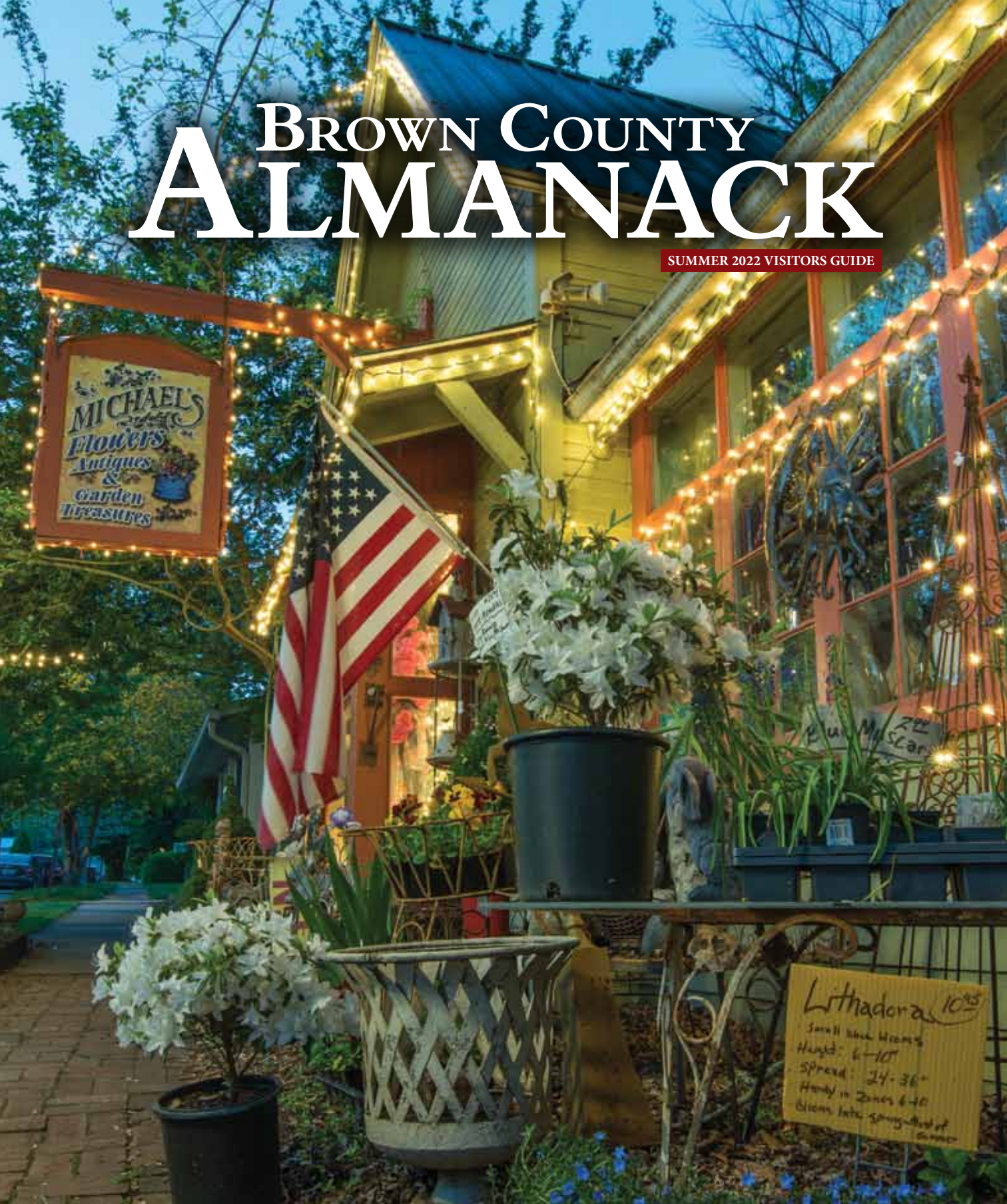


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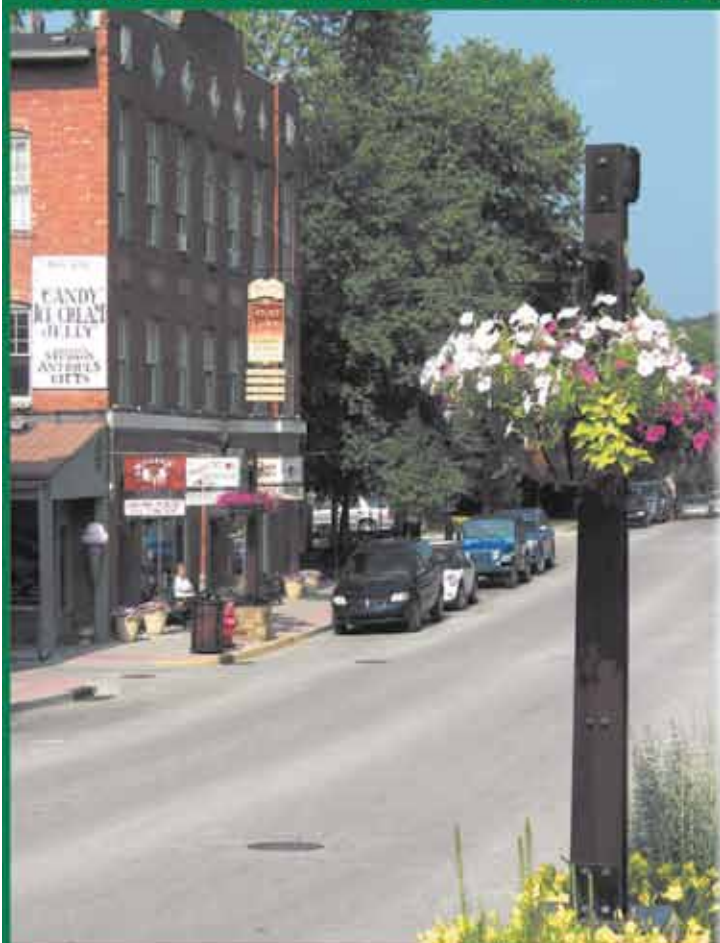
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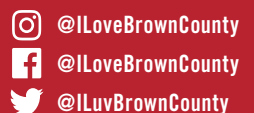


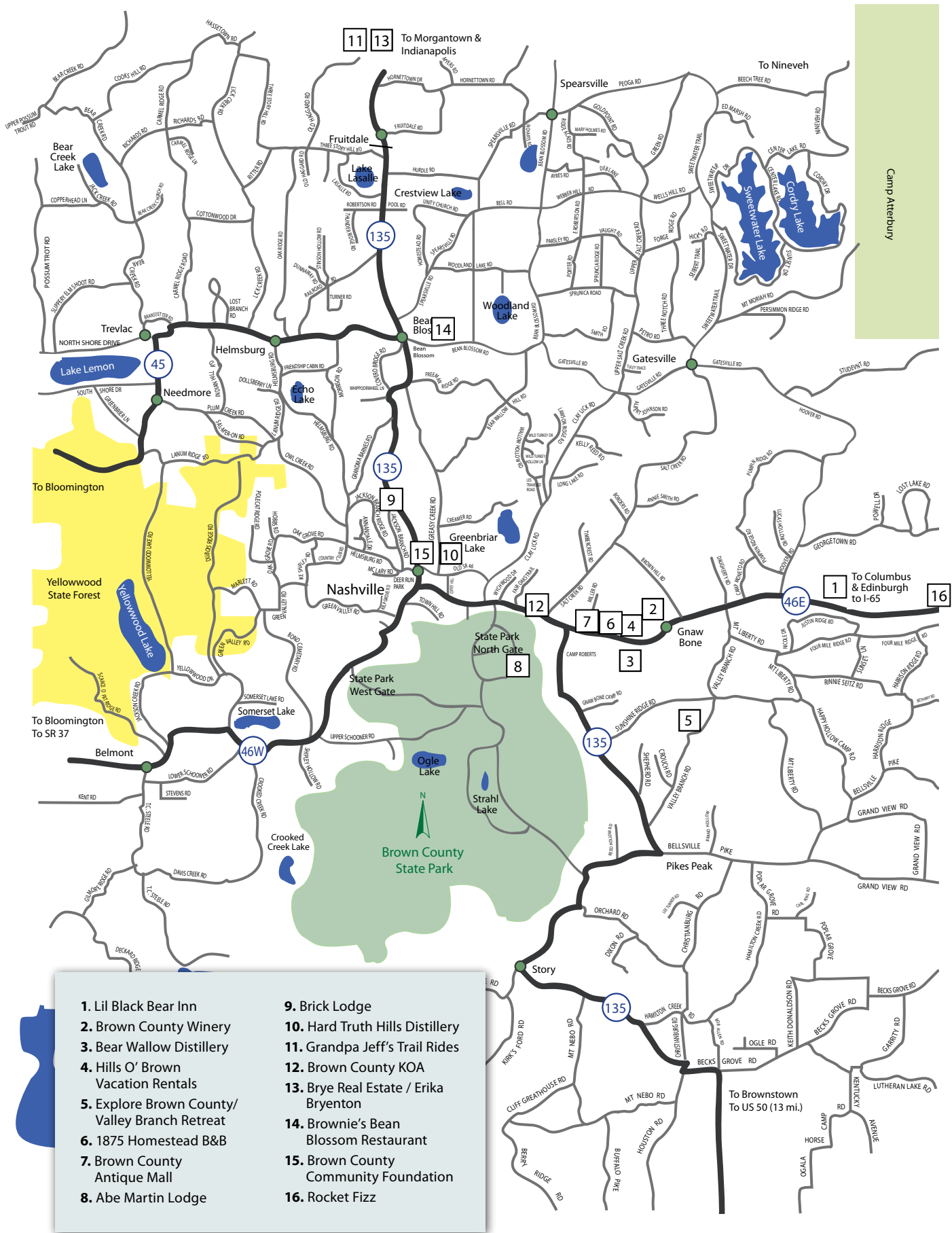
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MUSIC IN THE AIR

Classical music festival returns this summer

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A seven-day classical music festival will once again return to Nashville this summer.

The ChamberFest festival will take place from Aug. 14 to 20 where musicians from all backgrounds and specialties will come together to create beautiful melodies for all to hear.

ChamberFest Brown County, put on by RiverSong Music Inc., seeks to provide locals and visitors opportunities to attend concerts, lectures and multimedia presentations given by world-class artists, ensembles and lecturers.

On Sunday, Aug. 14 John Marcel Williams and Jordan Dodson will perform "From Rameau to the Beatles" on guitars at the Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, 602 State Road 135 North.

On Monday, Aug. 15 Rachel Wong playing the baroque violin and David Belkovski on the harpsichord will perform "Diverse Bizarrie" at St. Agnes Church, 1008 McLary Road.

On Tuesday, Aug 16 poet Cathy Bowman will perform "The Musics of Poetry" at Country Heritage Winery, 225 S. Van Buren St.

On Wednesday, Aug. 17 clarinetist Andrea Levine, pianist Futaba Niekawa, soprano Catherine Compton, violinist Lei Hou and cellist John Sharp will perform "Clarinet Transformations" at Nashville United Methodist Church, 36 S. Jefferson St.

On Thursday, Aug. 18 Elizabeth Prindonoff and Andreas Loannides on piano and the Lincoln String Quartet will perform "Passion and Despair"



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Fry Street String Quartet performing with pianist Andreas Loannides at the Nashville United Methodist Church during the first Brown County ChamberFest in 2021.

at Nashville United Methodist Church.

On Friday, Aug. 19 pianist Andreas Loannides, violinist Mark Kaplan and cellist Peter Stumpf will perform "In Memory of a Great Artist: the Tchaikovsky Trio" at Nashville United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, Aug. 20 members of the Lincoln String Quartet and Pacifica Quartet will perform "Chamber Music Gala" at the Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St.

"We are so fortunate here in Brown County to enjoy a wide variety of visual and musical arts along with the natural beauty," said Annie Hawk, president of RiverSong Music Inc.

"A classical music festival seemed like a logical and exciting addition to Brown County's musical life."

ChamberFest Brown County was made possible through a collaboration with educational and civic organizations in Brown County. To be as inclusive as possible, most festival events are open to the public with optional donations. Visit chamberfestbrowncounty.com for more information on events and ticketing.

"In the midst of recent crises, this festival can be one of the events that lifts our spirits, pulls in music lovers from all over the region, and helps everyone continue to love Brown County," Treasurer Phil McKown said.

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The Story Walk on Salt Creek Trail is an attraction for all ages. Featuring 18 posts with illustrations and activities, the new addition to the trail is sure to keep pedestrians entertained.



