



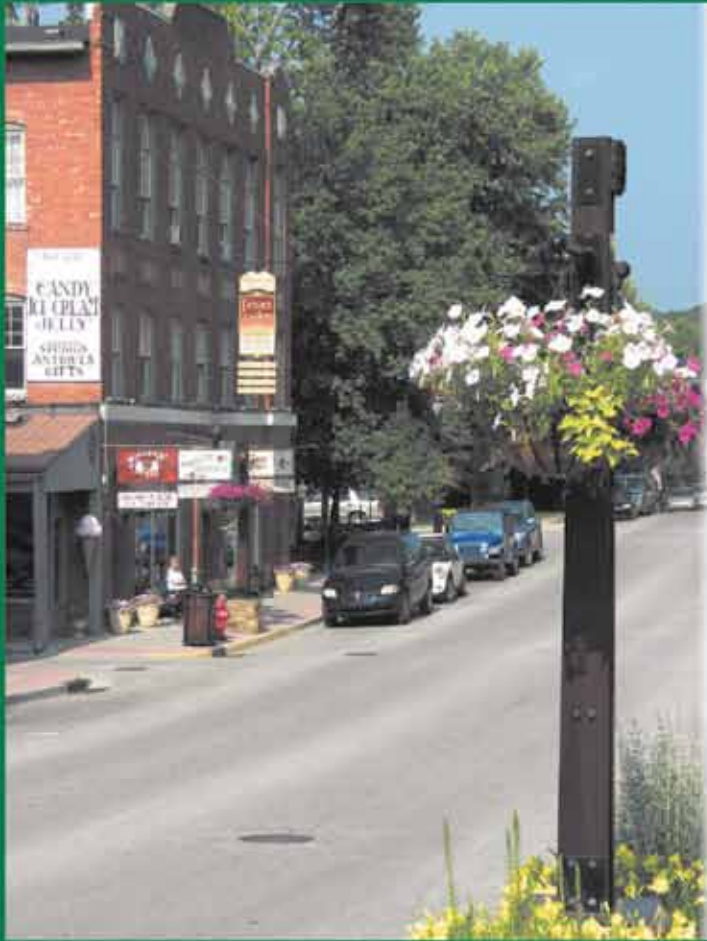
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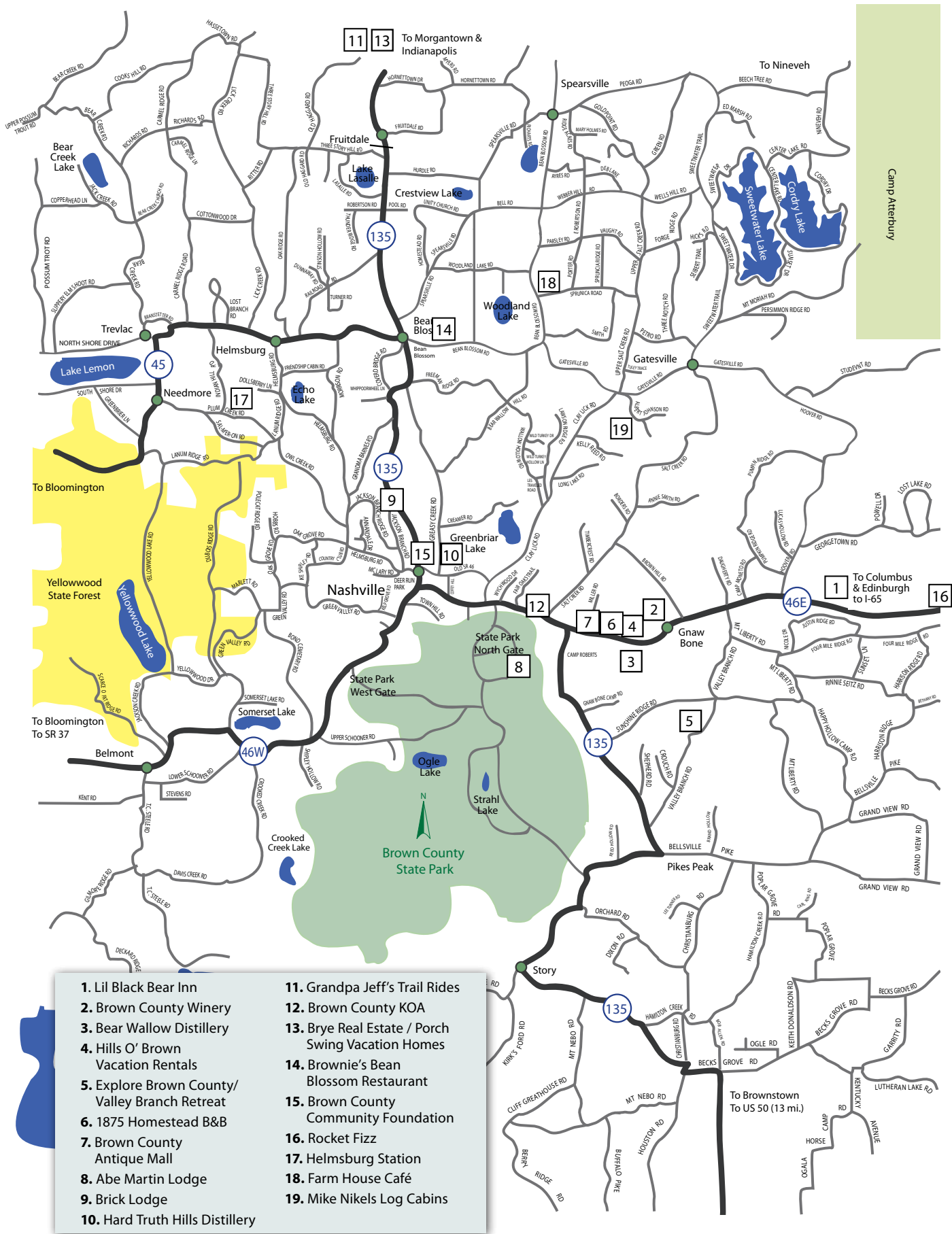


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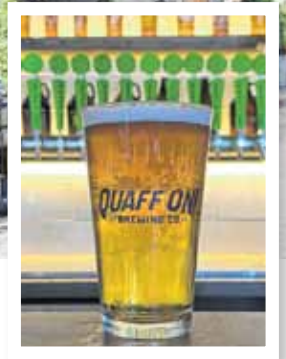
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The Original Big Woods restaurant on Molly's Lane will reopen as Quaff ON! Pour House this year.



A pint of locally made brew from Quaff ON! The Pour House on Molly's Lane, which is set to open soon.

BACK TO BREWING ROOTS

First Big Woods location to reopen as Quaff ON! Pour House

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Ever wondered what happened to The Original Big Woods restaurant snuggled away in a Nashville alley?

For a while the doors to the original timber frame building that once housed The Original Big Woods restaurant have been closed as the location on Molly's Lane is revamped. It first opened in 2009 under the name Big Woods Brewing Company, serving locally brewed beer as well as a bar food menu that included the company's famous pulled pork BBQ nachos.

On Aug. 5, the building opened again for visitors and residents alike, but under a new name: the Quaff ON! Pour House. The new business will "embrace the brewing roots that started it all while highlighting the Quaff ON! Brewing Co. branch of the BWQOHT, Inc. brand family," according to a press release.

"Since the beginning, we have always said, 'If we please ourselves, we'll please other people,'" company co-founder and executive chairman Jeff McCabe said. "Well, it pleases us to reopen our original location with a focus on the beer and the traditions that made us what we are today."

Big Woods Restaurant Group, LLC will run operations for the Pour House, which will become the first dedicated showcase and tap room for Quaff ON! since its 2012 founding.

The space has been updated with additional taps and will serve up not only favorites like Six Foot Strawberry Blonde and Busted Knuckle Porter, but more limited brews, like those from the barrel-aged Woods Abide program and other favorites from the Quaff ON! archives.

In addition to beer, the venue will also offer craft spirits from sister brand Hard Truth Distilling Co. and an appetizer-centered menu developed by the Big Woods Restaurant Group team.

Like its predecessors, the Quaff ON! Pour House is a 21-and-older venue.

The iconic space, tucked into an alley at the intersection of Honeysuckle and Molly's lanes just off the main tourist streets of Nashville, offers indoor bar and table seating, as well as seasonal outdoor seating.

"It's exciting to finally see Quaff ON! have a dedicated gathering space to share with the public," co-founder and original brewer Tim O'Bryan said. "I'm looking forward to sharing a pint or two there with old friends and new."

BWQOHT, Inc. is the parent company of Big Woods Restaurant Group, Quaff ON! Brewing Co., and Hard Truth Distilling Co. — all based locally in Nashville.

Founded in 2009 under the Big Woods Brewing Co. name, the company quickly grew

to several restaurants operated by Big Woods Restaurant Group, an independent distribution brewery by the name of Quaff ON! Brewing Co. and Hard Truth Distilling Co.

Big Woods Restaurant Group currently operates five Big Woods restaurants, two Big Woods Pizza restaurants, one Hard Truth bar, and food and beverage operations at the Hard Truth Distilling Co. destination campus. The combined companies employ more than 600 people throughout the state of Indiana.

