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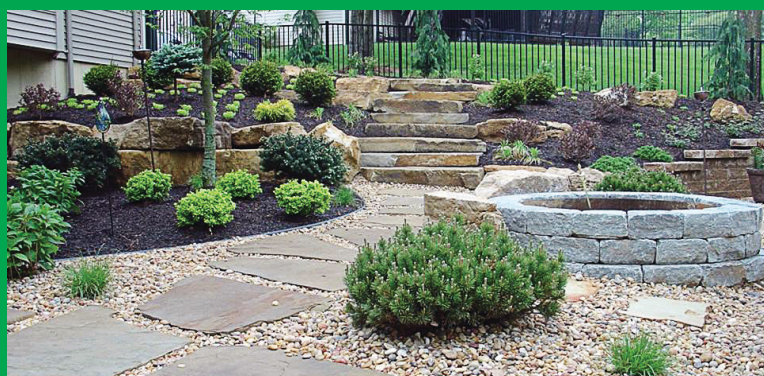
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welcome!



Sue Rawlinson

To call him 'organized' was the world's greatest understatement.

Maniacal was more like it.

Dad's garage organization made the most meticulous among us look like silly slob. Each of his 43 billion tools had a place, and each tool and placement was detailed and etched into his steel-trap memory.

No one was to breathe (and definitely not sneeze) upon Dad's tools.

And should my brothers or I borrow a screwdriver, hammer—or God help us—a drill, if said tool was not replaced in said meticulous position as predetermined by its owning maniac, it'd be best to just pack a bag and be on your way.

You might forget to feed the dog for days on-end, but by golly, a tool not put away—or worse, put back in the wrong spot—and you'd be in deeper than the hole you'd prefer crawling into.

Sound familiar?

Of course it does! The garage is Dad's domain. Mom has the house and the kids, well, they take over everything. But the garage? *Oh, don't even think about it.*

And in honesty, we all like it that way. Dads are fixers and tinkerers. It's their own space—and let's face it: Dad's need alone time, too.

In this gorgeous month of June, we celebrate the favorite dudes in our lives. The men who keep our worlds turning, our faucets from leaking and the engines running. They are the in-house repairmen, grillmasters, garage dwellers and best confidants on the planet. They're our protectors, leaders and jokesters—who often don't realize how very much they are valued and relied upon. We love and respect these men for who they are and all they do.

So why not pay tribute with an issue dedicated directly to dudes? **We thought it was a good idea, too.**

From looking at one man's ultimate basement mancave to transforming from frazzled to functional in the garage to manly must-haves for an outdoor oasis—to grilling corn-on-the-cob (whew!), we've covered it all—and so much more in this June issue of HOME Living.

Enjoy this issue—and give the dads in your lives extra appreciation this month. Tell them you love and respect them. And to those who are no longer with us, may they be smiling down upon us—even when we forget to put back hubby's screwdriver.

Sue



from the editor

Deep Red + Mahogany

By Sue Rawlinson

Photos by HOME Team

Their colors epitomize masculinity—and just in time for the summer month of June and celebration of Father's Day. Bold, deep reds evoke strength and brilliance while the natural wood color of mahogany instills a bit of natural beauty. Strength, brilliance and natural good looks? Sounds like Dad to me.

Together, this color combo says, "Pull up a chair, prop up the feet and visit a while." Just like Dad would say.

Enjoy a snapshot of HOME Living's June "Color It" home interior picks. Chosen just for you—from retailers in your backyard.



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Cast Iron Plants



By Erin Dozois

If you're excited for the summer growing season but you have a brown thumb, you might want to try your hand at keeping cast iron plants. Hardy against extremes in temperature, sunlight and moisture and generally pest free, the cast iron plant offers a virtually maintenance-free taste of the tropics both indoors and out. If growing indoors, cast irons will thrive in rooms receiving little sunlight. Outdoors, they make for excellent ground cover and flowerbed fillers.

Name: Aspidistra elatior (Asparagaceae family)

Fun Fact: Do Fluffy and Fido treat your plants like a salad bar? Fear not. Cast irons are non-toxic to pets.

