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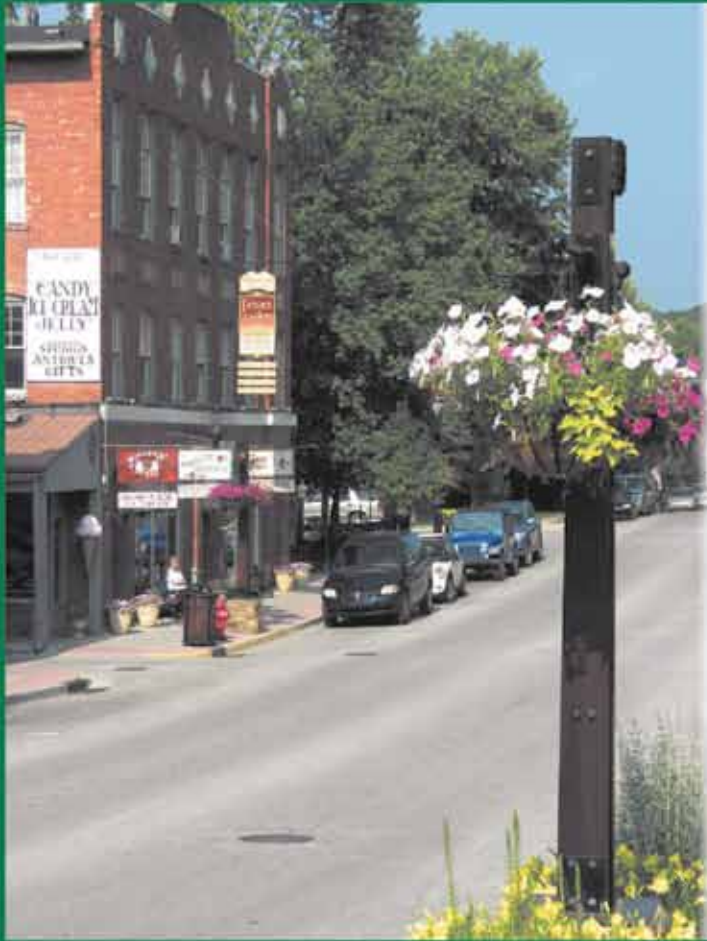
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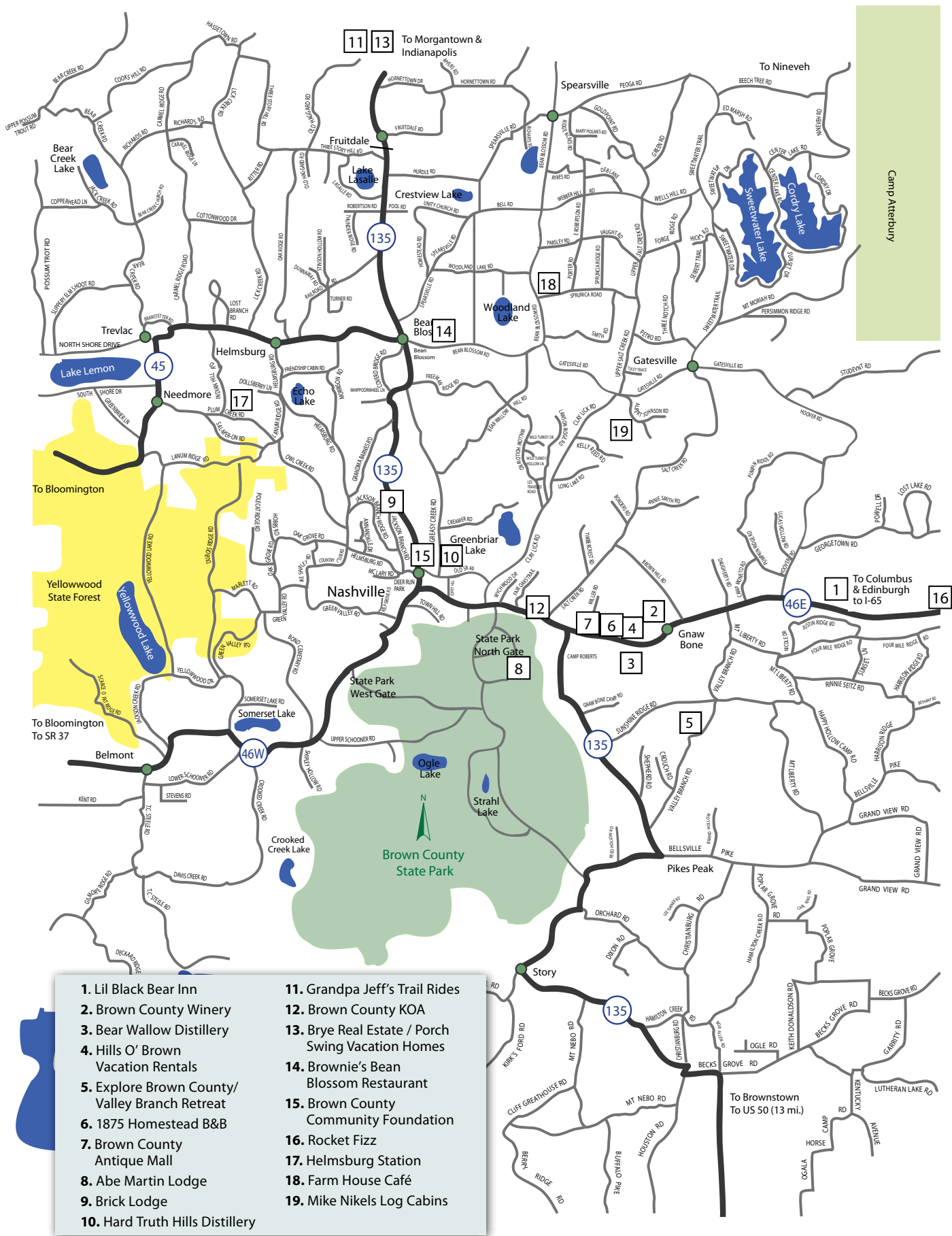
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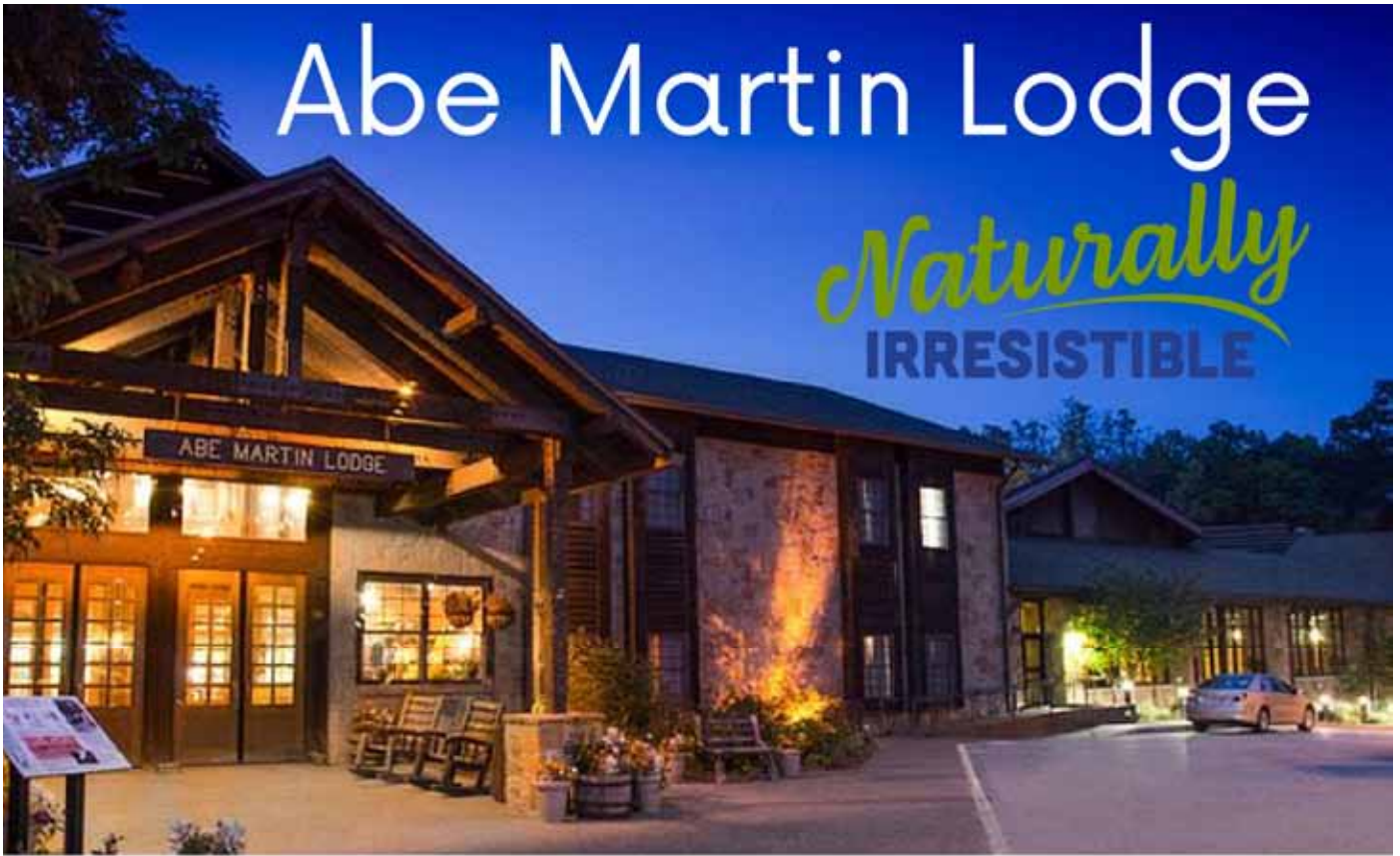
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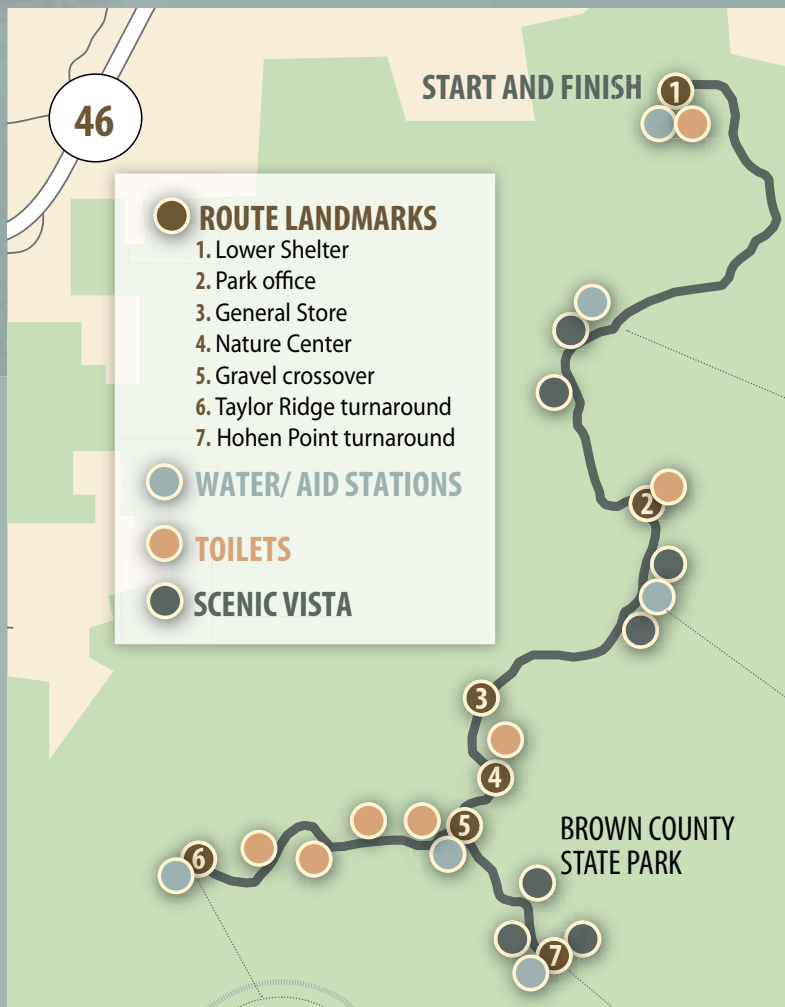