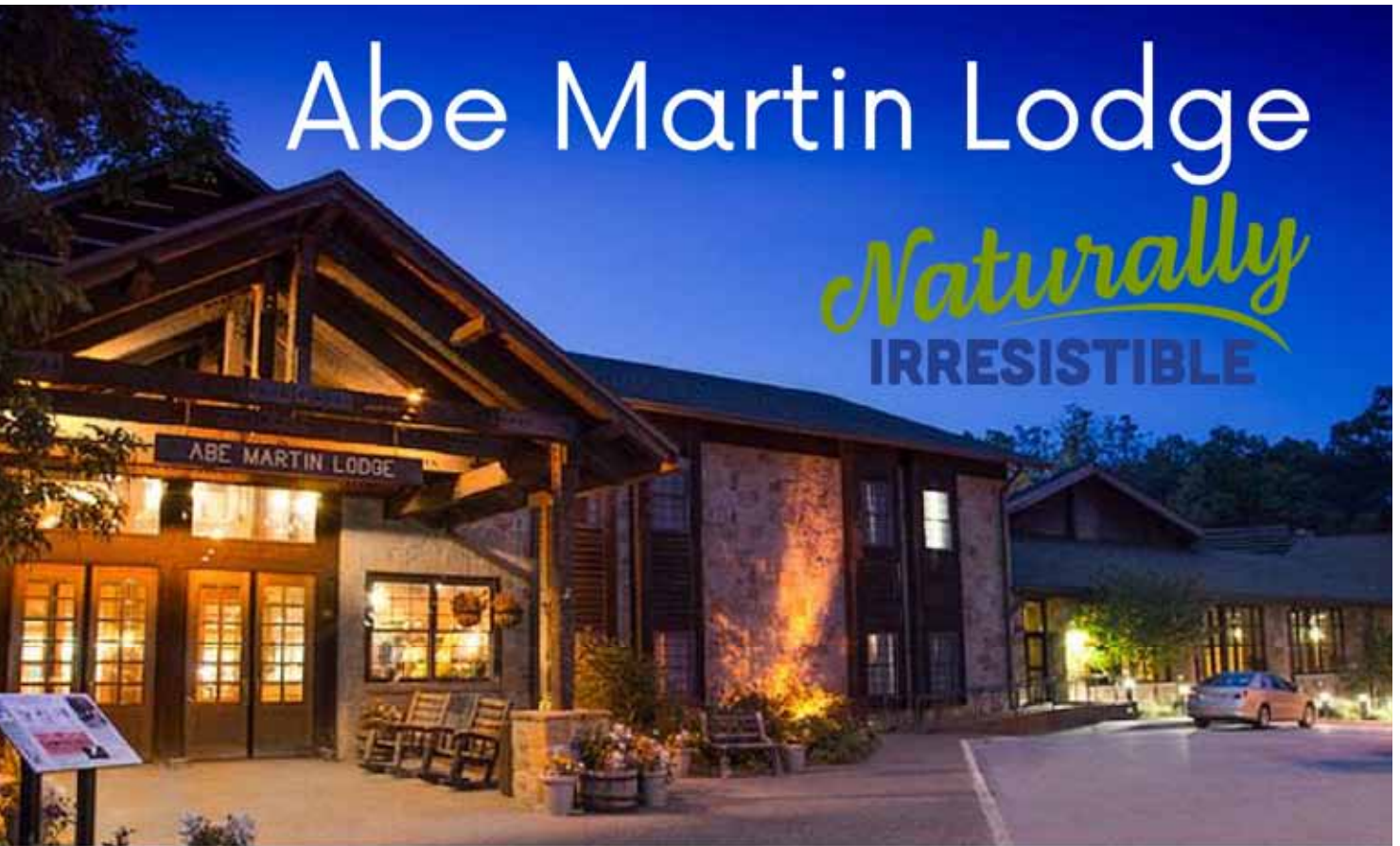
An additional Big Woods restaurant and a Hard Truth bar are slated to open at the Keystone Fashion Mall in spring 2022, as well as the Quaff ON! Pour House.

Quaff ON! Brewing Co. brews more than 40 craft beers, including Busted Knuckle and Six Foot Blonde and distributes throughout the state of Indiana.

Hard Truth Distilling Co. is Indiana's largest craft distillery, producing spirits like Hard Truth Toasted Coconut Rum and critically-acclaimed Hard Truth Sweet Mash Rye Whiskey. Hard Truth currently distributes products to 11 states, with six more coming online in the near future, and welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to its destination campus in Brown County.

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Looking ahead to 2022, Kharysa Seward was thinking about how she could make the upcoming year better than the last.

That is when she decided to ask her sister DeLaney O’Neill if she wanted to work on a project with her.

They talked about coming up with a beauty brand and experimented with making lotions for hours and hours, Seward said.

“It didn’t go well,” O’Neill said.

“We blew up bowls, it was a mess,” Seward said. So, they decided to explore other options in business.

Meanwhile, their sister-in-law Ashley Mullis said she wanted in, too.

They already had a name for their business — Sora Binti — that they

had picked out before they decided which avenue to explore.

“Sora” means sisters in Romanian and “Binti” means daughters in Swahili.

After a few months of talking and planning, an idea started to take shape and eventually they landed on opening a boutique. The boutique would offer not only clothing, but accessories, gifts and more.

Sora Binti opened in Franklin Square in July.

Seward said they knew that there were several places in Nashville who sell similar items, so they wanted to find ways they could make it different. A lot goes into learning how to stand out and be different including traveling to a fashion show in Nashville, Tennessee and

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speaking with vendors to get inspiration, O'Neill said.

The three ladies bring their own flare to the inventory they carry, which is small but diverse, Seward said.

Urban, bohemian, modern, Western, neutral and trendy colors hang from the racks in the shop.

"We like variety," Seward said.

They carry sizes from extra small up to 3X.

Other than clothing, customers can also purchase jewelry, sunglasses, mugs, keychains and fragrances.

"From the very beginning I wanted it to be a place where I could go in and buy a birthday present for a sister or friend," Seward said.

Sora Binti carries a lot of items that Seward said are from other small businesses with a good backstory.

One is sister-owned Freshwater Design Co., where they purchased handmade leather items like keychains, wine tags and earrings. Another is Diff, an eyewear line that provides free eye exams, readers and even surgery to those in need. Hyde Alchemy is a fragrance line made by a woman and her husband in Fort Wayne, developed because she herself could not wear perfumes without getting a headache. She's also a full-time hairstylist and mother.

"We try to have something for everyone," Seward said.

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From left, Ashley Mullis, Kharysa Seward and DeLaney O'Neill in their new shop Sora Binti — meaning sisters and daughters — in Franklin Square.



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The styles at Sora Binti vary from piece to piece, a reflection of the owners' personal styles.

They also plan on starting a website soon, but for now they are on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

The trio were all born and raised in Brown County, working together at Bean Blossom Animal Clinic before they started up shop. The animal clinic is where the sisters met Mullis. They introduced Mullis to their brother and the two eventually married.

The boutique is not their only focus. Mullis works as a United States postal carrier, O'Neill works at an animal clinic in Martinsville then she and Seward both help out at Brozinni's Pizzeria. Seward is married to Ryan, who opened and owns the local restaurant.

Seward said she wanted to have a flower shop years ago, but moved past that idea. Shifting gears, she and her sisters have found something into which they can bring their ideas and goals.

“I never thought for sure I would do anything,” she said. “But being in a tourist town, we had the ability to come up with something. It seemed silly not to try.”

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Metal artist Brad Cox, left, Sen. Eric Koch and Nashville Town Council President Nancy Crocker pose for a photo with the new interactive public art piece "Marie in the Woods" at Coachlight Square on May 27. Cox built the piece that was commissioned by the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission in 2019. The dedication was delayed two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Following a two year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the “Marie in the Woods” interactive public art piece at Coachlight Square was officially dedicated earlier this year.

The piece was commissioned by the Town of Nashville’s Arts and Entertainment Commission in 2019. It was inspired by a photograph of early Brown County artist Marie Goth painting outdoors — or in plein air. Nashville Town Council President Nancy Crocker envisioned an interactive piece that would draw people into an art piece as an “experience” based off the photograph, NAEC President Melanie Voland said.

“The idea was reminiscent of Marie Goth’s renowned portraiture artistry as well as her enjoyment of plein air painting,” Voland said.

The piece also stands as a historical reference to Goth’s impact on Nashville, which is often referred to as the Art Colony of the Midwest, she added.

Local metal artist Brad Cox made the piece a reality. He was selected by the arts and entertainment commission after members reviewed different proposals and his concept was “deemed most appropriate for the location,” Voland said.

As an interactive piece, “Marie in the Woods” invites anyone to “see” themselves within the photograph as either the painter sitting on Goth’s stool or the painted by standing in one of the three frames. With the addition of “Marie in the Woods,” there are now nine outdoor art pieces that are accessible to visitors throughout Nashville.

“Marie in the Woods’ is a modern update to the experience of plein air painting, translating to visitors of all ages, the capturing of a specific moment in time,” Voland said.

“It is truly an art work that begs for engagement.”

In May, the public art piece was formally dedicated during a public

ceremony at the Coachlight Square ahead of the Fourth Friday Art Walk in town with Sen. Eric Koch attending.

“Modern art enthusiasts will appreciate the interactive metal sculpture recently dedicated at Coachlight Square. This project serves as an intersection between the historical relevance of Marie Goth to Nashville and the current fashion of storytelling with photography that is integral to the concept of this piece,” Voland said.

“The Arts and Entertainment Commission, along with the local arts community, is very pleased to have been able to sponsor this addition to the town’s collection of public art work.”



Nashville Metropolitan Police Patrolman Jessica Bolin, Brown County Sheriff’s Deputy Mike Horn and NMPD Chief Heather Burris pose for a photo with the new interactive public art piece “Marie in the Woods” at Coachlight Square. The piece was inspired by a photograph of famous Brown County artist Marie Goth painting outdoors and all are invited to interact with it by being either the painter on the stool or the painted in one of three frames.



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Koda runs down the agility course at the Dawg Gone Walk.

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Pups head to the park for games, contests and fun at humane society fundraiser

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Every year tails wag and noses sniff the air while fun is had by all at the Brown County Humane Society's annual Dawg Gone Walk and Fiesta fundraiser.

In May, the 20th annual Dawg Gone Walk and Fiesta fundraiser brought in nearly \$40,000 for the humane society as pet owners bought tickets for their pups to play games, compete in challenges and contests and sponsors donated funds to the cause.

Some dogs wore harnesses that said "Adopt me" in the patchwork in hopes that an attendee may take them home.

Vendors such as pet stores, groomers, dog masseurs and more set up tents around the soccer field at Deer Run Park with raffles and goodies for pets.

"We are so grateful to the 135 dogs and their people who registered," humane society community relations manager Megan Gushwa said after this year's event.

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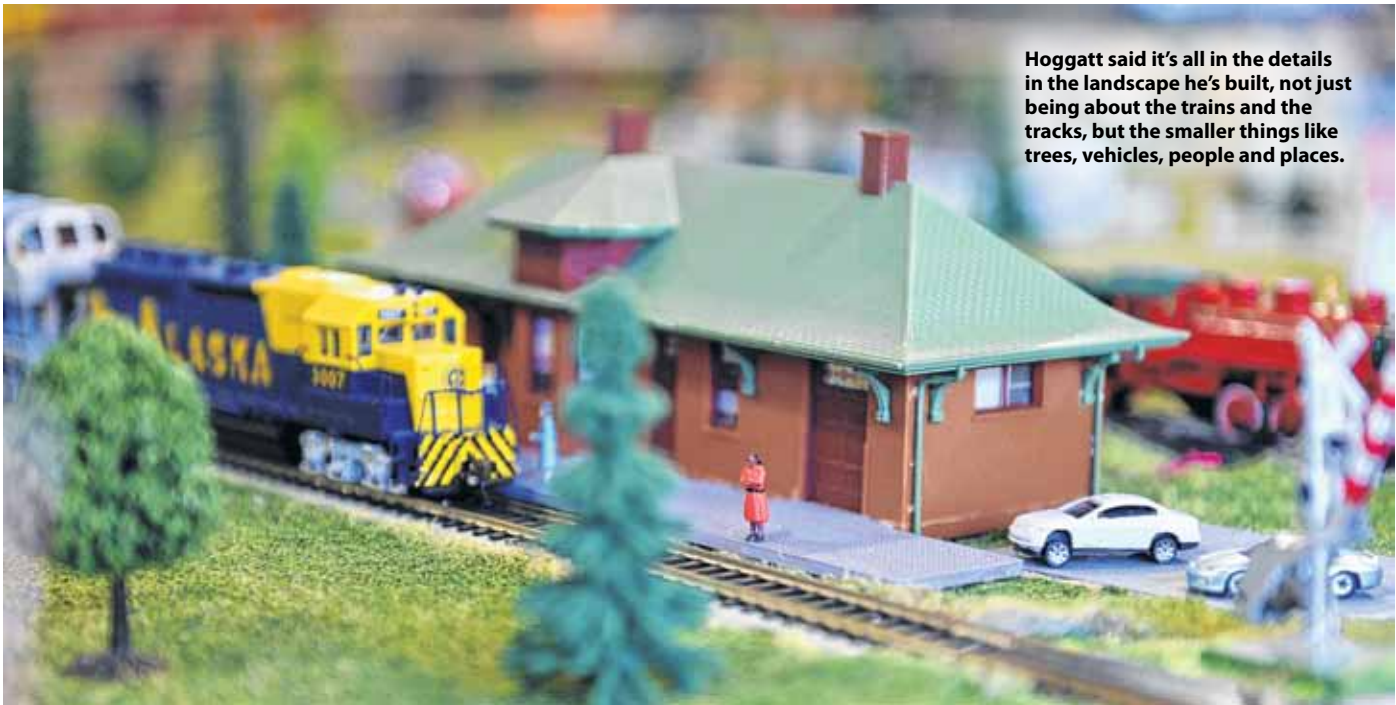
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Hoggatt said it's all in the details in the landscape he's built, not just being about the trains and the tracks, but the smaller things like trees, vehicles, people and places.