Why We Love It: Tolerant of typically unfavorable growing conditions, the cast iron plant is as tough as its name implies.

Known for: Long, glossy dark green leaves

Selecting and Planting

While cast iron plants are easy to care for, raising them from infancy can prove to be an exercise in patience. We suggest buying young specimens from your local nursery.

Indoor Planting

- Start a new plant by taking pieces of the rhizome that includes at least two leaves.
- Place in a pot of fresh potting soil.
- Keep plant moist and warm until new shoots begin to emerge.

Outdoor Planting

- Till soil deeply, adding compost or aged manure.
- Dig a hole to about the same depth as the length of the root ball and about three times as wide as the root ball.

- Set individual plants at least 2 feet apart.
- Mulch plants with a 3-inch layer of wood chips or similar material.

Note: Cast iron plants are very slow to mature. Though it may appear to not be growing, the new plant will usually thrive in due time.

After the Bloom

Although the cast iron plant can tolerate extreme conditions, it's a good idea to provide plenty of water, especially during very dry periods. Cast irons also respond well to organic soil and an annual dose of all-purpose fertilizer. Pruning dead leaves will keep the plant looking its best. 🏠



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The Bar Essentials: *Stock Your Summer Bar*

By Shannon Rooney



The anticipation of a refreshing summer cocktail has us dreaming of warm evenings on the patio. It's time to outfit, or freshen up, your home bar. Whether you have a bar cart, some kitchen cabinets or a fully-built-out home bar, you can prep for summer entertaining with a few essentials. In brief, provide comfy seating, sweet and sour drink options, and never, ever forget the ice. Mint juleps, anyone?



Shake It Up

Every amateur mixologist must be equipped with the tools of the trade. The most important are the cocktail shaker, jiggers for measuring and pouring and the bar spoon. A traditional three-piece shaker will get the job done for most home mixing. The three pieces are the tapered tin base, topped off with either a domed or angled lid with an integrated strainer and a removable cap.

Jiggers will help measure out the right amount of liquor for each drink. Look for some with measurement marks in the cups. The bar spoon should have a long, thin handle, preferably twisted for extra stir-power. This is infinitely preferable to a butter knife. You'll also need a corkscrew and bottle opener nearby.

Raise the Right Glass

Proper glassware is important. You don't need a different glass for every drink, but you can provide for all with a selection of rocks glasses, tumblers and martini glasses, which will suit a variety of cocktails. Use rocks glasses for whiskeys and scotches as well as gin and tonics, whiskey sours and old favorites like a Manhattan or old-fashioned. Tumblers are great for refreshing teas (Kentucky, Tennessee, Long Island) and mojitos—don't forget the mint. And martini glasses serve for the traditional gin or vodka martini, but they're also handy for drinks that warm quickly like frozen margaritas and piña coladas. Remember the wine-drinkers and have a set of wine glasses available, too.

Up Your Garnish Game

A selection of garnishes and bitters can easily broaden your cocktail repertoire. Sometimes the lime in a rum and coke makes all the difference. These are the garnishes out of which you'll get the most mileage: lemons, limes, cherries, orange slices, mint sprigs and olives—stuffed with bleu cheese for extra panache. Keep a knife and cutting board on hand for slicing.

Include bitters and some sweet and sour mixings like white and brown sugar, simple syrup and grenadine. Add orange and grapefruit juice to your mixers for even more versatility.

Relaxing Atmosphere

Bar stools are essential for a built-in bar and there are options to suit every style and taste. Go with clean lines for a contemporary look and employ sleek materials such as shiny metal legs and an Eames-style seat. Rustic style is also seeing a resurgence in the home and bar stools are appearing with scraped-metal legs and wooden seats à la high school shop class. The primary goal is comfort, of course, so choose seating your guests will want to spend time in.

Bar decor is often fun and funky, but if neon signs aren't your style, go traditional. Hang a bar mirror with a heavy wood frame and hooks underneath to hang cups. Display special bottles on lit glass shelves and wine in a wall-mounted rack. These touches will create an atmosphere that's both fun and classy. 🏠

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Love This Look?

