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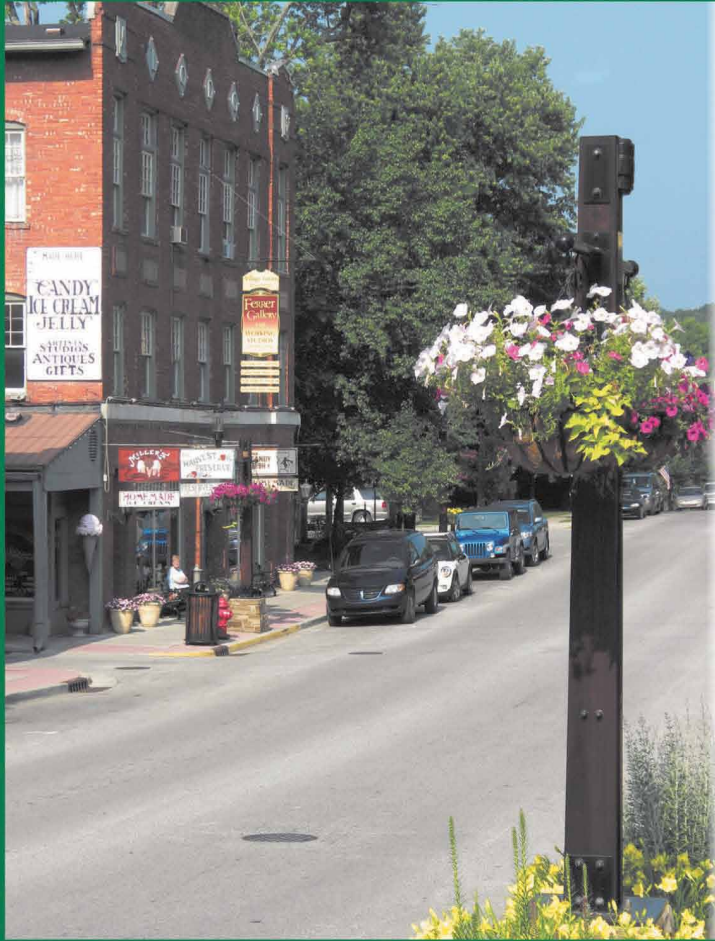
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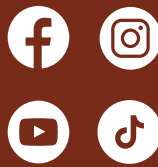
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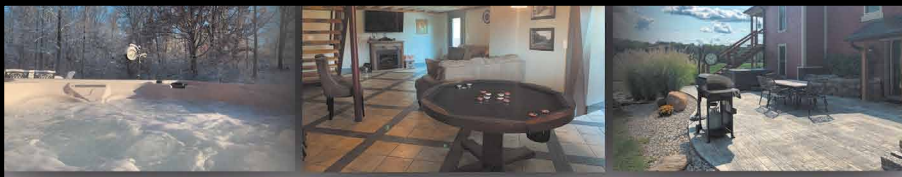


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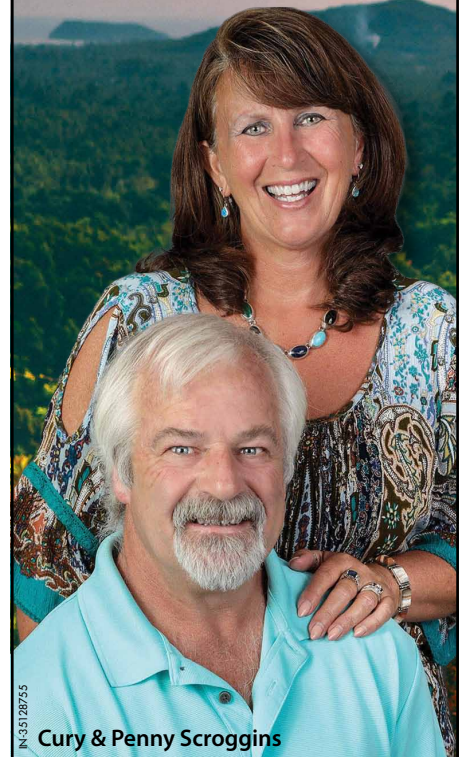
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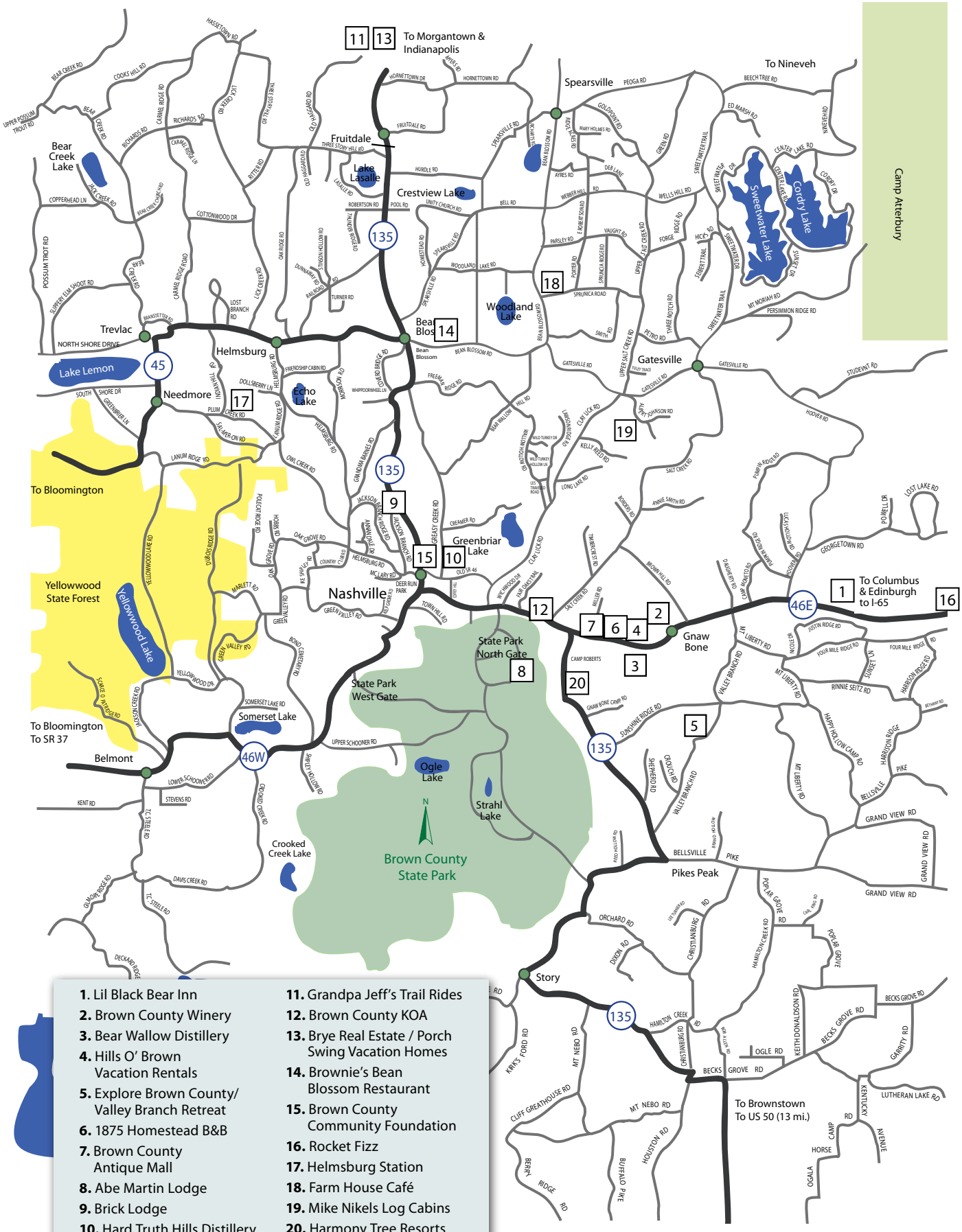
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'A LOVE LETTER TO NASHVILLE'

NEW INTERACTIVE MURAL COMPLETED, DETAILS BROWN COUNTY LIFE

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A small crowd gathered in Coachlight Square last fall just behind the Brown County Visitors Center, to witness the reveal of a new public art installation that highlights Brown County life.

The work was created by local artist Mark Schmidt, who is also owner of Nashville Spice Co.

He described the mural as "a love letter to Nashville."

It depicts two silhouettes of the state of Indiana, side by side, mirroring each other at a slight angle, appearing like wings.

The Indiana-shaped "wings" were painted to represent

day and night, and all four seasons.

Schmidt's artistic career began at the age of seven, when he entered into his first real art show. More than 50 years later, his work has been shown in major galleries all across the United States, including Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Atlanta.

His work is also part of private collections at Valparaiso University and even outside of the country, including London, England and near Rome, Italy.

Schmidt moved to Brown County eight years ago to attend Indiana University, then later attended Herron School of Art and Design.

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Mark Schmidt points out details to Brown County Music Center Executive Director Christian Webb on his mural behind the Visitors Center on Nov. 28. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

He described his artistic style as always being contemporary. He first focused on contemporary portraiture, but in the past decade he has done mainly contemporary wildlife work.

This style can be identified in his recent work at the Nashville, Tenn. and Cincinnati, Ohio zoos, where he has been commissioned to do wildlife pieces on a yearly basis.

Schmidt's inspiration for the mural came from his love for the Brown County community, filling the wings with many objects and places that represent Brown County and Nashville.

The mural was also designed to be an interactive piece, in more ways than one. First, the wings are placed at an average person's height, so viewers can stand in front of them and get their picture taken.

"I love the concept of it being a photo-op, an 'Instagram-able' moment with wings," he said at the unveiling.

"So I just thought it would be a really cool idea to not do the standard black and white wings, but actually do them in a bunch of color and hide within the mural a bunch of items and places and objects that are synonymous with Brown County and Nashville."

The many hidden items within the mural — like the Brown County Playhouse, ziplining and Abe Martin — create the second form of interaction with the piece, as a search-and-find activity for onlookers of all ages.

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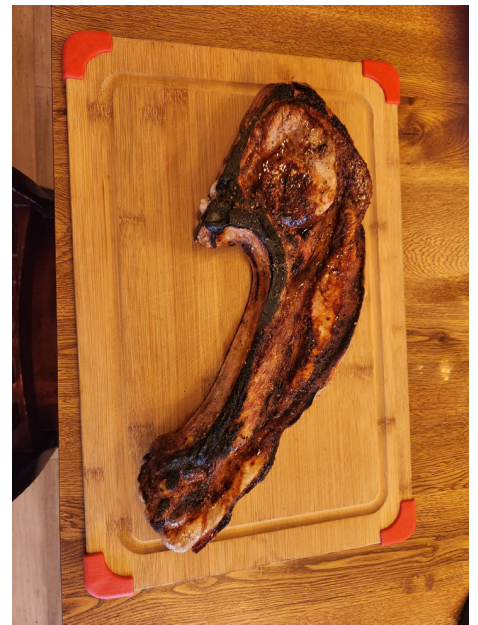




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The Brown County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is designing a scavenger hunt handout that will challenge kids to find all the little things hidden in the wings.