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David Hoggatt has been in business for less than a year now, opening up the storefront in what used to be the public restroom in Antique Alley.

After a renovation from the ground up, adding windows, new flooring, a covered patio and painting the building a soft pink, Hoggatt is ready to welcome customers of all ages.

He's the sole proprietor of the venture, "for better or for worse," he said.

Most days, he said, it's for the better.

Trains have been a part of Hoggatt's life since he was a 3-year-old boy growing up in Indianapolis and in his 20s he wanted to do a large layout involving people, buildings and scenery for his tracks.

But, he ended up traveling around for work, living in apartments and houses that wouldn't allow for the space.

He graduated from Ball State and moved to New York City, working in and around the city as an architect for 20 years.



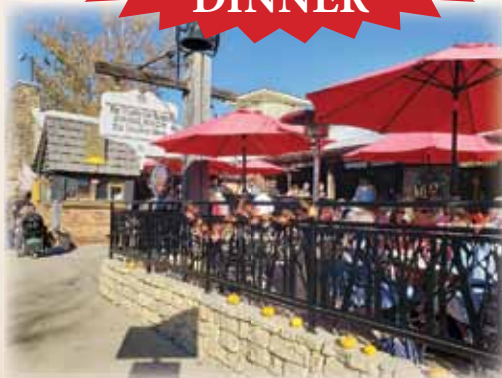
A group of children from the Brown County YMCA summer program visits Brown County Model Trains.



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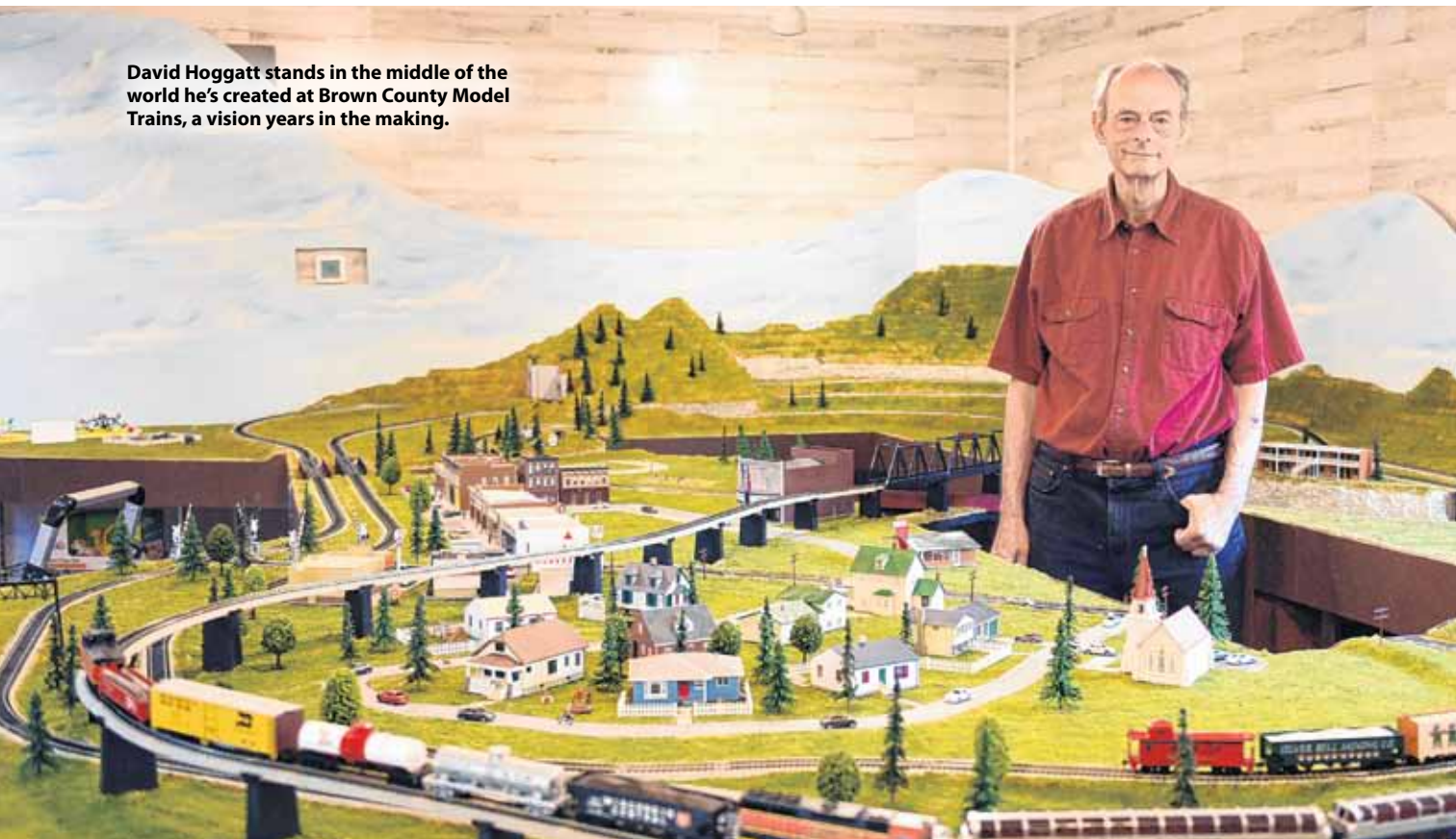
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After getting a little restless in architecture he started working for Home Depot, where he stayed for 15 years. He moved back to Indianapolis and owned a store in Brown County for three years, Peaceful Valley Arts and Crafts, which was also in Antique Alley.

He moved back to New York City for a year then on to Gatlinburg, where he worked for the Smoky Mountain National Park Visitors Center.

“I’ve been around, I’ve been all over,” he said.

When in Gatlinburg, Hoggatt said he started to toy with the idea of opening a model train shop, but never was able to make it into a reality.

A friend of his on Facebook would share pictures of Brown County, making him realize how much he missed the area. He decided to move back in January and started the project of opening his shop.

The goal of his shop is two-fold, he said. The basic goal was to introduce trains to the new generation.

“I got my first train when I was 3 years old. I built this shop around the kids, they come in and run the trains, some kids have never seen one, much less get close to it,” he said.

The second goal is to build a profitable business: he’s also a dealer of Bachmann, the largest manufacturer of model trains in the country, as well a Walthers dealer.

He also sells Indiana-made wooden ornaments. He’ll be bringing in stuffed animals from Wild Republic, as well.

Kids can step up to the platform and see a miniature world right before them, with moving parts and colors that catch any onlooker’s eye.

They can run the trains for free, seeing them go over bridges, through tunnels and junctions on Hoggatt’s hand-crafted scene.

“Kids come in and they just kind of go crazy,” he said. “Kids have so much fun and they’re entertained for a few minutes.”

Even though it’s oriented towards kids, Hoggatt said anyone can come in and enjoy.

“The miniature aspect, movement, lights, colors, sound — it’s all about the detail,” he said. “When I was a kid and had trains, my imagination would put me right inside the trains. I would want to go right inside those little houses. Kids come in and say ‘that’s the house I want to live in,’ they put themselves right into the picture. It’s all about imagination and creativity.”

When Hoggatt was growing up, trains were gender specific, he said, boys having trains and girls having dolls.

“Fortunately it’s not like that anymore,” he said. “Girls have just as much fun as the boys do.”

It’s a kid-friendly place, any after-school or summer program can make it a field trip destination. A group from the Brown County YMCA visited the shop this summer.

“It’s just a place where kids of all ages can come in and have fun,” he said. “Again, if they want to buy trains, that’s even better.”

Hobby shops were everywhere when Hoggatt was a kid exploring the world of trains. Because

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of the internet's rise, the number of hobby shops are just a handful because all buying is done online, Hoggatt said.

There are still a lot of big train layouts run by clubs and museums that keeps it alive, he said.

"It's still new and evolving, but it's how I envisioned it," he said of his shop.

"I'm trying to add a building or two a week. Eventually this will really be covered with buildings, houses and activities. I tell kids every time your family comes back there's going to be more to see."

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Zody, on Zoom, chats with international pop star and new TV talk show host Kelly Clarkson. Clarkson watched Zody's video about rescuing a mouse on TikTok and invited him onto the show, which aired June 8.

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Local appears on Kelly Clarkson Show after mouse rescue TikTok goes viral

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GNAW BONE — Canyon Zody will post a video on TikTok once or twice a day.

Sometimes it's keeping up with viral trends, other times it's promoting his parents' business and his own workplace, Friends O' Mine Campground and Cabins in Gnow Bone.

Every now and then it's also sharing fun stories and situations at the campground.

One video he recorded in January while on his lunch break helped him end up on national television.

It was the off season at the campground so he was working at Hills O' Brown Rental Cabins. When he went back home for lunch, he found an unexpected guest: a mouse.

Zody ended up recording finding the mouse and making it a temporary habitat in a stock pot before he ultimately released it back into the wild.

He posted the video, which received more than 8 million views.

Within two or three weeks, he had gone from 40,000 to 150,000 followers on the platform. Soon he had an email from the Kelly Clarkson Show in his inbox, asking for an interview.

Producers at the show had reached out to Zody through TikTok, but he somehow missed the notification, he said.

They didn't stop there, though, finding the email to Friends O' Mine on the campground's website, which Zody receives.

Once he saw the email, he thought it was a scam. But, he called the phone number listed and made contact with a personal assistant for pop star Kelly Clarkson who rose to fame after winning the first American Idol competition in 2002.

"She told me, 'Kelly saw your video and she loved it and wanted us to reach out to you,'" he said.

What followed was an extensive three-week process of phone interviews with writers and producers as Zody answered a script of questions.

The interviews were hours long and consisted of phone and Zoom calls, he said.

The episode aired on June 8 and can be watched on The Kelly Clarkson Show channel on YouTube.

Zody grew up in Brown County, graduating from Brown County High School in 2010.

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He went to Colorado State University and lived in Denver before moving to San Francisco. He lived there for six years before moving back to Brown County in 2020 to help out at the campground after his parents purchased it. Now he runs the campground, managing everything from reservations to finances.