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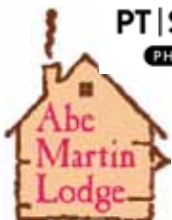


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# SEE THE SIGHTS AT THE HILLY HALF

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The two-story **Lower Shelter House**, just south of the race starting area, and the **Saddle Barn**, to the north, were both constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression.

The race course starts with about two miles of uphill climbs, though there are a few level breaks along the way. Racers in the 5K will get their relief on the way back. For those in the 10K and Hilly Half, about 1.7 miles in they will have the first payback to their efforts, as a **broad, beautiful vista** opens to their right.

The hardest of the early climbs finishes about 2 miles into the course, and runners can keep an eye out for the **Aynes House** as a sign they are almost there. The Indiana governor's vacation home was originally home to the property manager of the

game preserve that preceded the park. It is named after the Aynes family, whose log cabin stood on the site before the state purchased the land in 1916. You'll have covered about 11.2 miles when you see Aynes House the second time, and it's (almost) all downhill from there.

Not far past the Aynes House, about 2.1 miles into the course, runners will reach more of the park's spectacular views as the forest on either side opens into **deep vistas** of the famous hills o' Brown.

Around 2.7 miles in, runners will come across the park office, where they will catch a glimpse of the **90-foot fire tower** built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression. The tower is still open for visitors to climb and get a bird's eye view of the park. Runners will pass this



**Around 2.7 miles in, runners will come across the park office, where they will catch a glimpse of the 90-foot fire tower — no longer in use — built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. The tower is still open for visitors to climb and get a bird's eye view of the park. Runners will pass this point again about 10.5 miles into the course.**

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point again about 10.5 miles into the course.

Just past and across from the park office and fire tower, runners will pass the **Hoosier's Nest**. Now a shelter house available to be reserved by park guests, the log cabin was reconstructed from an original home that was on the property.

Past the Hoosier's Nest, runners may find more flat, open ground than they expected. **Weed Patch Hill** is on the ridge top and host to a DNR wildflower field. It is also famed for its views, and runners will pass multiple vistas looking east.

After passing through the park's campgrounds and coming back out, runners will climb a rise in the road. That's the location of the **Civilian Conservation Corps camp** used by workers during the Depression. None of the original structures remain, though a flagpole marks the spot where Civilian Conservation Corps workers raised the flag each morning and looks out over a vista of wooded hills.

Runners will be about 8 miles into the course when they reach the final turnaround at **Hohen Point**. The race route allows runners to see the wide-open view. From here on, it's a winding 5.1 miles back to the finish.



**CCC flag pole:** After passing through the park's campgrounds and coming back out, runner's will be about 7.6 miles into the race when they climb a rise in the road to reach the location of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp used by workers during the Great Depression. None of the original structures remain, though a flagpole marks the spot where CCC workers raised the flag each morning, and looks out over a vista of wooded hills.



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Nancy Hudson, Janet Cooper, Fern Hendershot, Thrive Alliance Wellness Nutrition Site Leader Ryan Dodge and Donna Hendershot talk over lunch at the Thrive Alliance Senior Nutrition site at the Brown County YMCA.

The Brown County YMCA opened in 2001 after the community came together to raise \$3.8 million. It was virtually unheard of for such a small community to have a Y.

The 34,000-square-foot building houses a pool and sauna; fitness equipment and indoor walking track; a gymnasium; and activity rooms for fitness classes, child care, day camps and community events. It's also home to a popular Silver Sneakers wellness



**KIM ROBINSON**  
YMCA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

program, senior citizen activities, the BETA after-school teen program, and even some art classes.

Since COVID-19 hit Indiana, the local Y also has been

a key player in Brown County COAD (Community Organizations Active in a Disaster), a convener of local groups to help their neighbors in extreme times of need. By partnering with other local organizations and using volunteers 150,000 pounds of food was distributed in 2020 to residents affected by the pandemic.

In the past 20 years, time, traffic — and at least once, lightning — have taken their toll on the YMCA building. In 2016, the YMCA board successfully raised about \$250,000 to replace the air handler system that serves the pool area. But additional support is needed to carry on the important work the YMCA is doing in the community and plans to continue doing, said Executive Director Kim Robinson.

The upkeep is an ongoing expense



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as you never know what will need repaired and with supply chain issues you can't be in a hurry; five heating, ventilation and air-conditioning units and the pool hot water heater need to be replaced; and fitness equipment needs to be replaced or updated.

The Hilly Half is one such fundraiser. Money raised through this event and others is going into the YMCA's ongoing capital campaign and to its endowment at the Brown County Community Foundation.

"The past few years have been tough as the building ages and big ticket items need replaced," Robinson said. "But we are here to serve the community in any way we can, if it's financial aid for membership, low cost swim lessons, organizing the food alliance, and Brown County COAD. We are doing our best to reach and serve those in need."

Board members and staff are thankful for the support the community, the race participants and other contributors, such as major corporations and people who haven't even been to this particular

Y, have made to the cause so far.

"Our 7th Annual Hilly Half wouldn't happen without numerous layers of volunteer support," Robinson said.

"We were offered the opportunity to partner with Upland Brewing Company as our Presenting Sponsor and we are very excited for this connection!"

With safety as a main concern, the course is monitored by Brown County's first responders and volunteer fire departments. Traffic is managed by Brown County Sheriff Department Reserves, strategically placed along the course. Local EMA and Brown County Emergency Services will be set up at race headquarters to manage any emergencies.

"From planning sessions beginning in February to the start gun this event is a labor of love and dedication from me to all the volunteers included, I couldn't do it without each and every one! We have volunteers who have been with us from the start and 'own' their task with pride," Robinson said.



Greg Taggart takes his shot from the three-point line at the Brown County YMCA.



Members of the men's core class at the Brown County YMCA work out along the Salt Creek Trail. Participants are, clockwise from top right, Jeff Mooney, Scott Rudd, Mike Laros, John Slater, Larry Kuhn, Herb Ross, Cliff Patchin and Bill Weaver.

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# RACE SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 18

**4 to 7 p.m.:** Packet pick-up at the YMCA, 105 Willow St., Nashville.

Saturday, Nov. 19

**7 to 8:45 a.m.:** Packet pick up and late registration, Brown County State Park Lower Shelter house

**8:55 a.m.:** Final instructions and National Anthem

**9 a.m.:** Start of the half-marathon

**9:15 a.m.:** Start of the 10K

**9:30 a.m.:** Start of the 5K

**11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Post race party by Upland Brewing Company at the Lower Shelter house with roaring fires, hot soup, breadsticks, complimentary first pint of beer for all participants

**Noon:** Awards

**1 p.m.:** Timing stops

# WINNERS TAKE ALL

Local artist makes awards for winners, other prizes given

## STAFF REPORTS

Glass, fiber, paper, metal, and gourds — winners of each Hilly Half race have received awards made from natural elements.

This year local artist Brad Cox — who has made awards for the Hilly Half before — will be making the awards out of metal.

Cox said that he gained inspiration from the natural setting of Brown County when making the awards, being inspired by the “uniqueness” of the area.

He said that he’s glad to be involved with the Hilly Half again and loves to support the YMCA, where his family has spent much time over the years.

“That Y is very important,” he said.

Cox’s work can be seen around Brown County at different places, like the new railing at Rafters at the Seasons Lodge and Conference Center, or at his own studio, Cox Creek Mill.

The overall male and female winners of each running distance category will receive these, plus 50% off the registration cost of the 2021 race.

Participants in all live events receive a Hilly Half finisher medal, custom pint glass, T-shirt, hot soup, bread sticks and snack.

Any virtual participants will not be eligible for the top awards, but they will be mailed their shirt and medal once they submit their times to the Hilly Half organizers.

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# STATS

Stats as of Oct. 17 were down 11% from this time in 2021. Last year was a rebuilding year, Brown County YMCA CEO Kim Robinson said, due to canceling at the last minute because of the surge in COVID-19 in 2020.

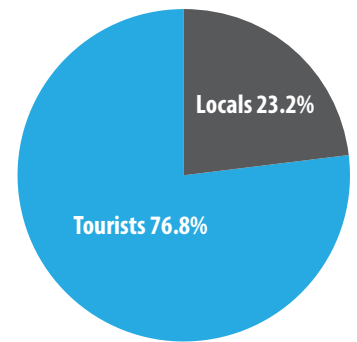
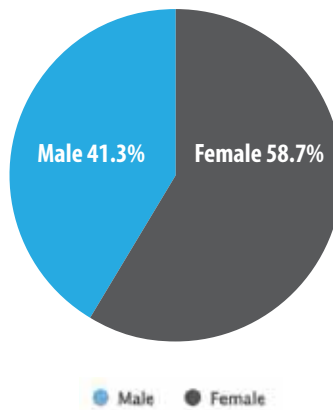
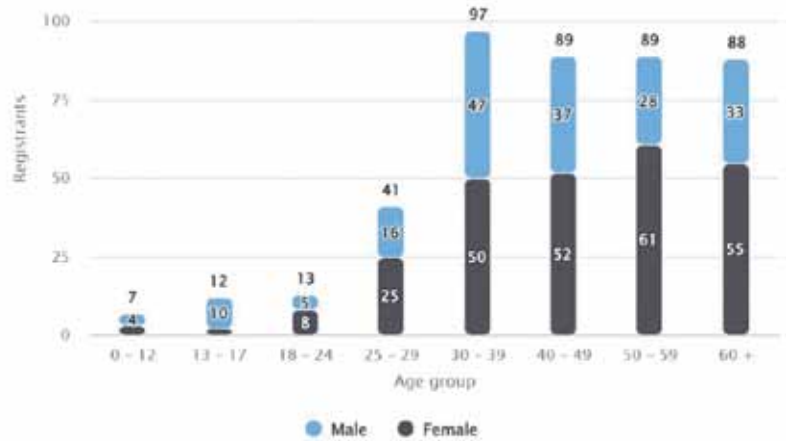
This year they're still aiming and planning for 1,000 participants.

**TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 436**

- HILLY 10K RUN:** 67
- HILLY 10K WALK:** 25
- HILLY 5K RUN:** 66
- HILLY 5K WALK:** 59
- HILLY HALF MARATHON RUN:** 195
- HILLY HALF MARATHON WALK:** 24

**REGIONS**

- INDIANA:** 362
- OHIO:** 22
- KENTUCKY:** 16
- UNKNOWN:** 15
- ILLINOIS:** 13
- TENNESSEE:** 2
- CALIFORNIA:** 2
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ALI, ALEX AND JULIA MARKOFF AT THE 2021 HILLY HALF  
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# BROWN COUNTY YMCA HILLY HALF

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Long road trips are often made easier by the stops along the way, getting out of the car to stretch on long journeys.

For Alex Markoff and his family traveling from Dickerson, Md. to Idaho, a pit stop was made in Brown County, to stretch their legs in the Hilly Half.

The Markoffs run a camp in Dickerson, which is about 35 minutes outside of Washington D.C. on the Potomac River. Once their season is done they make the long trek west to Idaho, where they live in the winter near the Tetons.

Markoff said that each year they try to make the trip about getting off the highway and see different areas. Last year, Markoff and his daughters, Ali and Julia, made plans to sign up for the Hilly Half with a friend from Chicago, Tom Priest.

## A MEMORABLE DETOUR

Family makes pit stop on road trip to run in Hilly Half

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“The course is fun and pretty, the post-party was phenomenal.”

- Alex Markoff

They had driven through the night and slept for about 30 minutes before the race started. Tom ended up calling and ordering breakfast for them from a local restaurant, so they could be fueled before they ran.

“It was a crazy night,” Alex said.

At 8 a.m., the race start gun fired and they hit the Hilly Half course.

Alex said they had run races before, but the Hilly Half was “really special.”

“The course is fun and pretty, the post-party was phenomenal,” he said.

“We were very tired, but it was well worth it.”

They finished the race with showers at the YMCA, beer and hot soup,

which Alex said was a win-win-win.

The volunteers were amazing too, Alex said, adding to the unique and well-run event that the YMCA facilitates.

“It was such a nice crowd, we felt it, it was really noticeable,” he said.

“Where I am in life, I think connecting with other people, experiencing a slower pace and event where people go out of their way to make it special — it’s just really special. I value and appreciate that.”

The whole experience was special for Alex, who said that it was a first-time visit he was able to share with his daughters.

Adding to the special day was celebrating Ali’s 21st birthday, Alex said.

“It was special for me to race with my daughters,” he said.

“Anytime I get that opportunity, I’ll sign up. ... Seeing a different part of the country in a different way, it’s a neat way to see different places, by running,” Alex said.

The Markoffs are preparing for their 2022 trek to Idaho and plan on adding the Hilly Half to their route again.

“It has the potential of becoming an annual tradition,” he said.



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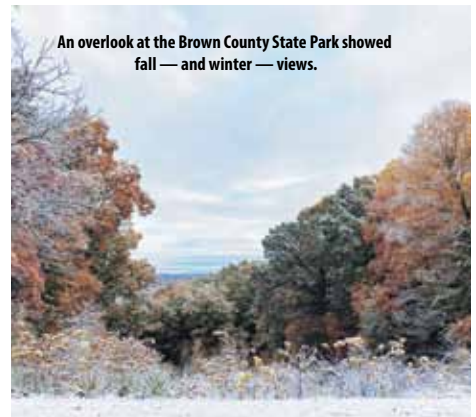


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# SNOWY SURPRISE

Early season snowfall covers  
peak fall leaves

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An overlook at the Brown County State Park showed fall — and winter — views.

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Brown County residents woke to a surprise the morning of Oct. 18, looking out windows to find a light layer of snow resting on near-peak fall foliage.

Snowfall occurred in the early hours of Oct. 18, and was one of the earliest recorded in the state.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS) in Indianapolis, the earliest measurable snow on record was recorded Oct. 19, 1989.

This early in the season the ground is still warm and it did not take long for the snow to melt, according to the NWS, making it unable to measure in areas of the state.

The wintery scene this year is attributed to lake-effect snow.

The NWS definition of lake effect snow is “snow that occurs when cold air, often originating from Canada, moves across the open waters of the Great Lakes.”

The cold air passes over the warmer, unfrozen waters of the Great Lakes. The warmth and moisture are transferred into the atmosphere, the warm air rises, and clouds form and grow into narrow bands that can produce heavy snowfall very quickly. Wind direction is key when it comes to determining where the snow will fall.

Residents around the county captured images of the fall and winter mix and shared them with the Democrat.

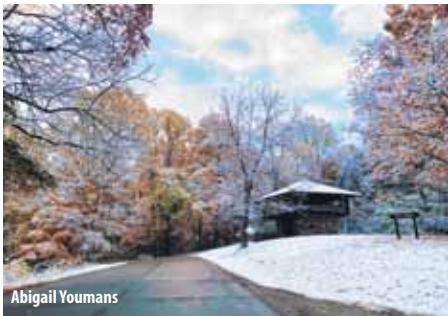




The wet roads of the Brown County State Park were lined with beautiful fall hues, lightly covered by the season's first snow. Abigail Youmans



A rolling fall landscape covered in a fresh layer of snow, submitted by Don Neal



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A birdfeeder covered by snow, backed by fall hues. Submitted by Sue Fisher

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# PAIR OF NEW TRAILS OPEN AT STATE PARK

## STAFF REPORTS

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Next Level Trails (NLT), and Hoosier Mountain Bike Association (HMBA) held an official opening and ribbon cutting of the newly completed West Gate and Gnawbone trails in Brown County State Park on Oct. 7.

“The trails at Brown County State Park attract visitors from all across the state and country,” DNR Director Dan Bortner said in a press release.

“These two new trails will provide additional mountain biking opportunities for locals and trail tourists alike.”

The trails were the last two of four new trails at the state park constructed with a \$200,000 NLT grant awarded to HMBA in May 2019.

The grant previously funded the Weed Patch and Limekiln East trails. In total, the grant has helped fund development of around 7.5 miles of new mountain bike trail to complete the renowned trail system.

Work supported by the grant has also improved connectivity between existing trails and park amenities, including the campground, nature center, fire tower, and Hesitation Point.

The roughly mile-long, beginner-friendly West Gate Trail provides a critical connection between the Weed Patch, Bobcat and Hesitation Point trails.

The Gnawbone Trail, a 1.3-mile downhill-only trail, can be accessed from the West Gate Trail. The Gnawbone Trail provides an alternative to the Hobbs Hollow and Hesitation Point trails for intermediate and expert riders to further access the park’s 35-mile-plus mountain bike trail system.

As part of Gov. Eric J. Holcomb’s Next Level Connections initiative, NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history.

The \$150 million program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. Including this project, 11 of the 73 NLT projects are complete, totaling 37.8 miles of trail.

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“The trails at Brown County State Park attract visitors from across the state and the country.”

- Dan Bortner, DNR Director

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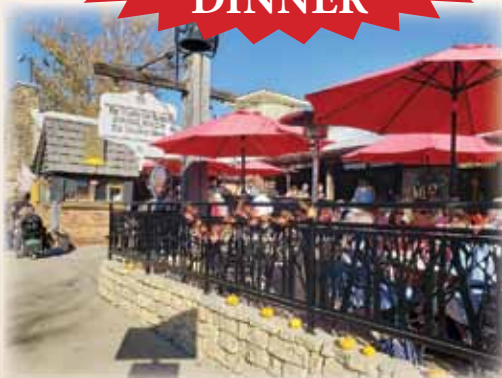
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Gloria Dobbs stands behind the counter of her shop, Pit Bull Leather Co., which she has owned for nearly 30 years. Dobbs is closing the business before the end of this year.

# TIME FOR A CHANGE

## Pit Bull Leather closes after nearly 30 years in the business

BY ABIGAIL YOUMANS | THE DEMOCRAT  
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**a** Gloria Dobbs stood behind the cash register in her store on Van Buren Street, across from the courthouse, where she's been open for business for nearly 30 years.

She welcomed visitors into Pit Bull Leather Co. with a friendly "hello," then lets them know that everything is half off the marked price.

The once full storefront was sparse with merchandise in early October. She hadn't received an order of new inventory since April, since Dobbs decided to close the business and move into her next chapter: retirement.

Pit Bull's last official day of business was

Oct. 16.

Pit Bull opened in 1994, with Dobbs' husband Sam riding motorcycles himself. The business grew from there, eventually expanding and combining two storefronts into one.

Working with bikers, Dobbs said that they found certain cultures and clientele overlapped, soon connecting with veterans and first responders in their store.

"It all works together," Dobbs said.

The Dobbs owned two other businesses in Nashville at one time, Distinctive Creations and Lil Rascals.

Sam died in 2001, and Dobbs has kept the business running since then, even expanding



**“I’ll probably do some volunteering. May want to travel a little bit.”**

**- Gloria Dobbs**

it to what was once two separate shops. Now, she’s ready for a change. Being in business for nearly three decades, Dobbs has seen the Brown County business landscape change and evolve. One of those ways is seeing the area return to fine arts and crafts, she said.

Another thing she has seen change is the biker landscape, with many people giving up the activity, she said.

“Part of that is age related, as far as people riding,” she said.

“A lot of people are giving it up because of traffic and the way people drive. It’s just part of society’s change, I guess.”

The customers are what have kept her open through the years, she said.

Pit Bull has also been a favorite for pet lovers, carrying merchandise for pet owners and pets alike.

The business took part in the annual Miracle Ride, which raised money for Riley Hospital.

“When we did that, it was good and fun,” Dobbs said.

Instead of selling the business, she decided to close, knowing that she’d be giving up her codependence by doing so. She’s looking forward to it, too, she said.

“I’ll probably do some volunteering. May want to travel a little bit,” she said.

She said she’ll want to travel during the times of year she normally was not able to, owning a store in a place relying on seasonal tourism.



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# MUSICIAN WINS NATIONAL DULCIMER CONTEST

STAFF REPORTS



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Kara Barnard, a multi-instrumentalist and music instructor from Nashville, won the National Mountain Dulcimer Contest in Winfield, Kan. earlier this fall.

Winfield is the home of the Walnut Valley Music Festival, which conducts several national and international instrumental competitions every September.

Past winners of the instrumental contests at the festival include Mark O'Connor, Alison Krauss, Chris Thile, and Peter Ostroushko.