Story and Photos by Sue Rawlinson

*Love this look? Good. We'll share how interior designer Jodi Golm with Timberlin Homes pulled together this **basement man cave**.*

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“Jeff and Jennifer have a great sense of style and knew exactly what they wanted—which made for a great experience working together to achieve comfortable family spaces geared for entertaining with refined rustic and industrial touches,” said Jodi Golm with Timberlin Homes.

The basement lights are conversation pieces, which speak to industrial design influences while also defining distinct spaces for the pool table, bar and eating areas.

Every man needs a getaway for himself. But what's even better? A versatile space an entire family can also enjoy—and a comfortable place to entertain friends. Such is the result of the new Timberlin home of Jeff and Jennifer Kennedy. From pool room to bar to eating area to movie theater to the outdoor inground pool (surrounded by private, beautiful woods), this basement mancave is all any man (and his family) could dream of.



Barn doors: A Timberlin staple, custom-designed barn doors are found on the main and lower levels.

Leave a legacy sign: A custom commission was given to The Shed to create this sign, which holds special meaning to the family as it was a favorite saying of a dear family member.



Fender: The family's 8-year-old Schoodle is just as photogenic as his new surroundings.



Unique finishes: Thoughtful use of reclaimed materials can be seen throughout this home, including salvaged barn siding and century-old barn beams.

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Manly Must-Haves for an Outdoor Oasis

By Lauren Caggiano

This month we celebrate fathers and father figures, so it only seems fitting that he should have an outdoor space fit for a king. Move over garage man caves, the backyard is where it's at. No longer constrained by walls, this evolution of the man cave means the special guy in your life can take manly fun outdoors.

Here's how to make your outdoor space worthy of his affection:

1. Have it made in the shade. Manager Dean Raber with Raber Patio Enclosures in Shipshewana says shade options run the gamut. They can protect you from bad weather and also add a functional element. You can even hang a TV underneath so Dad can watch his favorite show outside. Retractable awnings allow you to turn your deck or patio into a cool, shaded retreat in seconds. It's like adding a beautiful outdoor room. DuHadway in Fort Wayne carries motorized ones for added convenience.

2. Get practical. Nothing ruins outdoor fun faster than bugs invading. Enjoy your meals without those unwanted guests with screen walls, available from DuHadway. Screen walls can be installed below your patio cover. This can be done even after your patio cover has been installed. Equally as practical is outdoor carpet. For covering a fully exposed porch or deck, look for outdoor carpet made of polypropylene or olefin. This material is known to be resistant to moisture and mildew and can handle the toughest of traffic. While it is not as comfy as traditional indoor carpet, it still provides a greater degree of comfort than wood or concrete. It also is very low maintenance. These products are available in a wide variety of colors, styles and textures to suit every décor and are designed to resist fading in direct sunlight and the harsher conditions presented by outdoor environments.



3. Get cookin'. Is Dad the chef in the family? Raber says campfire grills, outdoor kettles, cast iron pots and spices for grilling, all found at his store, are a must. Fire pits offer both form and function. The Donoma Poly-Top Fire Pit from Berlin Gardens perfectly complements their outdoor furniture.

4. Get comfy. Today's outdoor furniture is both durable and attractive. Raber says they carry anything from poly to aluminum and even wicker. Raber offers poly in a wide range of colors sure to appeal to Dad's sensibilities and lifestyle. Add some fitted cushions in a neutral color or print and you've got instant masculine appeal.

5. Let the games begin! Summer weekends were meant for fun. And what is more Midwest than a game of cornhole? Raber Patio carries a variety of cornhole board designs and custom bags can be made upon request. Board designs include everything from patriotic to sports themed. And what's a game without some tunes? Faux rock outdoor speakers by Theater Solutions are the answer to his entertainment needs. The two-way weatherproof rock speakers are manufactured from high tech plastics, rubber, and other materials built to last and withstand the elements. Their sound is contoured to provide the best performance in open air environments. Rock on!

With these manly features, the backyard he's always wanted is finally within reach. Cheers to memorable summer days and nights ahead. 🏠

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Checklist for June

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By Barb Sieminski

This is the month when days turn to diamonds; indeed. American Romantic poet James Russell Lowell said it best: "And, what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days."