"For kids, it's something for them to go through, and actually be able to kind of interact with. I thought that was more fun," Schmidt said.

The hunt will be a way for kids to not only have fun, but also to be able to identify many of the iconic things and places that make Nashville and Brown County special on their visit to the area.

'A lot of opportunities'

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 features the new IDDC tourism campaign, "IN Indiana." It is a non-matching grant of up to \$5,000 to fund public art projects. More than \$200,000 in grant funding was awarded in May.

So far, more than 40 public arts projects have been completed by local organizations in 33 counties across the state, all funded by the IDDC.

The other completed mural in Nashville was also funded by the

grant and was finished in August last year by local artist Kurt Eagleman. It is titled "Happiness in Color," and can be found on the west wall of Mulberry Cottage on West Main Street.

Schmidt said he was approached by former executive director of the CVB Jane Ellis about the project earlier this spring because she knew of his past as a mural artist, before he opened the Nashville Spice Co.

Schmidt submitted a rough draft of the concept and design, and once the CVB and the IDDC approved it, he began working on the mural in his home garage the spring.

The creation of the mural took around seven months total, Schmidt said.

He finished the project in early October, and it was mounted onto a new fence at the visitors center on Nov. 28.

The original location for the mural was on the north side of the visitors center building, facing Washington Street. However, concerns arose about the potential hazard of taking photos and children studying the mural in the roadway.

At the same time as the mural was in production, an unrelated maintenance project was taking place behind the visitors center to remove trees and replace the old fencing.

The CVB decided to make a spot on the new fencing behind the building for the mural.

Greg Fox, CVB vice president who owns Nashville Spice Co. with Schmidt, said the CVB realized the fence and the wall was all rotted, and ready to fall down.

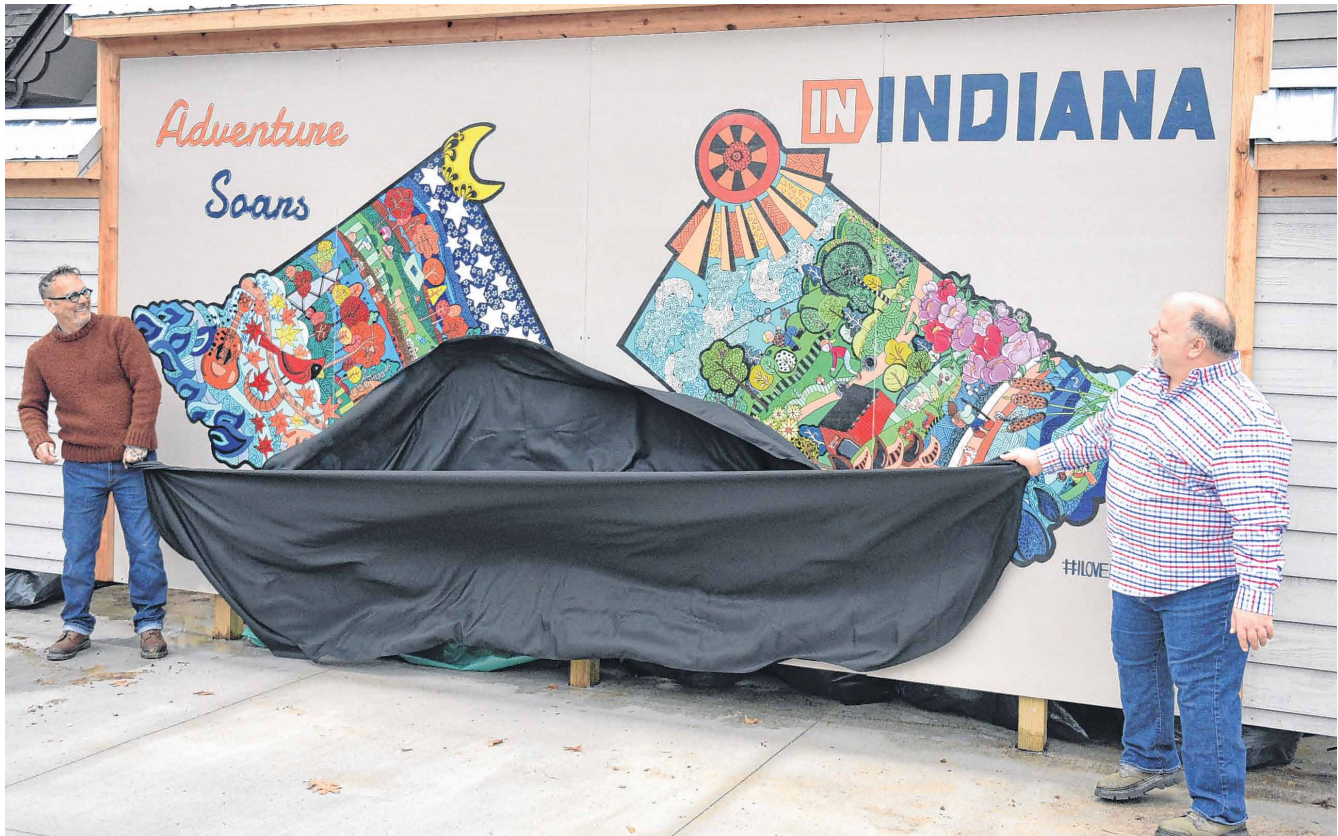
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Mark Schmidt and Greg Fox unveil Schmidt's mural behind the Brown County Visitors Center on Nov. 28. The mural was funded by a grant from Indiana Destination Development Corporation. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

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Mark Schmidt stands in front of his mural behind the Brown County Visitors Center on Nov. 28. The mural was funded by a grant from Indiana Destination Development Corporation. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat



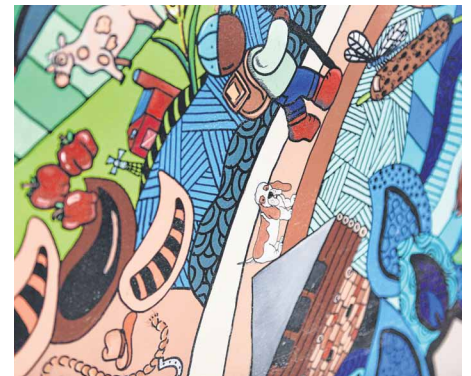
Schmidt points out details in his mural behind the Brown County Visitors Center, which shows different aspects of life in Brown County. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

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Close-up details of Schmidt's mural behind the Brown County Visitors Center show different aspects highlighting life in Brown County. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

"We had to have all that redone and we thought, 'let's make a spot for the mural,'" Fox said last week.

The renovation of the area behind the building was approved by the CVB in October, with costs estimated around \$25,000.

The pricing included the removal of the old fencing, wall and trees, and pouring concrete for a sidewalk that connects with Washington Street for visitors to comfortably stand and sit while admiring the mural.

"This was redesigned out of necessity, but then redesigned with the mural in mind," Fox said.

Even though the fence is up and the mural is mounted and unveiled, the area surrounding the mural is not fully completed as plans are in place to mount a plaque next to the mural, to give an overview of what it is and how visitors can interact with it.

Come spring, the mural will also be lit from underneath, and the fence will be painted to match the color of the visitors center building behind it. Some landscaping will also be done to complete the area.

Nashville Spice Co. is also in Coachlight Square, with views of the mural from the storefront.

Schmidt said the mural's proximity to his store was a "happy accident," and he was thankful to the CVB for being open to reconstructing the wall to house the mural.

Schmidt said he hopes the murals will encourage the Town

of Nashville itself to fund and support more public art, because public art not only brings color but also encourages interaction, he said.

"The way that art is now, with Instagram and social media, a lot of younger generations don't go to galleries as much, they are more about being outdoors, so I would love to see it encourage more public art and more murals on some of these unused walls in Brown County," he said.

"I would like to see the community that was founded as an arts community to have more public art. I think there's a lot of spaces and opportunities to do big, colorful murals all over town."



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BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK RANKS 6TH IN COUNTRY FOR BEAUTY

STAFF REPORTS

Brown County State Park ranks sixth on a list of most beautiful state parks in the country according to a study done by Travel Lens.

The online publication used Yelp and TripAdvisor reviews, the number of times they mentioned the words beautiful, stunning, and breathtaking, as well as a park's Instagram popularity and Google search data to compile its list of the "most aesthetically pleasing" state parks.

Based on their research, the park just outside of Nashville received 86 total Yelp reviews, 42 "beautiful" reviews, one "stunning review, six "breathtaking" reviews and 49 total aesthetic reviews.

"Brown County State Park offers stunning views of the Brown County Hills Region, provides a diversity of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, and welcomes overnight guests for camping, cabin

and lodge stays," said Terry Coleman, director of Indiana State Parks. "As with all of our Indiana State Parks, the staff who work in the park provide service that allows guests to focus on those natural resources, history, and making great memories with family and friends."

Travel Lens also ranked Brown County State Park 13th for Most Instagrammed State Parks.

This is just the latest of a long list of special recognitions Indiana's largest state park has received. Last year, the park was added to the National Register of Historic Places, and it is a fixture on various "best of" rankings for its mountain biking trails.

The park comprises nearly 16,000 acres, most of them heavily wooded.

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‘OUR LITTLE PARADISE’

Gifts, plants and more offered at new gift shop on Van Buren Street

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Ground Roots opened in October on Van Buren Street, offering shoppers plants, gifts and more. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

Just at the corner Van Buren Street and Molly’s Lane shoppers can step into a warm and humid atmosphere, bursting with green leaves that seem to wave in greeting each time they notice someone at the door.

The new plant and gift store, Ground Roots, is earthy, stylish and bohemian. It fills the space that previously belonged to the jewelry and bead store, LaSha’s.

Ground Roots opened doors last October, owned and operated by Indianapolis resident Brittney Steadman.

Steadman also owns the antique store, Napopi, which is next door to Ground Roots and has been open since 2016.

The name for that store came from by two people who sparked her interest

in antiques and running a store, her “Nan” and “Pops.”

“I really had no choice but to like antiques,” she said, because of how much she helped them with their passion.

Steadman originally came across an ad for the Napopi location for rent on Craigslist, while looking for antiques to buy. She said all her first inventory came from what she already had in her house.

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Ground Roots owner Brittany Steadman poses in her shop, which opened in October. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat



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“I literally emptied my house. All my antiques, besides my couch and coffee table, everything went,” she said.

“So that’s how I opened, and it just grew from there.”

Alongside the antiques, Steadman also began selling plants at Napopi after she accumulated too many to fit in her own house.

“I am a hoarder of plants, myself, so it kind of came natural,” she said.