Barnard received a custom koa wood dulcimer from McSpadden Dulcimers, Mountain View, Ark., a cash prize from the Walnut Valley Festival and several other items from various sponsors of the contest.

Barnard will return to the festival in 2023 to play during the Champion Showcase.

The contest was held Sept. 16. Second and third place went to Lloyd Wright and Dana Hamilton, both from Texas.

“After she played in the first round I thought boy she’s good, then after she played in the second round I thought I just got blown away.”

– *Dennis Moran,*  
*Walnut Valley Festival Emcee*



Kara Barnard poses after winning the Walnut Valley National Mountain Dulcimer championships on Sept. 16.





Kara Barnard won the Walnut Valley National Mountain Dulcimer championships on Sept. 16.

“The determination and work ethic of this gal makes it an honor to give the prize dulcimer to her. She certainly earned it.” Tim Grothen, McSpadden Dulcimers, Mountain View, Ark., said.

Jon Kay, from Traditional Arts Indiana at Indiana University, said Barnard is “getting the recognition she deserves.”

Dennis Moran, the Walnut Valley Festival emcee from Tulsa, Okla., said that he was blown away.

“After she played in the first round I thought boy she’s good, then after she played in the second round I thought I just got blown away.”

Barnard teaches guitar, banjo, mandolin and dulcimer locally. She is the founder and co-producer of the Indiana State Fingerstyle Guitar contest and creator of Kara’s Silver Strings, a program that teaches assisted-living facility residents with diverse abilities to play the mountain dulcimer.

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# HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY CREATE SUCCESS

## Wagler Dairy prioritizes cows' health and the environment

### STAFF REPORTS

Wagler Dairy and Nutrient Management Partners were honored at the Indiana State Fair in August as featured farmers, a program sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.

"It's about stewardship and the fact that every job on the farm includes details and a purpose," Sarah Wagler said.

Founded in 1950 by Henry and Frances Wagler, the dairy began with

18 cows and a few hogs. Today, under the guidance of their son, Kenny, and his wife, Lesa, the farm has grown to many times that size with about 750 cows and multiple dairy barns.

The Brown County family farming operations combine a tradition of passion, dedication, and hard work of yesterday with today's technology.

"We practice very good stewardship of the land, the cows and the

environment," Kenny said.

Through the years, Wagler Dairy has remained focused on cow care and comfort.

The barns housing the dairy cows feature comfortable bedding, plenty of water and feed to eat throughout the day. Climate-controlled fans and misters keep cows cool even when temperatures rise to uncomfortable levels.



“We care about our dairy cows and we are good stewards of the land.”

- Sarah Wagler

“While people often envision cows grazing in green summer pastures, our summer days here in southern Indiana often reach 90 degrees or more with high humidity levels,” Sarah said. “During those hot days, we could open the barn gates and the cows would still stay in the barn. Dairy cows are creatures of comfort. They sleep on beds of soft sand and they don’t want to get out in that heat and humidity. They want to be pampered.”

Kenny and Lesa’s son, Justin, and his wife, Sarah, own and operate Nutrient Management Partners, a custom manure application company. The business helps support Wagler Dairy, other dairies, and the hog industry.

“Manure is an excellent fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and other nutrients. It also adds organic matter to the soil, which may improve soil structure, aeration, soil moisture-holding capacity and water infiltration,” Sarah explained.

Each year, Nutrient Management Partners applies more than 200 million gallons of liquid manure from dairies and hog farms to area cropland throughout southern and central Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

“Manure is not willy-nilly applied to fields,” Sarah explained. “It is applied with precision to meet the prescriptive needs of soil based on fertility tests and GPS mapping. We can even provide the raw computer data to farmers, and they can plug that data into their precision software to fill in any agronomic needs of any crops.”

“We care about our dairy cows and we are good stewards of the land,” she added.

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Eagleman (right) stands in front of his freshly finished mural with boyfriend Anthony Gaugler, who helped him with the project.

## ‘FIRST OF MANY’

Downtown mural finished by local artist, hopes more follow suit

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“It’s important to remind people that we’re not just fall, Nashville is a destination all times of the year.”

- Kurt Eagleman

**B**right red poppies, with winding blue stems and neon green leaves crawl up the side of the Mulberry Cottage in downtown Nashville, backed by a cheerful pink background.

The flowers are larger than life and are the newest addition to the arts scene in the Village of Nashville, and hopes are high this is the first of many downtown murals.

The vibrant mural was finished in August, painted by local artist and Brown County native Kurt Eagleman.

Covering the two-story wall, it’s Eagleman’s biggest project ever.

While it was under way, those passing by stopped and said “Thank you for doing this!” Others stopped and posed in front of it for a photo.

The mural was paid for by the Public Art Activation Grant, awarded by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC). The grant seeks to create Indiana-specific public artwork throughout the state of Indiana. Public artwork created in partnership with artists will feature the new IDDC tourism campaign, “IN Indiana.” It is a non-matching grant of up to \$5,000 to fund public art projects. IDDC plans to fund at least \$150,000 worth of Indiana public art projects this year.

The grant was brought to Eagleman’s attention by Jane Ellis, former executive director of the Brown County Convention and Visitors Bureau, who left the position in July. Eagleman’s mural was one of two to receive a grant from the project; the other is

by local artist and Nashville Spice Company owner Mark Schmidt. Schmidt’s mural will be completed soon at the CVB building at Van Buren and Washington streets.

Eagleman’s work has received much positive feedback. Another comment frequently made has been, “I can’t believe the town approved that,” according to Eagleman.

Having to bide by certain color palates for cohesion in the downtown area, it’s not a surprise this comment has been made. But, town governing agencies not only approved the work — they are excited about it. One of those groups is the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission (NAEC), which approved the projects.

NAEC President Melanie Voland said in August her reaction to seeing Eagleman’s completed work was a “big wow” and she hopes that 2022 is the “year of the mural.”

“The accessibility of public art enhances and beautifies our town and county and reminds us of our history as an art colony and how we came to be a viable town and tourist destination,” she said.

#### **‘LIVING ART COLONY’**

Voland said that public art creates a sense of importance for the arts to the rest of the town, especially for young people, tourism, economic development and the lasting impact on the county’s legacy.

The NAEC also funded a mural that will be completed by October at the Brown County Community Foundation (BCCF)



Kurt Eagleman at work on his mural, "Happiness in Color," on the side of Mulberry Cottage. The work was funded by a grant from the Indiana Destination Development Corporation. Eagleman hopes it's the first of many, he said.

building on North Van Buren Street. The BCCF project will be done in conjunction with a pollinator garden. The mural will be along a retaining wall, bringing "additional brilliance," Voland said.

Another public art project was done by the NAEC in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Transportation. Vinyl wraps were installed in September on the INDOT traffic boxes at McDonald's, CVS Pharmacy and in front of the Brown County Courthouse on Van Buren Street.

Voland said she hopes these public

art installments are catalysts to see how the community can be creative and think about big spaces in the area that can draw people in by being art pieces in the public eye.

"I think it's important to realize we might not even be the destination that we are nationwide if we had not had this legacy of being an art colony at the turn of the last century," Voland said. "It just enhances the quality of life to have art accessible, presentable and acceptable in our community."

By having public art, Voland said it is playing to the strengths of what is beautiful in Brown County — nature,

venues, sunsets, vistas and more.

"We're not limited to an old style of art, we're looking for an expression of what is relevant today," Voland said.

Voland said modern and contemporary art expressions offer opportunities to see beyond the past, into the future, while still embracing the present.

"Making everything more beautiful than we started," she said. "I think it's moving in that direction."

There are 11 cultural districts in the state of Indiana, Voland said, and Brown County is one of them with the official name, "Arts Village Brown





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County.”

From visual arts, community theater and musical entertainment, Voland said that art and its many forms are a part of daily life in Brown County.

“We are a living art colony, actively doing it every day,” she said.

### MAKING A MARK

Eagleman said in August he knew he wanted vibrant color to be involved with whatever he created. He also wanted to ensure it was something with which people would interact.

“If people didn’t interact with it and it was mundane, I would feel like I didn’t do my job,” he said.





“Happiness in Color IN Indiana” was completed by local artist Kurt Eagleman last week. Visitors can see the work on the side of Mulberry Cottage on West Main Street.

When the poppies came into play, Eagleman said it was a full-circle moment on a bigger canvas.

Growing up in Brown County and entering into the artistic scene, poppies were one of his first subjects that he painted with local artist Patricia Rhoden Bartels.

Eagleman took it upon himself to find the canvas, ultimately deciding

on the two-story cinderblock wall on Honeysuckle Lane, belonging to local business Mulberry Cottage on West Main Street.

When Eagleman approached the owners of Mulberry Cottage to be the canvas. Ashley Day, business owner, said it was an “easy yes.”

“Of course that’s our kind of motto in the store, I want to bring happiness to

town, I want everyone that comes into our store to be happier than when they came in,” she said.

“I love when they get that happiness before they even step foot in the store, so it’s the perfect reflection of our business.”

Day said it’s not just about their business, but it’s about the town and bringing a new kind of art style to town. She said she hopes more businesses follow suit, embracing colorful murals in the future.

“We kind of get boxed into this fall leaves, shades of brown and tan,” she said.

“The fact that it’s something so bright and colorful, I think that it’s exciting for Nashville. ... If I had more walls I’d give them to him in a heartbeat. He’s a bright cheery person as well so whatever he designed would be beautiful.”

She also said he picked the biggest wall in town.

“It’s nice to see the town going in a new direction and bringing more vibrancy in to let the state of Indiana know that we’re more than just the fall. We’ve got more to offer.”

In keeping with the grant guidelines, the title of the piece given was “Happiness in Color — IN Indiana.”

To create a large vibrant piece in the middle of his hometown, Eagleman said he has been encouraged by the response.

“People have thanked me, stopped and said ‘good job,’” he said.

“It’s fun to be a part of a change in a positive way.”

He also sees it as a reminder for visitors and locals that not just the community’s history is that of an art colony, but there is a current and thriving arts and culture community.

“People are walking through town and can see art taking place in front of them,” he said. “This is going on right now, it’s an active demonstration in front of them.”

Eagleman had a pop-up shop in Nashville in the fall of 2020, EeOhLay Gallery and said that projects like this are a way for him to give back to the community and help move it forward.

“It means a lot to me, it’s putting my



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Follow Eagleman on social media at his username [@kurt.eagleman](https://www.instagram.com/kurt.eagleman).

stamp on the community,” he said.

Fall is often a main attraction for visitors to Brown County, which is exactly why Eagleman avoided the use of traditional fall tones.

“It’s important to remind people that we’re not just fall,” he said. “Nashville is a destination all times of the year.”

He pushed the envelope with his color choices, feeling a bit more freedom to do so with the mural on a back alley, he said.

He sees it as a sort of sign of a new generation, turning a page in a good direction. But he said he could not have done it without his boyfriend Anthony Gaugler who helped him with the entire mural. He also credited Ellis and the Mulberry Cottage with making it happen.