Young readers traveled down the path at the grand opening of the Story Walk in April. Visitors to the Salt Creek Trail can read featured books and do the activities instructed in the 18 signs. The first book of the installment is "After the Fall" by Dan Santat, telling a new story of a familiar nursery rhyme character.

NATURE STORY TIME

Experience joy of nature, reading on addition to Salt Creek Trail

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Walking down a beautiful path and observing nature while reading a story sounds like something out of a movie, but Brown County residents and visitors can make this a reality.

Pedestrians are always welcome to hit the Salt Creek Trail between the Brown County YMCA and CVS Pharmacy, enjoying the paved path, the flowing waters of the creek, the playground and picnic tables along the way.

An addition to the trail now brings new activities and educational value to the walkway.

The Brown County Public Library partnered with Brown County Parks and Recreation to bring a Story Walk to life on the trail, which celebrated its grand opening on April 2.



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The Story Walk features 18 panels on posts along the trail with early literacy elements built into each page for families who are outside doing movement activities.

There will be a total of three books featured on the trail this year. The spring choice was “After the Fall” by Dan Santat, which features the familiar character Humpty Dumpty, but with a much different ending than the classic nursery rhyme.

In this version, Mr. Dumpty faces his fear of falling off the wall by climbing up once more — then transforming to a bird and taking to the skies.

BCPL Executive Director Stori Snyder said this particular book is timely after the difficult times many have faced in light of the pandemic.

She hopes the story will help children process their feelings of fear and uncertainty they may have had and find resiliency and courage.

The panels focus on different parts of a book, the first panel on the trail introduces the story and objectives.

Every so many feet there is an interactive movement and story to read on the next panel.

Once children and families reach the end, there are more objectives to complete at home to continue the fun.

The signs are along the existing portion of the Salt Creek Trail, from CVS pharmacy, 292 S. Van Buren St., to the Brown County YMCA.

Providing opportunities for families and community members to practice literacy skills and continue to develop those skills is a goal for the library.

Parks and recreation Director Mark Shields said that Snyder approached him about the idea in June last year.

Shields said in January that he thought it was a nice addition to the trail that will hopefully get kids more interested in reading.

This project is funded by a grant to the Brown County Public Library as well as Friends of BCPL, who paid for installation.

Whether it's on a bike, scooter or on foot, pedestrians of all ages and reading levels are welcome to join in the fun on the trail and experience the magic of literature in the great outdoors.



Brown County Public Library Director Stori Snyder takes a photo of her 6-year-old son Forrest at the Story Walk grand opening in April.



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BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Future of well-known scrapbooking, craft
supply shop unknown following blaze



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Lights, smoke and sirens flooded the cool night air on March 21 as firefighters battled a blaze in downtown Nashville, working to keep it from spreading to other nearby buildings.

Flames erupted from the porch of Wishful Thinking, a popular scrapbooking and craft supply shop at Old School Way and Pittman House Lane in the Back-to-Back complex.

Five out of six Brown County volunteer fire departments responded to the fire that was called in around 9:30 p.m. on March 21.

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Local firefighters use a hose at Wishful Thinking during a structure fire on March 21.



Residue from smoke inside the building covers the window inside Wishful Thinking, which was destroyed in a fire on March 21.

Both ends of Van Buren Street in Nashville were blocked by Brown County Sheriff's Department vehicles as nearly a dozen fire department vehicles lined the street between Nashville Christian Church and the Brown County Playhouse.

The blockade did not stop the curiosity and concern of locals who arrived on foot to catch a glimpse of the scene in their jackets and pajamas, phones in hand capturing the blaze and lights of emergency vehicles.

About an hour and a half later the flames were extinguished.

The town was lucky, once again. This spring fire spurred community conversations about fire department support and funding. The last time these conversations — and a similar scene happened — was when the Carmel Corn Cottage caught fire in September 2020. That shop has since reopened in its original location on North Van Buren Street, selling popcorn and treats once again.

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"Since the building is destroyed — I leased the area — I cannot move back in until they restore or rebuild it, which according to the builder will probably be eight months or more," she said in an email.

Miller said waiting possibly more than eight months to reopen is too long, so she is looking for a possible new location in Nashville.

"That is proving to be a challenge as well," she said. "I've got my name and number out there, but nothing has come up yet."

Miller said there will be a "fire sale" at some point where she will sell some supplies at a discount that were in the fire. Miller has taken down all products from the online store since they were either destroyed or have smoke damage. She will start selling in her online shop again as she receives new inventory at www.wishfulthinking-in.com.

"One day at a time," she said.

The Used Stamp Sale typically held in July is on hold for now.

The shop does not have phone service at this time, but customers can reach out by emailing wishful.thinking@att.net.

According to an update on Wishful Thinking's website, the cause of the fire was a cigarette tossed on the front porch.

Even though one business suffered a total loss, Brown County (Nashville) Volunteer Fire Department Chief Nick Kelp said it

could have been a lot worse.

NVFD had a crew of about six or seven who just so happened to be doing maintenance at the station on Main Street when the call came in.

Kelp said that sped up their response time by about ten minutes.

With fire doubling in size every minute, he said it's not inconceivable to think more than one shop could have been lost by it spreading to other shops in that complex, across Pittman House Lane and to the adjacent Artist Colony shops including the Artist Colony Inn and Restaurant where guests were staying.

"I consider it lucky," he said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A photo of ladies scrapbooking together at Wishful Thinking.

The Back-to-Back complex is home to four other businesses, one being Simply 4 You, which is adjacent to Wishful Thinking. That shop also had damage from flames, heat and smoke. The other two shops were unscathed.

On May 4, Wishful Thinking owner Marlene Miller said that the future of her popular scrapbooking supply shop was in limbo.

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MAKING THE MOVE TO MAIN STREET

Local business owners look forward to store's reopening, serving signature cinnamon rolls again

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Kathleen Chilcote had goosebumps anytime she thought about the upcoming reopening of her business in its new location.

"I get goosebumps just talking about it. I'm so ready, we're so ready," she said ahead of the reopening.

Kathleen and her husband David own Ooey Gooley Cinnamon Rolls and So Much More, which had been on Washington Street since it opened in 2018. They opened their doors again to the public on April 22 at their new spot on Main Street.

Kathleen wanted to be open by Mother's Day weekend.

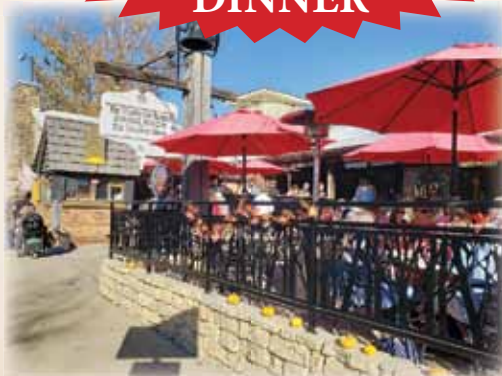
Kathleen Chilcote, Josh Miller and David Chilcote stand on the patio at Ooey Gooley Cinnamon Rolls' new location on Main Street. The patio has extensive outdoor seating for guests to enjoy.



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The newly renovated dining area of Ooey Gooley Cinnamon Roll's new location in the Redbud Terrace Shops on Main Street. With expansive seating, two new kitchens and a large patio, the Chilcotes are eager to open and greet customers once again.

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information on catering, the menu and prices.

With a small kitchen space in their first shop and a high demand in business, they found themselves needing a bigger space.

They were approached by the owners of the Redbud Terrace Shops on East Main Street, who wanted to know if the Chilcotes would want to anchor the building.

They agreed and at the end of last year they closed temporarily as they began the process of moving to a new location and making the renovations necessary to convert it into a cafe.

Part of the delay was due to waiting for a custom hood for the ovens in the kitchen along with waiting on inspections and finishing touches.

"We've been so disappointed because we missed out on February and March, now (most of) April, very important months for us," David said.

Their catering business has grown and their customer base is bigger, but Kathleen said they haven't changed too much about their process.

Customers can continue to expect food and fun in their new location on Main Street, she said.

"We tried to recreate the ambiance we had over there so when people walk in over here they have the same feel that they had over there," David said. "Part of that success is that feel. People love what they experience at Ooey Gooley."

They're most excited to give their customers more seating to enjoy their delicious creations. At their Washington Street location, seating was split between the downstairs and upstairs levels.

In their new spot, they have their own patio, more counter seating and everyone will be together.

"Just looking forward to seeing everybody again," Kathleen said of reopening. "We're happy to be here for them."

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The vision to make cinnamon rolls for a living came to Kathleen in a dream in 2016.

At the time, the couple lived in Naples, Florida. Kathleen was an automotive manufacturing recruiter. David was a children's counselor and director of a home health company.

Over the next couple of months, Kathleen perfected a cinnamon roll recipe.

The couple decided to quit their jobs, sell their house, put their belongings in storage and go on a journey to find a new town that would support a cinnamon roll business.

They traveled for 60 days throughout the United States, from the Carolinas to Georgia to Kentucky.

Nashville was their last stop.

They began selling their cinnamon rolls at local farmers markets, then they'd share their leftovers with the employees at the former Pine Room Tavern. Owner Betsy Oblack allowed them to sell the rolls there, too.

After the Pine Room closed, the couple took the opportunity to start their own shop in the Camelot Building at Van Buren and Washington streets.

The Chilcotes sell made-from-scratch lunches and breakfasts, along with other baked goods, like brownies and pies.

The caramelized apple ooey gooey cinnamon roll is the overall bestselling product. But they also offer 19 other different flavors of cinnamon rolls, from cherry chocolate to peach cobbler.

Kathleen has a degree in gourmet cooking and had experience with catering, but never had the opportunity to do a lot of baking before opening Ooey Gooey.

The couple has many children and grandchildren living in Chicago,

Ohio and Indiana. Moving to Nashville allowed them to be closer to them, too.

In a new and bigger space, complete with two kitchens, they're eager to open up and welcome customers.

The Chilcotes pride themselves on customer service and creating a feel good experience for their guests.

From singing "Happy Birthday," to giving customers a free treat if theirs is the "Name of the Day," David said they'll create an experience for customers to want to come back.

Ahead of their reopening, the Chilcotes were excited to welcome their loyal — and new — customers back.

"We have missed our customers terribly," David said. "We have grown close to a lot of our customers, like friendly close."

"We're just ready to be here again for them," Kathleen added.



The caramel apple cinnamon roll is Ooey Gooey Cinnamon Rolls' top-selling treat. Owners David and Kathleen Chilcote have recently moved their storefront to East Main Street. They began selling their homemade cinnamon rolls at farmers markets in Brown County. The rolls weigh in at about one pound and are made with fresh ingredients. Ooey Gooey Cinnamon Rolls now offers homemade breakfast and lunch, too.

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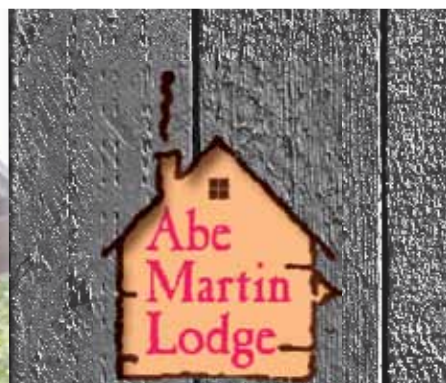
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Tania and Paul Lattimore stand in front of Brownie's motto and soon-to-be logo. The Lattimores took over the business earlier this year.

THAT FAMILY FEELING

Brownie's Family Restaurant under new ownership

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL YOUNANS
BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

A BEAN BLOSSOM — About 10 minutes from Nashville on State Road 135 North sits a restaurant where homecooking is served up daily and everyone is treated as family.

Over recent years, Brownie's Bean Blossom Family Restaurant has undergone changes in ownership and the newest owners want visitors — and residents — to know when they sit down at a table in their restaurant they are home.

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Ashley Smith serves Elmer "Junior" Parsley (center) and Wayne Zupancic. Parsley, 93, has lived in Brown County his entire life and comes to Brownie's for the "good friendly people and good food."

Loading up four kids into a vehicle and traveling to Brown County from Indianapolis was an adventure for the Lattimore family.

On their trips down, they would always make a stop at Brownie's Bean Blossom Family Restaurant. With four kids and two parents, Brownie's was the spot to find filling comfort food and kid-friendly options that did not break the bank.

Little did Tania and Paul Lattimore know that someday, they would own the very business that was one of their favorite destinations.

The Lattimores moved to Brown County from Indianapolis in May of 2020. In August of 2021, Tania started baking pies for Brownie's, adding them to the menu as an option for the holiday season.

The previous owners, Evelyn Mulherin and Brian Baker, announced last August that they wanted to sell because they were moving to North Carolina.

