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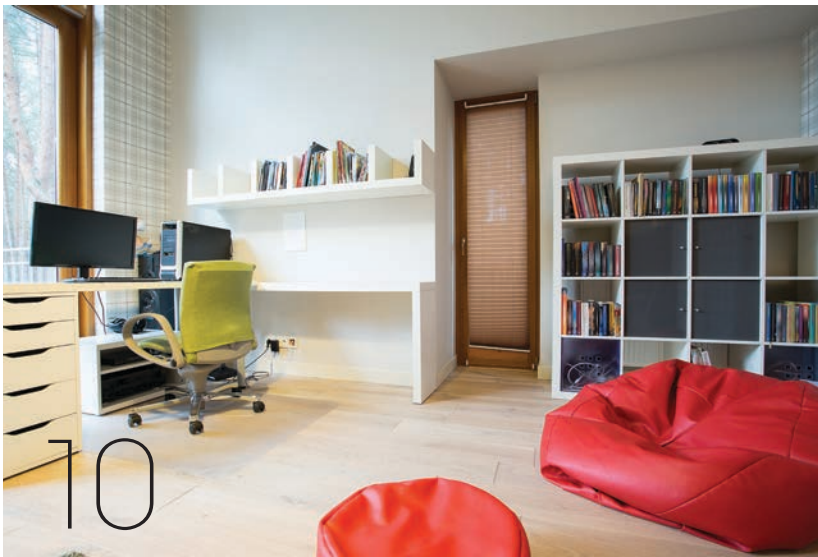
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# welcome from the editor



## It's August, my favorite month of the year.

August means back-to-school shopping, the last days of summer fun—ushering in my favorite season... fall—and most importantly, my birthday! When I was a kid, I loved that my birthday was often the first celebrated in the new school year. It falls at the end of the month, and more often than not, we had started school the week before. I reveled in the attention and the gifts. Who doesn't love their birthday?

As an adult, birthdays look a lot different than they did when I was younger. I own a home, which means that birthday presents are typically things I need around the house—a new vacuum cleaner

one year, a new washer and dryer the next. This year, we are putting in our landscaping, pouring an extended patio and purchasing new living room furniture. I have a sneaking suspicion that part of the costs of these projects will count as my birthday present. And that's okay. Nothing makes me happier than a new appliance or a finished yard project. My, how things have changed!

July marked my family's one-year anniversary in our new home. Previously, we lived in an historic home, located just east of downtown Fort Wayne. Now, we live in a new-build on the northwest side. Each property presents its unique benefits and challenges. With the older home, we were constantly making repairs and updates. In our new home, we are continually tweaking things to give it character and make it ours.

This issue of HOME is especially useful for me as we focus on taking care of our home to avoid costly repairs down the road. When we finish our landscaping, we will need to prep it for the seasons ahead. After reading the feature about vegetable gardens, I am inspired to plant one of my own. I will let you know how it goes.

We hope you enjoy this issue of HOME. We made it just for you! 🏠

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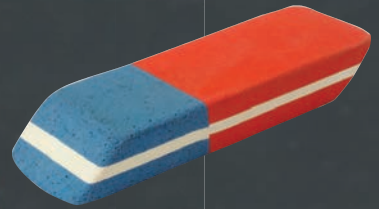
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# SCHOOL Cool



While the kids may not be eager to go back to school yet, it is likely they enjoy back-to-school shopping. Picking out pens, pencils and folders, trying out a new backpack,

and choosing a sparkly lunch box, can be just the thing to get your child in the mood for school. Annually, we spend \$8.5 billion in school clothes and \$1.6 billion in school supplies in the United States. What's on your list this year?







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# 10 Things to Grow In Your Fall Vegetable Garden



By Erin Dozois

*While we typically think of summertime when we think of vegetable gardens, there are many benefits of planting and growing into the autumn months. Take advantage of delicious and fast-growing crops, working under milder temperatures and being able to bring fresh produce to the table well after the season's first frost.*

**Beans.** Plant 10 to 12 weeks before the first frost in small batches every 10 days for a steady crop that will be ready to harvest with the first frost. Beans don't fare well in colder temperatures, but you can prolong your harvest season by using row covers and heavy mulch.



**Broccoli.** Start indoors 85 to 100 days before the first frost date. Transplant to the garden when plants are 3 weeks old. Prefers temperatures under 70 degrees. Grow in full sun, and water consistently.



**Brussels Sprouts.** Sow seeds 85 to 100 days before the first frost. Can survive the most frigid conditions but prefer full sun. Harvest after the first frost for better tasting vegetables.



**Cabbage.** Start plants indoors 6 to 12 weeks before the first frost, and transplant to the garden 3 to 4 weeks later in a space receiving full sun. Cabbage tolerates temperatures as low as 20 degrees and tastes sweeter when grown in the cold. Water consistently.



**Cauliflower.** Start seeds indoors 12 weeks before the first frost, and transplant outdoors 4 to 6 weeks later. A bit of a challenge, cauliflower need 6 hours of sun each day followed by shade and are sensitive to both extremes in cold and heat. They require steady moisture—not too much or too little.