Once she noticed there was interest in her plants she offered there, Steadman wanted to expand in that area.

When the space next door became available she decided it was the perfect opportunity to do just that.

For those looking to bring home some new plants, Ground Roots has a range of house plants with long vining leaves hanging from the ceiling, to small cacti that will fit in a small slot on a shelf, alongside any kind of potting mix or plant food a new or experienced home gardener would need.

In addition to greenery, Ground Roots offers a fashionable series of clothing originally designed for a younger demographic, but Steadman emphasized that any and all are welcome, no matter age or background.

The store is even pet friendly.

“We wanted to get for something for all the locals in school here who need a place to shop,” Steadman said.

There are also many gift-like items, all handcrafted and locally made, such as journals, candles, stylized planters, stickers and handbags.

Carefully sourcing merchandise is something Steadman said she finds very important.

“We buy from other entrepreneurs, just like us, who are trying to make it,” she said.

Steadman commutes from Indianapolis Friday through Sunday to open her stores.

About why she chose Nashville for her stores’ location, she said she finds the town to be very special, and that she does not mind the trip.

“We love it here, it’s our little paradise,” she said.

“It makes it easy to come to work.”

Steadman intends to keep growing the business and trying out new things.

She said she hopes to one day offer baked goods and turn it into a place for people to gather and be able to enjoy the unique, cozy atmosphere.

She is also working on starting up an online store to help sell the locally-sourced goods to a wider market, without having to move the physical store away from Nashville.

Another plan for the future is to offer terrarium-building classes at the store in the spring.

Steadman said she is excited to meet Nashville locals, so she is offering a 10% discount at Ground Roots for locals.

“We work hard on this setting in here, so we want to make it a happy place,” she said



Counterclockwise from top: Clothes on display at Ground Roots. // Plants and clothing on display at the entry of Ground Root. // Ground Roots opened in October on Van Buren Street, offering shoppers plants, gifts and more. // Journals on display at Ground Roots. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

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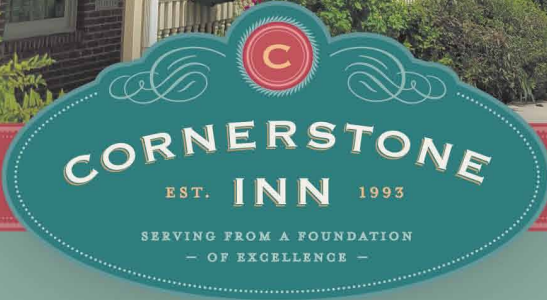
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The Lincoln String Quartet cellist John Sharp, violinist Lei Hou and violinist Qing Hou along with pianist Andreas Ioannides and Lincoln String Quartet violist Larry Neuman stand at the front of the Nashville United Methodist Church to a round of applause following their performance on Aug. 18. Submitted photo | Michele Wedel Photography

‘A UNIFYING FORCE’: CHAMBERFEST RECEIVES \$10,000 DONATION, LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER FESTIVAL

BY ABIGAIL YOUMANS | THE DEMOCRAT
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In October, local resident Annie Hawk traveled to Chicago for a concert at the symphony.

The ticket she had was given to her for free, but had a value of \$300.

While her seat was on the first floor, she said she was not nearly as close to the performers as she could have been and they did not stop to interact with the audience and talk to them about the pieces performed — not like at ChamberFest Brown County.

ChamberFest Brown County features duos, trios, string quartets and more performing classical pieces at various locations in Nashville.

Audience members experience classical music performed in an intimate setting, known as chamber music. The genre consists of a small ensemble of musicians — more than two, less than 10 — each performing their own part on traditional instruments that have evolved over the last couple centuries.

The event brings musicians of international repute to venues across downtown Nashville for a week of music, workshops and educational experiences in local schools.

ChamberFest returns in August for its third year.

Seven days of music will begin Sunday, Aug. 13 and conclude Saturday, Aug. 19.

On Thursday, Aug. 17 there will be a flamenco group from Chicago — with two dancers, a guitarist, singer and

drummer — performing at Brown County Playhouse.

While tickets for that event are \$25, entry the rest of the concerts throughout the week is free, thanks to fundraising and donations of individuals, groups and organizations.

One organization who donated to the artistic cause and 2023 festival is the Smithville Charitable Foundation, which donated a \$10,000 grant to ChamberFest in November.

The grant is one of many made annually by the foundation to enrich the lives of communities served by Smithville Communications.

“We are grateful to the Smithville Charitable Foundation for its most generous support, and for recognizing the power of music to enrich the lives of people of all ages across our communities,” Hawk, ChamberFest Brown County president, said in a press release.

Hawk applied for the grant after hearing from a family member of the Smithville founders at a Bloomington Rotary Club meeting.

During the meeting, people stood up and gave testimonials about what Smithville had done for the arts. She was inspired to apply on behalf of ChamberFest.

The grant is unrestricted, so ChamberFest will add it into its budget, which is about \$50,000 for the event.

Hawk said more than \$30,000 pays for the performers.

Since its beginning, the event has grown in a number of ways.

It started as a six-day event in 2021. In 2022, a seventh day of music was added.

The leadership of the event has also grown, the board of directors for ChamberFest Brown County more than doubling in two years.

It started with four members, Hawk said, and they're about to vote in their ninth.

"The grant is amazing and unexpected, but also all of the other community support we've had is much appreciated," Hawk said last week.

Experience the value

ChamberFest, with a mission to create a space "where music and nature meet," seeks to add to Nashville's musical offerings, and make chamber music accessible in local venues.

While Nashville is just a half hour from Bloomington and Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music programs, the distance is "more than geographical," according to the release.

"Given a lack of ready access, rural Brown County communities until now have not had an opportunity to challenge the common misperception of classical music as a remote or alien art form," the release said.

ChamberFest aims to address the gaps with its seven-day festival, in a mission to inspire audiences in rural Indiana through classical music performance and education of the highest caliber.

ChamberFest seeks to provide the opportunity for locals and visitors to attend world-class concerts, informative lectures, and fascinating multimedia presentations through a collaboration with educational and civic organizations in Brown County, the release said.

"We believe classical music can transform the lives of its listeners, whether they're new to the form, or to an individual piece," Hawk said.

"Music is a language that can provide inspiration and hope, cutting across boundaries of age, politics, language, and socioeconomic status. This is music for everyone," Hawk said.

Setting plays a role in forging this human connection. ChamberFest's intimate performance spaces in local churches put performers and audience in close proximity.



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ChamberFest Artistic Director Andreas Ioannides views classical music as meeting a fundamental human need for inspiration and healing.

Ioannides is originally from the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, but came to study in the United States when he was 18. He graduated from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music with a piano performance doctorate in 2019 and served as a lecturer of piano at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

He is now assistant lecturer of piano at the Cork School of Music at Munster Technological University in Cork, Ireland.

"Great art has the power to uplift the human soul," he said in the release.

"It represents an ideal, a shining light that can guide and inspire us, and can act as a unifying force that brings people together at a time of profound polarization."

According to the release, the joy of the shared experience was "palpable" among concertgoers and performers, who were "delighted by the charm and hospitality" of Nashville.

With Nashville already being a "music destination," the release says, with the Bill Monroe Music Campground festivals, the former Little Nashville Opry and now the Brown County Music Center, ChamberFest Brown County adds classical music to the mix.

"People don't realize there's no other small town in Indiana, maybe the Midwest that does anything like this," Hawk said.

"If Nashville, Tenn., is the country music destination, this festival can make Nashville, Ind., a chamber music destination."

While there aren't any contracts with artists for the 2023 festival just yet, Hawk said they have commitments from all performers so far.

She added the principal cellist of the Chicago Symphony — one of the five best symphonies in the world — will play in Nashville during the 2023 ChamberFest.

"This is very unusual. It's hard to get that across," she said of the caliber of music and performers.

"People don't see the value until they come to a concert."



(From left) Lincoln String Quartet violinist Qing Hu, pianist Elisabeth Pridonoff, Lincoln String Quartet violinist Larry Neuman and cellist John Sharp perform in the Nashville United Methodist Church on Aug. 18 during the ChamberFest music festival. Submitted photo | Michele Wedel Photography



(From left) Lincoln String Quartet violinist Larry Neuman and cellist John Sharp stand at the front of the Nashville United Methodist Church with pianist Elisabeth Pridonoff and Lincoln String Quartet violinist Qing Hu as the audience applauds following their performance during ChamberFest on Aug. 18. This was the second time the classical music festival featuring duos, trios, string quartets and more performing at various locations in Nashville returned to Brown County. Submitted photo | Michele Wedel Photography

Upcoming concert

In April, Andreas Ioannides will perform at Helen Haddad Hall in Columbus with a clarinetist from the Columbus Symphony. More details can be found at the ChamberFest website, chamberfestbrowncounty.org. Donations for ChamberFest Brown County will be accepted at the event.

More about ChamberFest

ChamberFest is produced through its Indiana-based non-profit organization RiverSong Music, Inc. Founded in March 2017 as a 501(c)3 organization, RiverSong is dedicated to providing support, education and community involvement through classical music. The devotion of its board of directors makes ChamberFest Brown County possible. Visit the ChamberFest website at chamberfestbrowncounty.com for more information.

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Joe and Christina Oliphant grew up in Brown County, and now live on the north end of Jefferson Street. On a daily basis they pass by Hotel Nashville, which is now home to their very own restaurant: The Nashville Chop House.

Joe has had previous culinary experience locally, having been enrolled in the C4 culinary program when he attended Brown County High School, cooking in local establishments and in the United States Navy, in which he served four years. He even cooked for US Vice President Dick Cheney.