Tania and Paul talked about buying the well-known restaurant then decided that they wanted to make it happen. Negotiations started in August and the doors to Brownie's opened once again under their ownership on Feb. 1.

Tania worked at Eli Lilly and Company for 23 years before retiring and was also self-employed. Her husband Paul has been in the food industry since he entered into the workforce. He worked as a server, cook and restaurant manager.

Tania received a baking and pastry certificate in 2016. Now, seven years later, she can put her certificate to work in the kitchen at Brownie's. She said she looks forward to branching out and making fun treats for their loyal customers.

Cheesecakes, cobblers, bread pudding, crisps and pies — all homemade from scratch with wholesome ingredients — are being added to the menu.

So far the new owners have had a tremendous response. A day after taking over Brownie's, the restaurant was at the peak of the lunch hour with nearly every table as full as the bellies of those who sat there.

It was Feb. 2, and the rain was about to turn to snow as a winter storm was approaching. Customers were enjoying a meal out before getting stuck at home for several days.

"We want to be a part of its future history in a positive way for Brownie's and the community."

- Tania Lattimore



On days like Feb. 2, the new owners will develop a limited menu for situations when they need to close early or if they're short-staffed. In order to serve customers sometimes that might mean not offering every menu item.

Tania said that there are plans to reorganize, but not "redo" the menu.

Brownie's is expanding online in the transition of ownership. The Facebook page is the place to go to find out about specials, hours and more. Soon there will be an online ordering option.

They also plan to get involved with the schools, offering certain discounts or promotions for them and other organizations.

All in due time, Tania said.

"We've got lots of hopes and dreams," she said. "We recognize that this is an iconic place through here. A lot of people depend on it."

Getting feedback from the community is important too and the Lattimores want to know what their customers think of any changes,

Tania said.

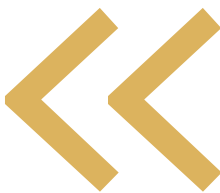
"A lot of people love to come here. That's what we want to continue. We want to be a part of its future history in a positive way for Brownie's and the community," she said.

Decor updates are a part of their plans, bringing back a "homey" feeling to the atmosphere that matches the homestyle cooking.

For the Lattimores, taking care of the community that calls Brownie's home is their main goal. The painted logo on the south wall is not just a logo, it's their mission: "Brownies — The Place Where Friends and Family Meet."

No motto could be any more true as a visitor looks around the family restaurant on Feb. 11. Nearly every table in the restaurant was occupied, as family and friends gathered to eat Beef Manhattans and the special of the day: all-you-can-eat fried catfish or walleye.

Elmer "Junior" Parsley has spent all of his 93 years in Brown County and was one of the regulars at the restaurant not longer after it



Catfish for all. Clockwise from left, Pat Allen, Brenda Allen, Donna Voiles, John Allen and Jim Allen visit Brownie's from Franklin every week or two. John said it's the "best catfish in the country"



Nearly every seat was full at Brownie's Bean Blossom Restaurant during the lunch hour. Regulars from near and far were enjoying a meal. The painting on the wall proved to be true, as it was truly the place where friends and family met to share good food and good times.

reopened. He said he comes for the "good, friendly people and good food."

A group from Franklin had traveled to the restaurant, as they do once every week or two. One in the group, John Allen, said it was the "best catfish in the country."

"The door is open," Tania said. "Come give us a chance if you haven't before."

The Lattimores are grateful for the work the previous owners did to get the restaurant up and running again.

"They got it going and running smoothly, got a good staff in here," Tania said. "I don't know if we would've considered it if it was still closed down."

The previous owners, Mulherin and Baker, purchased and closed on the business in May of



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The fryer at Brownie's is always busy, especially, with a special of all-you-can-eat fried Walleye. A Brownie's staple, Beef Manhattan, is also a hot commodity at the restaurant.



Cool and creamy peanut butter pie is served at Brownie's, along with a variety of other homemade desserts.



2020.

The building had sat vacant since 2018 when it was closed. The original owner, Ed “Brownie” Brown, passed away in 2019. Ed and his wife Shirley, owned the restaurant for about 16 years and over the years they transformed it into the landmark restaurant it is now.

At the time when Ed decided to close regular customers and staff reminisced on what the local establishment meant to them. It was a place for breakfast every morning or dinner a few times a week, but most importantly it was a place to catch up with neighbors.

The restaurant closed due to issues with the septic system. Mulherin and Baker had a pump-and-haul waste system installed in 2020.

Brownie’s Restaurant closed again for the month of April under the Lattimore’s ownership, as necessary repairs were made and flooring was replaced.

It didn’t stop them from serving their customers.

They operated with a drive-thru fish fry and served favorites from their menu.

Tania said they are blessed with an “awesome” staff who cares about where they work. Some of them even came in on their day off to decorate for Christmas last year.

“We want to create that family feeling. Staff, customers — we’re family now,” she said.

“We’re part of the community.”

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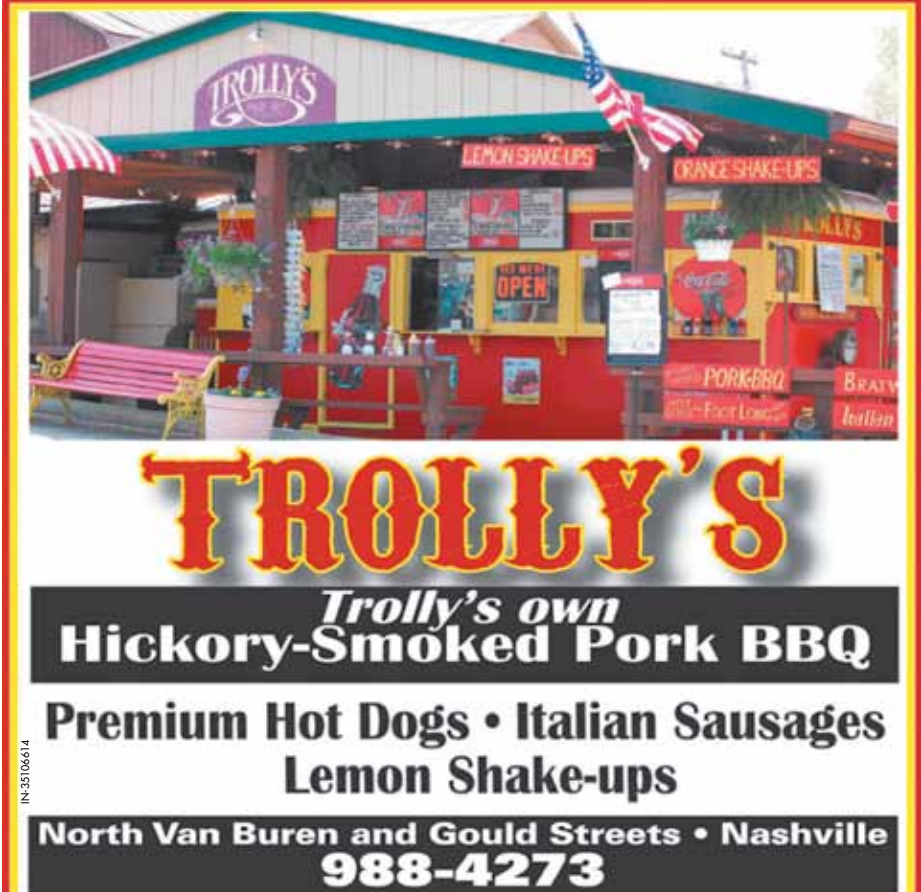
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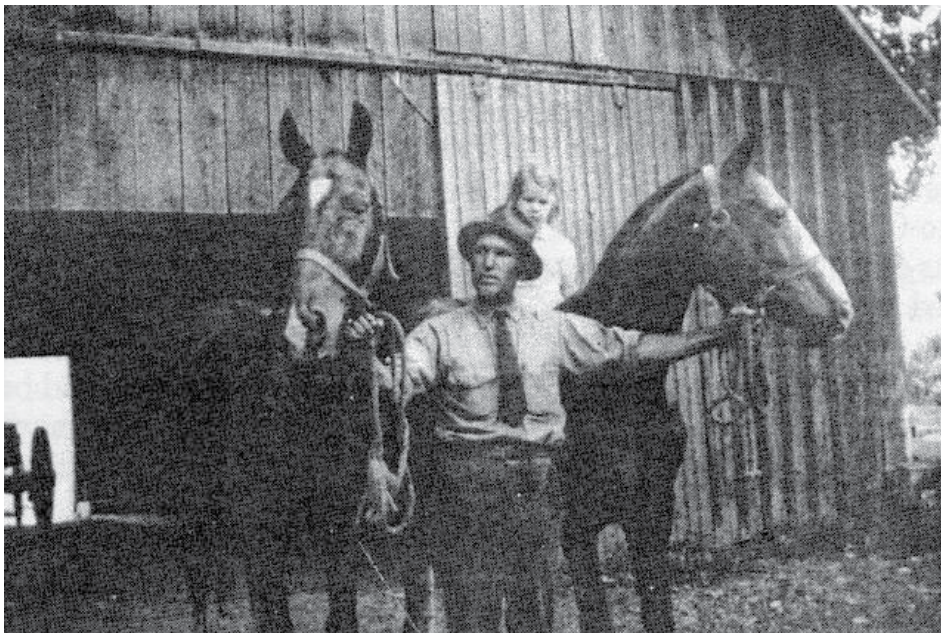
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Monte Weddle with his two western horses and Sara Lou Weddle on the Greasy Creek farm in 1937.

LOOKING BACK

Life on Greasy Creek Road with unlocked doors, yards fit for picnics

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information is attributed to late resident Martha Weddle with comments from Pauline Hoover with the Brown County Historical Society at the end. The Weddle family lived on Greasy Creek Road. It is a county road that intersects with Old State Road 46 outside of Nashville and State Road 135 North near Bean Blossom.

Martha and Monte Weddle, one son William Jackson Weddle and one daughter Sara Lou, lived on Greasy Creek. We lived on the farm where my husband was born. We moved to the farm in 1934.

We had maple trees in the yard, which were large enough to put a pole from one tree to the next one to hold rope swings for the children. We also had a large porch swing which was hung from another large maple tree. The yard had a picket fence around it.

In the summer and fall if we left home to go into Nashville or to visit friends we often found people in the yard swinging or having a picnic. One time after being gone for an hour or longer, we found two cars in our driveway and the yard full of people.

As I went into the house, my husband was talking to the men. I found a woman in the house. You see, in 1938 or 1940 we never had to lock our doors, winter or summer.

The woman said, "There isn't anyone home." I said, "Oh yes there is, I live here, what were you hunting for?"

She hesitated a second then said, "We thought this was a park with the swings, and I just came in to look around. There was no one home."

I asked her what she would do if she found me in her home and if she wasn't home. She did not answer. They left their picnic trash in the yard. Often we found people in the yard having picnics but that was the only time we ever found anyone inside the house.

Another time I woke up rather early one summer morning and heard someone rocking in the living room. As we just had drapes between the living room and bedroom I got up and peeked to see who was there. I went back to bed and whispered to my husband that someone was rocking in the living room. Monte thought I was joking, but got up to see.

When he went into the living room the man said, "Omer, I fell, then I got lost. I walked and walked but I made it." Omer Allender was caretaker of the county farm where several men and women lived. The men and women who lived at the county farm had no home so they helped with the work to pay their way.

In those days there was no inside plumbing. This man had gone out to empty the slop jar, as they were called, and had fallen.

He got confused and walked a half mile up Greasy Creek to our house carrying the slop jar. He had put it on the front porch and came in to rock and wait for breakfast. After calling Mr. Allender, my husband took the man to the county farm — the large white house on the hill where Greasy Creek dead-ends into old State Highway 46. (This is now the Brown County Schools Administration Building)

Several times we went on short vacations, never locking the house, and nothing was ever bothered.

In the winter we always butchered two hogs. Two or three of our neighbors helped with the work.

A couple of women would come to make the sausage and cut up the fat to render into lard. When finished the helpers would take a side or shoulder home, some sausage or whatever they wanted. Then when they butchered they would return whatever they had taken. In that way everyone would have fresh meat several times during the winter, not just once.

Butchering was hard, greasy work — but fun. All the door knobs in the house would be greasy on butchering day and most everything else you touched for several days until we got everything washed up.