He started making TikToks in May last year, finding himself watching the short, curated videos on other platforms.

“At first it was so silly, there were all these viral trends and I thought it was fun to make videos, I had no followers and no one cared. My favorite videos of mine are my originals before anyone followed me,” he said.

Since starting, he’s had five or six videos go “viral” — meaning that the videos have had a wide and fast circulation — but the mouse received the most attention.

He started making content about the campground, which he said gained a lot of traction with users on the platform.

The mouse was not a video he thought would go viral, Zody said.

He attributes that traction with people being concerned for the mouse’s ability to breathe, which Zody said was a non-issue with the paper-thin lid of the pot.

“I live in the country, I grew up in the country. If there’s a spider in the house I’ll pick it up and take it outside,” he said. “It was just like a silly video and it just went crazy. Such a weird experience.”

Business has also kicked up at Friends O’ Mine due to the viral clip and a TikTok presence overall. Since joining the social media site and gaining followers and views, the campground began receiving reservations after visitors watch Zody’s posts.

This year, 75 reservations are followers of Zody on TikTok from as far as Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska and Texas.

“People who think the campground looks amazing and want to come and stay,” he said.

Posts on TikTok’s algorithm are also pushed out based on a viewer’s location, so Zody has been recognized when out and about in Nashville and Columbus.

CAMERA READY

A week after the interviews for The Kelly Clarkson Show, producers called Zody again to say they were going to switch which episode his interview would be a part of and that it would now be an “Animal Heroes” episode.

Again he answered new questions and prepared for his appearance in the episode.

By this time, Zody said he had the producer’s phone number saved in his phone, so when he received a fourth call, he answered them by name.

On the other end of the phone was a new voice.

“I answered, I said, ‘Hey Greg.’ The person on the phone said, ‘Hey Canyon, sorry, this is actually Kelly.’ I was like, ‘— Hi Kelly,’” Zody said.

The vocalist and TV personality told him that the producers and writers loved Zody and were going to move him to the “Celebrity Best Friends” episode.

Clarkson promised Zody that this was the final time they were going to move him, but the episode wouldn’t be out for a couple of months.

Then came the day of filming. Zody set up a station in the office of Friends O’ Mine, backed by a small decorative camper and a T-shirt with the campground name and logo.

“The day of was crazy, filming was crazy,” Zody said. “I had to sit on Zoom with (show) producers while her show is being taped live. I just sit there and watch all of it being taped. It was an amazing behind the scenes (experience).”

All in all it was about a six-hour process the day of filming.

The camera was positioned in such a way that when Clarkson interviewed Zody, she was talking directly to and looking at him.

“The best part was when she was doing my interview. You’re sitting on (Zoom) with Kelly Clarkson who’s talking to you,” he said.

Clarkson asked questions about the process of finding and catching the mouse, the choice in habitat and the process of releasing it back into the wild.

At the end of the segment, Clarkson shared a laugh with Zody and said, “Oh my god, Canyon, I love you so much.”

Zody said that he has continually repeated that portion of the interview.

“This is what I’m falling asleep to,” he said.

While the experience would be a fun whirlwind if it were any talk show, Zody said that Clarkson was already one of his biggest celebrity idols.

“I will literally die on this hill: she is the American Idol. She will forever be,” he said.

“She’s original ... she’s only getting better. She’s doing covers on her show for fun and they’re better than the originals. It was absolutely insane.”





SUBMITTED PHOTO

A screenshot of Zody's viral TikTok, which garnered more than 8 million views on the social media platform and gained him a timeslot on the Kelly Clarkson Show on June 8.

WANT TO WATCH?

Canyon Zody's segment aired in the June 8 episode of The Kelly Clarkson Show. Watch the clip at youtube.com/watch?v=FZDss_o9jfM.

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BEAN BLOSSOM — Confidence can be built wherever one sets out to improve themselves. One of those places just so happens to be a horse farm west of Bean Blossom, down a long gravel drive off of State Road 45.

Hope for Hearts Inc. was founded in 2012 by Lisa Bowman, an equine experiential education facilitator.

The farm is an equine — or horse — assisted learning program offering goal-based ground activities to help individuals, groups or teams grow in all areas of their lives.

They offer three different programs: Hope for Hearts, Journey to Leadership and Gateways for Groups.

Hope for Hearts is the main program, where participants can work one-on-one with a horse and certified facilitator.

Typically the program sees kids and adults who are usually struggling or feeling disconnected in their personal or work life, Bowman said.

The Journey to Leadership program is for organizational groups. An assessment is done of the individuals on the team that will be coming to the farm and Hope for Hearts puts on a customized workshop with focus areas for the group.

They come and spend time with the horses then debrief after each activity. They leave the farm with an action plan to take back to and implement in their workplace. Hope for Hearts then follows up with them 60 days later to see what outcomes they've experienced.

Gateways for Groups is similar to Journey to Leadership, except not as structured, Bowman said. They see more youth groups along with women's and men's groups come for that workshop, which fits into a given timeframe for their visit.

Bowman is a nurse, but left the profession to stay home with her daughter, Abigail.

Everything was about horses when Abigail was little, Bowman said. Eventually she let her daughter ride.

Bowman started working at the farm where Abigail was taking riding lessons in exchange for those lessons.

After about a year-and-a-half, Bowman said she endured a life event that shattered her own self esteem. But she continued to work through it at the farm.

"The Lord just showed me how he used those horses to gain back my confidence and laid it on my heart to share that with others," she said.

In 2012 she and her family took a leap of faith, putting their home in northwest Morgan County on the market and selling it about a week later.

They ended up in Brown County, on State Road 45 just west of Bean Blossom.

"When I was growing up my best friend had horses and I know why now, but I wanted to be there anytime I could with the horses," she said. "It's been cool that now I get to experience that everyday and to see other people, to see the transformations that come for people by being with the horses."

Their slogan is "Leaving hoofprints of hope on every heart we touch," which is something they set out to do for every visitor.

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GROWING CONFIDENCE

Measuring outcomes is vital to see the success of their programs. Bowman said last year that feedback from participants showed they had 100% improvement in confidence, focus, relationships and taking initiative.

For their Journey to Leadership program, they hear from groups that visited the farm years ago and the impact it has — and still has — today.

“We had group from Pepsi Co. and they said their team is forever changed from what they

experienced with the horses,” she said.

“It’s very powerful what people get from being with the horses.”

While what Hope for Hearts does is not therapy, spending time with the horses yields therapeutic benefits for visitors.

“They have just as many moods and personalities as people,” Bowman said.

Horses are animals of prey in the wild and have incredible instincts. They can pick up on what someone is feeling deep inside and reflect it

back immediately.

“If someone is nervous, but they come into the arena or into the horse stall like they’re all confident, the horse doesn’t pay attention to the confidence, they pick up on the nervousness,” Bowman said. “They’ll start moving around and signaling to me that, ‘Oh, this person isn’t really as confident as they appear to be.’ They reflect those things back right away.”

Horses are great at helping a person evaluate how they’re showing up in life and what changes



Hope for Hearts farm in Bean Blossom offers sessions for individuals and groups to gain confidence by spending time with horses. Hope for Hearts Inc. was founded in 2012 by Lisa Bowman, an equine experiential education facilitator. The farm is an equine — or horse — assisted learning program offering goal-based ground activities to help individuals, groups or teams grow in all areas of their lives.



Ginger, who has only one eye, provides a connection with others who may be looking to overcome a physical disability at Hope for Hearts farm in Bean Blossom. Hope for Hearts Inc. was founded in 2012 by Lisa Bowman, an equine experiential education facilitator.



Lisa Bowman, Hope for Hearts’ owner and founder, stands with the lead horse Jake. The farm is an equine — or horse — assisted learning program offering goal-based ground activities to help individuals, groups or teams grow in all areas of their lives.

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may need to be made in order to help one reach outcomes or goals in an activity that Hope for Hearts gives someone to complete.

“Because of that, you learn great communication, leadership skills, relationship skills, because everything happens with the horse in relationship, which is directly transferable to our relationships at school, home or at work,” Bowman said. “From all of that, your confidence grows.”

Each individual session begins with grooming a horse. The rhythmic activity is not just relaxing for the horse, but also for people.

“It’s a great way to connect with the horse and be in the moment,” Bowman said. “We tend to not be present in our lives because we’re thinking about everything.”

Then there is a goal-based activity to complete with a horse in one of the arenas. In a debriefing session at the end discussions are held about what happened with the horse and why they think anything in particular happened. If a person was feeling anxious or nervous during the session they can talk about where else, and why is, that emotion showing up in their life and then discuss an overall takeaway from the session.

They journal for the next week and come back ready to dive in again.

They piloted the program at the farm where Bowman had worked before she brought the concept to Brown County.

Now, there are seven horses — three full size, two ponies, a mini horse and a mini donkey —, four certified facilitators on staff and many volunteers who help out at the farm.

Hope for Hearts is a nonprofit organization, receiving funding from donations, grants and the programs they offer.

Scholarships are offered for the Hope for Hearts individual program because their hope is to provide that program to whomever may need it, Bowman said.

Individual sessions are \$55.

Groups are set up to help support the farm and its operations, she said.

Individual and group sessions are not their only focus. Hope for Hearts also puts on different events throughout the year including Reining Leaders, a personal development program for people in leadership roles, that happened in August.

All events require no previous experience with horses.

Bowman said their mission — that they often see accomplished — is helping people improve their quality of life in the community at large.

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Carol and Al Drake stand in front of their store on Main Street. They're celebrating 50 years in the jewelry business this year, 49 of those in Brown County.

It all started on a small table in front of the Brown County Peddler, a half-century ago.

Fast forward 50 years, three locations and countless memories later, Touch of Silver, Gold and Old is celebrating their legacy as a pillar in the Brown County community.

Al and Carol Drake started their shop at a flea market in Florida, before they moved to Indiana. They were one of 10 artists who would vend in front of the Brown County Peddler in downtown Nashville.

The polishing wheel sat on top of the table, alongside handmade spoon rings and beadwork by Carol.

As for being in business for 50 years — with 49 of those in Brown County — Carol said they “still can’t believe it.”

“It was an idea that we came up with and it turned into a passion,” Carol said. “He’s really good at what he does.”

Al is self-taught, providing classes to others who wish to enter into the business and art, training multiple silversmiths and goldsmiths who have gone on to open their own shops.

From the Brown County Peddler, the Drakes opened a storefront in Albert’s Mall in Nashville for seven years.

After that they were in the Old State Bank building on East Main Street for more than 20 years.

In 2006 they moved across the street, where they are today with a larger space, broader selection of jewelry and larger, loyal customer base.

In the world of jewelry-making, Al said he has the opportunity to create something of beauty and make people happy.

That’s what keeps them in the business, they said.

“It’s an enjoyable way to make a living,” Al said. “We’ve made a lot of friends and acquaintances. It’s nice to create and make beauty. And we can make a living and raise our kids.”

For custom orders, customers can come in and have a seat at the counter on the other side of Al’s work station.

