 3 other special games spaced within the 12 regular games. The Auxiliary prepares food and drinks for a minimal price.

BINGO — Tuesday and Fridays - Cedar Lake Eagles Aerie, 2529 have opened their doors again to weekly bingo. Bingo will be held in their hall at 13140 Lake Shore Drive on Tuesdays and Fridays with the Early Bird starting at 5:30p.m and regular games starting at 6:30p.m. The cost is \$16.00 for 12 games. When there are over 50 players, the winner of the last game wins \$1000.00. As many of you know, the profits support the local aerie and local charities.

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9:30 a.m.

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Winter is a great time for tree care

Northwest Indiana-I spent a lot of time this past spring and summer watching one of the regions top residential tree service at work. Day in and day out they were booked with many customers to service sometimes even taking 3 to 4 weeks to get them to the top of the schedule. While its a good thing to be in high demand and very busy, but it can have its draw backs too. I thought to myself, why do so many people fail to consider trimming and removing trees in the wintertime when the prices are lower and the trees are dormant. At least when you go to the doctor and have a procedure done they give you some sort of "anesthetic" to numb the pain. This makes me think of trimming and cutting the trees in the spring and summer when the tree has no kind of "anesthetic" and its wounds just sit open prone to insects and infections. This is why I am a firm believer in wintertime is the best time. When you trim the trees while they are dormant you have a much better result in the spring when it's growth is in full swing. Not to mention the costs will be less in the winter as opposed to the other 3 seasons. Equipment can do a significant less amount of damage to the yard when the ground is frozen and the clean up can be easier too. It makes much more sense to have your trees removed and trimmed in the winter.

Priced-Rite Tree Service is Northwest Indiana's highest rated tree service according to the many sites on the web. They provide complete and professional tree care services in the winter and offer free estimates 6 days a week.



Yard protection mats used by Priced-Rite Tree Service



Priced-Rite loading logs in the cold temperatures.

A Few Techniques for Trimming Trees in the Winter

Crown Thinning-by removing branches within the crown this will provide a better shape and increase the trees overall health by providing more light and air movement. Dead and weak branches will be removed. Younger trees respond to this technique very well in the winter when it is dormant.

Crown Raising-by removing low branches of the tree this allows more height clearance under the tree.

Crown Cleaning-by carefully selecting and removing of the dead, dying and diseased branches from the trees crown you will have a healthier, stronger, safer and all around better looking tree.

HOME AND GARDEN

by Roy Brant of ERB DESIGN Solutions



Large tree removal by Priced-Rite Tree Service

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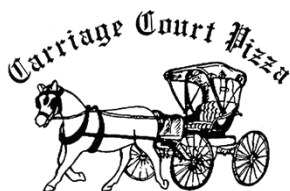
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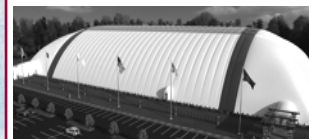
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Gardening Tips

by Jackie Kubiak #12



The Best Houseplants for Air Purification

Eight Houseplants for Indoor Air Quality

The **snake plant** is a low-maintenance houseplant with thick, sword-shaped leaves in a striking banded pattern.

The **rubber tree** absorbs and neutralizes airborne chemicals like trichloroethylene, formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, and benzene in your home. Even better, it thrives in bright indirect light, making it perfect near a window.

The **schefflera tree** brings lush, dense green foliage with oval-shaped leaves in overlapping patterns to your room corners.

The **areca palm** is a large houseplant that grows upright and then spreads outward from the base. It has arching fronds, bowing stems, and pinnate leaves that move beautifully with the slightest breeze.

The **ZZ plant** has shiny dark green leaves that grow on slender stems into a zig-zag pattern, catching the light in interesting ways throughout the day.

The **fiddle leaf fig tree** if you want a huge houseplant for air purification, you can't beat this. It can grow up to 10 feet indoors with a relatively narrow spread, so it'll reach your ceiling without encroaching into your usable living space.

Dracaena plants have a tropical, tree-like appearance with spiky, ruffled leaves and narrow stems that move gracefully with a breeze. **Monstera deliciosa** is a stunning tropical houseplant with large, glossy leaves and distinctive natural leaf holes called fenestrations.

Please Shop Local, see ya next month!