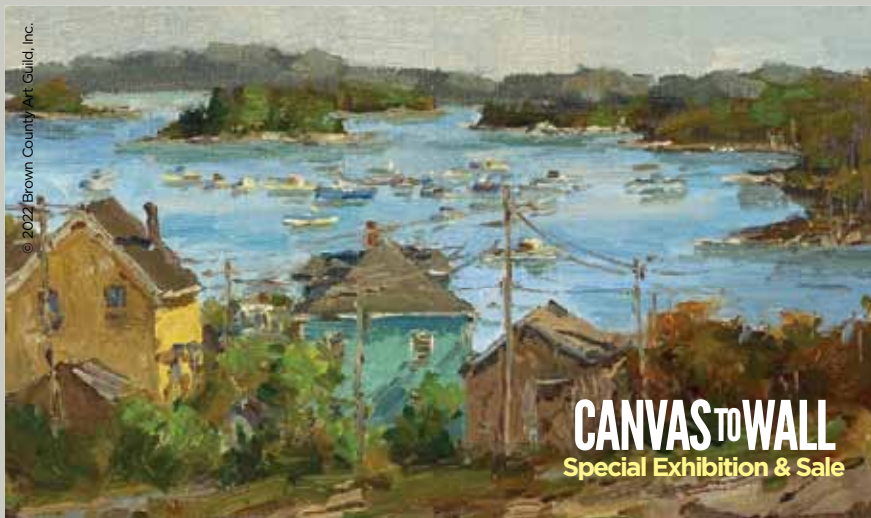
HOOVER: A personal note, this story from Martha (Snyder) Weddle — Nov. 27, 1904 to March 15, 1998 — brought back a flood of childhood memories to me.

I remember when I was a small child, my father would take us to visit our grandparents, during butchering time. My mother and father, uncles and aunts all jumped in and helped my grandfather with the butchering.

Once, just once, I wound up in the barn when the hogs were being slaughtered. My father sent me to the house — pronto — where the women were working. I never-ever went to the barn again during butchering day. If you don't know about butchering day, it not only is a very long emotional day, but it is a lot of hard work.

As for tourists picnicking in your yard, yes, we have had them picnicking in our yard. They will also dig out your flowers and pick your daffodils. Yes, they did. My husband saw them. He yelled to them "Get out of there." The lady reached down and grabbed a couple more daffodils then ran and got in her car. You just have to laugh because it gets funny.

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Local farm offers
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BELMONT — When Nicole Schonemann explained to a friend that she and two others were considering quitting their jobs and starting a goat farm in Brown County, her friend said, “It’s a goat conspiracy.”

Fast forward seven years, Schonemann is sitting on the front porch of the cabin on the 26-acre goat farm that she, her boyfriend and two friends own together on the east end of Kent Road.

The expansive land is the home of their farm and business, The Goat Conspiracy, which has been open since 2018.

When they moved to the property they had 12 female goats and one male. Now more than 200 goats roam the hilly farm land.

Since opening, the dream and idea that Schonemann and partners Mark Veldman, Tonya Plachy and Josh Jackson had has since evolved into an expansive business.



All in all there are more than 200 goats at Goat Conspiracy, with more than 100 kids born this year.

They milk their goats — a mix of Nigerian Dwarf and Lamanha breeds — and make cheese with the milk produced.

Cheeses are made purely by hand, aside from a handful of machines, like a milk pasteurizer, necessary to be a licensed cheese making facility.

In the beginning of the business, Schonemann practiced the artisan craft of milking goats, taking the milk home, coming up with recipes and techniques in order to fine tune the product.

It took about two-and-a-half years to get the creamery licensed and ready to go, she said. This is their fourth year of selling cheese.

Cheese is vended at a number of Bloomington locations, including the city farmers market and Bloomingfoods.

They also make goats milk soaps and even offer workshops for participants to come and learn the process. Those involved leave with five bars of soap and end the workshop with a goat cheese and wine tasting.

Goat Conspiracy isn't just focused on what products they can provide to customers, but also the events that they can host at the farm.

Goat yoga is also done on the property, instructed by Tyler Ferguson.

Participants will do traditional poses in a not-so-traditional setting, surrounded by bleating goats who join in the session.

In June there will even be a concert at the farm.

A pianist will perform classical pieces at sunset, as the audience sits on blankets eating thoughtfully paired wines with The Goat Conspiracy's cheeses and more.

"It's this kind of weird combo," Schonemann said. "It's classical music with goats in the background and people on picnic blankets eating fancy food, sun coming down."

Their business has been able to grow, so Schonemann and Plachy are dialing back what they do.

Last year they started hiring and training people to milk and make cheese. They also have three tour guides.

Schonemann said that in all that they offer, food is their number one focus.

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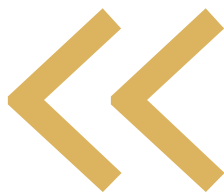


Jamil Moore has been a part of the Goat Conspiracy team since last October and is one of the many hands on deck that helps with daily life at the farm.

“We are a farmstead,
meaning milk that we
use for cheese making
is from our farm.”
- Nicole Schonemann



Josh Jackson holds his son Lynx. Jackson is a co-owner of Goat Conspiracy and the “everything man” of the business, taking care of the farm.



The cabin at Goat Conspiracy which guests can book for overnight stays.

“Cheese making is very labor intensive. We are a farmstead, meaning milk that we use for cheese making is from our farm. Artisan small batch cheeses, made by hand,” she said. “We have a pasteurizer, but we make our cheese by hand like people have done for many years.”

Their process is stirring the cheese, cutting curds by hand, flipping and salting them.

Schonemann said their cheese is “against logic,” not being particularly financially sustainable — which is why they offer events, workshops and tours.

Also on the property is a large cabin that is rented out for overnight guests.



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An aerial view of the living room in the cabin at Goat Conspiracy, where guests can stay overnight.



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Participants in the goat yoga sessions at Goat Conspiracy are able to enjoy the calming atmosphere of the farm, joined by those who live there.



The cozy master suite in the cabin at Goat Conspiracy.



The upstairs open balcony at the cabin at Goat Conspiracy has two twin sized beds and board games galore.

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Cheesemaker Chelsi Tangman stands with a freshly made batch of goat cheese at Goat Conspiracy.

"We want to pay the people that work for us well. The events then are sort of like the icing (on the cake), but they're fundamental in having a healthy farm," she said.

As for what's coming up, Schonemann said they'll be adding new cheeses in the future.

They sell chevre, which is fresh, creamy and spreadable, in four standard varieties: Plain, wrapped in garlic herb mix, one rolled in peppercorns, one with lavender, fennel and thyme. They also make a dried crumbly cheese and mold ripened cheeses.

"We've got ideas for a few others to add to cheese repertoire this year," Schonemann said. "Just trying to not go crazy."

Customers in Brown County will be able to purchase cheeses and soaps at the Nashville Farmers Market at the Brown County Inn, which is open on Sundays from May through October.

They're looking to expand in the Brown County market and will explore more options for vending in the county.

"We definitely want to expand into where we are," she said.

Schonemann was director of the service learning program at Indiana University before turning to farm life.

Plachy and Jackson both worked at Bloomingfoods in Bloomington.

"We all wanted kind of a career shift," Schonemann said. "We wanted to do something that was meaningful work, connected with land, place of life, building sustainability from beginning to end."

The idea of life at a slower pace was also a draw, but Schonemann said that farming is not slow paced at all.

"It's a lot of work, so that was a surprise," she said. "People come to the farm and say, 'Oh it's so relaxing here,' and we're running around all over the place."

Despite that busyness, Schonemann said they still see the beauty in where they are and what they do.

"We love it here," she said.

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Many have asked Phil Wolter what is happening at his property at the corner of Franklin and Van Buren streets.

Wolter said that locals and tourists alike can be on the lookout for a new coffee shop to open in The Olde Bartley House sometime in the next year.

For now, construction is underway.

The historic building was built in 1886 as a residential home and for the last several decades was the site of a retail space that sold kitchen-related items and gifts.

In January the business closed and Wolter began renovations.

Wolter had been coming to Nashville for 55 years and about 25 years ago had bought a piece of stained glass by Anne Ryan Miller hanging in The Olde Bartley House.

He and his wife Donna were remodeling their home in Evansville at the time and had been looking for an art piece to replicate the view they were losing from their kitchen window.



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Photographer Frank Hohenberger also worked and lived at the Olde Bartley House at one point, which is an element the new owners want to bring out in the decor of the cafe. Hohenberger shot more than 15,000 photos and negatives over his career, many of them documenting the people and culture of Brown County.



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"The Liar's Bench," showing six men sitting on a bench on the courthouse lawn in 1923, was one of photographer Frank Hohenberger's best-selling prints. Hohenberger also worked and lived at the Olde Bartley House at one point.



He told the Brown County Democrat newspaper in 2019 when they sold that home and started to build a new one, it was written in the purchase agreement that they would be taking the window with them.

It was incorporated into their new home in Darmstadt.

About a year later they became the property owners of The Olde Bartley House after purchasing it in the auction of late businessman Andy Rogers' properties in 2019.

This building and others were part of Rogers' estate, who, like his father before him, built and/or owned much of Nashville's business core for decades.

Approximately a third of the properties in downtown Nashville were included in the estate sale, which was organized about a year and half after the death of Rogers, a bedrock of Nashville's business community. As he advanced in age, Rogers also had sold some of his other holdings, including two hotels and a downtown restaurant.

"The ultimate goal is to make it a 'grandiose' coffee shop"
- Phil Wolter

FUTURE PLANS

Sometime in May, Wolter said the front rooms will be a satellite shop for Brown County Bikes, owned by his daughter Danielle Nolan and her wife Kate.

The Olde Bartley House will act as a space for e-bike rental, Wolter said. Brown County Bikes' main storefront is on South Jefferson Street in the Brown County Barn Burner building.

Most notably from the outside is the American Disability Act-compliant ramp up to the Franklin Street entrance of the building.

The ramp leads to a patio that will feature outdoor seating for the soon-to-be coffee shop.

Entering through the door on the patio, customers will order at the counter, which will be laid out much like a Starbucks, Wolter said.

The two front rooms will be cafe seating. Upstairs will be an office, storage and retail space.



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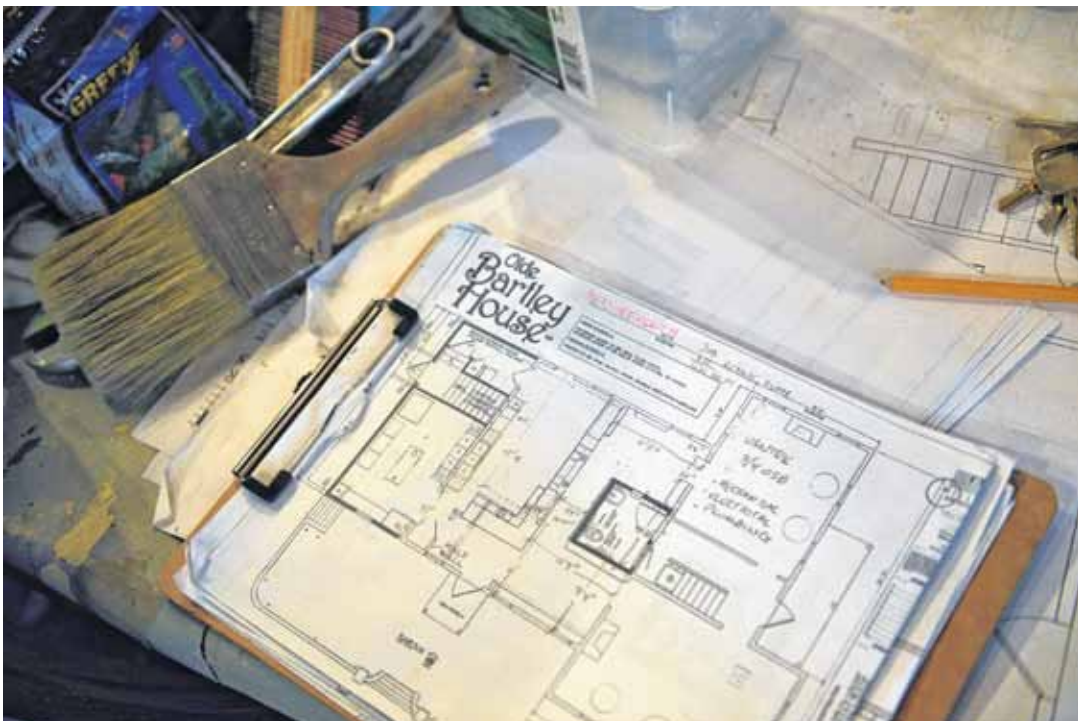
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Phil Wolter stands in the northeast room of The Olde Bartley House, which holds the original poplar flooring to the 136-year old building. The panels will be repurposed and placed throughout the house, tying the old to the new, Wolter said.



Blueprints for The Olde Bartley House, which is currently being completely renovated and will open sometime in the next year as a coffee shop.

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The original poplar floors have been removed, but will be repurposed and added back into the building in different ways.