He wanted the piece to have a positive reflection of the town and wanted people to see that.

If any other business in town has a wall they’d like to see covered with art, Eagleman said he’s ready to keep going.

“If anybody wants an artist, absolutely contact me,” he said. “I would love to keep going. Maybe this is the first installment of many.”

He also advised businesses or other interested groups to take their time and think about what kind of piece they imagine and to make sure the building owner is in contact with an artist.

“This town is full of artists, use the resources that are here, the artists that have something to say or have a design,” he said.

“Don’t just do your own business logo, use it as an opportunity to beautify the community. ... As long as it’s done in a tasteful way it can benefit the community. People have wanted this and have been waiting.”



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Susan Wagler (left) and Anna Schram (right) stand behind the counter at their joint storefront. Wagler owns Haven Lee Boutique and Schram owns Redhead Apothecary. The two are excited to join the Brown County business scene and hope to bring confidence and empowerment to their shoppers.

# SELLING CONFIDENCE

## Woman-, veteran-owned businesses built on empowering women

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Anna Schram and Susan Wagler have joined forces to bring confidence and empowerment to shoppers in Brown County.

Schram owns Redhead Apothecary (named after her and her daughter's hair color), which sells a wide variety of handmade skincare products and Haven Lee Boutique is owned by Wagler, who sells clothing, jewelry and accessories.

The two separate businesses not only share a storefront, but a common goal to empower and bring confidence to their shoppers.

"The giving back, helping and mentoring others has been worth it. You get women and girls of all ages who come in and have issues with their body," Wagler said.

"We will try to help them see the beauty in who they are. It's very rewarding."

Wagler has been the owner of Haven Lee Boutique since January of 2021, after taking it over for a friend.

The shop was originally in Loogotee, southwest of Brown County, so Wagler was commuting more than an hour from her home in

Morgantown.

Wagler then worked at the Nashville Spice Company, which she said was "business 101," learning from owners Greg Fox and Mark Schmidt.

After pandemic lockdowns, she knew she wanted to try something different.

Being a boutique owner or even a clothing designer has been a dream of Wagler's for years, and she found herself at a stage of life that allowed her to pursue that dream.



“We will try to help them see the beauty in who they are. It’s very rewarding.”

- Susan Wagler

Before Nashville Spice Co., Wagler had been a server at Out of the Ordinary for five years, where she met Schram.

Schram said the two hit it off.

Schram is a Brown County transplant, moving from Greenfield with her husband eight years ago.

She’s also an United States Army veteran and worked in the IT department for Community Hospital in Indianapolis, where she retired four years ago.

After her retirement, she and her husband planned on traveling, then COVID hit.

She has always created her own skin products, coming from a family which has always been in the soap-making game because of their own skin issues like eczema or psoriasis.

Family members found that many popular products from larger brand names would irritate their skin, so Schram decided to enter into the business professionally.

During the pandemic she found herself wanting to do something for other female veterans and entrepreneurs.

Her daughters work in the health care industry, and called her asking for sanitizer and face masks, so she started producing sanitizers to send to other nurses.

“I decided we need a business to set up to help other females — veterans or not — that’s how it started out. Bored at home due to COVID.”



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Schram had made soaps for a long time, but expanded her business during the pandemic, venturing into the world of sanitizers.



Shower steamers at Redhead Apothecary. Owner Anna Schram said she likes to work with female and veteran vendors, like herself.



Sage sticks at Redhead Apothecary. Shop owner Anna Schram said they work wonders as bug repellent when thrown into campfires.





Then began the process of building her own business: Redhead Apothecary.

“It was one of the things we could do to help give back,” she said.

She has plans to break into hair care products.

Connecting with Wagler, who was ready to bring Haven Lee a bit closer to home, the two found a storefront in Nashville.

They found the old location of Ooey Goey Cinnamon Rolls and So Much More on Washington Street, in the Brown County Visitor’s Center building.

Soon they were hard at work, revamping the space with new flooring, paint, a handwashing sink and a fitting room.

In March, they opened for business.

“It’s working out really great,” Schram said.

“It’s a lot of fun. We get to meet a lot of interesting people. ...I think for two separate businesses we pulled it off pretty well.”

Her daughter, a registered nurse, also helps with the business, doing online marketing and helping to come up with soap names.

In addition to soaps, bath bombs and beard oil, the shop carries sage sticks, which are not just for witches, Schram said. They make great bug repellent when thrown into a fire.

The Redhead Apothecary and Haven Lee Boutique each have their own signature scent of soap at the store, too.

Wagler’s own style shines through the merchandise, in classic and trendy clothing and accessories. Most sizes run small through extra large.

They offer a 10% discount for veterans.

For Schram, the most important thing is to help other women, whether they’re offering support to customers or other businesswomen.

“Women have to work harder for a lot of things in their lives, whether in the military or not,” she said.

In the military she saw not only physical differences between men and women, but in the IT world too.

“It’s a male-dominated profession. We have to work harder, we have to prove



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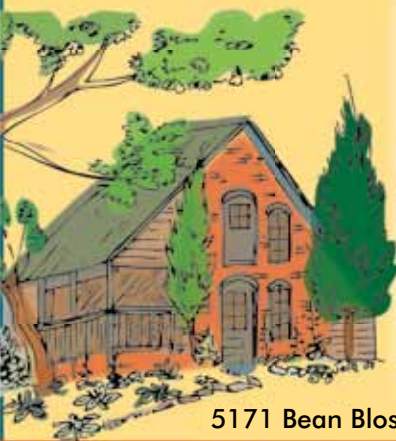
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**Wagler, owner of Haven Lee Boutique, said the items she sells fit classic and trendy style.**



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ourselves, a lot of them think we have to be home making cookies. I love making cookies, I love to bake. But I also have an education and years of experience.

“I can run my own cable and set my own house up, or my own business. I wanted to use those skills without being under somebody else and trying to help other women.”

She said too many people forget to “stop and help the next person in line.” At this point in her life that’s all she has time to do, she said.

Schram said she and Wagler love working with ladies and helping them walk out of their store happier and more comfortable with themselves.

“You hear so many coming out of the fitting room,” Wagler said.

“I don’t like my arms, I don’t like this.” I think we all have that one area but it shouldn’t affect your entire being. My favorite is when they come out and ask if they can wear something right away. “Yes you can! I’ll take the tag off and you can wear it out the door.”



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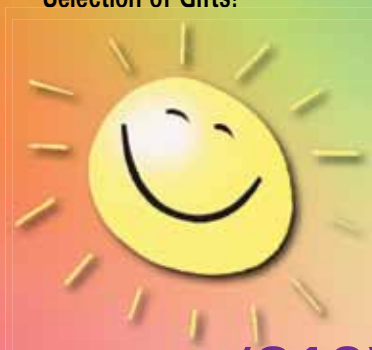
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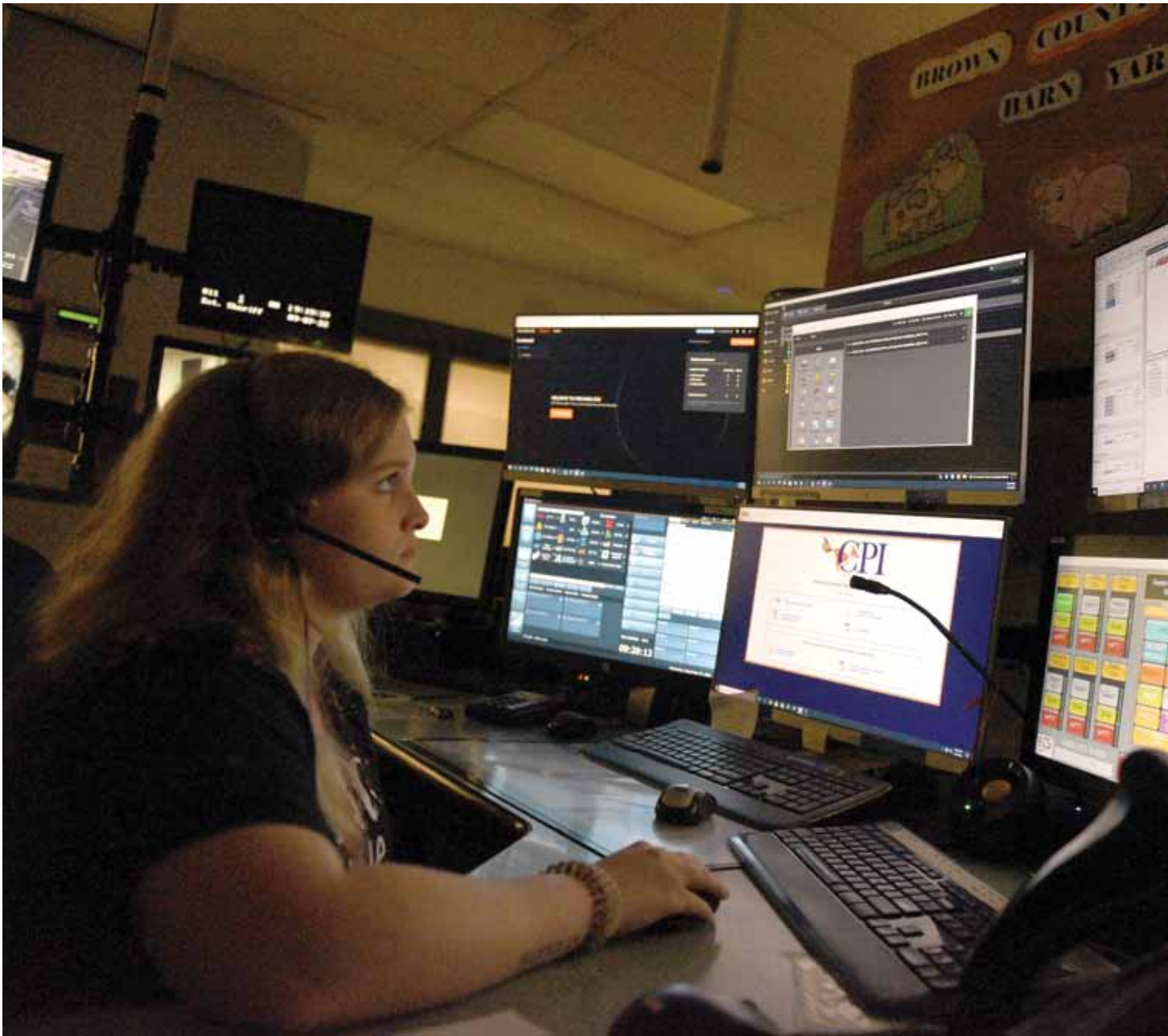


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# BETTER AND FASTER

New web-based tool allows dispatch to see live video feed from callers

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“It just helps to get the incident resolved a little bit quicker.”

- Andrea Oswald



Kacee Kleindorfer has worked in Brown County Dispatch since February of this year. She said she loves using Prepared Live as a resource for callers, dispatch and first responders.