He collaborates with the customers, asking what kind of design and style they want, and he comes up with a sketch that he executes in wax.

Once he builds the model in wax, he lets customers approve the mold. He then casts and polishes the one-of-a-kind piece.

‘ENJOYABLE WAY TO MAKE A LIVING’

Local couple celebrating 50 years in jewelry business

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Al gravitates towards flowing lines and organic styles himself. His favorite stone is the opal, because each one is different.

There is a certain magic in the process of coming up with a custom piece, coming up with an idea and bringing a drawing to life.

“I ask them to bring in pictures of a style, I look at the jewelry they have on,” he said. “Try to create something within those bounds but is original.”

‘QUALITY, HONESTY, ARTISTIC’

Customers come in with stories unique as the pieces the Drakes sell, all looking for something meaningful.

They’ve had customers come in who have lost a loved one and they will have a wedding ring made into crosses.

Al once made an ash holder for a woman who had her toe amputated and wanted to keep the remains as it was still part of her, Carol said.

“You just go, ‘Wow,’” she said.

Over the last five decades, the memories made and customers served have made a lasting impression on the couple.

They made rings for Sandy Allen, the tallest woman in the world.

Carol’s favorite custom creation was a ring made for a customer that was literally out of this world. A customer had brought in moon dust and wanted Al to incorporate it into a ring to give his wife on their anniversary.

Al mounted the extra-terrestrial medium into platinum.

Carol said she remembers it not only because it affected the gentleman they made the ring for, but her own family. The customer came back and brought moon dust for the Drakes’ sons, which they put into vials and gave them for Christmas.

For Carol, engaging with employees and visitors is the magical part of the business, as well as creating displays in the store and the window inviting customers into the shop.

“I want people to want to come in,” she said.

“Personally I think she has the best displays in town,” her husband said.

When they were still in the Old State Bank building, Carol said she was striving for an idea one day. She saw broken concrete and tiles around the worksite of what is now their current shop and decided to spray shellac and glitter onto scraps at the site.

As customers came into the shop, they asked if they could buy the “stones,” she said.

“Broken concrete blocks,” Al remarked.

Seeing other shops in Nashville close through the winter season, the Drakes decided to not only stay open, but host an annual sale from February through March where merchandise is 25% off.

An additional 5% is taken off when customers bring in canned goods or non-perishable food items to be donated to local food pantries. Customers also received the discount if they donated money to Riley Children’s Hospital. More than \$2,000 and pounds of food were donated by the Drakes earlier this spring that was collected during their 37th annual sale.

Becoming involved in the community is something that has set them apart from other working jewelers and businesses, which is the part Carol

has loved the most, she said.

They've been involved with the Brown County Humane Society, Boy Scouts of America, Habitat for Humanity, and other local nonprofits and organizations. Carol has also worked with the Indiana Heritage Arts board.

Being in business for 50 years, the Drakes have experienced their share of ups and downs, going through recessions and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other challenges in the industry came with big jewelry stores and a decline in small independent jewelry stores in the country, Al said.

When the Drakes first came to Brown County they were one of eight working jewelers, a number they've seen dwindle over the years.

Carol said she would like to see some changes as far as helping independent artists get started in local business.

Despite the difficulty the last two years in a pandemic has brought, Carol said they have kept going, thanks to a small business loan and their loyal customers.

They keep in contact with their patrons through the years. Carol said she will make calls and ask how people are and they tell her, "You don't know what this means to me."

"The customers have been amazing," Carol said.

People often ask the Drakes not to retire, Carol said. For her, the business is about having her sons involved, as well as other family members, employees and staying involved in the community.

"Someone asked the other day, 'Why do you think you've been here this long?'" she said. "I think we're just being who we are. Quality, honesty, artistic, regular hours, involved with the community. It's just all come together and worked."

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Eli Major, Brown County State Park's new interpretive naturalist, stands at the overlook at the Nature Center.



'I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS PLACE'

New state park interpretive naturalist lands dream job

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I Eli Major has been told more than once that the view from his office is the best in Indiana. His desk is adjacent to an east-facing window. Just outside, native birds visit feeders and wildflowers sprawl across the lawn. Beyond the flowers and feeders, a pathway leads to a grand vista looking over Brown County's rolling hills.

Major walked down the path from his office in June and took in the view, hills cloaked in summer haze. The view is just one of the many vistas in Brown County State Park.

Since December, Major has been enjoying this view and his new role as the state park's new interpretive naturalist.

Former interpretive naturalist Patrick Haulter was promoted to assistant property manager of the state park last summer.

More than six months after Major was hired to educate all guests to the state park, he continues to get acquainted with the vast 16,000 acres of public lands.

Major is a southern Indiana native. He was born in Clarke County, went to high school in Dubois County and attended undergrad at Indiana University.

After graduating, he spent the first phase of his career as a public high school teacher — licensed to teach social studies, U.S. government, economics and history — before ultimately deciding it was not a great fit.

"It's a challenging career," he said. "I respect teachers very much."

He decided to try something else, enrolling at University of Wyoming for graduate studies. There he obtained a masters degree in public administration in natural resource management.

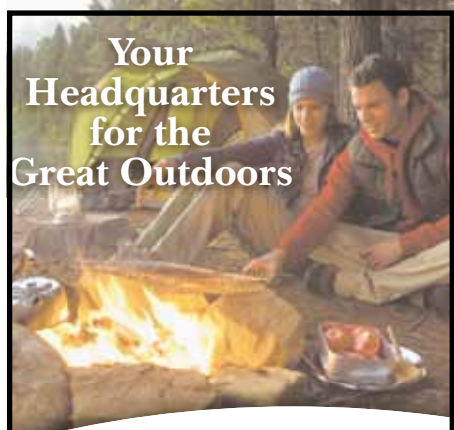
He then applied for seasonal summer job at Spring Mill State Park, which is where he worked for four years.

Now he finds himself learning the ins and outs of the beautiful, rolling hills of Brown County.

He attributes his love of the outdoors to his upbringing. His father has a degree in agricultural forestry from Purdue University.

Major also grew up on a tree farm that bordered the Clarke State Forest.

"I've been outside quite a bit through my life. When I realized I could plausibly turn that into a career, I decided to pivot to that," he said.



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Eli Major, Brown County State Park's new interpretive naturalist, stands in his office at the Nature Center. Majors took over the position in December.

ENTHUSIASTIC TO SERVE

As interpretive naturalist, he finds himself covering an array of different responsibilities. He is largely in charge of visitor services, natural resource and wildlife management.

Education does play a role in visitor services, the mission of naturalist of state parks being to educate guests about the park, with a "robust" program schedule on various park topics, Major said.

Attending IU, Major had visited Brown County State Park a few times when he was in college. When he realized the naturalist position was going to be open, he decided to arrange a visit.

He was drawn right in by the vastness and wild feeling of the park, he said.

Majors spent his summer breaks off as a teacher traveling to different national parks. Picking a favorite national park is a difficult task, Major said, but he'd have to say Mount Rainier National Park, with honorable mentions North

Cascades, Crater Lake and Lassen Volcanic as well.

He said that he has more than 500 submissions to the National Park Service, starting before his graduate school years and continuing to apply after graduation.

"These jobs are highly competitive," he said. A friend of his with the NPS said that some jobs receive up to 10,000 submissions.

"It's hard to break into the National Park Service, but Brown County is like working at a national park, from my perspective," he said, noting the park's size and diverse activities.

"I absolutely love this place. You can't hear any manmade sounds. Not something you can do at many state parks."

Over the last year, Majors has been busy learning the ins and outs of the state park. There has been a lot to learn about his new role too with it being an administrative, educational and visitor-oriented job.

"It's been quite a learning curve. But I'm up

for the task and I have a great deal of passion for this career," he said.

"I didn't sign up for this job because it would make me rich or prestigious, I am a true believer in public lands and outdoor recreation and mindfulness in wild areas."

Something Major did not fully realize before taking the job on was the lasting impact he can have on the park, leaving a personal legacy as the interpretive naturalist.

"Working at a state park for years, you're going to initiate, execute and finish projects that people will enjoy for decades. (That's) something I never considered in my life before," he said.

He is not going anywhere either. He continues to plan for the future, adding events or programs to his calendar. The next few years will be busy for the state park — there is an eclipse in 2024, the state park centennial in 2029 and the anniversary of Kin Hubbard's death in 2030.

The park was opened in 1929 and in 1932 was dedicated to Hubbard, the cartoonist of Abe Martin, the fictional backwoods Brown County cartoon character created in the early 1900s.

Abe Martin is the namesake for the original lodge, which opened in 1932, three years after the park was established.

The park was established in 1924 as the Brown County State Game Preserve by the efforts of Lee Bright, a lifelong resident of Brown County, and Richard Lieber, often referred to as the father of Indiana state parks.

It wasn't intended as a park at that time, but "its picturesque qualities were an attraction to the general public, and portions of its acreage came to be used informally as a park — especially the ridgetop known as 'Weed Patch Hill,' with its sweeping views and iconic fire tower," a draft of the National Register nomination said.

It was accepted into the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures in October of 2020 after at least four years of research and documentation by Indiana Landmarks staff and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, with support from local group Peaceful Valley Heritage.

For now Major said he plans on staying afloat and "not rocking the boat," continuing Hauler's programming.

Brown County State Park has several legacy programs that Major said he is enthusiastic to continue, such as the Winter Hike Series, Rock Fest, Snake Fest and the Spring Wildflower Foray. He's also an advocate for the Live Raptor Shows put on by the Indiana Raptor Center.

In terms of more daily programs, he enjoys night hikes and stargazing.

"Ambition will come in my second year. It's a big park to learn," he said.

"I'm motivated far beyond a lot of the typical career goals. I've joked with several people that I'm married to Brown County State Park work. It's a real dream of a job. Still getting over the feeling of being here – pinch me."

Major fell in love with the park when spring made its debut this year — filling the empty spaces in the forest with greenery once again.

His daily commute includes driving by Hesitation Point on his way in and out.

"When I would go to leave it would be different," he said. "It just changed by the hour. It's just a really an intangible sort of feeling to see the vistas and know them intimately, even the subtle changes from day to day."

"It's a real privilege and honor to be here and the town of Nashville and surrounding community and county just seem really, really lovely. I have such a wonderful network of volunteers and locals that really care about this park. Really easy to feed off of that enthusiasm and feed back into it. To any reader, I'd encourage to come see the best and biggest state park in Indiana."

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A sign just before drivers pass by Bill Monroe's Music Park and Campground. The venue has gone under some rebranding, with new signage as guests enter.

OLD-FASHIONED FEELING

Music park, campground welcomes festival season

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BEAN BLOSSOM — Just 10 minutes north of downtown Nashville, Bill Monroe's Music Park and Campground in Bean Blossom has been a fixture on State Road 135 North since the late 1930s, drawing campers, musicians and travelers from all over.

Last year the annual Bill Monroe Bluegrass Festival was combined with Uncle Penn Fest and took place in September over the course of three days. As another sign the world is returning to a “new normal” due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year the legendary festival returned for a full nine days of music and fun at the campground.