Spend, then, these perfect golden days outdoors when the snowflake has long skipped town and warm sunshine and blue skies have gifted us with their sixth-month delights. June is the time to:

- ❑ Mulch gardens with 1-2 inches of organic cover, such as ever-green needles or old, tattered leaves; this will reduce weeds and keep moisture in the area.
- ❑ Eliminate discolored leaves.
- ❑ Continue planting tomatoes and other warm season veggies, such as beans, corn and melons.
- ❑ If you have potted plants and baskets, protect them from birds, squirrels and other pests that dig up or nest in these plants by using bird netting or repellents.
- ❑ Increase your gardening area by growing pole beans, melons and cucumber on a trellis, fence or other means of vertical support; this also cuts down on pests.
- ❑ Speaking of vermin, handpick Japanese beetles and metallic-green insects and put them in soapy water. These insects plague us in late June and consume flowers of more than 300 different types of plants.
- ❑ For small groups of mites and aphids, eradicate them with a blast of water from your garden hose; with larger groups, banish them with insecticidal soap.
- ❑ Tweak and trim asters and mums back to 6 inches consistently throughout the sixth month for more plentiful growth in the fall.
- ❑ If your phlox and other overgrown perennials are covered with mildew and leaf spot diseases, remove a third of their stems.
- ❑ Get the pruning shears out and cut sedum autumn joy and Russian sage plants that have a history of floppiness. Cut 8 inches back halfway; this will encourage more compressed growth.

Finally, enjoy being outside listening to free concerts by mini-Bach songbirds, with woodpeckers providing percussion. In short, just revel in being alive during these sparkling June days. 🏡

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For the Birds and the Bees (And Butterflies, too)

By Barb Sieminski

If the sight of blue skies fills you with joy, if a blade of grass springing up in the fields has power to move you, if the simple things of nature have a message that you understand, rejoice, for your soul is alive!

Wouldn't it be nice to display a storybook garden with loads of color and songbirds heralding the bees and butterflies as they swirl around your flowers in brilliant June joy?

Guess what? You can. Turn your little plot into a praiseworthy showplace that your neighbors will envy, we mean. We asked some local advertisers for their input and found lots of great information.

Vanessa and Ryan Rutledge of Vanroot Growers Inc. have seen hummingbirds in their greenhouse that always seem to go to the black and bloom Salvia. "This salvia is a bright blue color on black stems, which grows pretty tall," said Vanessa Rutledge. "As for other birds, in the greenhouse, they seem to like busy plants like Boston ferns, shrubs or trees for building their nests. Bees are attracted to almost any plant that has lots of pollen and a strong fragrance. I have seen bees coming out of a hibiscus flower, just covered with pollen. They really seem to like catmint, too, which is a strong fragrant plant."

As for butterflies? "Butterflies like coneflower, botanical Echinacea, and they seem to like the salt off the limestone driveway after it is wet."

According to Tony Straessle, vice-president of the Plant Center Nursery in Fort Wayne, his shop carries several varieties of beautiful plants that will attract Ma Nature's smaller critters with wings.

"For smaller spaces, perennials such as butterfly weed, bleeding heart, cardinal flower, daylilies, dianthus, lavender or bee balm are great for attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies," said Straessle. "Butterfly weed or milkweed is perfect for attracting Monarch



butterflies. For medium and larger spaces, shrubs such as butterfly bush, summersweet, trumpet vine, wisteria, hydrangea or lilac will attract these creatures as well. Summersweet and trumpet vine are perfect for attracting hummingbirds. Also, if you are looking for a tree to attract birds, bees and butterflies, you can plant a hydrangea, redbud or lilac tree. As you walk around our nursery, you'll see these plants buzzing with bees, butterflies, and even the occasional hummingbird."

Deb Zumbrun of Arbor Farms provided a little more detail of the incredible fascination of flora and fauna to specific growing things.