Photographer Frank Hohenberger also worked and lived there at one point, which is an element they want to bring out in the decor of the cafe, Wolter said.

Three years ago, Hohenberger's contribution to the preservation of Brown County history and culture was cemented in downtown Nashville. Local volunteer group Peaceful Valley Heritage, the Brown County Community Foundation and the Indiana Historical Bureau worked to erect an official state historic marker in Hohenberger's honor.

It stands outside the former Nashville House, the building where many of Hohenberger's black-and-white prints still hang as they have for decades, and within sight of the Bartley House. Hohenberger also was a friend of Rogers and his family.

Hohenberger shot more than 15,000 photos and negatives over his career, many of them documenting the people and culture of Brown County. "The Liar's Bench," showing six men sitting on a bench on the courthouse lawn in 1923, was one of his best-selling prints.

Over at the Bartley House, the old will be mixed with the new, with original poplar floor panels being laid in a border around rooms surrounding new acacia wood flooring.

The ultimate goal is to make it a "grandiose" coffee shop and "very comfortable rest stop," Wolter said. Guests will be able to come in, use the restroom, rest a minute and "go on their way," he said.

The coffee shop is a long way off, because Wolter said he doesn't want to put anything together quickly, but do it "the right way."

When asking what they could do to renovate, Wolter said he developed a 17-point plan to set the building up for 40 years.

Three of those points were to restore, renovate and preserve.

With other places along Franklin Street to eat like The Bird's Nest and Ferguson House Bistro, Wolter said they will only compliment the other businesses.

After purchasing the building in 2019, Wolter said they have a "great respect" for the town and the Bartley House itself, not wanting to do anything unusual to it. They merely want to restore its natural beauty.



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Local law enforcement, TRIAD partner to bring tracking device to community to help find those who wander

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From left: Deputy Austin Schonfeld, Det. Paul Henderson and Sgt. Brad Stogsdill pose with project Lifesaver equipment and the certificate obtained for the program, which will allow them to locate potential missing subjects who wear the bracelet.

It was a winter night and 20 degrees outside, maybe even less, when Laura Young's father found himself outside in his pajamas.

He had Alzheimer's disease and managed to wander out of the house in the middle of the night.

What soon ensued was a huge search and rescue operation. A deputy helping with the search found him in a neighbor's unlocked home.

Though he was found safe, Young said that as a family member not knowing where he was brought "sheer terror" when thinking about how something bad might happen to him.

This kind of terror can happen not only while at home, but while away visiting somewhere new. The Brown County Sheriff's Department partnered with TRIAD (The Right Information And Direction) to offer a new technology and training to help find either a resident or visitor who are prone to wander off.

Laura and her husband Richard are members of TRIAD, which offers a variety of assistance to Brown County's senior citizens and home-bound individuals.

One of the recent developments for TRIAD is their partnership with the Brown County Sheriff's Department to offer Project Lifesaver to qualifying residents.

Project Lifesaver is a wristband transmitter operating off of radio frequencies developed by the 43rd Virginia Search Rescue in 1999.

There are 1,600 communities in America's 50 states using Project Lifesaver. It has assisted in more than 3,700 rescues, according to the company's CEO Chief J. E. "Gene" Saunders.

Should anyone from those communities who are enrolled travel to Brown County, they can make contact with the sheriff's department, just in case their loved one should wander. Being a tourist community, it is a nice option for families who visit, Chief Deputy Brad Stogsdill said.

"If someone from another county that uses (Project Lifesaver) comes here, will be camping for a week and they have a child with a bracelet, they can contact us, give their information," Stogsdill said.

According to an informational packet from Project Lifesaver, the program has been effective in locating Alzheimer's patients and is the world's leading system for search and rescue operations of individuals with autism, Down syndrome or mental disabilities for individuals of all ages.

The project was brought to the attention of Brown County law enforcement during a TRIAD meeting. Members approached Stogsdill and asked if the sheriff's department would be interested.



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Project Lifesaver is now up and running through the Brown County Sheriff's Office and TRIAD. The program allows individuals who are cared for 24/7 to receive a bracelet that may help locate those who may wander from care.



On the move: Deputy Austin Schonfeld searches for a Project Lifesaver bracelet at the Law Enforcement Center in a test of the product.



He and reserve deputy and TRIAD member Keith Baker then attended a training on Project Lifesaver in Seymour, asking pertinent questions.

Stogsdill knew then that it would be a nice addition to local community resources.

Now the sheriff's department is certified to operate the program and trained its officers at their annual training earlier this year.

Those enrolled are given a wristband with an ID-specific device that omits a tracking signal on an individually assigned FM radio frequency.

When caregivers notify law enforcement of a missing individual, a search and rescue team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system.

During a training session of Project Lifesaver, deputies with the Brown County Sheriff's Department started at Deer Run Park and tracked the bracelet back to the Law Enforcement Center — more than a mile away — the scanners beeping louder and clearer as they inched closer.

For an individual to qualify for Project Lifesaver, they need to be under 24/7 care and not have the ability to drive.

A daily maintenance log must also be kept of the bracelet in order for it to be effective. Bracelets are waterproof and batteries last for 30 days.

Because Project Lifesaver bracelets are ID specific, visitors to the county can communicate with the local sheriff's department to make sure there are not conflicting frequencies, Det. Paul Henderson said.

If someone from Brown County is enrolled in the program, they can do the same when traveling to a community that also uses Project Lifesaver.

"It just helps us locate people so much faster and with a lot less resources that what we've had to use in the past," Stogsdill said.

A common mistake when individuals go missing is those who lose track of someone tend to look and then call officers, Henderson said.

If someone goes missing while under care, law enforcement should be called immediately.

In a situation where a K9 officer may be used, it could affect the search by changing the scent of a trail.

Speaking to her own personal experience, Laura Young hopes the community — and visitors — will benefit.

"This does happen and it's a tragedy when it happens," she said of loved ones wandering off and getting lost.

"Anything we can do for those vulnerable people who might wander would just be a piece of mind for families and provide rescue for folks before something bad happens."

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At the **NASHVILLE GENERAL STORE & BAKERY**, 118 E. Washington St., enjoy chicken salad with grapes and pecans served with pumpkin bread, fresh soups or other sandwiches on fresh-baked bread or Kaiser rolls, plus fried biscuits with apple butter and fresh-baked desserts. (812) 988-6362.

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TROLLY'S (seasonal), at the corner of Van Buren and Gould streets, offers its own hickory-smoked pork barbecue, homemade sloppy Joes, Italian sausage and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Ask about the daily specials. Call for seasonal hours. (812) 988-4273.

B3 GALLERY is at 61 W. Main St., on the second floor of the Village Green Building. It sells fine art and crafts made by local artists. Stop in to see the selection of jewelry, photography, glass, pottery, wood, painting, lithophanes, fiber arts and more. The gallery is open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CATHY'S CORNER, 39 E. Franklin St., offers a unique mix of antiques, jewelry, art and hard-to-find items. Take a look at the wide variety of items and paintings. Painting classes are available by appointment. (812) 988-4091 or email cathyscornerbc@gmail.com.

THE CHEEKY OWL, 71 W. Franklin St. in downtown Nashville, sells a little bit of everything, from Peace Frog clothing and stickers, essential oils, skincare and fragrances by Indigo Wild (ZUM), and Bridgewater soy candles infused with organic and natural scents. Owners Shelly and Ross Benson moved from the Chicago suburbs to Brown County in September 2017 and decided to open their shop in 2018. They strive to find fun and original products not offered elsewhere in other Nashville shops. Handcrafted straw and wool hats from Conner Hats give the men something to shop for while their wives shop the ladies jewelry and handcrafted bags and purses made from re-purposed military tents. CBD products from Medterra, Extract Labs and Green Roads can be purchased, and The Cheeky Owl prides itself in quality of these products and knowledge of their benefits.

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THE TOTEM POST, 78 S. Van Buren St., was opened in 1952 by Bill and Marielle Jockey. At the time, they did custom leatherwork and carried handmade American Indian jewelry and foreign crafts. Today, their merchandise has expanded, but the atmosphere is much the same. Many people bring their grandchildren to visit the shop they remember from childhood. Open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. (812) 988-2511, www.thetotempost.com.

Albert Drake Jr. creates contemporary jewelry and buys and sells estate, antique silver and gold jewelry at **TOUCH OF SILVER, GOLD & OLD**, 87 E. Main St., (812) 988-6990.

TULIP TREE JEWELRY is inside B3 Gallery on the second floor of the Village Green Building. Local jeweler Heather Bussert creates and sells her beaded pieces on site. Stop in and treat yourself to a local souvenir, or commission something special. Open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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ABE MARTIN LODGE, in Brown County State Park, has a 12,000-square-foot indoor water park, available to hotel guests first and to the public as space allows. (812) 988-4418.

BILL MONROE MEMORIAL MUSIC PARK & CAMPGROUND, 5163 State Road 135 North, is home to the oldest, continuous running bluegrass festival in the world. Visit the Bluegrass Hall of Fame & Country Star Museum and, on weekends, shop at the Bean Blossom Flea Market.

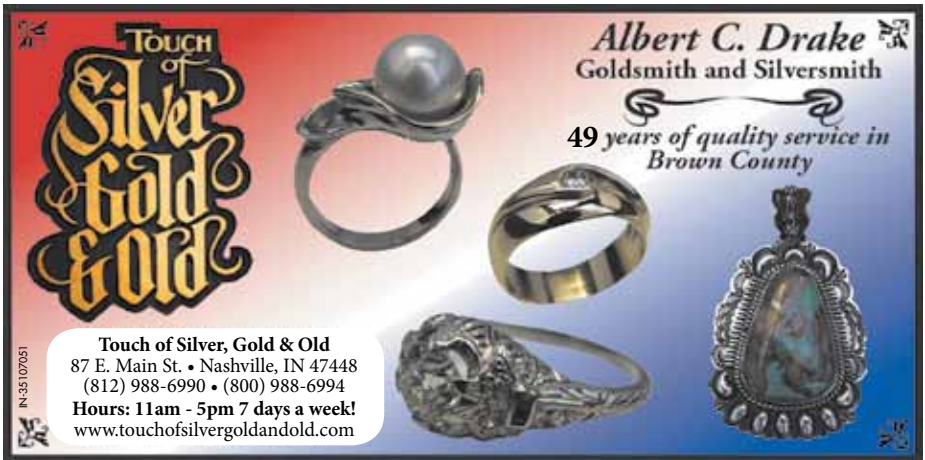
BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 70 S. Van Buren St., is a 426-seat venue committed to bringing the best in a variety of local and national entertainment offerings. You'll find the latest news on upcoming performances by visiting www.BrownCountyPlayhouse.org which frequently lists special offers. Join the chat about what is happening behind the scenes by liking the venue on Facebook. (812) 988-6555.

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., is a 2,000-seat music venue featuring regional and national acts performing every month. To learn more about the music center, see their schedule of shows and purchase tickets visit www.browncountymusiccenter.com. Find the music center on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. (812) 988-5323.

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, Indiana's largest state park, offers camping, hiking trails, mountain bike trails, horse trails, a saddle barn and nature center, picnicking, a swimming pool, fishing, tennis and playgrounds. Open year-round. (812) 988-6406, www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake.

BROWN COUNTY WINERY has been making award-winning wines for more than 30 years. The tasting room is at the corner of Main Street and Old School Way. Don't forget to stop by the winery and tasting room in downtown Gnaw Bone, 4520 State Road 46 East. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, year-round. (812) 988-6144 or (888) 298-2984, www.browncountywinery.com.

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EXPLORE BROWN COUNTY at Valley Branch Retreat is voted the No. 1 activity in Brown County by TripAdvisor. It offers 15 zip lines over 1 mile long; a treetop canopy adventure suspended 90 feet with speeds up to 45 mph; and the tallest, fastest and longest zips in Brown County. Visitors also can experience Night Flight zip lines with tiki torches and headlamps. Enjoy 30 miles of ATV, mountain biking and hiking trails, bike rentals, as well as paintball games and Arrow Tag archery games. The events hall accommodates 250 with a stage. Camping cabins accommodate 80. The property also offers camping, a fishing lake, canoes and paddle boats. Two-seater, four-wheel-drive hill buggy rides and an ATV training challenge tour are available, too. 2620 Valley Branch Road, (812) 988-7750, www.explorebrowncounty.com.

GRANDPA JEFF'S TRAIL RIDES. Relax on a journey with Grandpa Jeff at Grandpa Jeff's Trail Rides, 5889 S. Skinner Road, Morgantown. Take in the scenery and wildlife. No two rides are ever the same: sunny summer days, fall colors, winter snowfalls, spring blossoms, trail rides, pony rides, hayrides, cattle drives, custom excursions. Please give at least one hour notice. Reservations can be made using any of the following: 812-597-4630, cell 812-272-0702, www.GrandpaJeffsTrailRides.com, info@GrandpaJeffsTrailRides.com.

