

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY

IN RICHMOND / WAYNE COUNTY, IN



Saturday, June 13, 2026

Richmond

Hands Across the City – Visitors and citizens are invited to gather along the 1 mile biking loop downtown Richmond to pass a commemorative flag hand to hand. Each participant will receive a small keepsake flag to take home. Entertainment, food trucks and other special activities will take place throughout the day. Time to be announced.

Month of July

Cope Environmental Center

Centerville

Active-duty military members and veterans are eligible for a free one-year family membership, providing year-round access and benefits for the entire household as a thank-you for their service.

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Historic Centerville

Walking Tour of the Arches of Centerville Step into the story of America's early expansion on an engaging historic walking tour along Centerville's stretch of the National Road—the nation's first federally funded interstate highway, authorized by Congress in 1806. The experience kicks off at the 1830s Mansion House and offers rare access to the 1811 Salisbury Courthouse, the oldest surviving log courthouse in the former Northwest Territory. Guests will receive a guided map and brochure showcasing Centerville's remarkable early-1830s brick arches, with knowledgeable interpreters stationed at each stop to bring the history, architecture, and national significance of these enduring structures vividly to life. Time: 2-4 p.m. This special America's 250th Birthday event coincides with Archway Days of Centerville festival.

Levi & Catharine Coffin House & Interpretive Center

Fountain City

2026 is also the 200th anniversary of Levi & Catharine's arrival to Indiana. To celebrate this monumental milestone, the Coffin House will be hosting three Coffin Bicentennial Educational Series.

- **Wednesday, April 8, 2026** Coffin Bicentennial Series – Quakers and Abolition
Quakers were some of the earliest anti-slavery voices, even before the forming of the United States. Learn how Quakers evolved in their anti-slavery practices from historian Thomas Hamm. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 20, 2026** Coffin Bicentennial Series - The Underground Railroad
Levi and Catharine Coffin's work with the Underground Railroad started in the years before they came to Indiana. Get a full history of the Coffin's commitment to aiding freedom seekers from the childhood through the Civil War.
- **Thursday, August 20, 2026** Coffin Bicentennial Series - Levi Coffin and Free Labor
Anti-slavery supporters had to find ways to challenge slavery when laws seemed unchangeable. Hear how the free labor and produce movement organized to confront Americans who purchased slave-made goods.