"In order to attract these tiny creatures you need a variety of plants that provide shelter, nectar, berries, fruit and foliage," said Zumbrun. "Some plants like the butterfly bush and catmint attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds because their flowers are perfectly shaped to provide nectar. Those two plants will be covered in a mixture of bees, butterflies and hummingbirds throughout the summer. Other plants, like the butterfly milkweed and swamp milkweed provide nectar and foliage and act as a host plant for certain types of butterflies and caterpillars. Here at the nursery we like plants that provide berries at different times of the year. Serviceberry, for example, has fruit that ripens early in the summer. The birds love the fruit so much that it is often gone almost as soon as it ripens."

But what about later in the year? "Later in the fall, viburnums and chokeberries have bird-attractive fruits and crabapples and Winter King Hawthorns that have persistent fruit (fruit that clings to the branches instead of dropping) provide fruit late in the winter," Zumbrun said. 🏡

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By Kayleen Reusser

Want to transform your garage from frazzled to functional?

Keeping a well-organized garage can be the answer to storage problems, according to Steve Enright, director of sales at Bob Buescher Homes. "Garages are growing," he said. "Neighborhoods that restrict out buildings can necessitate the need for well-ordered space as a homeowner may need to store a lawn mower, snow blower, seasonal lawn decor and other items in a garage. A well-organized work area not only ensures enough room to work with car seats and prevent marks on cars doors, but it provides space for miscellaneous items."

Ideas for keeping that space in order include features like work benches to store tools. "My company has found that many families purchase a home with the idea that the garage will be the man's domain, while the woman gets the house," he said. "The man may heat the garage to be able to work there in inclement weather and install shelving and closed storage units for work projects."

Panel It; Don't Peg It

Enright believes pegboards—panels of hardboard with holes for hooks—are a thing of the past. "We've gone away from installing pegboards on walls for hanging

items to slats," he said. "Pegboards seem to sway after use, while slats with hooks that fit into them are stronger and more durable."

Out-of-Sight, Out of the Way

Out-of-sight storage in an over-the-head attic could be assisted by a product called Versalift. This loading

system designed to ease the process of moving items and bulky boxes to the attic is available through Ken Gunkel with Custom Quality Homes.

Cover for the Classics

If a homeowner desires to store a classic vehicle in a garage, Sam Grate, collections manager of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, recommends updates for maximum effectiveness.

"Look for a storage facility that protects your vehicle from weather," he said. "There should be no water leaks or light shining through the seal of the garage door. When this occurs, a garage door is not getting a good seal.

Humidity can be hard on a vehicle, especially ones covered by plastic or cloth because it can trap the moisture inside and cause damage to the interior with mold."

While Grate discouraged the use of a cover over a vehicle, owners who prefer to do so should use a soft, clean cloth. "Plastic could stick to the vehicle's paint and make it come off," he said.

A tight seal under a garage door can also protect against bugs. "If a car owner wants to place mothballs inside a car to keep bugs from eating through the upholstery, I'd recommend leaving the car windows slightly open so air can circulate," he said. "Otherwise the interior will smell like mothballs for a long time."

Grate has an alternative to mothballs. "Sticky fly strips can be placed on the floor of a car. These smell sweet and bugs will be attracted to them and die with no mothball smell."

When possible, Grate encourages car owners to store their vehicles in a climate-controlled location with low light. "The ideal temperature to store a vehicle is 55-60 degrees," he said. "Windows may need to be covered if sunlight touches the vehicle. After several months, it could affect the paint color."

So make the man's garage his own. Get it organized, put rarely used items out of sight—and when classics are part of the picture? Store with care. 🏠



Resources:

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Auburn, 260.925.1444, automobilemuseum.org

Bob Buescher Homes, Fort Wayne, 260.490.3355, bobbuescherhomes.com

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Grilled Corn-on-the-Cob

By Sue Rawlinson

It's the easiest, tastiest treat for all grillmasters with tongs in-hand. With many variations by which to grill the juicy yellow kernels, here's just one to try. While it's more of a method than a recipe, any variations we've tried—from soaking in water first, to husking, seasoning and individually wrapping in foil to grill—can all be winners for your favorite dad on Father's Day.