A new software package in the Brown County Sheriff's Dept. is improving the way dispatchers are able to assist callers.

Those calling dispatch who may be lost, or in an accident or domestic dispute, can now allow dispatch to access the caller's cell phone camera and location by simply clicking a link.

The web-based software is called Prepared Live and was designed to better connect citizens to emergency call centers.

The service is free and can only be activated by the caller, not the sheriff's department.

The company was born nearly four years ago when co-founder and CEO Michael Chime started building software for public safety at Yale University. The company's work included a safety app for universities.

Schools asked the development team how data from students reporting issues could reach 911 services. What they found was outdated technology at 911 call centers that couldn't accept information other than through phone calls.

The team began Prepared as a startup and launched its service in June last year.

Through this service, 911 dispatchers can send callers a text that connects them to a web-based app, where they can upload media about their given situation.

Whether it's a photo, video or a live video feed, callers can share information which will be used to assist them and responding public safety officers.

Brown County is one of four counties

in the state using Prepared, Brown County 911 Director Andrea Oswald said.

She learned about Prepared at the NENA Conference in Louisville, Ky., this year, where Prepared had a booth set up. Local dispatch has been using the website for about one month.

#### HOW IT WORKS

When a caller calls 911 or the administration line, they can opt in to receive a text from dispatch.

In the text will be a link, directing them to Prepared Live.

As long as callers accept the link and tap the play button, a dispatcher can have access to the caller's camera and location.

Oswald demonstrated Prepared on her own phone, the location on the dispatch screen showing a precise location within the Brown County Law Enforcement building.

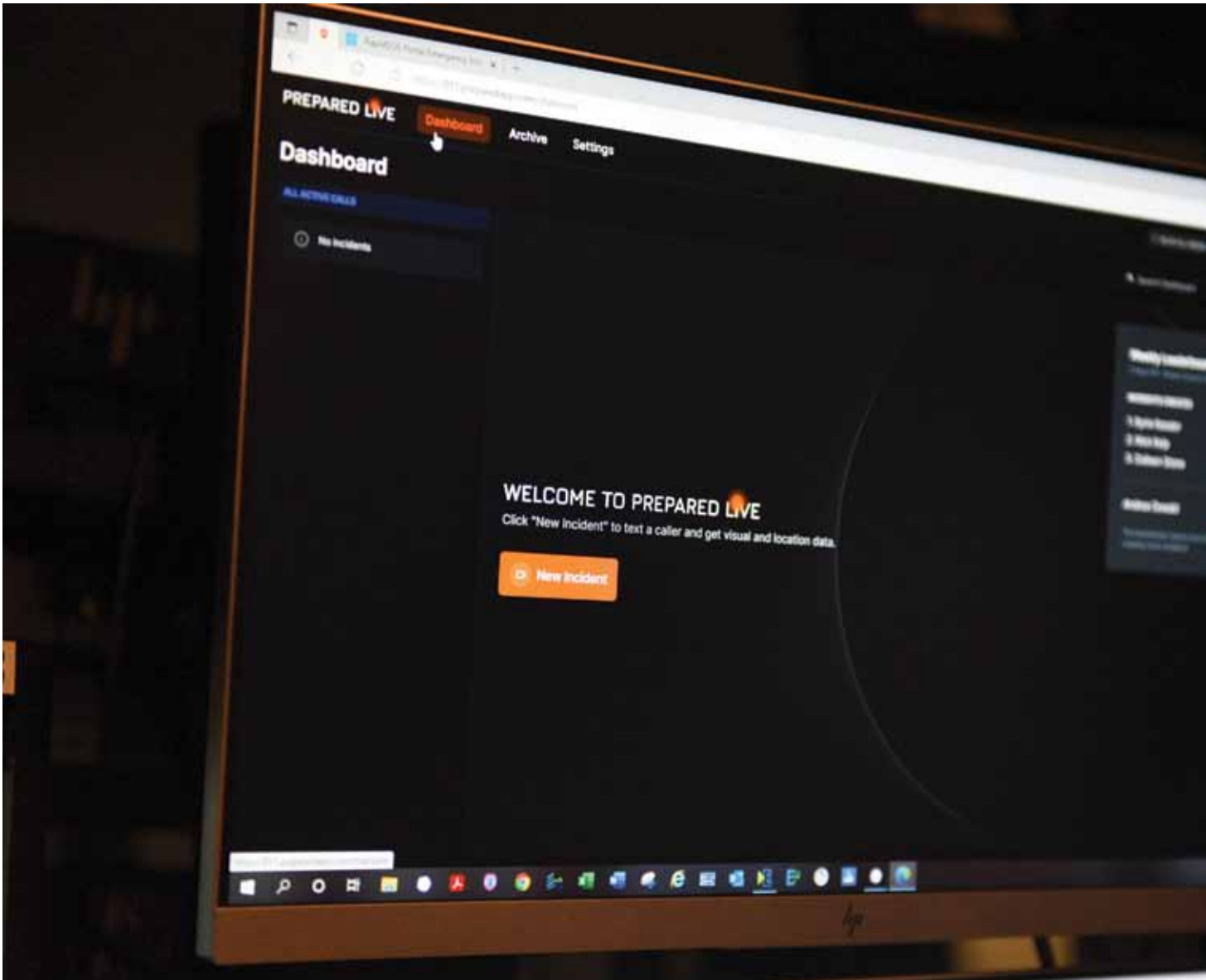
Callers can also chat with dispatchers via messaging through the site.

So far, Prepared has been used to assist lost hikers on local trails, those calling in fires, sharing images for missing persons in the county, suspicious situations and abandoned 911 calls.

Callers are also able to use it to communicate with the Brown County Highway Dept. if there are trees down on county roads.

Other than location and camera access – to which callers must give consent – no other information on a caller's phone is accessed by dispatch.

All dispatchers have gone through training on the site, which has been easy



The dashboard for Prepared Live, new web-based software being used by Brown County Dispatch that allows dispatch to use the pinpointed locations and live camera feeds of callers, as long as they follow the link sent by dispatch.

to learn and use, Oswald said.

“It’s nice to be able to get the information if (callers) are willing to give it to us,” Oswald said.

In a recent missing juvenile case, dispatch was able to get pictures of license plate numbers involved.

“It was nice to give officers that info ahead of time a bit faster,” Oswald said.

Oswald reiterated that dispatch is not accessing any stored information on a caller’s phone other than what they share via chat, location and camera.

Information received is stored in an archive that can be used for investigations as needed.

“I would like if more people to be willing to give access when we ask to use it,” she said.

“We’re not saving any of their information, we don’t have access to anything else in their phone except for what they send at that time.

“It just helps to get the incident resolved a little bit quicker.”

Being a small department, officers

might not be close to an incident reported, she added. If dispatch can obtain more information to share with first responders before they arrive on the scene, there can be an extended response time.

In sensitive issues like verbal or physical domestic situations, Oswald said callers may be hesitant, but they should know that Prepared will allow dispatch and responders to know exactly what’s going on for everyone’s safety.

Sheriff Scott Southerland said it’s







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a “huge advantage” to have real-time information in live video through the site.

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“It makes response time a lot quicker,” he said.

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# PUBLIC ART INSTALLED ON INDOT BOXES

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A new public art project is now on display through downtown Nashville.

The collaboration of the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission and Indiana Department of Transportation allowed vinyl wraps designed by local artists to be installed the steel INDOT traffic light boxes at McDonald's, CVS Pharmacy and in front of the Brown County Courthouse on Van Buren Street.

Everywhere Signs out of Bloomington

installed the wraps on Sept. 8. Each piece was each designed by a local artist — Gabriel Lehman, Patricia Rhoden Bartels and Daren Redman.

NAEC President Melanie Voland said in August she hopes public art installments are catalysts to see how the community can be creative and think about big spaces in the area that can draw people in by being art pieces in the public eye.





Everywhere Signs out of Bloomington installed the vinyl wraps onto the INDOT-owned boxes. | Submitted Photo | Andi Wilson

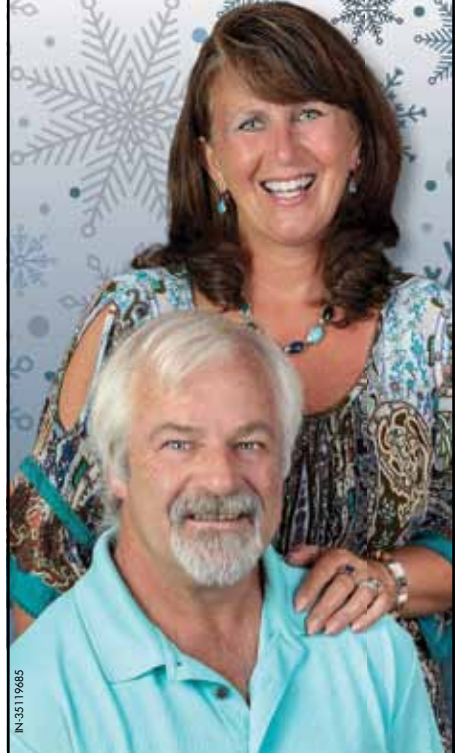


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**THE BROWN COUNTY INN** is just three blocks south of downtown Nashville. The beautifully remodeled restaurant and bar serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily as well as a brunch menu on Saturdays and Sundays. Enjoy a house cocktail or local craft beer by the fireplace in the lounge or treat the family to dinner on the large deck that overlooks the beautiful hills of Brown County. Brown County Inn serves a local, homemade, all-natural cuisine that will accommodate and satisfy any diet. Try our Midwest Cheese Board or Fischer Farms Peach & Bourbon Pork Chops and

finish off your meal with homemade dessert. Please call (812) 988-2291 for hours and reservations. 51 State Road 46 East, Nashville, [www.browncountyinn.com](http://www.browncountyinn.com).

Producing award-winning wines for more than 30 years, **BROWN COUNTY WINERY** offers locally made wine, wine accessories and gifts for wine people, along with local jams, salsa and jelly. The tasting room is at the corner of Main Street and Old School Way. Stop by the winery and tasting room in Gnaw Bone, 4520 State Road 46 East. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, year-round. (812) 988-6144 or (888) 298-2984, [www.browncountywinery.com](http://www.browncountywinery.com).

**THE CANDY DISH**, 61 W. Main St., offers fine chocolates, fudge made right in the store, nostalgic candy and much more. Check out the Mr. Peanut collectibles display. (812) 988-7606.

One of the charms of **CARMEL CORN COTTAGE**, 82 N. Van Buren St., is the size and how many products can fit inside. It serves everything from popcorn to candies to caramel apples and drinks. Even the signs on the walls are for sale. Samples are always free. (812) 988-6011, [www.carmelcorncottage.com](http://www.carmelcorncottage.com).

**CASA DEL SOL**, 101 Washington St., offers authentic Mexican cuisine in the heart of Nashville. Open daily with a kids menu and a full bar. (812) 988-4535.