Events first returned to the music park and campground in July last year with Hippy Hill Festival welcoming visitors under certain pandemic guidelines.

Acts from all over returned to the outdoor stage this year — which has been repaired and a fresh coat of paint — for classic and familiar festivals along with some new added to the calendar.

The Cajun Festival held in May was new. This summer the music park welcomed the Americana Bean Jamboree, which replaces the John Hartford Memorial Festival that has been moved to a location down south, said Debbie Dunbar, media outreach coordinator for the music park and campground.

After an abnormal and unpredictable two years in the entertainment and hospitality industries due to the pandemic, Dunbar said Bill Monroe's Music Park and Campground is getting back in the groove of live music again.

Word is getting out about new festivals and even though people are still a little hesitant the venue — which she describes as an “old-fashioned, true family park” — fully opened up, she said.

OLD-FASHIONED FEELING

With more than 55 acres, the campground is the “perfect place” to bring the family, a group of friends or plan a camping trip with an organization.

“This campground has no frills, no extra amenities to charge for, just some old-fashioned camping experiences where everyone can enjoy the great outdoors without crowds, while enjoying the company of other campers,” a press release from the venue states.

The campground offers all types of camping sites to suit camping styles from “boondocking,” primitive tent sites to RV sites with water and electric, limited full hookups, fire rings and picnic tables.

There is a dump station on site, campfires are permitted and campground jam sessions are always encouraged.

In addition to the camp sites, there are 14 camping cabins and two recreational campers available to rent for those who want a similar experience to camping. Cabins and campers can be reserved online via Airbnb and VRBO. For those working on the road, there are 23 sites dedicated to workers who can stay monthly, with full hookups including sewer, water and electric.

Visitors can spend time fishing in the five-acre catch and release Pastor Baggett Lake. Swimming is no longer allowed in the lake due to liability issues, Dunbar said.

But more fun awaits kids at the playground along with exploring the park, hiking trails and riding bikes on the grounds.

WiFi is not available at the campgrounds, so people are able to unplug, disconnect and enjoy being together, Dunbar said.

“Just the old-fashioned feeling,” she said.

There is an on-site camp store, gift shop and Bill Monroe's Museum and Hall of Fame.

There is a "Wi-Fi café" in the museum building if guests need to connect and catch up on their work. Firewood and ice is available to purchase at the front of the park, four-person golf carts are available to rent — or bring your own for a minimal fee.

A JAM (SESSION) PACKED YEAR

The park has long been associated with music, beginning with the Brown County Jamboree, which was held every Sunday in the early 1940s under a tent.

Locals Francis and Mae Rund first began developing the property. By the summer of 1941 large crowds were coming to the Brown County Jamboree, which at the time was a tent erected on their property.

The Runds soon realized they needed to construct a permanent building structure with seating to accommodate the weekly music events.

In the early 1950s, bluegrass musician Bill Monroe was impressed by the amount of people who visited to the small town to see local musicians and stars of the Opry in Bean Blossom.

Monroe began playing at the popular Brown County Jamboree by 1951. That same year Mr. Monroe decided to purchase the Jamboree grounds from the Runds. He began managing the Jamboree in the 1952 season.

The first annual festival hosted by Bill Monroe was in 1967, called the "Big Bluegrass Celebration."

Monroe did not want to put his name on the event or use the word "festival" because competing bluegrass and folk events used the term. It was officially a two-day event in late June.

The next year the festival was extended to three days to accommodate the large crowds. In 1968 the festival attracted 10,000 people.

By 1969 the event was billed as "Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Festival" and the location was referred to as the "Brown County Jamboree Park."

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The sign and marquis in front of Bill Monroe's Music Park and Campground. The venue has gone under some rebranding, with new signage as guests enter.



The mainstage at Bill Monroe's Music Park and Campground has had a facelift, getting a fresh coat of paint and some repairs ahead of the upcoming festival season.



A primitive cabin at Bill Monroe's Music Park and Campground, for campers who want to "rough it," but not completely. It's a shelter without a bathroom or electricity, but there are beds, but campers must provide their own bedding.



Fast forward nearly 50 years to June 2016 and an Indiana historical marker was placed at the edge of State Road 135 North, just north of the park's entrance. At the time, historians said the marker commemorated not only Monroe's contribution to music but also the musical history that permeates Bean Blossom, a destination known around the world

Over the past three years, the park has undergone upgrades and improvements, enhancing the experience for campers, festival goers and visitors to Brown County.

This year the park produced six music festivals, keeping the musical history of the area alive.

The Bill Monroe Bluegrass Festival was in June. The festival is the longest running bluegrass festival in the country and has been "a summer staple" in Indiana for the last 56 years, according to the press release.

The nine-day festival featured daily bluegrass bands, workshops and Sunday Bluegrass Jam sessions are being added this year.

There is still time to catch live music — and plenty of campfire jams — at the park this year. Uncle Pen Fest will be Sept. 21 through 24. It was founded in 1974 as a tribute to Monroe's maternal uncle, James Pendleton Vandiver, or "Uncle Pen."

Uncle Pen played the fiddle and Monroe later attributed his musical knowledge to him.

Monroe's parents had both died by the time he was 16 and Monroe lived part of the time with his uncle, where he would play mandolin while his uncle played fiddle at local square dances and social events.

Greatly influenced by Vandiver, Monroe wrote a song about him, "Uncle Pen," in 1950, which went on to be a hit for Porter Wagoner and Ricky Skaggs.

Uncle Pen Fest is four days of different styles of bluegrass music, musician workshops, jams and gathering of friends and fellow campers.

Hippy Hill Fest returned this year in July. The theme of the festival is the music of the 1960s, where it moved towards an electric, psychedelic version of rock, reflecting the off-beat, psychedelic characteristics of the counterculture itself, according to the venue.

The Southern Indiana Blues Festival will be from Aug. 25 through 27. It was rebranded last year, as blues festivals have been held at the park since 1999. The weekend kicks off Thursday with a jam session hosted by the Bloomington Blues Group House Band and is open to all musicians. Friday and Saturday features two stages of continuous, live blues, workshops from artists, a BBQ cookoff and more.

Booking a campsite, cabin and RVs can be done via the online reservation system or by calling the park office. Camping does not include admission tickets

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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.

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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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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.

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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.

HILLTOP CABIN & LUXURY SUITES, 3.5 miles from downtown Nashville, offers a range of options, from a one-bedroom cabin with fireplace to suites with full kitchens, seasonal gas log fireplaces, whirlpool tubs, pool table, big screen TV and private decks. Every suite and cabin has a VCR and DVD player, as well as VHS movies. Charcoal grills, a picnic table and fire pit are available for use by all guests. (812) 988-0984, www.browncountycabins.com.

HOTEL NASHVILLE, 245 N. Jefferson St., offers 45 rooms with an indoor pool, hot tub, restaurant and lounge. The hotel features one- and two-bed suites with kitchenettes, dining/living room, two baths, balcony, cable TV and WiFi. Whirlpool suites and hot tub rooms available. Great for weddings, banquets and off-site catering. (812) 988-8400, www.hotelnashville.com.

The **IRIS GARDEN COTTAGES & SUITES** are quaint, cute and comfortable. The Iris Garden rests in the heart of the village of Nashville across the street from Big Woods restaurant and brewery. Our wonderful location allows you to walk out of your door and begin exploring the shops, restaurants, wineries and breweries without having to drive anywhere. A two-minute stroll will take you to six different restaurants (and four more within a five-minute walk from us). We offer comfortable accommodations of varying sizes that sleep from two to eight guests, some with kitchens, but all with a coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator. All have wonderful decks to sit on in the evenings and take in the fresh Brown County air. Open year-round. 812-988-2422, VisitBrownCounty.com.

LIL BLACK BEAR INN, 8072 State Road 46 East, is a six-room bed and breakfast serving a delicious homemade breakfast every morning. All rooms have private bathrooms, flat-screen TVs, satellite, mini refrigerators and free WIFI. Three rooms have two-person spa tubs and two have single-person spa tubs. Enjoy three acres of land which include a pond, grill, firepit and large patio. Pets and children are allowed. Lil Black Bear is close enough to downtown to enjoy all Nashville has to offer while still enjoying beautiful Brown County. (812) 988-2233, www.lilblackbearinn.com

NICKELS VACATION CABINS, 3497 Clay Lick Road, offers four cabins to choose from: the Cabin in the Pines, the Antique Cabin, the Garden Cabin and the Kelly Reed Cabin. Each cabin is located with easy access to Brown County State Park and the Village of Nashville. The cabins accommodate four to eight people and feature authentic Brown County stone fireplaces, unique cabin furnishings and lovely wooded settings. The Cabin in the Pines is pet friendly. All cabins have free WiFi. (812) 318-6559, www.nickelsvacationcabins.com.

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OLD MAGNOLIA HOUSE INN, 213 S. Jefferson St. (behind the BP gas station, above 4th Sister Vintage) has overnight rooms filled with antique and vintage chairs, dressers and tables. Each room includes the modern amenities of Smart Cable TVs, pod coffee makers and wireless Internet. Three large, private rooms offer big comfy beds, lots of blankets, quilts, pillows, books and board games. The porch and common areas are great places for conversation in the overstuffed chairs or an old-fashioned game at the table. The inn accommodates up to 10 guests. Online reservations are available via the Old Magnolia House Facebook page.

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THE SEASONS LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 560 State Road 46 East, is perched on top of one of Brown County's softly rolling hills. This full-service hotel features recently remodeled guest rooms, restaurant and lobby area. (812) 988-2284, (800) 365-7327, www.seasonsloodge.com.

THE ANTIQUE CABIN, THE GARDEN CABIN, THE KELLY REED CABIN AND THE PINES CABIN, on Clay Lick Road, are individual, fully-furnished log cabins that sleep two to eight guests each. They have complete kitchens, vintage claw-foot tubs and antique décor on the inside; and secluded, woodsy settings outside. Some cabins feature fireplaces, lofts or decks. They all include access to a 4-acre lake, hiking trails, canoes and kayaks, and are 10 minutes from Nashville. (812) 988-2689, www.logcabinsofbrowncounty.com.

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.

ARTISTS COLONY INN, corner of Franklin and Van Buren streets, is a romantic, 19th-century-style inn offering an elegant banquet room for bridal showers, rehearsal dinners or wedding receptions with 20 charming guest rooms and three executive whirlpool suites. Special menu selections are served plated or buffet-style. The inn also offers meeting space for up to 80 people. The Artists Colony specializes in small meetings with two meeting rooms that accommodate 10 to 50 people. Complete audiovisual equipment and high-speed Internet access are available. (812) 988-0600, www.artistscolonyinn.com.

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.

CAMP PALAWOPEC LODGE & RETREAT AREA, 3497 Clay Lick Road, has a camp log cabin lodge that sleeps 30 guests, and outdoor cabins can accommodate 70 guests. Guests can 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. The property is open year-round. (812) 988-2689, www.camppalawopec.com.

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.seasonsloodge.com.