KIDSCOMMONS, a children's museum in downtown Columbus, 309 Washington St., offers families with toddlers to early teens a vibrant, safe setting where they can explore three floors of hands-on learning and fun. Spend time in the Childhood Garden, scamper up the 17-foot-tall climbing wall or hang out in the bubble room, where you can stand inside a body bubble. Don't miss museum favorites ExploraHouse, home of the world-famous giant toilet, and Kids on the Move, a healthy lifestyles exhibit.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Open Mondays mid-June through mid-August. (812) 378-3046, www.kidsccommons.org.

MIKE'S MUSIC & DANCE BARN (seasonal), 2277 State Road 46 West, offers country music and dancing. Beer, wine and food are available in this non-smoking facility. Friday and Saturday shows are from 7 to 11 p.m. (812) 988-8636, www.thedancebarn.com.

SCHOONER VALLEY STABLES (seasonal), 2282 State Road 46 West, offers more than the usual horseback ride, with the option to walk, trot or canter. With no age limit, the whole family is welcome. Hear some brief history of Brown County while meandering through the hills and hollers of Yellowwood State Forest. Reservations are appreciated. (812) 988-2859, www.schoonervalleystables.com.

WONDERLAB MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY, 308 W. Fourth St., Bloomington, puts visitors in touch with the wonder and excitement of science through popular experiences like the two-story grapevine maze, the kinetic contraption, the Bubble-Airium and close encounters with live animals. A special area provides science adventures for very young children. WonderLab is on the B-Line Trail in the downtown arts district. It's open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. (812) 337-1337, www.wonderlab.org.

YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST, 772 YELLOWWOOD Lake Road, has a 133-acre lake, primitive campgrounds, rowboat rental, hiking, hunting, fishing and bridle trails. (812) 988-7945, www.in.gov/dnr/forestry.

ANNE RYAN MILLER GLASS STUDIO, 425 N. Johnson St., features handmade stained glass and metal overlay, lamps and sculpture. Specializing in custom-designed stained glass for the home or office since 1976, Anne Ryan Miller Glass Studio is a member of Hoosier Artist Gallery, 45 S. Jefferson St., and is also represented at Ferrer Gallery, 61 W. Main St., on the second floor of the Village Green Building. Open most days from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for directions. (812) 988-9766, www.AnneRyanMillerGlassStudio.com.

BROWN COUNTY ART GALLERY, three blocks east of the courthouse on Main Street, Brown County's original art gallery established in 1926, offers works for sale by Gallery Association members, plus consigned old Indiana art. The

remodeled exhibition space now includes the Indiana Heritage Arts Gallery, featuring many of Indiana's professional artists. Browse the museum and enjoy works by the early art colony masters. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There's ample parking and free admission. (812) 988-4609, www.browncountyartgallery.org, brncagal@att.net

ART ASSOCIATES OF BROWN COUNTY, networking and social organization promoting each other as local artists and encourage creative output. Anyone who wishes to join is welcome. A permanent gallery is open at the Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Facebook: [artistassociatesofBrownCountyIndiana](https://www.facebook.com/artistassociatesofBrownCountyIndiana); Email: aabc47448@gmail.com.

BROWN COUNTY ART GUILD, 48 S. Van Buren St., showcases fine art and the Marie Goth collection. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; January and February, weekends only; closed Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. (812) 988-6185, www.browncounty.org.

BROWN COUNTY CRAFT GALLERY, a unique, cooperative gallery featuring the work of more than 30 local and area artisans, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except major holidays. It can be found at 62 E. Washington St. (812) 988-7058, www.browncountycraftgallery.com.

BROWN COUNTY POTTERY, 58 W. Franklin St., in the historic Antique Alley complex, is the working studio of Beth Mills. Pottery is made right on the premises and only sold here.

BUSSETT IMAGES is on the second floor of the Village Green Building.

CATHY HAGGERTY at Franklin Shoppes, 39 E. Franklin St., offers a unique mix of antiques, jewelry, art and hard-to-find items. Painting classes are offered. (812) 988-4091.

CHRIS GUSTIN — HOMESTEAD WEAVING STUDIO, 6285 Hamilton Creek Road, is two miles south of Crouch's Market near Hilltop Christian Camp. Gustin, an Indiana Artisan, offers hand-woven "recycled rugs," shawls, throws, clothing and scarves. Also, find equipment and supplies for weaving, knitting and spinning. Commissions are accepted. Visitors are welcome, and "day weaving" classes are available. Homestead Weaving Studio is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. most days from March through December and other times by appointment. www.homesteadweaver.com, (812) 988-8622, chris@homesteadweaver.com.

CHARLENE MARSH STUDIO & GALLERY, 4013 Lanam Ridge Road, features beautiful, plein air and studio oil paintings of the Brown County landscape by Charlene Marsh. The artist hikes deep into the forest to create the paintings using palette knives. Her award-winning paintings in collections throughout the United States and Europe are exhibited in the studio and gallery at the northern edge of Yellowwood State Forest, just five miles from town. Visitors are welcome. Open daily, but call first. (812) 988-4497, www.CharleneMarsh.com, Char@CharleneMarsh.com.

DIXIE FERRER, Ferrer Studio on Yellowwood Road, is the fine art gallery and studio of Dixie Ferrer. Dixie creates her paintings using a variety of techniques including mixed media collage and oil paints combined with cold wax. Her traditional and ethereal paintings are inspired by the nature that surrounds her. Open by appointment or special events. (812) 988-1245, ddferrer@att.net, www.dixieferrer.com.

HOOSIER ARTIST GALLERY, 45 S. Jefferson St., features the work of more than 25 local and Indiana artists. Visit for contemporary fine art, fine crafts and gifts. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (812) 988-6888, www.HoosierArtist.net.

The work of Patricia Rhoden Bartels can be seen at the **RHODEN GALLERY** at eXplore Brown County, 2620 Valley Branch Road. Rhoden Bartels captures the beauty of nature in oil and acrylic paintings. Her work hangs in major corporations, private collections and museums across the country.

SPEARS GALLERY, 5110 State Road 135 South, 10 miles from downtown Nashville, is the working studio of Larry Spears. Here, find traditional pottery, finely crafted, and displays of decorative and functional pottery. Spears Gallery also has opened a downtown location: 15 S. Van Buren next to the Nashville House. There, find pottery by Larry Spears, fine art photography by Kyle Spears and jewelry by Tyler Spears. Studio gallery (812) 988-1287, downtown gallery (812) 988-1286, www.spearspottery.com.

T. C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE, 4220 T.C. Steele Road off State Road 46 West, is open from early spring to late fall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Mondays and most holidays but open July 4 and Labor Day. (812) 988-2785



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ABE MARTIN LODGE & CABINS, Brown County State Park, offer 160 rooms/cabins, a 12,000-square-foot indoor aquatic center, a full-service restaurant, game room, cable, hiking trails and beautiful vistas. The lodge was built in 1932 of hand-hewn native stone and oak timbers cut in the park. The main lodge has two spacious and comfortable lobbies with two fireplaces. (812) 988-4418, abemartinlodge@dnr.state.in.us.

THE ALLISON HOUSE INN, South Jefferson Street, is a charming whole-house rental in downtown Nashville featuring seven guest rooms with private baths. (812) 365-0690, theallisonhouseinn.com.

THE BRICK LODGE is just a mile north of Nashville on State Road 135. Enjoy two bedrooms with two baths, a game room with a pool table, cable TV, gas fireplace, outdoor hot tub, gas grill and a fully equipped kitchen. The lodge accommodates eight people. (812) 988-6429, www.bricklodge.com.

The newly remodeled **BROWN COUNTY INN** is just three blocks south of downtown Nashville on the corner of state roads 135 and 46. The inn has 99 guest rooms with two suites, a restaurant and bar serving three meals daily, conference and meeting spaces, and a large year-round pool. Enjoy the beautifully landscaped grounds, including a new walkable edible garden, miniature golf, volleyball court and children's play area. The Salt Creek Trail runs along the back of property for easy walks into town. Each guest room features a walk-out covered porch or balcony, coffee maker, hair dryer, phone, flat-screen TV and complimentary high-speed WiFi. Call for availability and rates. 51 State Road 46 East, Nashville, (812) 988-2291, www.browncountyinn.com.

CAMP PALAWOPEC LODGE & RETREAT AREA, 3497 Clay Lick Road, offers a lodge that sleeps 30 guests and outdoor cabins that can accommodate 70 guests. Enjoy 300 acres of woods, trails, a 4-acre lake, canoes, kayaks, beach, campfire areas, basketball court, ultimate frisbee, soccer field, horseshoes,

volleyball area, mountain bike trails, and an indoor meeting and dining area. Kitchen facilities are available. Open year-round. (812) 988-2689, www.camppalawopec.com.

QUALITY INN, 75 W. Chestnut St., is a quarter-mile from downtown Nashville. A Platinum and Gold Award winner, the hotel has spacious, clean, comfortable rooms with HD flat screens in every room, complimentary hot and cold breakfast, an indoor pool, fitness room and high-speed Internet. Zip line and trail ride packages are available as well as other special package rates. (812) 988-6118, www.choicehotels.com.

CORNERSTONE INN AND THE LODGE, downtown Nashville at 54 E. Franklin St., has proudly served from a "Foundation of Excellence" since 1993. The downtown campus includes 23 exemplary guest rooms, 12 cottage suites, a three-bedroom cottage, a lofty studio apartment and their newest addition, a three-bedroom two-story lodge. Some accommodations feature balconies, whirlpool tubs and fireplaces. Enjoy beautiful gardens, front porch rocking chairs, firepit, porch swings and community balcony, free on-site parking, and WiFi. Great for couples, girlfriend getaways, corporate meetings, church groups, craft and writing retreats and more! Cornerstone Inn is more than just quaint and cozy, it's a place for relaxation and rejuvenation. www.cornerstoneinn.com or 812-988-0300.

COZY BEAR LOG CABIN, State Road 46 West, can accommodate six guests with three bedrooms in queen beds. The upper level of this cabin has two bedrooms, a full bath with whirlpool tub and a pool table. The living room has a gas log fireplace. The television has a full satellite package and VCR/DVD player. The screened porch offers a relaxing hot tub. (765) 532-7454, www.browncountygetaways.com.

EXPLORE BROWN COUNTY provides affordable yet comfortable, rustic camping cabins grouped to accommodate 80 guests. Cabins have air-conditioning and heat and are equipped with a microwave and refrigerator. Some have cold-water sinks. Fire rings and picnic tables are provided outside each cabin. A public restroom with shower facilities is open year-round. After a full day of rigorous, exciting zip line, paintball and ATV activities, gather around the campfire to share adventure stories. Free WiFi available on front porch of cabins and front porch of Harvest

Hall. 2620 Valley Branch Road, (812) 988-7750, www.explorebrowncounty.com.

FONDULAC FARM CABIN RENTALS, 5 miles west of Nashville on Lanam Ridge Road, offers three unique, fully-equipped cabins on 47 scenic acres with views, ponds, fishing, canoeing, hiking, fireplaces, outdoor fire pits, a hot tub and Internet. Cabins accommodate up to six people. (812) 988-4796, www.fondulacfarm.com.

GREEN VALLEY LODGE, 692 State Road 46 West, offers individually appointed rooms and grounds in a safe, quiet setting. The lodge offers king-size beds in the Royal Spa Hot Tub Suites and two double beds or one queen in the cozy overnight rooms. Ask about weeknight discounts. Wireless Internet is available. (812) 988-0231, www.greenvalleylodge.com.

HILLS O' BROWN VACATION RENTALS, 4118 State Road 46 East near Gnaw Bone, is one of the largest full-service rental management companies in southern Indiana, managing more than 100 vacation homes, log cabins, guest suites and cottages in Brown, Bartholomew and Monroe counties. All vacation homes are fully furnished; most offer hot tubs, seasonal fireplaces and game rooms. They can accommodate from two to 24 guests, ideal for a romantic retreat, family gathering or celebrating a special occasion. The homes are located in various areas throughout the county: on private, wooded acreage, in the heart of Nashville, near Indiana University or with a scenic view. Reservations and information about all homes are available online at www.browncountylogcabins.com. Office hours are Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (812) 988-6429.

HIDDEN VALLEY INN, 201 N. Van Buren St., is a charming hotel just a short walk to shops, restaurants, theaters, galleries and activities. Each suite features a kitchen, dining area and living room. (812) 988-9000, (877) 988-9099, www.hiddenvalleyinn.net.

