

"Tidbits of Starke County History".....

The "AFTER HARVEST FESTIVAL" in North Judson is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008. It is a promotion by the Main Street Committee of North Judson and brings to mind the earlier "After Harvest Jubilees" in the town. These festivals were started just after the turn of the century (about 1902) and lasted many years. The attached photo, taken from the North Judson 1966 Centennial book, shows a parade going down Lane Street with the number 5 on a large arch across the street. The date on the card is Oct. 4, '07. Later, North Judson held the Muck Crop Show that was a big success for many years. The second photo shows the 1953 Muck Crop Show, held in the school gym. There were many displays by local seed companies, 4-H, FFA, and Purdue. The gym was full of wonderful farm and garden fruits and vegetables. It was almost a miniature State Fair.

Even though North Judson has been known as a railroad town, with as many as 75% of the town's people working for the railroads at one time, it still has its roots in agriculture. The farm background of its European immigrants made the town prosper and grow. They loved the old festivals from their homelands and loved to show off their farm and garden products. This pride in North Judson still exists with the annual Mint festival, one of the best festivals in Northern Indiana. Plans for the 2009 Mint Festival are already in the making.

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Muck Crop Show, 1953



Charles Halleck and Governor Handley with a 90 lb. pumpkin.



After Harvest Jubilee



Hoosier
Valley
Train
Rides

With the Help of Local Businesses
The North Judson Main Street
Committee Presents

Farmer's
Market
All Day



The 2nd Annual AFTER HARVEST FESTIVAL 2008

Area Discounts

Only Local Businesses

Food & Prizes

Saturday, October 25th

Fun & Games

Downtown & Around North Judson, IN

All Day Events and Promotions

-Children Halloween Costume Party - See Below
-Downtown Kiddie Costume Parade - See Below
-Farmer's Market - All Day - Norwayne Field
-Train Rides - Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum -
Last Ride of the Year, 1:00 PM CST 896-3950
-Jump King - Bouncing For Fun Downtown NJ
-A Step in Time - Moving Sale 20-50% Off Select Items
-Al's Pizza - Excellent Pizza Specials and Family Deals
-Bank of Indiana - A Bank Serving You and the
Community
-Banks and Co. Hair Stylist - Your Full Service Salon
-First Farmers Bank & Trust - Stop in for Your Local
Banking Needs
-GO Figure - Free Health Screenings 10 AM - 1 PM
-Grand Central Station - Amish Buffett 4:30 PM \$10.95
Come Enjoy Some Good Home Cooking!
-Hoppe Hardware - In Store Specials
-The Feed Barn - Horse Drawn Hay Ride
1 PM Start @ Feed Barn, Proceeds to go to the
Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum

-Family Express - 100 Squeeze Freeze Coupons to be
handed out at the Library and Local Businesses
Must have coupon to redeem at store.
-Kimberly's Crafts - Receive 10% off Entire Purchase
-Norwayne Lumber - For All Your Building Needs
-O'Donnell Funeral Home - Service in Times of Need
-One Stop Appliances and Electronics - Local Sales and
Service, your One Stop Solution.
-Pioneer Florist - Free Balloons for kids and Street Sale
-Rosa's Resale/ Thornton's - 10% Off Storewide
-Route 10 Bar and Grill - Daily Family Dining with
\$2.99 Kids Meals
-Village Discount Furniture - Quality Furniture Deals
-The Wooden Nickel - Daily Food and Drink Specials
-The Wealth Care Group - During Uncertain Financial
Times, We Provide Wealth Care Solutions.
-The First National Bank of Monterey - Traditional
Banking - Serving Community Needs
Call 896-5035 or Email bluejay75@hotmail.com to be
added to the festivities or to change your listing.
SUNDAY the 26th - Poker Tournament See Below



Kid's Halloween Costume Party

At the North Judson Library
Games - Costume Judging -
Mini Haunted House in the "Dungeon"
Time: 10:30-2:00
10:30 - 11:15 Costume Judging
11:30 Prizes Awarded
Directly After the Awards

Downtown Kiddie Costume Parade

The children will be escorted through downtown and
back to the library. Get your Cameras ready!



No Limit Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament Fundraiser

Sunday, October 26th at

Grand Central Station

301 Lane St. North Judson, IN

Registration @10:30 AM Begins @ 12:00 PM

\$100 Buy In + \$25 Entry Fee

Call 896-5926 or see ad in The Market