**Lettuce.** Plant 4 to 8 weeks before the first frost. Grows best between 45 to 75 degrees. Prefers full sun to partial shade. Use a cold frame or row cover to continue growth into the winter months.

**Peas.** Start growing 70 to 90 days before the first frost in full sun to partial shade. Growing peas can be tricky as the late summer heat can harm them. Give them some shade and plenty of water.



**Radishes.** Plant 4 weeks before the first frost. Radishes are cold hardy and quick to grow. Check frequently—they will more than likely be ready to harvest before it gets too cold.

**Spinach.** Plant 4 to 8 weeks before the first frost. A hardy winter vegetable, mature spinach plants can withstand freezing temperatures. Grow in full sun to partial shade. Harvesting only the outer leaves will allow the plant to continue growing.



**Turnips.** Plant 2 months before your first frost date in full sun to partial shade. Cover with thick mulch to prolong their growth throughout the early winter. Harvest these root vegetables before the ground freezes. 🏠

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# Home Study Spaces



**By Deborah C. Gerbers**

*School will be back in session before we know it! That means long summer days at the pool and lemonade stands will be behind us soon, and it will be time to buckle down and get back to the homework grind. Having an organized space dedicated to studying can be beneficial to improving students' productivity and minimizing distractions.*



According to Jeanne Baker-Dick of Baker Dick Design, each household's needs will vary. "I always want to understand as much as I can about how clients want spaces to function and serve their family," she said. "Every family has different needs. So often we have areas in our homes that we just don't use like we could. When someone can dedicate a room to just homework and study, that is a luxury!"

A space for study time can be effective for both traditionally schooled students for a couple of hours each evening, as well as for home-schooled families who need a study place for much of the day to serve as a classroom. Building the study space with multi-functional options brings versatility.

"I often try to make spaces multi-functional," Baker-Dick said. "Some governing factors of a family study would be the age of the children and how those children are most comfortable. Sofas and chairs can be a nice place to read for some, while others need a chair and a table or desk surface to stay alert and on task."

Technology can also play a role in designing a home study space, as electronics and charging abilities with USB ports are often necessary for not only homes but also study and work areas. You should also consider different light sources and having a well-lighted area for detailed work.

In terms of storage and shelving, there are several different options. "When my kids were young, I found some open shelving to support a

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hollow core luan door (without the knob hole) and placed it on top of some inexpensive shelving units and made a huge desk that was a paintable, stainable, large work/study surface," said Baker-Dick. "It was so inexpensive and effective."

Don't be afraid to ask for guidance from professionals when designing a home study space. "I encourage people to help me design their space by thinking about exactly how they want their desk or piece to serve them," said Baker-Dick. "Drawers, open shelving, glass doors, color, depth, width and height. We can also choose details, such as style of door, crown, feet, etc. Young students can work well on comfortable upholstery with a C Table to act as their solid surface for tablets and even laptops. Upholstered furniture can be versatile pieces that are easily convertible when we want to use the study area differently. Tables and chairs are easy to use as study pieces but can play many other roles, as well." 🏠



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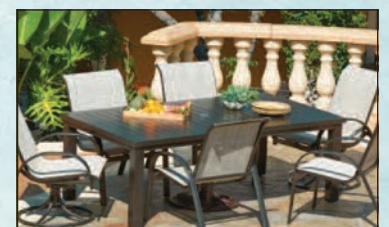
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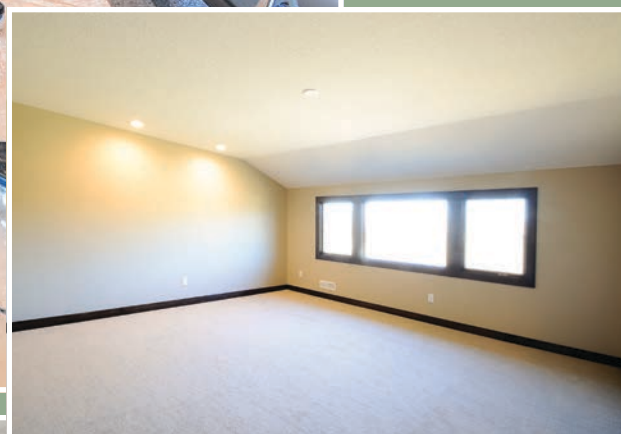
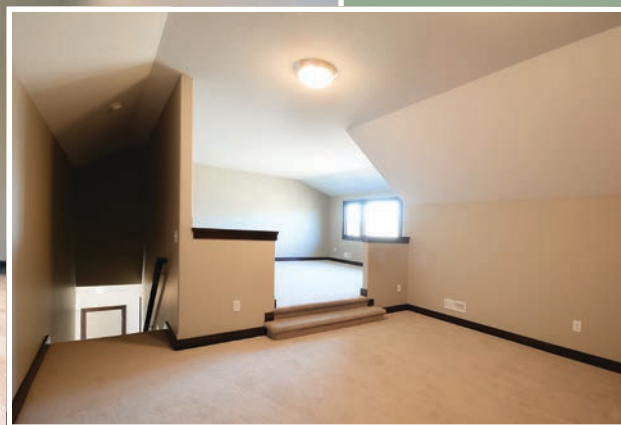