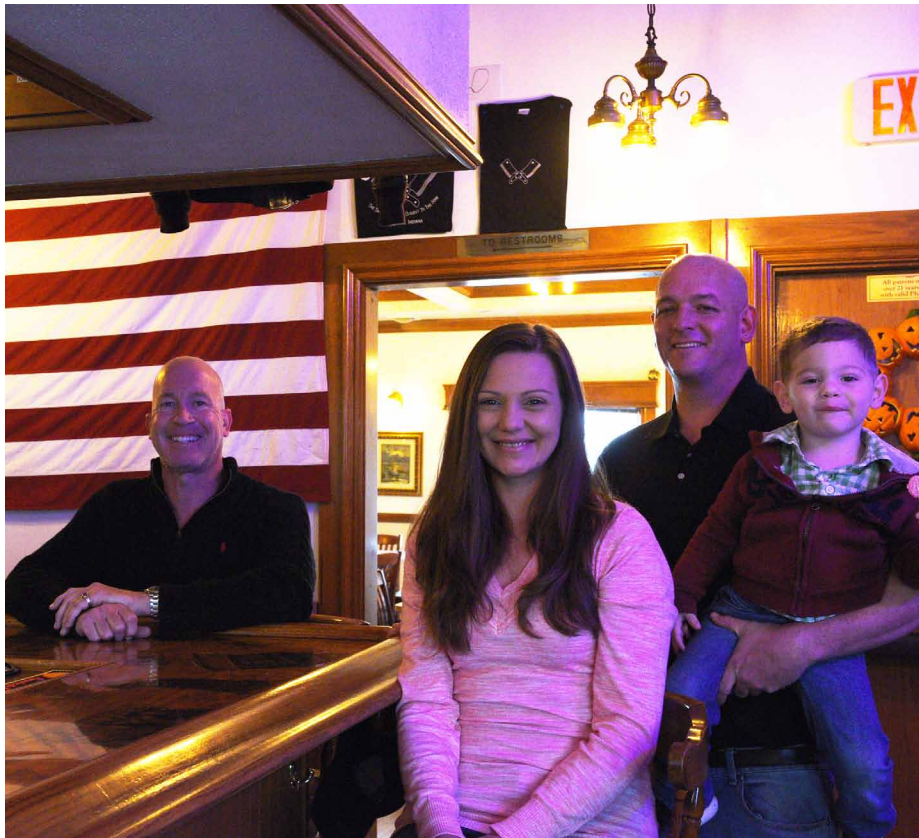
Both Jason and Christina are Brown County High School graduates, and have been married for 17 years. She was a medical assistant for four years and became a stay at home mom about a year ago.

Around that same time, Joe and his friend Jason Payne decided to pursue opening a restaurant.

Jason is from Dallas, Texas, originally and served in the Navy for 21 years as an officer.

The two had talked about opening a bar and restaurant before, and decided to put their plan in motion last year.

They had explored other locations in the country, scouting out places last year in Las Vegas, Reno, California, Austin, Texas, and upstate New York.



From left: Jason Payne, Christina, Joe and Remington Oliphant sit at the bar at the Nashville Chop House, the steakhouse that found its home at Hotel Nashville. Abigail Youmans | The Democrat

The Oliphants remembered the upstairs restaurant at the hotel, Darlene's, had closed during the pandemic and not reopened. It had been there since 1989. "Either the time wasn't right or the money wasn't available," Jason said about pursuing out-of-state options. They ended up finding the right fit back in Brown County.

Both Joe and Jason quit their jobs in June last year and began work on their new restaurant.

With menu items like a filet mignon, porterhouse steak, shrimp ravioli and more, the steakhouse offers a dining room with a warm ambiance and "finer dining" experience, Jason said.

The CanCan pork chop, a two-pound cut of pork, is the staple protein that is unique to the restaurant.

The intent is to serve fresh, locally sourced foods at the Chop House. All proteins have been sourced from Indiana farms, including Legacy Maker Farms in Lafayette and Fisher Farms in Jasper.

"Quality is paramount," Joe said. They also want to keep produce local, supporting merchants in the town and county.

In addition to being a steakhouse, something else that sets the Chop House apart is that it is open late. They are open seven days a week, and the bar is open until 11 p.m. or midnight.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served.

While many roles are shared, such as Jason and Joe being in the front of house, there are also defined roles. Jason is the general manager and in

the bar, Christina is over human resources, the dining room and hosting, and Joe is in the kitchen.

"We're all in charge of everything," Joe said.

They've renovated the majority of the space themselves, replacing floors, painting and installing new windows and using contractors for installation of certain hardware like stove hoods. One thing they have kept is the bar, which is original to the space. While the dining room offers a "finer" experience, the bar is a more relaxing and casual space, called the Ward Room.

On a naval warship, the ward room is where officers gather to socialize and dine after they work.

The Ward Room at the Chop House is military themed, paying respect to all branches.

Jason said that one of their main goals is to be available to the community, which is why they're staying open later and have different dining experiences in the dining room and bar.

"It's going to be a low cost idea to bring people in and relax ... To feel like family," Joe said.

"We have room for everybody," Christina said.

"People that want to have a fancy dinner, people that just want to come and relax. So everybody feels welcome."

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Wishful Thinking owner, Marlene Miller, sits behind her desk at the new location in the Heritage Mall. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

‘STARTING FROM SCRATCH’

Wishful Thinking opens in new location, old building demolished after fire

BY CORBIN PARMER | THE DEMOCRAT
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Marlene Miller is rebuilding her business from the ashes after a fire destroyed her scrapbooking and stamp store one year ago.

In the late hours of March 21, 2021, a fire at Old School Way and Pittman House Lane decimated Wishful Thinking, which had been in business for two decades.

That same building was torn down last fall.

Before the flames had fully engulfed the building, a bystander spotted the situation on the porch and called Brown County (Nashville) Volunteer

Fire Department, who happened to be conducting training at their station on Main Street.

They were able to respond in a matter of minutes.

The cause of the fire has not been officially determined, Brown County Fire Chief Nick Kelp said last week.

According to Miller, one theory is that a cigarette had been snuffed out in an arrangement of fake flowers on a wooden bench on the front porch.

A cigarette could have smoldered there for hours, slowly generating an ideal environment for flames to begin

to spread, Miller said.

Thankfully, due to the swift response of the local volunteer fire departments, the fire was extinguished before it could spread to nearby buildings. No injuries were sustained.

The night did not go without loss, as nearly all the store’s inventory was destroyed, including any fixtures they used for displaying purposes and any extra materials they used for classes and open houses, Miller said in October.

Miller described the original building as being divided into

two rooms, north and south. The fire started in the south room, so everything in there was destroyed. Some items in the north room were untouched by the flames and only suffered smoke and water damage and were able to be salvaged.

As Miller was first cleaning out the space, she set up a table outside with a sign that said “free,” throwing mostly unscathed items onto the table and let people take what they wanted.

Miller said she took some of the items where the packaging had been damaged, but the items inside were still in good condition, and placed them into Ziploc bags.

While they were salvageable items, she was not able to sell them at full price. Retail value for some items may have been around \$30 dollars before the fire, but Miller said she sold them at about \$3.

Following the fire and the subsequent cleanup of the wreckage, Miller said her first focus was insurance. The insurance company wanted “extreme detail” of every item in the store, she said.

“They want to know when you bought it, how old it was, how much did you pay for it and how much will it cost to replace it.”

Doing inventory of the store every January, Miller said the process of calculating the value of the inventory was not too difficult.

She added that the experience was a “big eye-opener” of what insurance does and what they expect out of you.

On top of compiling information for insurance, Miller had to decide whether to reopen or not. The decision was made to rely on the online store to keep business going while searching for a new location.

They signed a lease for a new location in July, but it took some time before they were ready to open the doors.

After around six months of operating solely online, Wishful Thinking reopened their physical store at the beginning of October. The new location is in the Heritage Mall off Van Buren Street.

When the doors first opened, they just had a little corner of the space prepared, with two lamps from home for lighting.

“I’m starting from scratch. It’s tough,” Miller said.



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The Wishful Thinking sign outside of the Heritage Mall on Van Buren Street in downtown Nashville. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

Not just renovating

Miller said they could have opened earlier but they were facing challenges with preparing the space, one of the main ones being locating new fixtures to display merchandise.

“A lot of the places that used to manufacture fixtures that work with scrapbook stores don’t make them anymore,” Miller said.

If they do still produce them, they are expensive, she added.

Miller said she was able to reach out to other scrapbook stores, and even some customers, who had some display racks she could purchase for the store.

“I’ve just been looking in stores for things that might work,” Miller said.

“I’m also looking online to buy some stuff, but shipping costs for them are pretty high.”

After finding an electrician and getting a lot of electrical work done, including the installation of new lights just two weeks ago, they have been slowly chipping away at other renovations, which Miller said are a large undertaking.

“When you renovate, you don’t just paint,” Miller said.

“You have to do spackling, you have to do caulking, you have to do primer — you have to do it all. And, of course, you’re in a place other people have rented over the course of the years and everybody just kind of builds upon the last person, they never tear it down, so we were tearing down (to be able to build).”

Miller said it’s just been her and her husband tackling all the renovations, and he works two jobs, so it has been a challenge for them.

She had many thanks to give to those who extended a helping hand in the wake of the disaster, including members of both the Nashville and crafting communities.

“The fire department was fabulous. Kudos to them,” Miller said.

She also thanked the Brown County Visitor’s Center, who “helped immensely” when they were searching for a new location.

Miller added that, before they had a new location, she was offered the opportunity to put up a booth free of charge to sell salvaged goods at a couple events, once at an anniversary for a local store and another at a retreat in Terre Haute, for which she was grateful.

She also thanked many of her vendors, who sent catalogues and samples to replace what was lost in the fire.

Additionally, scrapbooking and stamping artist Tim Holtz, signed some merchandise so she could do an auction with it to raise funds to bounce back.

Regaining solid footing following the fire, Miller describes a bright future for Wishful Thinking.

Once renovations are completed, she hopes to resume classes and their “Inky Fingers” program, where people can learn and have fun with crafting.

A retreat will also be held in February at the Brown County Inn for crafters to get together and create.

She said they put things on hold at the beginning of October because of the expected business of the fall season, which Miller said was not as busy for her as it has been in the past.

“It’s not even half of what I’ve done before,” Miller said.

Miller attributed the lack of business to potential customers having difficulties finding the new location.

“I think a lot of people don’t realize there’s a mall in here, and there’s all these cool stores in here,” Miller said.

Miller has updated the business’s address and how to get there on the store website and Facebook page, but she said a customer recently told her Google still lists the store as closed.

They have since submitted their new information to Google, but Miller said the update is still pending.

“One thing that is helpful is that I am an established business,” Miller said.

“I’ve been here 20, 21 years now, so people do seek me out.”

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JUST GETTING STARTED

Harmony Tree Resort opens, more to come on 56-acre property

BY CORBIN PARMER | THE DEMOCRAT
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A little more than one year ago, Craig Finke, Corey Flick and Jamie Perkins presented a vision to create an eco-friendly getaway in the hills of Brown County.

This fall, that vision became reality.

Situated to the east of downtown Nashville and adjacent to the Brown County State Park, Harmony Tree Resorts opened in October.

The 56-acre property features a full restaurant and bar, several options for overnight stay and around two miles of hiking trails.

The restaurant at the resort is the Sycamore Saloon, and was built from a horse barn that was already on the property, which used to be Rawhide Ranch.

The three business partners came before the Brown County Area Plan Commission on Oct. 27 of 2021 to have the property rezoned from residential (R1), but the petitioner, ADF Construction, requested it be changed to general business (GB).

Rawhide Ranch was developed under three special exceptions to allow various business use.

Building upon what is already on the property, the Saloon repurposes original wood from the barn and combines it with sleek modern elements that refine the space, ultimately offering a mix of rustic and luxury features.

The Saloon features food, a full bar, several televisions and a stage for music performances. Just outside is a biergarten-style seating area and a group-sized fire pit.