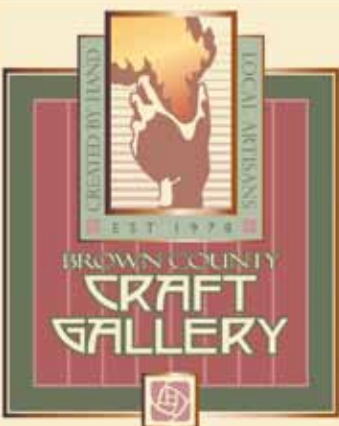
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ABE MARTIN LODGE, Brown County State Park, offers meeting rooms, conference facilities and private dining areas for conferences, meetings, weddings or retreats. Seating capacity ranges from 10 to 400. The banquet department caters private meals, snacks and breaks and can also prepare a barbecue or meal function at one of the park shelter houses for groups of 50 or more. For smaller picnic groups, the lodge can prepare box lunches. (812) 988-4418, www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inna/abe/index.html.

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THE BROWN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER, 90 E. Gould St., is a centrally located venue in Nashville for receptions, reunions or meetings. It features a spacious Grand Hall, small rooms and a catering kitchen. 812-988-2899, browncountyhistorycenter.org.

THE BROWN COUNTY INN is conveniently located just three blocks south of beautiful downtown Nashville on the corner of state roads 135 and 46. With the hills of Brown County as its backdrop, the recently remodeled, 99-room inn sits on 10 beautifully landscaped acres, with a restaurant and bar on site. Amenities include a large, covered indoor pool, playground, miniature golf, volleyball, complimentary high-speed WiFi and more. The Brown County Inn has both indoor and outdoor event spaces perfect for your wedding, retreat, conference, or reunion of up to 200 people. Please call (812) 988-2291 or email sales@browncountyinn.com for more information. 51 State Road 46 East, Nashville, www.browncountyinn.com.

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QUALITY INN, 75 W. Chestnut St., is perfect for retreats. Guests can enjoy the lodge-like atmosphere with a cozy lobby and spacious guest rooms, and the indoor pool and fitness center. (812) 988-6118, www.choicehotels.com.

CORNERSTONE INN AND THE LODGE, 54 E. Franklin St., is in the heart of Nashville. The campus consists of 40 guest rooms, some with balconies, whirlpool tubs and fireplaces. Meeting facilities can hold up to 50 guests. View all rooms, rates and specials at www.CornerstoneInn.com. To contact our group sales office, call 1-812-988-0300 or 1-888-383-0300.

THE HARVEST HALL at eXplore Brown County Retreat Center and outdoor stage offer the perfect setting for weddings, conferences or parties. Plan an outdoor ceremony on the stage, but should it rain, move into the heated or air-conditioned hall. Cater the event yourself using the prep kitchen and save big money. The hall comfortably seats 200 and is furnished with tables and chairs and a small bar area, stage and decorated with rustic antiques and original paintings. The covered porches accommodate 50 additional guests. Restrooms with showers and changing rooms for the bride are provided. The fireplace and beautiful wooden staircase create the perfect spot for a wedding. eXplore Brown County at Valley Branch Retreat, 2620 Valley Branch Road, (812) 988-7750, www.explorebrowncounty.com.

HOTEL NASHVILLE, 245 N. Jefferson St., offers 45 rooms with an indoor pool, hot tub, restaurant and bar. Perfect for small meetings, weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions and banquets. Off-site catering at local venues also available. (812) 988-8400, www.hotelnashville.com.

SALT CREEK GOLF RETREAT, 2359 State Road 46 East, offers a beautiful banquet facility that can accommodate 20 to 200 people. The facility overlooks the golf course and is great for weddings, receptions, reunions, corporate events and small meetings. On-site catering is available. (812) 988-7888, www.saltcreekgolf.com.

THE SEASONS LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 560 State Road 46 East, offers space for simple receptions or technologically enhanced conferences complete with high-speed Internet. The Seasons Lodge has 10 meeting rooms that accommodate 10 to 500 people and can accommodate up to 400 people for weddings or receptions. Choose from served or buffet menus, hors d'oeuvres and cash or host bars. The complex is also available for bridal teas, bridal showers, luncheons, rehearsal dinners and weddings. (812) 988-2284 or (800) 365-7327, www.seasonslodge.com.



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JUNE 18
Painting Selma's Garden
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SUMMER EVENTS

School's Out for Summer Celebration

JUNE 1 - 30

EXPLORE BROWN COUNTY, 2620 VALLEY BRANCH ROAD.

Hop on a zip line and fly through the trees as guides share information about the plants and animals in Hoosier National Forest and how everyone can work to preserve them. They will also share stories about Brown County's colorful past. Times and prices vary. Tickets and information: explorebrowncounty.com/.

Americana Bean Jamboree

JUNE 2 - 4

BILL MONROE'S MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND, 5163 STATE ROAD 135 NORTH.

This new three-day festival will feature country, roots-rock, storytelling, bluegrass, folk and blues music. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The party will continue until 11 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$45 to \$100. Ticket and information: billmonroemusicpark.com/america-bean-jamboree.

Pioneer Women's Club annual Quilt Show, Exhibit

JUNE 3 - 4

BROWN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER, 90 GOULD ST.

The annual Pioneer Women's Quilt Show will feature this year's donation raffle quilt entitled "A Brown County Log Cabin," created by local quilting artist Julia Crawley. All proceeds from the raffle will support the Brown County Historical Society. The drawing for the quilt and three treasure baskets filled with fabric, notions, handmade items and surprises will be at the conclusion of the quilt show June 4 at 4 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Information: browncountyhistorycenter.org/pioneer-women-quilt-showexhibit.html.

Golden Age of Radio - Triple Play!

JUNE 3 - 4

BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.

Three great half-hour plays in one show! "The Undecided Molecule" by Norman Corwin will take the audience out into the universe, to attend the strangest trial of all time. "Sorry, Wrong Number" takes place in New York City in the 1940s, where a bedridden woman, alone with a telephone, overhears a murder plot. "On the Internet, Nobody Knows You're a Dog" takes place in a typical modern household where dogs are running the show. Starts at 7:30 p.m., \$12. Tickets and information: browncountypayhouse.org.

Steve Earl and the Dukes with special guest the Whitmore Sisters

JUNE 3

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

Steve Earl is one of the most acclaimed singer-songwriters of his generation. Over the course of 20 studio albums, he has distinguished himself as a mater storyteller, and his songs have been recorded by many artists, including Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris, the Pretenders and many more. Starts at 7:30 p.m., starting at \$25.50. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

DINO Series Trail Run

JUNE 4

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

Runners a 5K or 15K trail with stunning terrain, challenging hills and mile-long climbs. The 5K heads back downhill for a mile-long downhill to the finish. 15K will make a left turn that sends runners onto a loop containing several long climbs and descents. The 15K will finish with the same long downhill as the 5K. Starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. Registration and information: dinoserries.com/brown-county-trail-run/.

Free Fishing Day

JUNE 4-5

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

On free fishing days, Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or at trout/salmon stamp to fish in the state's public waters. Fishing is free, but state park gate fees still apply. Information: in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3598.htm.

Transcend Virtual Retreat

JUNE 4-5

The event will include a total of six live lessons focused on training, mental mindset, wellness and running, including two live cooking classes and a live yoga session. Starts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 5 p.m. on Sunday, \$297. Registration and information: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIbd8dL2qdmWX3FzWUO8qoGTeb7KJNH7ult749WofaUZcCq/viewform.

DINO Mountain Bike Series

JUNE 5

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

All bikers, regardless of age or ability, can enjoy trails and events with plenty of scenery and challenges. Registration and information: dinoserries.com/mtb-race-brown-county-state/.

Goat Yoga

JUNE 5, 12, 19 AND JULY 17

GOAT CONSPIRACY, 6022 E. KENT ROAD.

Join yoga instructor Tyler Ferguson for a Goat Yoga class at the Goat Conspiracy. The class will be held in the outdoor pavilion space with sand flooring. Mats are available, or participants can bring their own. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. Starts at 1 and 6 p.m., \$25. Registration and information: thegoatconspiracy.com/.

Tab Benoit with Lightin' Malcolm

JUNE 10

BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.

Tab Benoit, Grammy nominated singer, songwriter and guitarist, has built a remarkable 30 plus year career on the foundation of his gritty and soulful Delta swamp blues. Along the way, he has acquired a devoted legion of fans as well as five Blues Music Awards, including winning BB King Entertainer of the Year twice and an induction into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame. Starts at 7:30 p.m., \$55 to \$75. Tickets and information: browncountypayhouse.org.

16th annual Sundance Women's Mountain Bike and Outdoor Retreat

JUNE 10-12

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

Come for activities like group mountain bike rides, but also for wine tasting and canvas painting, an interactive cooking class, yoga, hiking, outdoor movie and camaraderie with other women. Sundance MTB will host the inaugural DINO Series Women's Electric Fox MTB Race, for all to have an opportunity to give racing a try and have a chance to win exciting prizes. Starts at 11 a.m., \$295 to \$545. Registration and information: bikereg.com/539687fbclid=IwAR3LIzWtchmCgAnRi3PpHE3ydlB500x0_r-O7GWIXFvjnlB7-0MKHHJ3wJs.

Bill Monroe Bluegrass Festival

JUNE 10-18

**BILL MONROE'S MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND, 5163
STATE ROAD 135 NORTH.**

The Bill Monroe Bluegrass Festival is one of the longest running bluegrass festivals in the country. The event will be returning to its original June dates in 2022 for nine days of bluegrass music, jams around the campground and on stage, workshops and the traditional free Bean Dinner. For those who like to camp, there are plenty of campsites available from primitive to water-electric hookup for any size camper. Camping reservations are separate from admission tickets, each person staying at the campsite is required to purchase their own admission ticket. Daily tickets are available for walk ups, come for a day, multiple days or purchase a nine day ticket. Starting at \$35. Tickets and information: billmonroemusicpark.com/bill-monroe-bluegrass.

Whiskey Chaser Running Festival

JUNE 11

HARD TRUTH HILLS, 418 OLD STATE ROAD 46.

The 2022 Whiskey Chaser Running Festival trail races will take runners on a tour through the hilly terrain of Brown County. Participants in this 100% trail running event will traverse the rugged grounds of the Hard Truth forest and should expect to meet some hard truths throughout the race — runners will be facing several steep hills, creek crossings and all of the other fun that comes with getting out into nature. Starts at 9 a.m., \$15 to \$100. Registration and information: visithardtruth.com/event/whiskey-chaser/.

Lance Fox

JUNE 11

BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.

Lance Fox, "Man of Many Voices," is one of the most versatile impressionists today. With a vast repertoire of over 200 celebrity personalities, you never know whom Fox will turn into next. His impressions are spot-on and have a wide range of audience appeal. Starts at 7:30 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: browncountypayhouse.org.

Co-Ed Mountain Bike Clinic

JUNE 11-12

**BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46
EAST.**

Those looking to increase their mountain biking confidence and skills can join this all levels skills clinic. Skills sessions take place in

the morning, with trail rides in the afternoon. Starts at 9 a.m., \$250. Registration and information: browncountybikes.com/product/brown-county-bikes-co-ed-mountain-bike-clinic-4671.htm.

44th annual Indiana Heritage Arts Exhibition and Sale

JUNE 11- JULY 9

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SUMMER EVENTS

Surf and Turf

JUNE 12

YELLOWWOOD LAKE, 772 S. YELLOWWOOD ROAD.

Spend a morning with a short hike, try a Stand Up Paddleboard session and enjoy a locally prepared boxed lunch. Any level of fitness welcome. \$67. Registration and information: simplyfitnessyoga.com/service-page/surf-and-turf?category=1b1dbf35-164d-4496-ae8e-c264f9e74fad&referral=service_list_widget.

America

JUNE 17

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

America is continuing to celebrate its 50th anniversary with their powerful performances. Founding members Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell (along with former bandmate, the late Dan Peek) met in high school in London in the late 1960s and quickly harmonized their way to the top of the charts on the strength of their signature song "A Horse With No Name." America became a global household name and paved the way with an impressive string of hits following the success of their first No. 1 single. Starts at 8 p.m., starting at \$43. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

Painting Selma's Gardens

JUNE 18

T.C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE, 4220 T.C. STEELE ROAD.

Indiana's top artists are heading to T.C. Steele State Historic Site, the place where the influential Steele himself was inspired to paint over 100 years ago. Watch the artists at work as they paint Selma's Garden from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Site opens for an event filled open house featuring food, wine and self-guided tours of the gardens and House of the Singing Winds, as well as a Wet Paint Art Sale in the Large Studio starting at 5:30 p.m., \$45. Reservations: 812-988-4609.