Ingredients:

Fresh corn-on-the-cob, in husks and silks
Butter
Salt

Directions:

1. Place whole corn ears on heated grill. Close cover.
2. Turn ears every 10 minutes.
3. Grill until ears are black on all sides.
4. Remove from grill and let ears sit for 10 minutes (they will be extremely hot!).
5. Carefully pull back husks and silks to see the beautifully cooked corn.
6. Season to your preference with butter and salt.

Enjoy — and happiest of Father's Days to all HOME Living dads. 🏠



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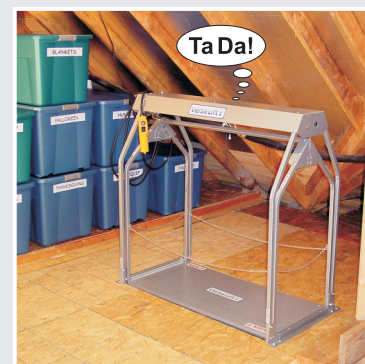
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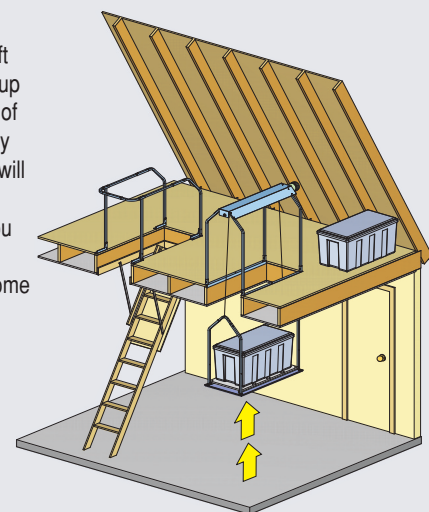
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JUNE Calendar

By Ray Balogh

2 AUBURN: First Friday

Cruise-in, late night shopping, live entertainment and more. Free admission. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, downtown. 260.333.0883, www.facebook.com/firstfridaysdowntownauburn.

2 WABASH: First Friday

Celebrate the Wabash community with musicians and artisans alike playing music in the streets. Food trucks, music, specials and more. Free admission. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, downtown. visitwabashcounty.com.

3, 10, 17, 24 FORT WAYNE: South Side Farmers Market

Market with 100 stands featuring produce, hand-crafted items, antiques, fresh baked goods, eggs, local honey, hormone-free pork and chicken. Master gardeners on hand to answer questions. Free admission. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, 3300 Warsaw St. 260.456.8255 or 260.456.1228 southsidefarmersmarket.com.

4 DECATUR: Monthly Flea Market

Hot food available, sponsored by the Adams County Coin Club. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St. (Highway 224 East). Contact Carla at 260.517.8182 facebook.com/decaturingianafleamarket.

6, 13, 20, 27 FORT WAYNE: "Little River Ramblers"

Hike and explore the interesting plants and wildlife of Eagle Marsh. Sponsored by Little River Wetlands Project. Free admission. 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Tuesday, Arrowhead Prairie parking lot, 8624 Aboite Road. 260.478.2515 info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

7-10 ALBION: Chain O' Lakes Festival

Parade, rides, games, food, daily armband specials. 5 p.m. Wednesday through 10 p.m. Saturday, various venues. 260.854.2115 visitnoblecounty.com.

8 FORT WAYNE: "Breakfast on the Marsh: Tenacious Turtles"

For 50 years and older. A light breakfast will be served. Call to preregister. Free admission. 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Thursday, Indiana Wesleyan Education & Conference Center, Room 102/104, 8211 W. Jefferson Blvd. 260.478.2515 info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

9 DECATUR: Sculpture Tour

Sixth annual sculpture exhibit unveiling with art-centric activities, food, wine tasting and walking tours. Free admission. Friday, downtown. Schedule tour at decatursculpturetour.com. 260.724.2604.

9-10 LA FONTAINE: Ashland Days Festival

Rummage sales, police K-9 demonstrations, lawn mower poker run, cornhole tournament, live music, parade. Free admission. Friday and Saturday, Branson Street and Wabash Avenue. 260.330.2534 lafontaineefestival.weebly.com.