Situated above the Saloon are 11 rooms ready to book, called the Sycamore Suites. The suites all

follow a Western theme, with rustic tools and saddles from the original barn displayed for décor.

The rooms are all identified with names of characters from the cowboy film “Tombstone.”

In addition to the Sycamore Saloon and suites, there are seven canvas tent “glamping” sites in the lower valley of the property.

Five of the tents feature queen-sized beds and the other two have three smaller mattresses, designed for small families or groups to stay together.

These glamping sites are designed for visitors to experience the nature of Brown County without giving up any comfort expected from a resort.

After a few soft openings for testing purposes, Harmony Tree Resorts celebrated the official, public opening with a “Fall Fest” that spanned the full weekend of Oct. 14.

Fall Fest featured a karaoke night on Friday, followed by a full day of fun and music on Saturday. Two bands played at the Saloon and hayrides were offered to tour what all the property has to offer.

The event ended with Football Sunday, which will be a recurring event in the Saloon.

Finke said the Fall Fest had a great turnout, and he hopes the business the resort saw there will be able to continue through the slower winter months.

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'Helping each other out'

Even if business does slow down, developments on the grounds will continue throughout winter, bringing several new amenities to the resort soon.

Finke said he expects to break ground on a winery and wedding venue this year or early next year, which will be within a shipping container park on the property.

The shipping container park will feature a stage and house small shops as well.

"One container might be an ice cream chop, one might be a little deli, one might be a smoke shop," Finke said.

"All that will be anchored by the winery and the wedding venue on the other end of it."

Finke says the idea for utilizing shipping containers came from a visit to Las Vegas, where he saw the Downtown Container Park. He also said shipping containers are being used for development in the Indianapolis and Fortville area, where Finke currently resides.

"I like repurposing the product," Finke said.

"It just made sense for us to try to repurpose those here as well."

Along with the shipping container park, Finke said construction on treehouse lodgings will begin as well, followed by a-frame cabins.

Finke visualizes Harmony Tree as a place like Hocking Hills in Ohio or Lil Arrow in Tennessee, both of which center around providing comfort and entertainment to visitors, alongside the draw of nature.

"(We are) trying to duplicate what they've already done really well but just do it here, closer to the Indiana's resource, which is beautiful Brown County," Finke said.

Finke wants the resort to be a place for visitors and a place for locals.

"We want to be a big advocate for the neighborhood, so it's real important to me that we're team players," he said.

"We want to support all the other venues, all the other establishments. Our goal is to help each other out."

For instance, he wishes to connect trails onsite to biking and horse trails in the bordering state park.

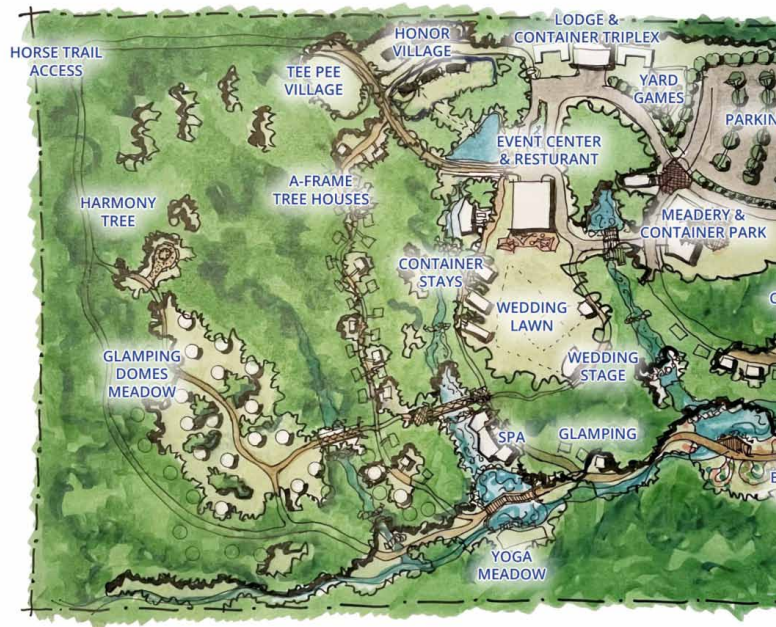
He also wishes to partner with the Brown County Music Center, potentially offering VIP package deals to concertgoers, which would provide shuttle transport to and from the shows, so they can enjoy more food, drink and entertainment in the Saloon, then have a comfortable place to sleep afterwards.

Harmony Tree Resorts will continue to grow, with plans to eventually include a total of 161 overnight units, which will be able to house more than 500 people, Finke said.

Finke described Harmony Tree as a big need for the county.

"We have 4 million people coming here to visit every year, and the average person is staying 12 hours a year," Finke said.

"If we could increase that to 24 hours, that changes the economics for the county tremendously, and obviously however we help the county is going to help us as well. I'm excited where we're at and I'm excited where we're going."

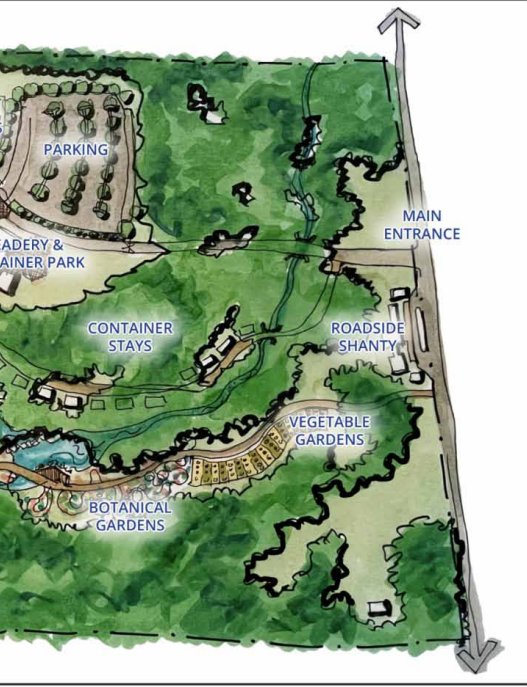


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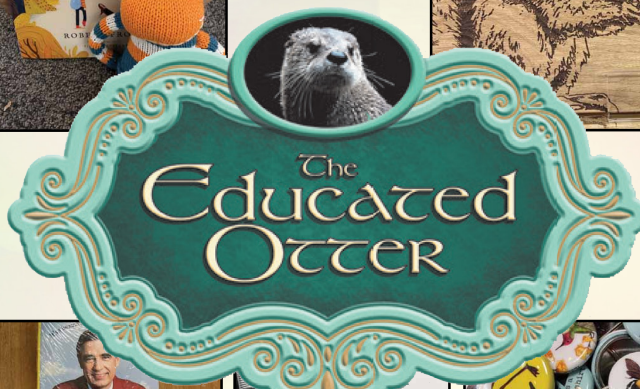
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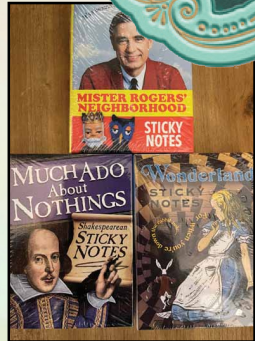
Clockwise from top: The proposed map of the 56-acre Harmony Tree Resorts property, presented to the Brown County Area Plan Commission in 2021. // Some of the "glamping" tent sites in the lower valley of Harmony Tree Resorts. // The Sycamore Saloon, the restaurant on the 56-acre property, opened in October and features live music and specials. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat



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Tonya and Maryrose Augsburger at the register in Kith & Kindred. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

MAINTAINING, HONORING AND INVITING

Family takes over business at Artist Colony shops

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Mother-daughter duo Tonya and Maryrose Augsburger cheerfully greet any and all who enter their new store in downtown Nashville, which opened its doors to the public at the beginning of November.

Named Kith & Kindred, the store invites friendship and connection to those searching for gifts and goods from both local and well-known, world-wide artists this holiday season.

Kith & Kindred replaces Carol's Gifts, located at the Artist's Colony shops off Van Buren Street, which had been owned by Carol and David Derbyshire since the building was originally built more than 40 years ago.

Tonya explained last fall that the name originated from a 13th century phrase, meaning friends and family. But, she also emphasized that it is more than just a name.

"It's not just a phrase, it's a feeling — of warm welcome and hospitality. It's remembering where you came from and embracing where you are, where you're going, and how the new people around you become your friends and family," she said.

Tonya said family is very special to her, and she wishes to extend the feeling she described to all who come in to the store.

"When people walk in, I want them to see smiling faces," she said.

The part she enjoys of owning a business most is the opportunity to share stories and connect with customers as they shop, and the name is meant to reflect that experience.

“One of the really neat things about Nashville, that keeps people coming back year after year, is the experience they have here and the connections you make with the people,” she said.

“It’s very important.”

She said never assumed she would be a business owner in Nashville, Ind. She grew up in Pittsburgh, Penn., where she met and married her husband, Kyle. Together they moved to Columbus, OH to work and raise a family.

In Ohio, she and Kyle had five children. Six years ago, the family moved to Indiana after Kyle got a job at a ministry in Brown County.

Tonya started working at Foxfire Boutique around four years ago.

While there, she came to know and form a connection with Terry Derbyshire, daughter of the Derbyshires.

She worked at Foxfire for around two years, then transitioned to Carol’s Gifts. Through her time working at the two stores, she formed a deep friendship with the Derbyshire family, which she said also played a part in the store’s name.

David and Carol owned Carol’s Gifts for 42 years, an according to Tonya, they wished for retirement for a long time.

She said they all prayed for someone to come along and buy the store.

Tonya said she loved the store, and for a while she and her husband considered buying it themselves.

“We never thought that it would be us, that we were going to do it. But I thought about it, that it would be a great store,” she said.

In early 2022, a different buyer came along and set up a deal with the Derbyshires while the Augsburgers were discussing it.

The deal for the store was set to close the final week of October that year, before the Augsburgers could make their final decision about buying it.



Handmade Evergreen wooden ornaments made by Maryrose and Valerie Augsburger, daughters of Kith & Kindred owners. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat



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Then, suddenly, the deal in the works with the other buyer fell through. Tonya said she talked to the Derbyshires and told them they wanted to buy Carol's Gifts.

The process of purchasing the store and transferring ownership, and all the paperwork that entails, was estimated to take around three months, according to Tonya. However, she said it ended up happening after only 18 days.

"I think we're all kind of shocked. I didn't anticipate this happening at all, it just kind of fell in our laps, and everything came together just really quickly," she said.

Tonya said operating Kith & Kindred is a family affair. Her two daughters, Maryrose and Valerie, help with day-to-day operations like running the register and inventory management, and her husband does the bookkeeping.

Tonya also said her sons help when they can, with one even driving with his wife from their home in Columbus, OH to assist.

After gaining possession of the store on Oct. 31, the family closed the store on Nov. 1 to rearrange the desk, merchandise and shelving to make the store their own.