10th annual BucCornEar Festival

JUNE 18

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, 4831 HELMSBURG ROAD.

Jackson Township Fire Department invites you to its annual BucCornEar Festival for families! Come celebrate pirates, popcorn and fire prevention. Games, prizes, food and fun for all. Free admission; small donation required for games. Information: facebook.com/events/510263197081434.

Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo

JUNE 22

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

Pat Benatar's staggering vocals and take-no-prisoners attitude, along with Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of rock's most memorable hits including "We Belong," "Invincible," "Love Is A Battlefield," "Promises In The Dark," "We Live For Love," "Heartbreaker" and "Hell Is For Children." Together they have created two multi-platinum, five platinum and three gold albums, as well as 19 Top 40 hits. They have sold over 30 million records worldwide and have won an unprecedented four consecutive Grammy awards. Starts at 7 p.m., starting at \$35.25. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives

JUNE 23

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

With legends like George Jones, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard all passed on, country music purists often echo the question Jones himself asked: "Who's going to fill their shoes?" The answer, in part, is Marty Stuart. Starts at 8 p.m., starting at \$32. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

4th Friday Village Art Walk

JUNE 24, JULY 22 AND AUG. 26

VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE

Enjoy a Village Art Walk on the fourth Friday of April through October! Participating art galleries will stay open late. Refreshments, demonstrations and music will be available at some stops. Information: facebook.com/4th-Friday-Art-Walk-380701555849925/.

Free 4th Friday Festival

JUNE 24, JULY 22 AND AUG. 26

BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.

In conjunction with the monthly Fourth Friday Art Walk that occurs every 4th Friday, April through October, the Playhouse will have free entertainment from 6:30 p.m. onward. Various bands of different genres and different areas will be highlighted each month. The bar and concessions will be open and the art gallery of Artist Associates of Brown County will be the highlight. Information: browncountypayhouse.org.

Brown County Touch-A-Truck

JUNE 25

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

The Brown County Touch-A-Truck event is a free, hands-on event that provides kids with the opportunity to see, touch and explore their favorite big trucks, heavy equipment and emergency vehicles as well as interact with community support leaders including police officers, firemen, construction workers and more. All donations benefit Brown County Weekend Backpacks, a community-led, totally-volunteer program whose goal is keeping hungry Brown County children fed with nutritious food all weekend long. A quiet hour will be from 10 to 11 a.m. where no horns are allowed. The Cat in the Hat will arrive at 10:30 a.m. to read to the children. Information: 251-287-9331.

Art in the Garden

JUNE 25

A special, not to be missed evening amidst beautiful gardens and art at the home of a long-time Brown County resident. Enjoy live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks as well as Plein Air painting and fine artisan demonstrations. A tour of the family's art collection rounds out the evening. Starts at 5 p.m., \$100. Tickets and information: browncountyartguild.org/product/art-in-the-garden-ticket/.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: M Spells Murder

JUNE 25, JULY 30 AND AUG. 13

ARTISTS COLONY INN, 105 S. VAN BUREN ST.

This Murder Mystery is filled with twists and turns. Includes dinner and a show. Starts at 6 p.m., \$54. Tickets and information: 812-988-0600 or artistscolonyinn.com.

Youth Mountain Bike Clinic

JUNE 25 - 26

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810, STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

With some of the best mountain bike trails in the Midwest, there are plenty of reasons to get kids out on the trails. A great way for children to learn how to ride more safely is to participate in a clinic so they can learn skills to keep them riding more efficiently, increase their confidence on their bike and have more fun with their family and friends. Starts at 9 a.m., \$150. Registration and information: browncountybikes.com/product/brown-county-bikes-youth-mountain-bike-clinic-4670.htm.

Ben Folds

JUNE 26

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

Ben Folds is widely regarded as one of the major music influences of our generation. He's created an enormous body of genre-bending music that includes pop albums with Ben Folds Five, multiple solo albums and numerous collaborative records. His last album was a blend of pop songs and his Concerto for Piano and Orchestra that soared to No. 1 on both the Billboard classical and classical crossover charts. Starts at 8 p.m., starting at \$25.50. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

Ann Wilson of Heart

JUNE 28

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

One of the premier hard rock vocalists of all time, Ann Wilson smashed boundaries with her band Heart, the 8-times platinum, 35 million-plus selling Rock and Roll Hall of Fame trailblazers who formed in 1973. Starts at 7:30 p.m., starting at \$35.25. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

Weekend Night Flights

JULY 1 - 31

EXPLORE BROWN COUNTY, 2620 VALLEY BRANCH ROAD.

When the sun goes down, headlamps and tiki torches light the way on zip lines in the woods of Brown County. Each guest is provided with a headlamp and/or glow stick. With tiki lit decks 60 feet in the air, Zip On! into the darkness where only the moon, stars and red headlamp light the way. Times and prices vary. Tickets and information: explorebrowncounty.com/.

Killer Queen, London's Premier Queen Tribute

JULY 2

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

Killer Queen's first public shows were at London University, following in the footsteps of the real Queen who had played their first shows there decades earlier. The band's reputation continued to grow both in the United Kingdom and abroad leading to an awards ceremony in Leicester Square, hosted by Suggs from Madness who presented them with the award for "Worldwide Best Tribute Band." Starts at 8 p.m., starting at \$30. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

Fireworks Celebration

JULY 3

BROWN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, 357 E. MAIN ST.

Brown County fireworks are back! The Brown County Lions have put on the display to honor America each year for the last 50 years, but missed the chance last year. As always, the best views of the fireworks are on the hill west of the high school football field at dark. Everyone is encouraged to follow social distancing measures. In the event of rain, fireworks will be rescheduled for Monday, July 5. The Scouts of Troop 190 will sell food and glow bracelets to earn money to pay for camp. The fireworks are paid for by small business donations and with money collected by Lions members wandering through the crowd. Starts at 10 p.m. Information: 812-988-6865.

Little Feat with Special Guest Ida Mae

JULY 23

BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.

Making a truly great live rock and roll album is an enormous challenge, so difficult that they are a rarity. Waiting for Columbus is a consensus member of that very exclusive club. After two years of silence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Little Feat has big plans for its return to the stage. Hard on the heels of their November "By Request" tour, the band's March-April 2022 tour will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the legendary Waiting for Columbus, replicating the album at every stop. Starts at 7:30 p.m., starting at \$32.50. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com.

Indiana Printmakers Get their Due

JULY 23 - AUG. 21

BROWN COUNTY ART GALLERY, 1 ARTIST DRIVE.

Contemporary printmakers from across Indiana exhibit and sell their work at this annual exhibition. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Brown County Art Gallery Foundation. Opening reception will happen July 23. Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Information: browncountyartgallery.org/events/153-indiana-printmakers-get-their-due.

Keillor & Company featuring Garrison Keillor, Prudence Johnson and Dan Chouinard

JULY 25

BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.

Garrison Keillor did "A Prairie Home Companion" for 40 years, wrote fiction and comedy and invented a town called Lake Wobegon where all the children are above average, even though he himself grew up evangelical in a small separatist flock where all the children expected the imminent end of the world. He is busy in retirement, having written a memoir and a book of limericks and is at work on a musical and a Lake Wobegon screenplay. He continues to do the "Writers Almanac" sent out daily to internet subscribers. Starts at 7:30 p.m., \$70. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

Brown County 4-H Fair

JULY 25 - 30

BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 802 MEMORIAL DRIVE.

Have some summertime fun at the Brown County 4-H Fair. Carnival starts at 6 p.m. Monday, July 25 and ends Saturday, July 30 at 9 p.m. Grandstand events also happen each night from July 25 to 30 beginning at 7 p.m. Parking is \$2 per car.

Hippy Hill Festival

JULY 28 - 30

BILL MONROE'S MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND, 5163 N. STATE ROAD 135.

The second annual Hippy Hill Fest is a Jerry Garcia Band tribute and birthday celebration featuring the music, the life and the culture of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead-era. Jerome John "Jerry" Garcia was an American singer-songwriter and guitarist best known for his work as the lead guitarist and as a vocalist with the Grateful Dead. Throughout his 30-year career, Garcia performed with numerous musicians. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The party will continue until 11 p.m. each night. Tickets \$45 to \$135. Tickets and information: billmonroemusicpark.com/hippy-hill-fest.

11th annual Fingerstyle Guitar Festival

JULY 29 - 30

BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.

One of the most prestigious events of the year where the finest acoustic guitarists in the world come to Brown County to compete on the historic stage of the Brown County Playhouse. Forty musicians will compete for the prize guitar and a chance to play that night at the evening concert. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Information: IndianaStringFest.com.

Humane Society Barn Sale

AUG. 12 - 14

OLDE TYME FLEA MARKET, 5400 STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

The biggest yard sale of the year. All proceeds go toward supporting the animals at the Brown County Humane Society shelter. Starts at 8 a.m. Information: bchumane.org/.

ChamberFest Brown County

AUG. 14 - 20

ChamberFest Brown County is a week-long chamber music festival held each August that seeks to inspire audiences in rural Indiana through classical music performance of the highest caliber. Most concerts will be free of charge to ensure there are no financial barriers to access. Seats are available to reserve ahead of time by purchasing a \$20 ticket. For more information visit www.chamberfestbrowncounty.com or follow @chamberfestbrowncounty on Instagram and Facebook.

On Sunday, Aug. 14 John Marcel Williams and Jordan Dodson will perform "From Rameau to the Beatles" on guitars at the Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, 602 State Road 135 North.

On Monday, Aug. 15 Rachel Wong playing the baroque violin and David Belkovski on the

harpsichord will perform "Diverse Bizarrie" at St. Agnes Church, 1008 McLary Road.

On Tuesday, Aug 16 poet Cathy Bowman will perform "The Musics of Poetry" at Country Heritage Winery, 225 S. Van Buren St.

On Wednesday, Aug. 17 clarinetist Andrea Levine, pianist Futaba Niekawa, soprano Catherine Compton, violinist Lei Hou and cellist John Sharp will perform "Clarinet Transformations" at Nashville United Methodist Church, 36 S. Jefferson St.

On Thursday, Aug. 18 Elizabeth Prindonoff and Andreas Loannides on piano and the Lincoln String Quartet will perform "Passion and Despair" at Nashville United Methodist Church.

On Friday, Aug. 19 pianist Andreas loannides, violinist Mark Kaplan and cellist Peter Stumpf will perform "In Memory of a Great Artist: the Tchaikovsky Trio" at Nashville United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, Aug. 20 members of the Lincoln String Quartet and Pacifica Quartet will perform "Chamber Music Gala" at the Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St.

Southern Indiana Blues Festival

AUG. 25 - 27

BILL MONROE'S MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND, 5163 STATE ROAD 135 NORTH

Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground has hosted the blues festival since 1999. The first festival was held from June 11 to 13 by John Hall who decided to throw a party in the woods of Brown County for his harmonica customers. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The party will continue until 11 p.m. each night. Tickets \$55 to \$125. Tickets and information: billmonroemusicpark.com/southern-in-blues-fest.

Nancy Noel Exhibition and Sale

AUG. 27 - SEPT. 25

BROWN COUNTY ART GALLERY, 1 ARTIST DRIVE.

Come see this exhibition and sale of works by Indiana artist Nancy Noël at Brown County Art Gallery. Sale includes original art and giclee prints. Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Information: browncountyartgallery.org/events/154-nancy-noel-exhibition-and-sale.

Firetower 15.3 Duathlon, 5K

AUG. 28

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST.

Run, bike and trail run during the Firetower 15.3 duathlon at Brown County State Park. Presented by the Brown County YMCA, this duathlon consists of a 5K road run, 10 mile road bike ride, then a 2.2 mile trail run. Located at the state park firetower and park office field area. Starts at 7:30 a.m., \$25 to \$95. Registration and information: raceroster.com/events/2022/56592/firetower-153-duathlon



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**Tab Benoit
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June 10 7:30pm



Lance Fox
June 11
7:30pm



Abba Fab
June 18 & 19
7:30pm



**Jenn and Eric Simply
Acoustic, Simply Amazing**
June 30 & July 7 7:30pm



**Summer of '69: Music
from the Woodstock Era**
July 1 7:30pm



**Wastin' Away Again in
Margaritaville**
July 2 & 8 7:30pm



**Made in the USA: Rock 'n'
Roll American Made**
July 3 2:30pm



Keillor & Company
July 25
7:30pm

812.988.6555 | BrownCountyPlayhouse.org

Showtimes, tickets & schedule online

Box Office: Thursday-Sunday | 70 S. Van Buren St. Nashville, IN