Times of Restitution of All Things

The world seeks peace and restitution from evil done to them, generation after generation. Yet neither *force* nor *laws* truly bring satisfaction to any yearning heart. However, the desire of all nations will be met by God in due time. (Acts 3:21 and Haggai 2:7)

“Ransom and Restitution”, a topical Bible study, leads to *an understanding of God's Plan* for His timing and requirements for peace to come to all mankind. We invite you to use the links below to this study. You can email/write to us for details on obtaining the book *The Divine Plan of the Ages* for this and 15 other topical studies.

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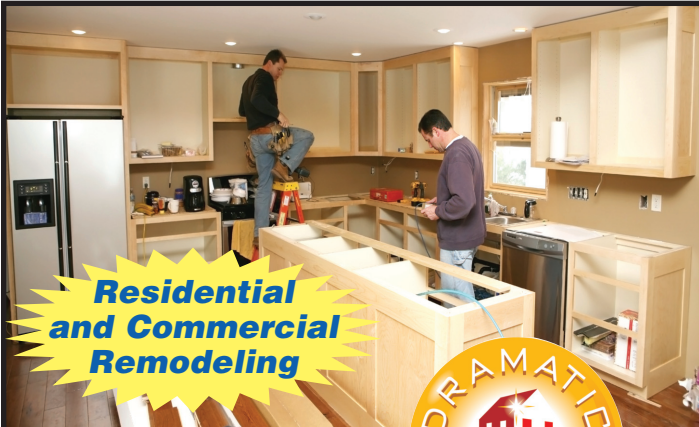



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Here's what's Cookin'

By Phyllis Hays, #11 with Trixie



Stromboli

1 (10 ounce) package pizza crust dough
1/2 pound lean ground beef
1 (14 ounce) jar pizza sauce
1 cup cooked ham, diced
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
1 medium red onion, finely chopped

1 (4.5 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
1 (8 ounce) package sliced pepperoni sausage
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup butter, melted



Preheat oven to 400° F (200° C). Grease an 10x15x1-inch baking pan; set aside. Cook and stir ground beef in a large skillet over medium heat until browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain off and discard grease. Add pepper and onion to skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Stir in ham, mushrooms and pizza sauce. Set aside. Unroll pizza crust onto prepared baking pan. Pat dough to a 9 x13-inch rectangle. Lay half of the pepperoni lengthwise over half over the crust to within 1/2-inch of the edge. Spoon meat mixture over the pepperoni. Top with cheese and remaining pepperoni. Fold dough over filling. Pinch ends and sides together with your fingers to seal in the filling. Poke holes in the top with the tip of a sharp knife. Brush with melted butter. Bake in a preheated oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Cut into four portions. Enjoy!

"What's Goin' On"

BINGO — Monday's and Wednesday - St. Elijah Event Center, 8700 Taft St., Merrillville. Doors open at 5pm, early bird 6:00, regular games 6:30. Food and drinks available for purchase.

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Kubiak’s Service & Towing Announces Transition to New Ownership

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Founded on integrity, reliability, and a commitment to the local community, Kubiak’s Service & Towing has long been a trusted name in automotive repair. Under Joe Kubiak’s hands-on leadership, the shop earned the loyalty of generations of local families and became a cornerstone of Saint John.

Beginning January 2026, ownership will transition to Jason Smith, a seasoned automotive professional and local business owner. With this change, the shop will be renamed M&M Car Care Center – Saint John, continuing to operate from its current location at 10749 Wicker Ave. in Saint John, IN. This location will become Jason Smith’s seventh M&M Car Care Center, joining a growing group of family-owned and operated shops known for honest repairs, quality workmanship, and a customer-first approach. Jason is committed to preserving the high standards and personal service the Saint John community has come to expect, while ensuring a smooth and thoughtful transition for customers.

This milestone marks both a celebration of Kubiak’s legacy and a forward-looking step that ensures reliable automotive service will continue serving Saint John for years to come.

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Grandparents Tony & Linda
Recupito of Crete, IL and Cal
& Brenda Servi of Racine, WI.
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Servi of Racine, WI and
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Emilia. Grandparents Rich &
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IN, Robert Yates & Julie Rice
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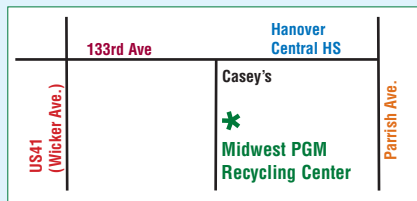
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