Doors officially opened to the public Nov. 2.

Even though they made changes to the store's layout, Tonya said it is important to her to maintain and respect the history of Carol's Gifts.

She pointed out an area of the store just to the right of the desk, which she called "Carol's Legacy Area."

In it were many of the iconic artists that the Derbyshires carried for years, such as Jim Shore, Laurie Mitchell and Lang Calendars.

"I love the fact that it's Carol and Dave's iconic store," she said.

"So, that old faithful, we'll still keep, and then we'll add on as well."

So far Kith & Kindred features a few more local products.

One of which is Primrose Candles, which are produced just south of Indianapolis. Tonya said she met the owner of the business at the 2021 Christkindl Market.

The store also has a line of jewelry, called Whimsy, produced by a past Nashville resident who recently moved to Florida.



Kith & Kindred is located in the Artist Colony Shops and overlooks Van Buren Street, in the location that was once home to Carol's Gifts. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

Another locally-produced line of merchandise offered at the store is called Evergreen, owned and operated by Maryrose and Valerie.

They specialize in wood burning and painting, and they create a unique nativity scene and tree ornaments every year.

There are more local options in the store, and Tonya said she wishes to keep adding and growing.

She said her ultimate goals are to compliment other local stores, rather than compete with them, and maintain the integrity of the things people knew and loved about Carol's Gifts, while bringing more of what she thinks Nashville is known for, which is local artists.

"When new people come in, I generally take them on a tour, because this is Nashville, and this is the Artist's Colony, and I feel like if you don't leave here knowing at least one new artist, I feel like I've failed my job," she said.

While Tonya is shocked at how quickly the store entered her hands, she is also hopeful and excited for what the future holds for her and her family in their new role as Nashville store owners.

"It's just a fun town," she said.

"I love when the other shopkeepers come over and visit. It's just a wonderful community. It's just a really neat place."

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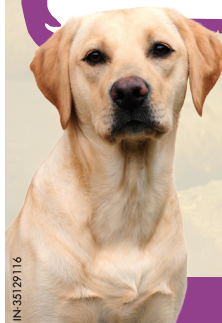
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Local potter opens business in physical location on Old School Way

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Hidden away behind closed doors in the back of an unassuming red barn, Holly Salo sits at her potter's wheel and gives shape to the earth.

Her clay creations reflect the serene wooded landscape that spans half the length her studio. Salo is the creative mind behind and owner of Holly Pots Stoneware.

While looking out onto Brown County woods in December from her pottery studio on her property near Henderson Ridge — where she has lived with her husband, mother-in-law, father-in-law and her father since 2016 — Salo described what drew her to the area.

She was born and raised in Amherst, Mass., where she lived for around 21 years before moving to Columbus, Ind..

There she lived, worked and raised her family with her husband Damon for another 24 years.

While in Columbus, she fell in love with the natural beauty of the Brown County area, and wished to one day call it home for her, her husband, their son and two daughters.

"These side roads, the way they're built, the way they run along creeks and rivers, it just reminded me of home and I was like, 'some day we are gonna live there,'" she said.

Her children are now grown and focusing on their careers — her oldest daughter is working on her second master's degree in Austin, TX, her



Salo presents her shaped clay pot at her studio. Her shop, Holly Pots, opened on Old School Way last fall. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

son is an engineering technician in Columbus, and her youngest daughter is a project manager in Verona, Wis.

For 13 years, Salo worked for Cummins. She filled a few different roles in her time there, her last being a management position in human resources.

As a way relax and be creative after long days in the corporate world, Salo developed an interest in pottery.

"There's something about having your hands, speaking metaphorically, in the earth. There's something very wholesome and organic about it," she said.

Despite her love for the medium, she said she never had the time or the resources to put toward it, as even a hobby.

She would work on pottery projects here and there, until her husband

bought her a potter's wheel around eight years ago.

"(He) said, 'you know, you should just do it,'" Salo said.

Once she had the wheel, it became a more serious endeavor.

Before too long, the Salo's garage was full of her clay creations.

After moving into their home in Brown County, they finished a barn on the property and built a pottery studio within it for more space.

Salo said she truly loves the pottery process and finds motivation in creating things for people to enjoy.

"What motivates me, is something very deep in me, that loves to be doing something creative, doing something wholesome, doing something that other people will find some kind of joy in," she said.

In her first years as a potter, she didn't have a kiln to finish her pieces.



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Clay goods made by local potter Holly Salo are available for purchase online and at her shop on Old School Way. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

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She said she and her husband looked around for a while to find one that was used. After successfully locating and installing a kiln, she said the rest was history.

They started the Holly Pots business within a year of getting the kiln and formed the LLC in March of 2020, with the intention of selling pieces at festivals and markets and wholesaling to stores in Nashville.

That same month, their plans shifted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With stores closing down and markets being canceled, her plans to sell in-person fell through. Like countless other entrepreneurs, Salo had to move her new business online.

She made a website and began posting on Facebook and Instagram. She quickly gained a large number of followers, and to her surprise, customers began reaching out to her to request specific items.

“I never reached out to anybody, to do anything. They were calling, ‘Can I get some of your ornaments, let’s talk about wholesaling, let’s talk about mugs,’” she said.

The business flourished online for around nine months before Salo was faced with a challenging change in her lifestyle.

In December of 2020, following an “exceptionally tough year” full of pay



Salo shapes clay on the wheel at her studio. Once finished, pieces are available to purchase at her shop on Old School Way. Corbin Parmer | The Democrat

cuts and extra hours because of the pandemic, Salo said she was part of a “reduction in force” at Cummins, ending her 13-year career with the company.

After her separation from the company, Salo made the decision to go full-time into her new business.

Since then she’s had opportunity to interact with the community and sell her creations in-person at events like the Nashville Farmer’s Market, and most recently at the Christkindl Market.

She also officially opened the business in a physical location in October, located on Old School Way in downtown Nashville.

Even though she is the creative mind behind it, Salo described Holly Pots is a family business.

She was thankful for her father, mother, husband, mother-in-law and father-in-law for all the help they provide, including manning the store and helping her produce smaller, bulk items like her Indiana-shaped



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Mugs ready to be fired in the kiln at Holly Salo’s studio.

Christmas ornaments, cleaning up around the studio and even sometimes carrying the 50-pound packages of clay to and from her studio.

Salo said she never imagined her business growing into what it is, and what kind of effect she could have on customers, both in and out of the Brown County community.

She said she was approached by a customer from Michigan at the Christkindl Market last year who was excited to finally meet her in person, because her pots had played a large role in saving her marriage — she and her husband bonded over caring for plants that lived in her pots.

“It was the most fascinating and heartwarming thing that happened to me in a long time,” she said.

Salo hopes to keep making and keep growing the business, both online and in the store downtown.

“Being able to do this, and to be honest, the way the community has received us, the pottery itself, our family — it’s been phenomenal,” she said.

“Whether it’s the farmer’s market, the other vendors we’ve met at the market, the shopkeepers downtown, the coordinators at some of these festivals and things, the community in general — I can’t tell you how appreciative of that I am. I really, really appreciate that about this county and the town. It’s amazing.”



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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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, (812) 988-8622, chris@homesteadweaver.com.

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

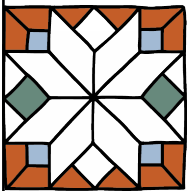
DIXIE FERRER, Ferrer Studio on Yellowwood Road, is the fine art gallery and studio of Dixie Ferrer. Dixie creates her paintings using a variety of techniques including mixed media collage and oil paints combined with cold wax. Her traditional and ethereal paintings are inspired by the nature that surrounds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

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

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

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

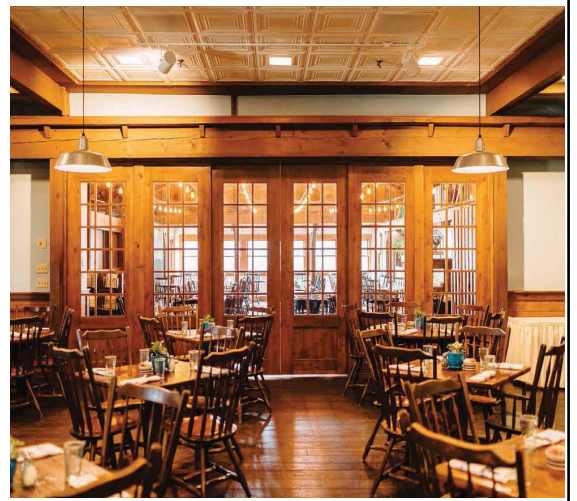
T. C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE, 4220 T.C. Steele Road off State Road 46 West, is open from early spring to late fall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Mondays and most holidays but open July 4 and Labor Day. (812) 988-2785



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

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

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

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

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

facilities are available. Open year-round. (812) 988-2689, www.camppalawopec.com.

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

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

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

EXPLORE BROWN COUNTY provides affordable yet comfortable, rustic camping cabins grouped to accommodate 80 guests. Cabins have air-conditioning and heat and are equipped with a microwave and refrigerator. Some have cold-water sinks. Fire rings and picnic tables are provided outside each cabin. A public restroom with shower facilities is open year-round. After a full day of rigorous, exciting zip line, paintball and ATV activities, gather around the campfire to share adventure stories. Free WiFi available on front porch of cabins and front porch of Harvest Hall. 2620 Valley Branch Road, (812) 988-7750, www.explorebrowncounty.com.

FONDULAC FARM CABIN RENTALS, 5 miles west of Nashville on Lanam Ridge Road, offers three unique, fully-equipped cabins on

47 scenic acres with views, ponds, fishing, canoeing, hiking, fireplaces, outdoor fire pits, a hot tub and Internet. Cabins accommodate up to six people. (812) 988-4796, www.fondulacfarm.com.