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**THE CHOCOLATE MOOSE**, 278 S. Van Buren St., has been making delicious, premium homemade

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Enjoy live music every Friday and Saturday night at **CORN CRIB LOUNGE** at the Brown County Inn, junction of state roads 46 and 135. Local musicians, as well as artists from surrounding areas and states, provide the live entertainment. (812) 988-2291.

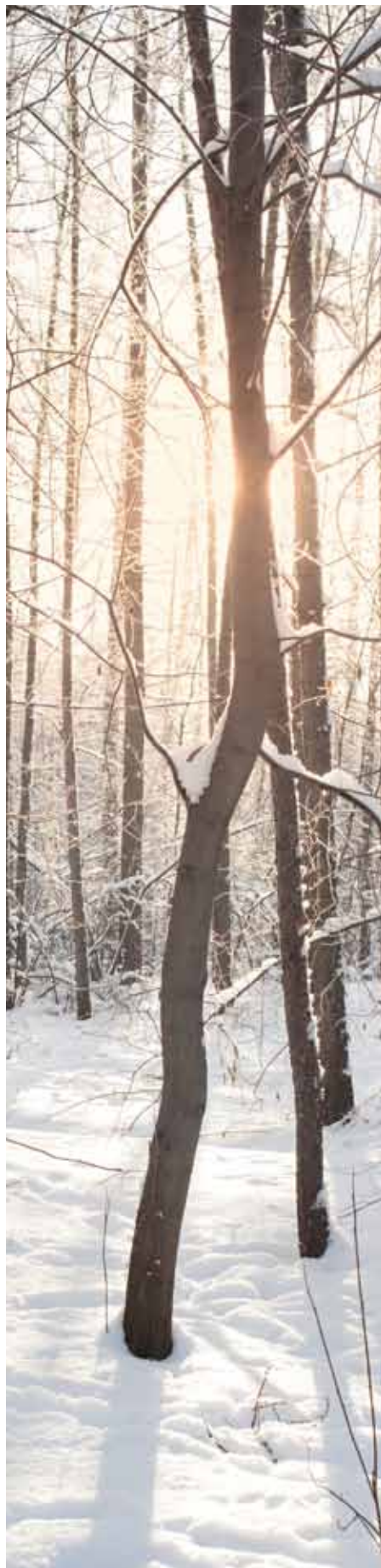
**THE DAILY GRIND**, established in 1977, offers gourmet coffees and teas along with a delicious food menu. Breakfast features include Belgian waffles, yummy egg dishes, old-fashioned biscuits and gravy and a wide variety of Shapiro's of Indianapolis bagels. Lunch choices include jumbo deli-style sandwiches, snacks, pastries and other goodies. Four coffees are brewing at all times. The restaurant also offers smoothies, iced coffees, old-fashioned root beer floats, fresh iced teas and ice-cold sodas. Come by and let the staff take care of your coffee needs, hunger pangs and sweet tooth. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. "Not just a coffee shop; a destination!" (812) 988-4808.

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**MCDONALD'S**, Salt Creek Plaza, offers fast food, including burgers and fries, fish sandwiches, chicken sandwiches and assorted salads, plus breakfast favorites. Open daily. (812) 988-4452.

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

**OUT OF THE ORDINARY SUPPER CLUB** and **HICKORY SPORTS BAR**, 61 S. Van Buren St., is a full-service restaurant and bar serving lunch and dinner daily. Now nightlife has a new address with live entertainment, dancing and sports. Come hang out for major sporting events viewed on the gigantic-screen TV. It's centrally located at the corner of Van Buren and Main streets in the heart of Nashville. Reservations recommended. (812) 778-9730, [www.goldenticketproductions.com](http://www.goldenticketproductions.com) and on Facebook.

Specializing in looseleaf teas, **SWEETEA'S TEA SHOP**, 225 S. Van Buren St., Suite C, in

Coachlight Square, also offers coffee and lemonade and a variety of cakes, cupcakes and cookies. Stop in for a relaxing getaway where you can unwind by the fireplace with a nice cup of tea, read a book, surf the Web with free Wi-Fi or chat with friends. Sweetea's can be a destination for a bridal shower, baby shower, birthday party or a gathering place for a book club or Bible study. (812) 988-6515.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BUSSERT IMAGES** is on the second floor of the Village Green Building.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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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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**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,

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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](http://www.browncountylogcabins.com). Office hours are Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (812) 988-6429.

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**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](http://www.hotelnashville.com).

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**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](http://www.nickelsvacationcabins.com).

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inna/abe/index.html).

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**THE BROWN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER**, 90 E. Gould St., is a centrally located venue in Nashville for receptions, reunions or meetings. It features a spacious Grand Hall, small rooms and a catering kitchen. 812-988-2899, [browncountyhistorycenter.org](http://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](mailto:sales@browncountyinn.com) for more information. 51 State Road 46 East, Nashville, [www.browncountyinn.com](http://www.browncountyinn.com).

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**QUALITY INN**, 75 W. Chestnut St., is perfect for retreats. Guests can enjoy the lodge-like atmosphere with a cozy lobby and spacious guest rooms, and the indoor pool and fitness center. (812) 988-6118, [www.choicehotels.com](http://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](http://www.CornerstoneInn.com). To contact our group sales office, call 1-812-988-0300 or 1-888-383-0300.

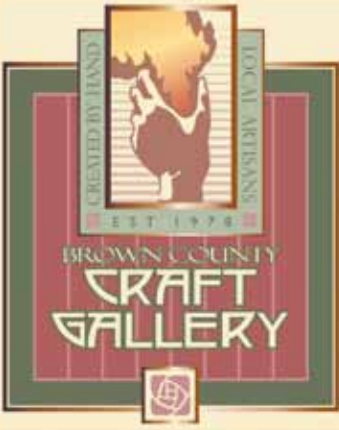
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**HOTEL NASHVILLE**, 245 N. Jefferson St., offers 45 rooms with an indoor pool, hot tub, restaurant and bar. Perfect for small meetings, weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions and banquets. Off-site catering at local venues also available. (812) 988-8400,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



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## Brown County Hilly Half Marathon

**NOV. 19**

The Brown County YMCA Hilly Half Marathon hopes to highlight our county, promote health, well-being and create a true sense of community. The Half Marathon scenic route starts and finishes at the Saddle Barn/Lower Shelter house winding its way through picturesque Brown County State Park. Up hills, past the fire tower, vistas and then a fast 2 mile downhill finish. Brown County State Park, 1810 State Road 46 East, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information: [browncountyhillyhalf.com/](http://browncountyhillyhalf.com/).

## Champagne Dreams — Fine Art and Artisan Sale

**Nov. 19**

Come raise a glass of bubbly as we celebrate the Guild Fine Artisans! Meet some of the talented artisans as they share their expanded collections of one-of-a-kind work.

Artist Guild Member, Ronald Mack will also be present for the Annual Raffle drawing for his oil painting, "On A Clear Day". Brown County Art Guild, 48 S. Van Buren St., 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Information: [browncountyyartguild.org/](http://browncountyyartguild.org/).

## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

**Nov. 25**

The evening will include music, homemade cookies, hot chocolate and tea. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the Gnaw Bone Log Room. Brown County History Center, 90 Gould St., 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Stuff A Stocking

**NOV. 26**

Children are invited this Christmas to follow a map to over 25 Nashville merchants to gather treats, ornaments, toys and more to stuff their holiday stocking! Only 300 tickets are sold to this annual event and tickets sell out every year. Ticket holders will receive a commemorative Christmas stocking and a map to the participating merchant locations. All proceeds from Stuff a Stocking benefit the BCCF endowment which helps fund community grants. Information: [browncountygives.org/stuff-a-stocking/](http://browncountygives.org/stuff-a-stocking/).

## Phil Vassar and Deana Carter: "Coming Home for Christmas"

**NOV. 26**

Platinum-selling Phil Vassar is "Coming Home for Christmas" and bringing singer-songwriter Deana Carter for their 2022 Christmas tour. Join them for Christmas classics and original holiday music, including two original Christmas songs, "Coming Home for Christmas" and "Brand New Year." Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$25.75. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/phil-vassar-deana-carter-coming-home-for-christmas](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/phil-vassar-deana-carter-coming-home-for-christmas).

## Jingle Bell Rockin' Tribute Band with special guest The Isaac Family

**NOV. 27**

When country music singer Bobby Helms was first offered the chance to sing a new festive song called "Jingle Bell Rock," he was initially skeptical about the idea of mixing rock'n'roll and Christmas. But he was quickly won over, and his single, issued by Decca Records in October 1957, soon became a holiday classic. "Jingle Bell Rock" has made itself a part of Christmas," Helms said. "It lifts people up." Today, you can find it on playlists alongside staples like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song." Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 2:30 p.m., \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).

## Children's Christmas Benefit Auction

**DEC. 2**

45 years ago a group of Brown County locals gathered on the liar's bench in downtown Nashville and discussed a way to ensure that all kids in the Brown County school system have warm clothes for winter. Proceeds from the auction items ensure that Brown County families in need have a new item of clothing for Christmas. Brown County Inn, 51 State Road 46 East, 6 to 9 p.m. Information: [facebook.com/bccchildrensauction/](https://facebook.com/bccchildrensauction/).

## Wreaths and Cocktails

**DEC. 2, 3**

The Hard Truth Wreaths and Cocktails class allows guests to create their own holiday wreath using preserved greens and dried fruits with personal instruction from a professional florist. Each guest will receive a complimentary Hard Truth cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. Hard Truth Hills, 418 Old State Road 46, Dec. 2: 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 3: 1 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Information: [visithardtruth.com/event/wreaths-cocktails/](http://visithardtruth.com/event/wreaths-cocktails/).

## Christkindl Market

**DEC. 2-4**

Nestled in Coachlight Square in the heart of Nashville, Indiana's unique artist community, the Christkindl Market brings to Brown County a traditional European holiday market full of one-of-a-kind gifts, family-friendly entertainment and Christmas spirit. Dec. 2: noon to 8 p.m., Dec. 3: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 4: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: [browncountychristkindlmarket.com/](http://browncountychristkindlmarket.com/).

## Friendly Forest Winter Wonderland

**DEC. 2, 3, 9, 10**

Enjoy a leisurely walk through the Friendly Forest Winter Wonderland full of bright lights, blow up characters and holiday music. Hosted by the Jackson Township Fire Department. Santa will be present for pictures and treats. Jackson Township Fire Department, 4831 Helmsburg Road, 6 to 8 p.m. Information: [facebook.com/events/616972672744365/616972682744364/?active\\_tab=about](https://facebook.com/events/616972672744365/616972682744364/?active_tab=about).

## "A Christmas Carol"

**DEC. 2-17**

A Christmas Carol is a holiday classic about a mean-spirited and selfish old man, Ebenezer Scrooge. This adaptation was written and directed for the Brown County Playhouse by Dania Leova and John Elmore. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).