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AUG. 1 - 21

Rare exhibit at **THE BROWN COUNTY ART GALLERY, 1 ARTIST DRIVE**, featuring early Indiana print collections with etchings by L.O. Griffith, Kenneth Reeve, Will Vawter and more. Current printmakers from three major print organizations will sell their work at the gallery. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Line Dancing with Billy

AUG. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; SEPT. 5, 12, 19, 26; OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; NOV. 7, 14

Live music and country line dancing with instruction every Monday night at **MIKE'S MUSIC AND DANCE BARN, 2277 STATE ROAD 46 WEST**, 6:30 to 9 p.m. All ages welcome.

Hill Folk Music Series

AUG. 4, 11, 18, 25; SEPT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Live roots, folk, blues, Americana music and more at the **BROWN COUNTY INN, 51 STATE ROAD 46 EAST**, 7 to 9 p.m. on the patio. Outdoor seating and under-21 seating available, no cover charge.

Casablanca: Live Retro Radio

AUG. 5 - 6

Be transported to 1940s Morocco during the early days of World War II where the jaded Rick Blaine tries to hide from the chaos in a little nightclub in Casablanca. Blaine's self-imposed exile is shattered when his old flame, Ilsa, crashes back into his life with her husband Victor, a Czech revolutionary leader. From there Blaine is forced to make a terrible choice with love and lives on the line. **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Hard Truth Hills Concert Series

AUG. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

Enjoy the great outdoors with a side of entertainment at Hard Truth Hills. With 325 acres of land, the Brown County forest will surround you as you listen to live music on the terrace amphitheater. Kick back and relax outside. Dig in to grilled food and a full bar. All ages are welcome. **HARD TRUTH HILLS, 418 OLD STATE ROAD 46**, Fridays 6 to 9 p.m., Saturdays 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., Sundays noon to 3 p.m., free.

Country Heritage Live

AUG. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, SEPT. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Come out for some fun, live music and wine. **COUNTRY HERITAGE WINERY, 225 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 6 to 9 p.m., free.

Live entertainment at the 19th Hole Sports Bar

AUG. 5, 6, 13, 20, 27, SEPT. 3, 10, 17, 24, OCT. 1, 8, 15, 21, 22, 29

Enjoy live entertainment at the 19th Hole Sports Bar, from karaoke to good tunes with great food, drinks and music all evening. **19TH HOLE SPORTS BAR, 2359 EAST STATE ROAD 46**, Fridays 7 to 10 p.m., Saturdays 8 to 11 p.m., free.

Live music at the Brown County Inn

AUG. 5, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, SEPT. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30

Live music at the **BROWN COUNTY INN, BROWN COUNTY INN, 51 STATE ROAD 46 EAST**, 8 to 11 p.m., free.

First Weekend Children's Tours

AUG. 6-7, SEPT. 3-4, OCT. 1-2

Morning tours of the historic buildings at **T.C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE, 4220 T.C. STEELE ROAD**, for ages 4 to 14. Call 812-988-2785 to reserve a date and time for a tour.

Live music at Story Inn

AUG. 6, 7, 13, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28; SEPT. 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 30; OCT. 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

Unwind with some live music at Story Inn and enjoy wooded views as you relax on the patio. Grab a drink from the bar and some delicious food as you listen to tunes by local musicians. **STORY INN, 6404 STATE ROAD 135 SOUTH**, 2 to 5 p.m., free.

Hill Folk Acoustic Brunch

AUG. 6, 13, 20, 27, SEPT. 3, 10, 17, 24

Saturday brunch with live outdoor music at **BROWN COUNTY INN, 51 STATE ROAD 46 EAST**, noon to 3 p.m., free.

Nashville Farmers Market

AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28; SEPT. 4, 11, 18, 25; OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

On Sundays from May through October, enjoy fresh locally-grown produce, herbs and flowers, as well as handmade crafts and children's activities at the Nashville Farmers Market. There also will be fresh eggs and meat from local farms and ready-to-eat foods such as pies, muffins, breads and more. Vendors change weekly. **BROWN COUNTY INN PARKING LOT,**

51 STATE ROAD 46 EAST, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., free.

Humane Society Barn Sale

AUG. 11 - 13

Sale benefiting the Brown County Humane Society. **AWAY A DAY RV CAMPGROUND IN GNAW BONE, 5400 STATE ROAD 46 EAST**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: 812-988-7362.

Ned LeDoux

AUG. 12

Ned LeDoux is well respected for his high-energy live shows that mix his western roots with the rock and roll influences he acquired in his youth. He routinely headlines his own shows as well as earning coveted opening slots for Toby Keith, Aaron Watson and Garth Brooks. **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD., 8 P.M.**, \$18.25. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/ned-ledoux.

ChamberFest

AUG. 14 - 20

Six-day, classical concert series at the **NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 36 S. JEFFERSON ST.**, 7 to 9 p.m., Information: chamberfestbrowncounty.com/calendar.

Free picnic

AUG. 20

Free picnic hosted by Brown County TRIAD including free food, door prizes and music. **PARKVIEW CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 1750 STATE ROAD 46 EAST**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hope Fest

AUG. 20

Resource and recovery fair featuring support service booths, music, food, giveaways, activities for kids, dunk tank, recovery testimonies, cornhole and more. **DEER RUN PARK, 1001 DEER RUN LANE**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp Quaff

AUG. 20

Adult day camp featuring activities and a talent show. Every camper receives a camp meal and drink tokens to use however they want through the day. Camp Quaff campers will leave with an official Camp Quaff T-Shirt and their finished art project. **HARD TRUTH HILLS, 418 OLD STATE ROAD 46**, 2 to 6 p.m., \$85. Tickets and information: visithardtruth.com/event/camp-quaff-3/.

ChamberFest Gala

AUG. 20

ChamberFest Gala presents members of the Lincoln String Quartet and members of the Pacifica Quartet. ChamberFest Brown County was born out of love; love for music, love for people and love for nature. **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST., 7:30 p.m., \$32.50.** Tickets and information: browncountypayhouse.org.

Southern Indiana Blues Festival

AUG. 25 - 27

Weekend featuring two stages of "Nothing But The Blues" live music, vendors, Golf Cart Competition and Parade and more fun activities. **BILL MONROE'S MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND, 5163 STATE ROAD 135 NORTH, \$125** for weekend admission, \$65 for any day tickets. Tickets and information: billmonroemusicpark.com/southern-in-blues-fest.

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder

AUG. 26

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder will grace the stage at the Brown County Music Center in August. Legendary guitarist Chet Atkins once credited Skaggs with "single-handedly saving country music." **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD., 8 p.m., \$25.25.** Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/ricky-skaggs-kentucky-thunder.

Fourth Friday Village Art Walk

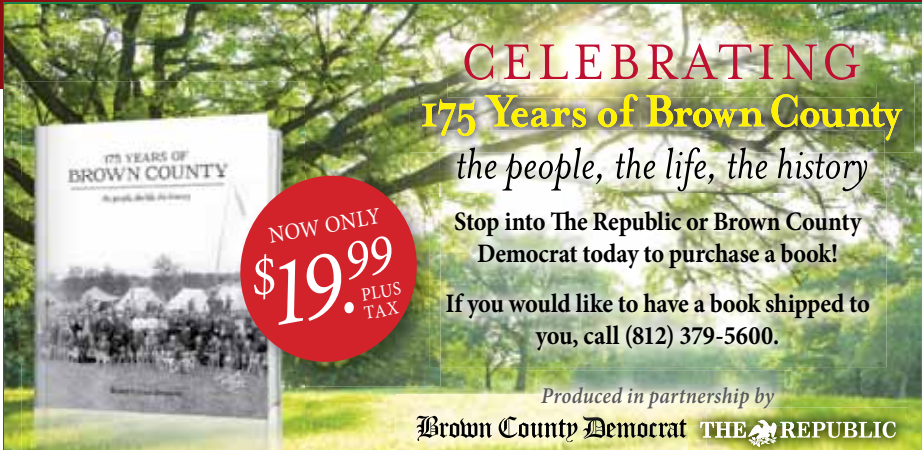
AUG. 26, SEPT. 23, OCT. 28

Every fourth Friday through October, participating art galleries will stay open late for your viewing pleasure. You'll even find refreshments, demonstrations and music at some of your stops. **VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE, 4 to 7 p.m., free, look for signs.**

Nancy Noël Exhibition and Sale

AUG. 27 - SEPT. 25

Exhibition and sale of works by Indiana artist Nancy Noël. Sale includes original art and giclee prints. **BROWN COUNTY ART GALLERY, 1 ARTIST DRIVE, Mondays - Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m., free.**



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Brown County Community Bike Festival

AUG. 27
Bike festival featuring food, entertainment, skill courses, safety basics and demo bikes. **BROWN COUNTY BIKES, 185 S. JEFFERSON ST.**, free.

Color Walk

AUG. 27
Two mile walk along the streets of Nashville where walkers will be blasted with colored powder. Walk benefits preschool in Brown County. **BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 802 MEMORIAL DRIVE**, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$10 to \$40. Tickets and information: eventbrite.com/e/brown-county-community-foundation-2022-color-walk-and-community-event-tickets-324045247057.

Firetower 15.3 Duathlon and 5k

AUG. 28
Participate in a bike and trail run starting at the **BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK FIRE TOWER**. A 5K-only option is available. Information: raceroster.com/events/2021/48287/firetower-153-duathlon.

Nashville to Nashville Series

SEPT. 3
Live music showcasing up and coming talent from Nashville, Tennessee. **THE OLD BARN AT BROWN COUNTY, 3016 N. HOOVER ROAD**, 4 to 11 p.m., \$15. Information: facebook.com/events/374543721354716?ref=newsfeed.

Mark O'Shea

SEPT. 3
Australian singer-songwriter Mark O'Shea will perform at the Brown County Playhouse. He signed his first record deal at the age of 16. At 18, he released his debut album "None of the Above" that spawned a No. 1 hit with "World Weary Heart." With his homeland successfully conquered, O'Shea spent the dawn of his 20s on the road, opening for the likes of Trisha Yearwood, Keith Urban and John Farnham. At 21 he formed the group Zinc with brother John and released "Makingsenseofmadness," which found success on both the Music Network and ARIA charts. O'Shea eventually took a break from the band and moved to Nashville where he began work on a new solo record. **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 7:30 p.m., \$32.50. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Emmylou Harris

SEPT. 9
Iconic country singer-songwriter-musician Emmylou Harris will perform at the Brown County Music Center in September. Harris was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2008 and earned a Grammy Lifetime Achievement award in 2018. **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.**, 8 p.m., \$39.50. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/emmylou-harris.

Nunsense II: | The Second Coming

SEPT. 9 - 11 AND 16 - 18
Live performance by the Little Sisters of Hoboken in "Nunsense II: The Second Coming." **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 7:30 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

34th Great Outdoor Art Contest

SEPT. 10
The oldest plein air painting competition in Indiana returns to T.C. Steele State Historic Site. **T.C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE, 4220 T.C. STEELE ROAD**. Information: indianamuseum.org/historic-sites/tc-steele/.

6th annual A Taste of Art

SEPT. 16
Fundraising event for the Brown County Rotary Club. Wines will be available for tasting and purchase followed by a fine art auction. **SEASONS LODGE AND EVENT CENTER, 560 STATE ROAD 46 EAST, 5 P.M.** \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. Tickets and information: rotaryclubofbrowncounty.org.