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

HARMONY TREE RESORTS/SYCAMORE SALOON, 1292 SR 135 S, Nashville IN 47448. Newest resort in Brown County! . Overnight stays, Event Center, Festivals and more! Sycamore Saloon Family friendly restaurant and full bar. OPEN LATE! Live music and entertainment. (812-200-5650) Harmonyresorts.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSTIC ELEGANCE, State Road 46 West, is a newly-constructed four-bedroom log home on four acres with a panoramic view to the south and beautiful wooded views in every other direction. Decks and/or porches surround the cabin. It comes with a fully-equipped kitchen, a master bedroom with a king bed and master bath with a Jacuzzi tub large enough for two. The cabin also has a half-bath for guests, a sunroom overlooking the woods and two bedrooms with king beds upstairs. (765) 783-3003, www.browncountygetaways.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

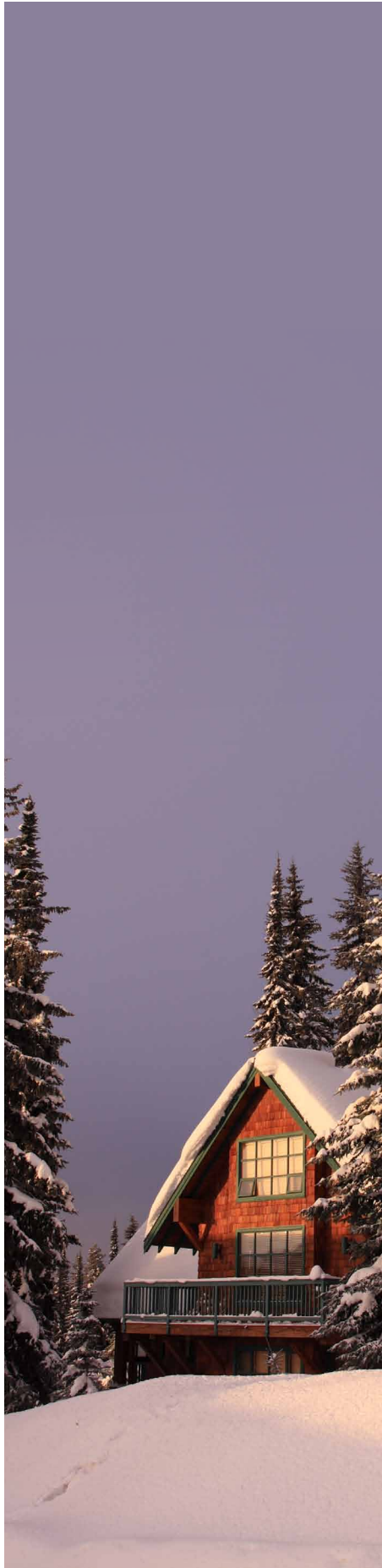
CAMP PALAWOPEC LODGE & RETREAT AREA, 3497 Clay Lick Road, has a camp log cabin lodge that sleeps 30 guests, and outdoor cabins can accommodate 70 guests. Guests can enjoy 300 acres of woods, trails, a 4-acre lake, canoes, kayaks, beach, campfire areas, basketball court, ultimate Frisbee, soccer field, horseshoes, volleyball area, mountain bike trails, and an indoor meeting and dining area. Kitchen facilities are available. The property is open year-round. (812) 988-2689, www.camppalawopec.com.

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

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

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

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



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“Dogs of Society: An Elton John Tribute”

March 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.

Blue October

March 8

Rather than lean on destiny for direction, Blue October invents and inhabits a future all their own. The platinum-certified alternative quartet from San Marcos, TX—Justin Furstenfeld (vocals, guitar, songwriter), Jeremy Furstenfeld (drums), Ryan Delahoussaye (violin, mandolin, piano), and Matt Noveskey (bass)—consistently evolves with an outlier perspective. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/blue-october

Pat Godwin featuring Willie Griswold

March 10

Brown County Real Estate is proud to present Pat Godwin featuring Willie Griswold. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$35. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

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

March 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 “No. 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.

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

March 11

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, often cited as a catalyst for an entire movement in Country Rock and American Roots Music, continues to add to their legendary status. With multi-platinum and gold records, strings of top ten hits such as “Fishin’ In The Dark” and “Mr. Bojangles”, multiple Grammy, IBMA, CMA Awards and nominations, the band's accolades continue to accumulate. Brown County

Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/the-nitty-gritty-dirt-band

A Man Called Otto

March 16 & 17

When a lively young family moves in next door, grumpy widower Otto Anderson meets his match in a quick-witted, pregnant woman named Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 6:30 p.m., \$7. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Girl Named Tom

March 17

Small-town sibling trio Girl Named Tom seeks to create harmony in a world divided. With their distinctive harmonies and heartfelt performances, Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty won the hearts of America while becoming the only group to ever win NBC's “The Voice.” During the 2021 season they landed four songs concurrently on the iTunes Top 10 charts, with 2 songs reaching No. 1, and received praise from both mentor Kelly Clarkson and Ariana Grande – stating “[They are] The most special thing I have seen on this show” and they give “Ethereal, gorgeous performances.” Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/girl-named-tom

Woomblies Rock Orchestra

March 17

The Woomblies Rock Orchestra is a powerhouse of talent. 11-musicians, including a 4 piece string section, and 2 horns, playing some of the greatest Rock and Motown music ever written. Music from Rock bands like ELO, Moody Blues and Led Zeppelin – and greats like Al Greene and The Four Tops. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$15. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Scotty McCreery

March 19

McCreery's new album Same Truck is available now everywhere music is sold. It contains his fourth consecutive No. 1 single “You Time” and the fan-favorite “Damn Strait,” earmarked to be the second single from the album. He achieved new heights by earning three back-to-back No. 1 hits from his album Seasons Change. McCreery co-wrote all 11 songs on Seasons Change, which Rolling Stone named as one of the “40 Best Country and Americana Albums of 2018.” All four of his previous albums have debuted at No. 1 on a Billboard Albums chart, with current combined sales surpassing 3 million copies. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/scotty-mccreery

The Sounds of Summer

March 25

Sounds of Summer is a tribute show based in Southern Indiana that includes over 30 familiar hits and tells the story of America's band – the Beach Boys. These four incredibly talented guys have known each other since grade school and shared a love of 1960's music and Beach Boys' harmonies. The band has been playing across the nation since 2015, delivering audiences an authentic look and sound, taking them back to memories of the 1960s. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

38 Special

March 25

After more than four decades, 38 SPECIAL continues to bring their signature blast of Southern Rock to over 100 cities a year. At each and every show, thousands of audience members are amazed by the explosive power of the band's performance. Their many Gold and Platinum album awards stand in testament to the endurance of a legendary powerhouse. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/38-special-1

Lewis Black: Off The Rails

March 26

Known as the King of Rant, Lewis Black uses his trademark style of comedic yelling and finger pointing to expose the absurdities of life. His comedic brilliance makes people laugh at life's hypocrisies and the insanity he sees in the world. A GRAMMY Award-winning stand-up, Lewis Black performs his critically acclaimed shows more than 200 nights annually, to sold-out audiences throughout Europe, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/lewis-black-off-the-rails

O'Shea

March 31

Having traversed 48 of the 50 United States and the length and breadth of Australia many times, O'SHEA would be forgiven for mixing up the odd city and state name. But “Nashville, Indiana” is no accident. The masterfully written and incredibly infectious new single from the husband and wife duo, is an ode to the overlooked. “It's a song for anyone who's ever felt less-than or not enough,” says Jay O'Shea. Co-written with celebrated Americana singer-songwriter, Will Hoge (Lady A, Eli Young Band) this underdog anthem speaks straight to the heart of the heartbroken and celebrates finding comfort in your own skin. The music video was shot on location in Nashville, Indiana and Nashville,

Tennessee further highlighting the sentiment of the song. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$15. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

American Fools: The Music of John Mellencamp

April 1

Indiana natives saluting the music of John Cougar Mellencamp. Bringing the biggest Hoosier hits and the deepest cuts to the heartland of America. American Fools brings the feelgood groove of John (Cougar) Mellencamp's songs to life on the stage. We take you on a journey through his career including tracks like: Hurts so good, Cherry Bomb, Jack & Diane, R.O.C.K. in the USA, I need a lover (that won't drive me crazy), Lonely Ol' Night, Thundering Hearts, China Girl, Crumblin Down, Rain on the Scarecrow, Pink Houses. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$15. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

Nancy Noël: Spring Flowers, Summer Breezes

April 1 - May 14

Join us for an exhibition of the works of Nancy Noël, one of Indiana's most esteemed painters. Offering a selection of original paintings and museum grade reproductions featuring Noël's spring and summer scenes. Available for viewing during regular Gallery hours. Brown County Art Gallery, 1 Artist Drive, Nashville.

Over The River

And Through The Woods

April 7, 8, 14, 15, & 16

Over the River and Through the Woods is a warm-hearted, boisterously funny, and touching story about intergenerational relationships, deep familial love, and the inevitable little heartbreaks that occur as time passes and children grow. Joe DiPietro's intimate family comedy featuring a mature cast is a beloved staple of theaters across the United States. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$25. Tickets and information: browncountyplayhouse.org.

Mabel B. Annis

Student Art Competition

April 8 - May 14

Works by student artists from over seven Indiana junior and senior high schools will be on display. Available for viewing during regular Gallery hours. Brown County Art Gallery, 1 Artist Drive, Nashville.

Cheap Trick

April 18

Cheap Trick – Robin Zander (vocals, rhythm guitar), Rick Nielsen (lead guitar), Tom Petersson

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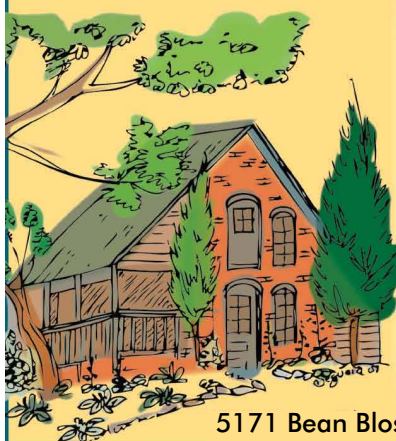
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(bass guitar), and Daxx Nielsen (drums) – are true pioneers with an unparalleled streak of certifiably classic tunes, from “He’s A Whore,” “California Man” and “Dream Police” to “Surrender” and “I Want You To Want Me.” Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/cheap-trick

Deadline & The Undertakers

April 21

Founding members of an 80’s Midwest regional act *Headline* came together last year to form a new version of the old band playing music that we all know but rarely heard in a live setting, laying out accurate renditions of music that influenced who we were back then. Having been apart for several years, the players in what is now called *Deadline*, spent their time writing, producing, recording, and touring with other regional and national acts. It was always a dream for us to one day be back together as journeyman players, with a killer horn section, and play once again for our fans back in the day, and to a new generation of fans who can see live just what a tight rock band with a killer horn section is all about. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$10. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Rainwater Studios Presents: Bigfoot Yancey

April 22

Bigfoot Yancey is an Indianapolis-based band that has developed a sound that draws upon inspiration from various genres but always rooted in Americana and the blue collar sound that has defined many parts of this country for decades. In an era where more and more musicians are relying upon technology, *Bigfoot Yancey* strives to keep their music as raw and stripped down as possible. Their live performances echo this raw, down home feel with energetic and lively performances that acclimate themselves very easily in a wide variety of settings. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$75. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Brian Regan