## Reindeer Romp 5k/8k

**DEC. 3**

Grab your shows for the annual Reindeer Romp, an 8K run or a 5K run/walk, at the Brown County State Park. Everyone is welcome to come run or walk in the event – the more the merrier! Bring your family and friends, grab your reindeer antlers, and participate in this fun event for a great cause! Start and finish at the Brown County State Park Nature Center. Brown County State Park, 1810 State Road 46 East, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$20. Registration and information: [raceroster.com/events/2022/56589/reindeer-romp](http://raceroster.com/events/2022/56589/reindeer-romp).

## Christmas in Antique Alley

**Dec. 3**

Antique Alley is a collection of shops located in Downtown Nashville. Live Christmas music will be provided by Indy Crossbones, a trombone quartet out of Indianapolis. In addition, enjoy a meet and greet with Santa Claus and the always popular miniature donkeys! Antique Alley, 75 S. Jefferson St., noon to 4 p.m.



## Indiana Uplands Winter Wine Market

**DEC. 3**

The Indiana Uplands Wine Trail will host the Winter Wine Market at the Brown County Art Gallery. All nine wineries on the trail will be in attendance for wine tasting, bottle sales, and holiday gifts. Try wine from all over Indiana as you browse the art on display at the gallery. Brown County Art Gallery, 1 Artist Drive, 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets and information: [indianauplands.org](http://indianauplands.org).

## Larry, Steve and Rudy: “The Gatlin Brothers Country and Christmas”

**DEC. 3**

Larry, Steve and Rudy, the Gatlin Brothers are GRAMMY Award winners who have dazzled audiences for more than 65 years. They have accrued a lifetime of noteworthy achievements in their storybook career, including a GRAMMY for Best Country Song, three ACM awards for Single of the Year, Album of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year, along with five nominations for CMA Vocal Group of the Year, Single and Album. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$30.75. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/larry-steve-rudy-the-gatlin-brothers-country-christmas](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/larry-steve-rudy-the-gatlin-brothers-country-christmas).

## Santa and Mrs. Claus

**DEC. 3, 10**

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Brown County History Center, 90 Gould St., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Steele’s Country Christmas

**DEC. 4**

Celebrate the holiday season with an open house in the Large Studio and at the House of the Singing Winds, at the site’s annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 4, from 12–4pm. Visitors will be welcomed into the fully decorated House and Studio to catch a glimpse of the Indiana of the 1920s! Opportunities for photos with St. Nick and Belsnickel, refreshments, holiday music and crafts, are all part of this afternoon open house. T.C. Steele State Historic Site, 4220 T.C. Steele Road, noon to 4 p.m., \$8 to \$25. Tickets and information: [indianamuseum.org/historic-sites/tc-steele/](http://indianamuseum.org/historic-sites/tc-steele/).

## “Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s Wild and Swingin’ Holiday Party”

**DEC. 7**

For 28 years, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s unique take on American swing and jazz music has thrilled audiences around the world, while their unique and spirited “Wild and Swingin’ Holiday Party” has become an eagerly anticipated annual family event. Singer and band leader Scotty Morris says, “If you’re going to go to a holiday show with your family, this is the one! It really does offer something for everyone.” Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/big-bad-vooodoo-daddys-wild-swingin-holiday-party](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/big-bad-vooodoo-daddys-wild-swingin-holiday-party).

## Sara Evans: “Go Tell it on the Mountain Tour”

**DEC. 11**

Sara Evans is at the top of her game. As the fifth most-played female artist at country radio in nearly the last two decades — her five No. 1 singles include “No Place That Far,” “Suds In The Bucket,” “A Real Fine Place To Start,” “Born to Fly,” and “A Little Bit Stronger,” which spent two weeks in the top spot and was certified platinum by the R.I.A.A. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$30.75. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/sara-evans](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/sara-evans).

## “WTTTS Holiday Can Concert featuring The Wallflowers”

**DEC. 16**

For the past 30 years, the Jakob Dylan-led act has stood as one of rock’s most dynamic and purposeful bands – a unit dedicated to and continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting and decidedly modern musical attack. That signature style has been present through the decades, baked into the

grooves of smash hits like 1996’s Bringing Down the Horse as well as more recent and exploratory fare like 2012’s Glad All Over. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$33.25. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/wttts-holiday-can-concert-featuring-the-wallflowers](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/wttts-holiday-can-concert-featuring-the-wallflowers).

## Starship featuring Mickey Thomas

**DEC. 17**

Mickey Thomas is the owner of the soaring voice that propelled Starship through the decade of the ‘80s. With his soulful and compelling vocals, Mickey has established himself as one of rock music’s most recognizable stars. The group was renamed Starship in 1985 and went on to record three No. 1 hit songs including “We Built This City,” “Sara,” and “Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now,” from the film *Mannequin* which also was an Academy Award nominee. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$30.75. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/starship-featuring-mickey-thomas](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/starship-featuring-mickey-thomas).

## “Thunderstruck: America’s AC/DC Tribute”

**DEC. 31**

Thunderstruck: America’s AC/DC gives fans so much more than the sound of AC/DC. They truly capture the high voltage energy and experience. For fans, it’s about a sense of familiarity, and it’s about a feeling that snatches up listeners and takes over. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/thunderstruck-americas-acdc-tribute](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/thunderstruck-americas-acdc-tribute).



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## Rick Springfield: “Full Band Electric”

**JAN. 27**

Over the past four decades, Rick Springfield has worn many hats as an entertainer and performer. The creator of some of the finest power-pop of the '80s, a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and musician who has sold 25 million albums and scored 17 U.S. Top 40 hits, including “Jessie’s Girl,” “Don’t Talk to Strangers,” “An Affair of the Heart,” “I’ve Done Everything for You,” “Love Somebody,” and “Human Touch.” Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$35.25. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/rick-springfield](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/rick-springfield).

## Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit with special guest Peter Dinklage

**JAN. 31**

Jason Isbell has established himself as one of the most respected and celebrated songwriters of his generation. The North Alabama native possesses an incredible penchant for identifying and articulating some of the deepest, yet simplest, human emotions, and turning them into beautiful poetry through song. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/jason-isbell-and-the-400-unit](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/jason-isbell-and-the-400-unit).

## “Weird Al” Yankovic

**FEB. 3**

“Weird Al” Yankovic burst onto the scene over three decades ago and never looked back. For the second time in his storied career, the world’s foremost musical satirist and five-time Grammy winner foregoes his usual high-octane, big-production show for an intimate evening of music, focusing on original (non-parody) songs from his 14-album catalog. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/weird-al-yankovic](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/weird-al-yankovic).

## Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon: “The Music of John Denver”

**FEB. 14**

Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon have toured internationally together delighting audiences with their talent, warmth and humor. Collins and some of the original artists of Boulder Canyon originally met in Aspen, Colorado at the largest annual celebration of John Denver’s life and music. Since that first initial meeting,

Chris and Boulder Canyon have gone on to tour from coast-to-coast to pay tribute to the music of John Denver. With similarities between Chris’s and John’s voices, award-winning singer, songwriter Chris Collins brings amazing energy and the unmistakable enthusiasm to the stage that was a hallmark of a John Denver performance. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).

## Greg Hahn with Dave “The King” Wilson

**FEB. 17**

Dave “The King” Wilson, a world renowned stand-up comedian of 11 years, has been an Indianapolis radio listeners’ companion for longer than that. First in 1983 to 1995 with Bob & Tom on Q-95 and then as the longtime host of the WIBC afternoon show, Dave has become part of the Indy landscape. A native of Speedway, Wilson grew up less than a mile from the Brickyard and spent a great deal of time at the track during May as a youth, just as he now does as an adult. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).

## Henry Lee Summer

**FEB. 18**

This Brazil, Indiana native is self-taught on guitar, piano, and drums influenced by the best in country, R&B, rock & roll, and blues. Expressing a raw and impulsive style of rock & roll, Henry always adds his own voice and style. His sales over the years have topped well over the million mark. This has given him the opportunity to be a support act for artists such as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Eddie Money, Chicago, and Richard Marx. Although most of his touring is in Indiana, he has appeared on the Arsenio Hall Show and Late Show With David Letterman. He also married and raised four children during this period, and successfully supported himself and family with music since he was 17. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$15. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).

## Dailey and Vincent

**FEB. 18**

Grand Ole Opry Members, five-time GRAMMY® Award winners individually, three-time GRAMMY® Award nominees collectively, four-time DOVE Award winners and winners of 35 IBMA Awards altogether (including three-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year Award winners and three-time Vocal Group of the Year Award winners), Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent (and their world-class band) offer a unique and

modernized spin on ‘American music’ - “the best of country, bluegrass and gospel this side of heaven” (USA Today). The duo has played across the globe, taking the stage at iconic venues including the Ryman Auditorium and Carnegie Hall. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m., \$25.25. Tickets and information: [browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/dailey-vincent](http://browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/dailey-vincent).

## E5C4P3: “The Music of Journey”

**FEB. 25**

Focusing on the “Steve Perry era,” E5C4P3 covers all the hits from “Lights” and “Wheel In The Sky” to “Separate Ways” and “Be Good To Yourself,” including occasional surprises for all the die-hard Journey fans. For all of the countless fans that have never stopped believing, they’re back! Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: [brownwountyplyhouse.org](http://brownwountyplyhouse.org).

## “Dogs of Society: An Elton John Tribute”

**MAR. 4**

Let The Dogs take you on a ride through one of the most epic rock catalogs of the 1970s with Elton John’s smash hits like Bennie and the Jets, Tiny Dancer and Crocodile Rock to deeper cuts like Funeral for a Friend, Madman Across the Water, All the Girls Love Alice, Mona Lisas & Mad Hatters and many, many more. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).

## “Parrots of the Caribbean: The Music of Jimmy Buffet”

**MAR. 11**

A combination of P.O.T.C. band original tunes, a blend of Zydeco, Rock Country, blues and good Buffett tunes, has earned the band acclaim as the “#1 salute to J. Buffett and the Corral Reefer Band from Cheeseburger in Caseville.” Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: [browncountyplyhouse.org](http://browncountyplyhouse.org).





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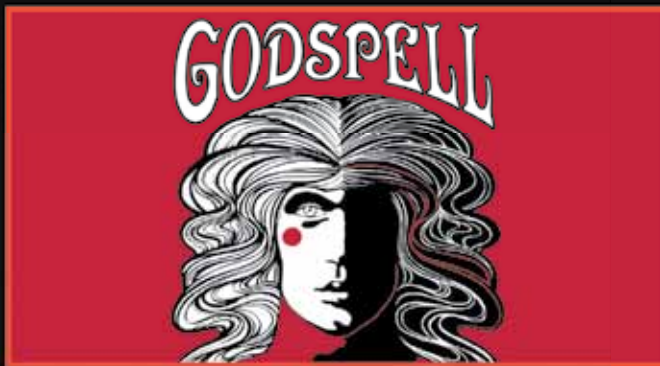
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