Easton Corbin

SEPT. 16
Easton Corbin has been gracing stages with his memorable baritone and unique blend of traditional and modern country music for more than a decade. The Florida native, who boasts two No. 1 singles with "A Little More Country Than That" and "Roll With It," embarks on a new musical chapter with his recent signing to Stone Country Records. Catch him at the **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.**, 8 p.m., \$25.25 Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/easton-corbin.

Uncle Pen Fest

SEPT. 21 - 24
Combined music and camping event at **BILL MONROE MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND, 5163 STATE ROAD 135 NORTH.**, \$35 to \$180. Information: billmonroemusicpark.com.

Tracy Byrd

SEPT. 22
Tracy Byrd became a household name on the country music scene in 1993 when his third single, "Holdin' Heaven" off of his MCA Records, self-titled debut album, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Country Charts. See him at the **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.**, 7:30 p.m., \$20.75. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/tracy-byrd.

Free Fishing Day

SEPT. 24
On Free Fishing Days, Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters. Fishing is free, but state park gate fees still apply. **BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST**, \$7 gate fee.

Quafftoberfest

SEPT. 24
This annual event is 21 and older. Quaff On! craft beer and Hard Truth spirits will be available. Enjoy live music all evening in the alley. **BIG WOODS PIZZA, 44 N. VAN BUREN ST.**, 5 to 9 p.m.

Henhouse Prowlers

SEPT. 24
The Henhouse Prowlers are an American male four-piece combo who play and promote bluegrass music. They call themselves "Ambassadors of Bluegrass" and make efforts to promote bluegrass music and other world music. Catch them at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 7:30 p.m., \$35 Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Brown County Rock and Mineral Show

SEPT. 24- 25

The Brown County Rock and Mineral Club presents its 7th annual Rock and Mineral Show at the Brown County 4-H Fairgrounds. There will be demonstrations on gold-panning, flintknapping, wire-wrapping jewelry and vendors from all over the Midwest. You will find fossils, minerals, gems, geodes, healing crystals, opals, agates, turquoise jewelry and handmade rock crafts. **BROWN COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, 802 MEMORIAL DRIVE**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., free admission. Information: 812-320-6237.

Jenn and Eric: 'Simply Acoustic, Simply Amazing'

SEPT. 29; OCT. 6, 13, 20; NOV. 3

Musicians Eric Brown and Jenn Cristy will perform an acoustic show at the Brown County Playhouse. Brown is a writer, performer, producer, Bruce Springsteen tribute artist and guitarist. Cristy is a singer-songwriter, award-winning pianist who is an alum of John Mellencamp's band. The show, "Jenn and Eric: Simply Acoustic-Simply Amazing," will feature popular music from different artists and genres — including rock, pop and blues — at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

"Made in the USA: Rock 'n' Roll American Made"

SEPT. 30

Rock show at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.**, 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Air Supply

SEPT. 30

Air Supply's Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock quickly gained a reputation for great harmonies and for original songs Graham was constantly writing. Catch the soft rock duo at **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.**, 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/air-supply.



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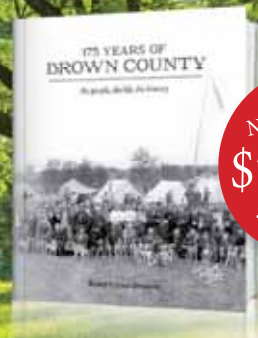
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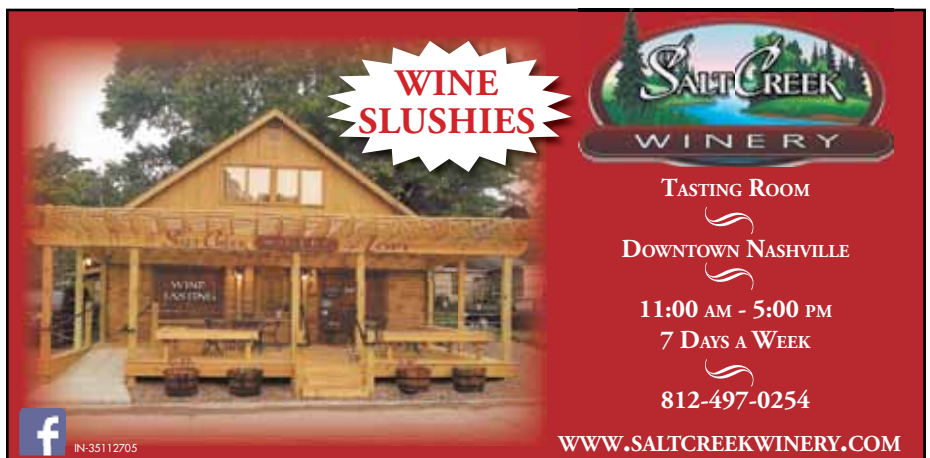
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“The King: A Tribute to Elvis Presley”

OCT. 1

The audiences at the Brown County Playhouse will go on a musical journey of three major historical periods in Elvis' career: his early years in the '50s, the '68 comeback special and finally the '70s when Elvis electrified audiences in Las Vegas. The show stars Tyler Christopher. Beer, wine and mixed drinks will be sold in the auditorium. **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 SOUTH VAN BUREN STREET,** 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

“Menopause the Musical”

OCT. 1

“Menopause the Musical” is a groundbreaking celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of or have survived “The Change.” **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.,** 7:30 p.m., \$33. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/menopause-the-musical.

Sawyer Brown

OCT. 8

Sawyer Brown is a country music band from Apopka, Florida known for their hits including “Step That Step” and “Drive Me Wild.” **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.,** 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/sawyer-brown.

Back Roads of Brown County Studio Tour

OCT. 1-31

Visit artists at working studios every day in October. Meet artists, watch them work, explore their studios and buy a wide variety of handmade work directly from the artists. Download the free map off the website or pick one up at the **BROWN COUNTY VISITORS CENTER** in Nashville. Some studio hours vary and are listed on the map. For more information visit browncountystudiotour.com.

Collectors' Showcase: Snowfall

OCT. 1 - NOV. 13

Annual Collectors' Showcase exhibiting winter and snow-themed works by artist members of the original Brown County Art Colony. **BROWN COUNTY ART GALLERY, 1 ARTIST DRIVE,** Mondays - Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m., free.

“Roots of Rock: A Concert Performance of Early Rock 'n' Roll”

OCT. 7 - 8, 22

It's hard to imagine a world without rock 'n' roll. In the 50s, a uniquely American product was created blending the roots of country, blues, gospel, and R&B: rock 'n' roll was born. Listen to early rock hits performed live at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Brown County EPIC Mountain Bike Festival

OCT. 7 - 9

After a long day of riding routes of 25 to 100 miles on Saturday, dig in to the post-ride barbecue with live music. Sleep in on Sunday and take an easy ride or demo some new bikes. Experience an impressive array of cycling-inspired events and resources. Food by Big Woods will be available throughout the weekend for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Hoosier Mountain Bike Association, building new trails every year. **BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, 1810 STATE ROAD 46 EAST,** hmba.org/brown-county-epic.

“Summer of '69: Music from the Woodstock Era”

OCT. 8

Relive the music from 1969 and celebrate Woodstock by dressing in your best Woodstock-era clothing at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30, browncountyplyhouse.org.

The Slightly Haunted Puppet Show

OCT. 14 - 15

A ghoulish cast of traditional Halloween characters, including Juggling Scarecrows, Dancing Skeletons, Flying Ghosts, Kitchen Witch and more will grace the stage in October at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 1 and 3 p.m., \$10. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

“Hall of Fame: A Live Concert Experience of Rock's Greatest Legends”

OCT. 14, 22, 28

Rock 'n' roll music from Eric Brown and Jenn Cristy at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$25. Information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Simply the Best

OCT. 15

Tribute show to the music of Tina Turner by OnePulse Entertainment at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Float, Flow and Flourish

OCT. 19

Outdoor retreat including primitive camping, hiking, yoga, and paddle boarding. Simply Fitness, 37 W. Main St., \$227. Reservations and information: Simplyfitnessyoga.com.

Lee Greenwood

OCT. 20

Lee Greenwood will perform at the Brown County Music Center in October. Greenwood has earned multiple Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music awards along with a Grammy award for Top Male Vocal Performance in 1985 for “I.O.U.” in 1985. **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.,** 7:30 p.m., \$25.25. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/lee-greenwood.

“Respect: The Women of Soul”

OCT. 21

This fall catch a tribute to the women of soul music at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Friendly Forest

OCT. 21, 22, 28, 29

Come play in the forest lit by Halloween decorations and be greeted by friendly firefighters. This family event is cute enough for toddlers and friendly enough for all ages. Don't forget to come in costume. Free candy bags, hot chocolate and popcorn for the kiddos. Snacks, coffee and pumpkins available for purchase. All happening at **JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, 4831 HELMSBURG ROAD,** 7 to 9 p.m. (weather-permitting), \$1 per child, adults free with paying child.

Tecumseh Trail Challenge

OCT. 22

The Tecumseh Trail Marathon course provides a challenging route in Morgan-Monroe and Yellowwood state forests during the beautiful autumn colors. The trail surface varies from narrow forest trail to wide fire road, gravel, dirt and paved roads. Several up and downhill of 200 to 300 feet elevation are along the course, along with many smaller hills. Marathon, half-marathon, quarter-marathon and 50K

route options are available. **YELLOWWOOD GROUP CAMP, 772-1564 YELLOWWOOD LAKE ROAD,** \$30 to \$90. Information: dinoserries.com/tecumseh-trail-marathon.

Joe Satriani: Earth Tour

OCT. 23

For over three decades, Joe Satriani, the guitar virtuoso, has traveled the world, playing to sold-out crowds as both a headliner and as founder of the all-star "G3" guitar extravaganza. See him at the **BROWN COUNTY MUSIC CENTER, 200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30.75. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/joe-satriani-earth-tour.

Asleep at the Wheel

OCT. 27

Founded in 1970, Asleep at the Wheel has been part of the American roots music landscape for more than 50 years. Now is your chance to see them at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$55. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

One Pulse: 70's vs 80's

OCT. 28

Jenn Cristy and Eric Brown of One Pulse entertainment bring a battle of the decades to the Brown County Playhouse featuring keyboard riffs versus guitar solos and much much more. **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

Blue Lady Bash

OCT. 29

Enjoy a night out at in the small town of Story and maybe get a glimpse of the infamous Blue Lady. Don't miss the costume competition and pumpkin carving contest. **STORY INN, 6404 STATE ROAD 135 SOUTH,** 9 p.m. to midnight.

"Free Fallin'" tribute show

NOV. 4

The "Free Fallin'" tribute concert to musician Tom Petty will take center stage at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 7:30 p.m., \$30. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

Tom Leeb

NOV. 6

Tom Leeb combines a blues-rock music heading for a pop style. His music is organic, heated up by the sensitive strings from his acoustic guitar. See him at the **BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE, 70 S. VAN BUREN ST.,** 2:30 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

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