April 26

Brian Regan has distinguished himself as one of the premier comedians in the country. The perfect balance of sophisticated writing and physicality, Brian fills theaters nationwide with fervent fans that span generations. Brian premiered his second Netflix stand-up special, *Brian Regan: On The Rocks*, on February 23, 2021. Also in 2021, Brian returned for his third season in Peter Farrelly’s TV series, *Loudermilk*, which is streaming on Amazon Prime. Farrelly personally cast Brian in the series alongside Ron Livingston, Anja Savvic, Will Sasso

and Mat Fraser. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/brian-regan

Riders In The Sky

April 27

The best in Western music since 1977. Award-winning harmonies, wacky Western wit and high-yodeling adventures. The band has released more than 40 full length albums, starred in a self-titled television series on CBS lasting two seasons, wrote and starred in an NPR syndicated radio drama *Riders Radio Theater*, and appeared in television series and films including as featured contributors to Ken Burns’ *Country Music*. Their family-friendly style also appeals to children, exemplified in their recordings for Disney and Pixar. They have won two Grammy Awards and have written and performed music for major motion pictures, including “Woody’s Roundup” from *Toy Story 2* and Pixar’s short film, *For the Birds*. The band also recorded full length companion albums for *Toy Story 2* and *Monsters, Inc.* Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$55. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

King Bee and the Stingers

April 28

King Bee & The Stingers features 6 veteran musicians delivering distinctive interpretations of blues, R&B, and funk tunes. Formed in 2006, the band’s lineup showcases the talents of Sarah Menefee (vocals), Jeff Shew (bass), Paul Karaffa (drums), Mark Carnes (harmonica), Wes Schrimsher (keyboards) and Matt Boat (guitar). The band has notched back-to-back semifinalist wins (2018, 2019) at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis and appears regularly at blues festivals around the Midwest. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$10. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Solitary Man:

A Neil Diamond Tribute

April 29

Solitary Man is a high-energy concert event which pays homage to the music of Neil Diamond. Veteran singer and actor David Jericko brings Neil’s music to life, capturing every stylistic nuance of his sound and personality. Jericko is supported in this extravaganza by “The Crew” — a six-piece band of A-list players who have backed some of the industry’s biggest stars. From “*Solitary Man*” to “*Love on the Rocks*”, you’ll hear faithful renditions of all the hits that made Neil Diamond a musical legend. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Blues Traveler

April 29

On the heels of their successful 2022 35th Anniversary Tour, seminal six-time Platinum rockers *Blues Traveler* have announced a series of 2023 shows to coincide with the impending release of their *Live and Acoustic: Fall of 1997* limited edition, double EP (Spring 2023). The spring tour will feature the band performing a bevy of songs spanning more than three decades and 14 hit albums – including the iconic four, which went six-times Platinum and spawned the definitive “*Run-Around*” (garnering their first Grammy® Award). Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 8 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/blues-traveler

Buddy Guy:

Damn Right Farewell

April 30

At age 86, *Buddy Guy* is a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a major influence on rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago’s fabled West Side sound, and a living link to the city’s halcyon days of electric blues. *Buddy Guy* has received 8 GRAMMY Awards, a 2015 Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY Award, 38 Blues Music Awards (the most any artist has received), the Billboard Magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, a Kennedy Center Honor, and the Presidential National Medal of Arts. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/buddy-guy

Dave Dugan

May 5

Dave Dugan couldn’t be less handy. *Dave’s* first job was working on construction jobs for his dad. After shoveling pea gravel for 8 hours a day, *Dugan* discovered he was allergic... to hard labor. Also, not a good salesman or delegator and with no known musical abilities, he admits “I fell into comedy as a default. I had nowhere else to turn.” His back up plan seems to paid off. *Dave’s* original, clean humor and observations have earned him appearances on HBO, Comedy Central, Fox, CBS, ABC, *The Bob and Tom Show*, Sirius/XM, and have made him a highly sought after corporate comedian. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$15. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Spring Blossom Parade

May 6

Downtown Nashville

The Spring Blossom Parade will start at the Brown County High School and then travel up Jefferson Street and back down Van Buren Street.

Joe Cocker Tribute Starring Alan Kaye

May 6

Alan Kaye was born in Kokomo Indiana. He started performing stand-up comedy in the 1970's. Alan has performed as the opening act for over 70 major concert artists. Chicago, Al Jarreau, Emmylou Harris, B.B. King, and Dianne Shuur, just to name a few. However, he wanted to branch out and do his characters more. While working as Joe Cocker's opening act, Alan studied Joe nightly! Vocal approach, physical movements, and attitude to become Joe Cocker! Alan's performances have amazed and delighted literally thousands of spectators. Many were convinced that he was in fact the real star! Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

The Shootouts

May 13

The Shootouts are known for their energetic blend of honky-tonk, Americana, and traditional country. After releasing their acclaimed 2019 debut Quick Draw, the band charted Top 50 on Americana radio and in 2020, were nominated for an Ameripolitan Music Award for "Best Honky-Tonk Group." Produced by Grammy- nominee and BR549 founder Chuck Mead, their new album Bullseye ranges from catchy pedal steel-filled numbers ("Everything I Know") to two-step worthy tunes ("Here Come The Blues") to never before recorded fan live favorites ("Rattlesnake Whiskey" and "Saturday Night Town"). Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Chicago

May 17

Hailed as one of the "most important bands in music since the dawn of the rock and roll era," the legendary rock and roll band with horns, Chicago, came in as the highest charting American band in Billboard Magazine's Top 125 Artists Of All Time. And Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in six consecutive decades. Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information: browncountymusiccenter.com/events/detail/chicago

The Carole King and James Taylor Story

May 19

The Carole King & James Taylor Story takes you on an incredible journey through the career of the six-time Grammy Award winner and 20-time platinum hit maker Carole King and five-time Grammy Award winner American folk legend James Taylor. This new "show-umentary" format gives a fascinating insight into the lives behind

the music. Featuring passionate renditions of Fire and Rain, Sweet Baby James, I Feel the Earth Move, Natural Woman, You've Got a Friend and many more. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$20. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

Rich Hardesty and the Little Nashvilles

May 20

Rich Hardesty is an independent artist from

LaPorte, Indiana. His passion for music began early when his mother started him on piano lessons at the age of 8 sitting on the bench next to him. As he grew older, he taught himself guitar, harmonica, a little percussion, and the art of performing on a unicycle on a treadmill. He then decided to record his first album, "Jones'n," in 1992. This album launched his 20+ year music career once his college fans went crazy over the album. Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., 7:30 p.m., \$15. Tickets and information: browncountyplyhouse.org.

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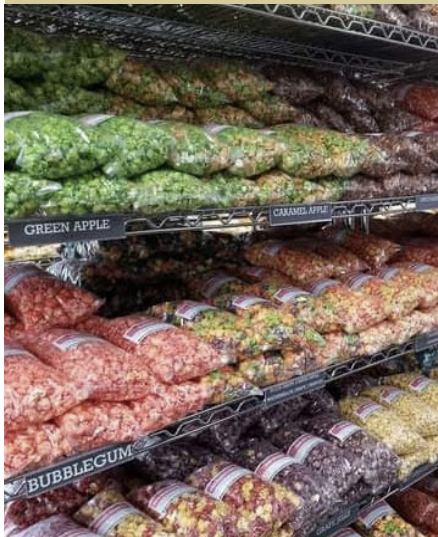


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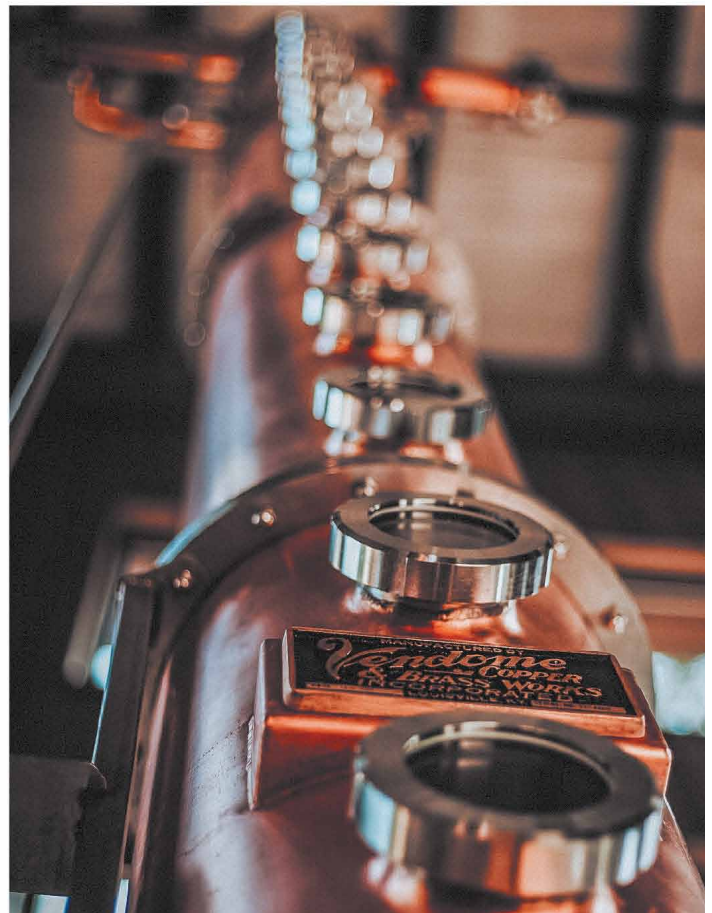




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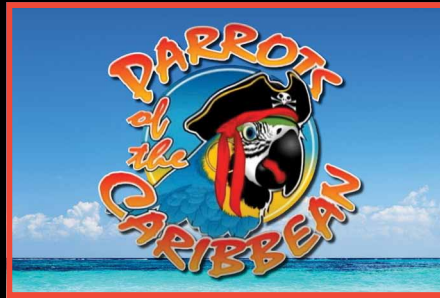
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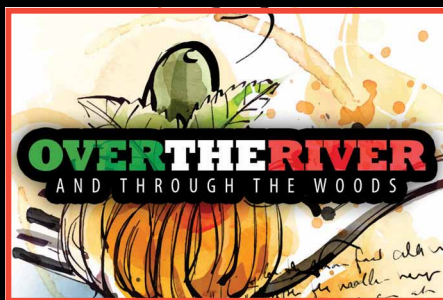
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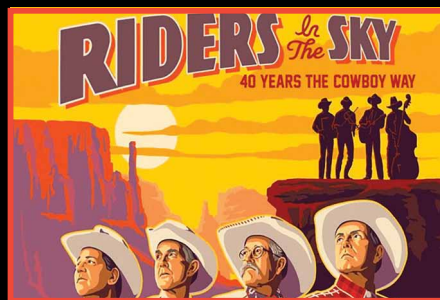
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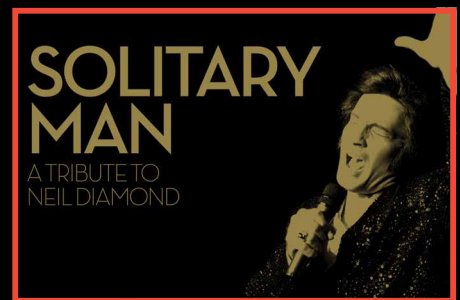
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