14 FORT WAYNE: "Short Hikes for Short Legs: Bugs are Beautiful"

Investigate the parts of an insect and their role in the food chain. Boots recommended. Free admission, open to children 3-5 accompanied by responsible adult. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Wednesday, Eagle Marsh barn, 6801 Engle Road. 260.478.2515 info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

14-18 HUNTINGTON: Heritage Days

Carnival, hot air balloon launches, car shows, Kids' Zone, live entertainment, parade, brat tent, art festival. Free admission. 5 p.m. Wednesday through 8:30 p.m. Sunday, downtown. 260.356.5300 huntingtonheritagedays.com.

15-17 LAGRO: Good Ole Days

Food, fireworks, mud volleyball, crafts, face painting, moonwalks, motorcycle show, queen contest, elephant rides, bands, games, car show, parade, circus. Free admission. Thursday through Saturday, various venues. 260.571.3271 lagroindiana.com.

21 AUBURN: Annual Strawberries in the Park Festival

Homemade strawberry shortcakes, children's activities, clowns, music, community and family fun. Free admission. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, downtown. 260.925.0126 dekalbcvb.org.


21, 28 NEW HAVEN: Farmers Market

Fresh local products, locally prepared foods, locally made crafts, jewelry. Live music, nonprofit educational displays, kids activities. Free admission. 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, Schnelker Park, 956 Park Ave. 260.749.2212 localharvest.org.

22-25 FORT WAYNE: Greek Festival

Food, pastries, traditional dancing, children's rides and games, live music, raffle. Free admission Sunday. Thursday through Sunday, Headwaters Park, downtown. 260.489.0774 fortwaynegreekfestival.org.

24 FORT WAYNE: Open House

Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. free admission, refreshments, browse inventory and talk to experts. 1121 W. Washington Center Road, 260.399.6043 wdmfactorystore.com 

June Books

By Steve Penhollow



Goodbye, Things: The New Japanese Minimalism

by **Fumio Sasaki**

W. W. Norton & Company; \$21.95

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ISBN-13: 978-0393609035

There are plenty of books about living a minimalist lifestyle, but few were written from the perspective of an average Joe like Fumio Sasaki. Sasaki was just a working stiff who had trouble paying bills and who envied more prosperous people his age. Then, he had a radical idea. Rather than try to make more money to buy more things, he decided to try to get by with less. "Living with only the bare essentials has not only provided superficial benefits such as the pleasure of a tidy room or the simple ease of cleaning," Sasaki told the Guardian newspaper, "it has also led to a more fundamental shift. It's given me a chance to think about what it really means to be happy." "Goodbye, Things: The New Japanese Minimalism" isn't a housekeeping book. It's more about the philosophy underlying minimalism and the good effects that can result from it.



Feeding a Family: A Real-Life Plan for Making Dinner Work

by **Sarah Waldman**

Roost Books; \$29.95

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Busy parents of young children know all too well how easy it is to lapse into bad dinner habits—habits involving convenience and packaged foods. In her book, "Feeding a Family: A Real-Life Plan for Making Dinner Work," blogger Sarah Waldman offers suggestions for getting families back on track. Her plans are holistic in that they encompass every aspect of a meal: side dishes, desserts, toddler and baby needs, tips for making use of leftovers, advice on how to get children involved with meal preparation, etc. Waldman advocates making use of seasonal ingredients. "Living (in Martha's Vineyard), we're pretty aware of the seasonality of food," Waldman told the Vineyard Gazette. "It's important for people to train themselves to be aware of that, not only is it more sustainable, but food in season is fresher, cheaper and tastier and you can find those items grown locally." Waldman said she aims for healthfulness and ease of preparation in her recipes. 🏠

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An Upbeat Variety of the 80's til Now

Chris and Terry Hill

Hillside Pools

By Cathy Shouse

Many people have a summer dream of sunshine shimmering off clear, blue water. Chris Hill and husband Terry have been dream weavers for 40 years, since he became immersed in the pool business working for others. In 2007, they “took the plunge” to business ownership and started Hillside Pools. From in-ground pool construction to above ground pools, and for repair and service needs, their specialty is bringing a swoon-worthy backyard swimming experience to life.

Who is your main customer?

We only build residential pools. Over the past couple of years we've seen the average age increase from a young family with children to grandparents who are building the pool with the intention of seeing their grandchildren more.

What is the heart of your business?

Customer service is our primary goal. We now employ almost 20 employees in the summer, have a retail store and offer full-service pool repairs to complement our in-ground pool construction business.

What do you do in the off-season?

We like to travel—and Terry is very passionate about snowmobiling—very different from swimming! We spend a significant amount of time over the winter getting ramped up and ready for the summer. In our business, we have to accomplish a year's worth of work in 8 months.

What are the top three tips for a family considering a pool?

1. Consider an automatic cover for your pool. In most of the area, you are not required to have a fence if you have an automatic pool cover. The biggest feature is safety; a small child or animal will simply not get into a closed pool. It also helps hold heat and chemicals. It's a win-win.
2. Think carefully about saltwater. Saltwater has been all the rage lately, but that said, it's corrosive. As a service company,



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we are seeing the long-term damage salt can do. In many cases, saltwater pools tend to be high in pH, which is also very destructive. Salt cells typically need to be replaced every 3-5 years, and it's a big expense.

3. Choose a pool size that best fits your lifestyle. Consider whether or not a sport pool or a dive pool would appeal to more family members.

What kind of pool would you have if money were no object?

We currently own a lagoon shaped pool with a diving board, and it's beautiful! We built it almost 20 years ago, before the technology of the automatic cover was as advanced as it is today. At the time our children were old enough to swim. Now that we have a grandchild who doesn't swim, we would much rather have a rectangle shaped pool, probably around an 18X38 dive pool with an automatic cover.

Anything else to add about your business?

We are family-owned and -operated, and very fortunate to have caring employees who come back to work for us year over year. We truly value our customers. In our retail store, we use the “Cheers” mentality and try very hard to make our customers feel at home. 🏠

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Want to know which home makeovers experts say gives the best bang back for your buck? Check this out—before you put the homestead up for sale.

1. Minor bathroom remodel. From tubs to tiles to light fixtures to sinks, experts say this is the best ROI of small remodels.

2. Give some lovin' to your landscape. Whether you need to refresh the mulch, trim the bushes, add splashes of colorful flowers or tame what's overgrown, improved landscape makes a huge impact on potential buyers. And, you'll get nearly all your money back, experts say.

3. Minor kitchen remodel. Whether it's the change in hardware, sink, resurfacing cabinets or replacing the old counters with new, improvements in the kitchen make for an easier sell—and you can likely recoup much of your expense.

4. Minor exterior improvements. Repaint the dingy front door in a bright color, replace dented gutters and powerwash the mold from your home's north-facing wall.

5. Transform unused space into living areas. Have a small, unused attic or storage area with a window in your house? Transform it into a hangout area with some new paint and flooring—and add a closet and furniture. Voila—you just added sellable square footage. 🏠

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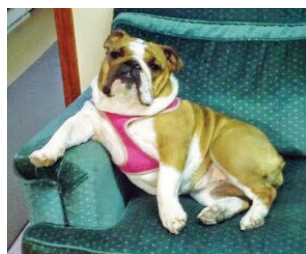
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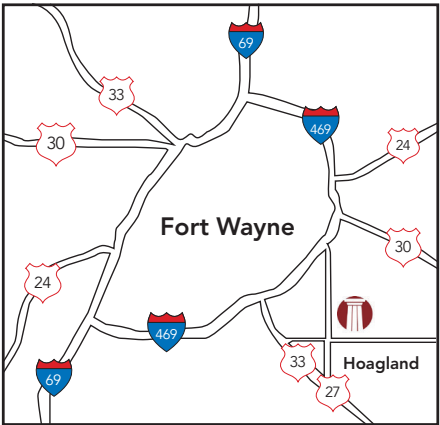
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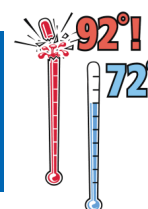
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