***By Amber Bouthot***

*No family home or man cave is complete without a well-outfitted game room. From billiards and Ping-Pong to board games and gaming consoles, designing a game room to meet your needs can be fun. There are many amazing products on the market designed to up the ante on your next game night!*

*According to our friends at Windsor Homes, basements are the most common places for game rooms, but more and more, people are utilizing lofts and spare bedrooms for this purpose. This Windsor home showcases an upstairs loft area turned game room. Accent lighting helps set the mood.*

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*By Lauren Caggiano*

*Summer 2018 has been among the hottest on record. Hopefully, the scorchers are behind us, but that doesn't mean we can't look ahead to next year's fun. Are you dreaming of installing or updating a pool? Here's what you can expect in terms of trends and features for 2019.*

Aaron Krider, general manager with Nierman Brothers Pool, said the current trend regarding pools is all about cultivating an oasis.

"One of the biggest changes we have seen in pool construction over the last few years has been taking what was your typical pool and turning it into an area more adapted to relaxation and recreation," he said.

For example, he has seen a demand for resort-style pools in residential backyards. Larger sundeck areas for lounging and socializing are at the top of homeowners' lists, as well. Because who doesn't love to enjoy a glass of wine poolside?

"These larger flat entryways are great for placing lounge chairs in the pool and are making entry and exit from the pool even easier," he said. "Benches and sitting areas also lend to the relaxing and social aspect of the area."

Water features are another must-have for creating an inviting space.

In Krider's words, "The most common are just simple jets arching into the pool to features that incorporate both fire and water. The water features are a perfect back drop for entertaining and just being outside relaxing."

Many people enjoy the sound of flowing water, he said, which makes the pool a destination for rest and relaxation even if it isn't being used in the traditional fashion.





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Christine Hill with Hillside Pools agrees with Krider's sentiments. She said manufacturers are meeting consumers' demand for fun features in spas. For example, the Pentair Magic Bowl is a combination waterfall feature and light. "It doesn't take too much space and creates a soothing ambiance," she said. "Deck jets and other waterfall features continue to be popular."

Bells and whistles or not, Hill said there should be a consensus when it comes to intended use and priorities for designing a pool. These are all topics homeowners should discuss with a builder in advance. Hill said to consider the following: "For instance, is a diving board important? Are they interested in playing sports in the pool? Or do they want to just float around? There are several pool configurations - dive, sport, patio, for example. How often do they plan to swim? This might make a difference with the type of heater we'd recommend. Thinking ahead about the automatic cover is important too. Discussing these questions with your builder will help determine the size and type of pool that best suits your family."

Ultimately, don't forget that a pool can be a worthy investment because it pays dividends in many forms.

"A pool is an endless vacation in the backyard," Hill said. "It adds value to your home and helps keep you healthy. It's a perfect place to entertain friends and family and build memories to last a lifetime." 🏠

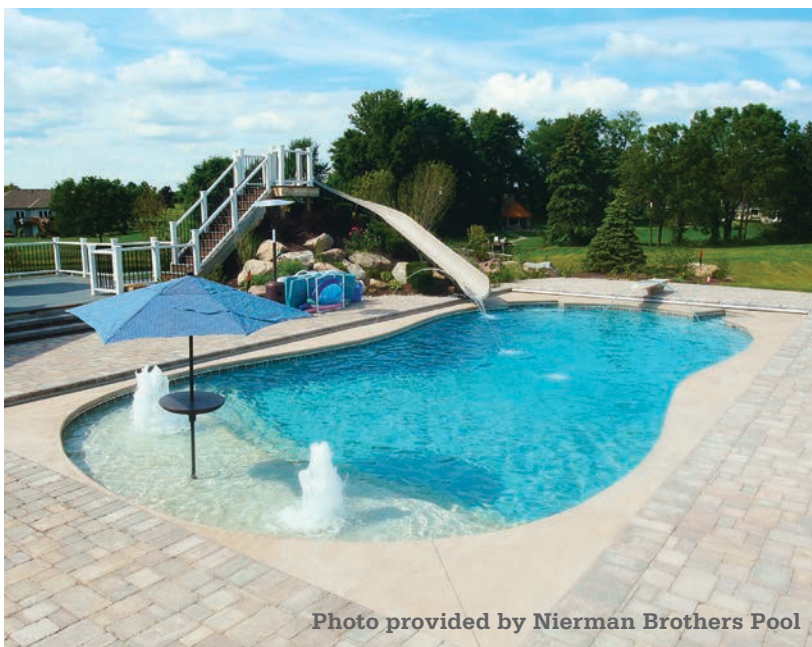


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By Barb Sieminski

*You've got the time. You've (finally!) got the money. And now you're ready for the research. What do you have to know before beginning a home expansion or remodeling project? Do you want to remodel the whole house or just the kitchen? Does your makeover include a second story, a deck, sunroom or patio?*



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According to Craig Winters of Three Rivers Remodeling one should keep in mind that every freshening up project is different, whether it's a remodel or an addition to your home.

"The contractor of choice must work with his or her team, and in many cases, additional sub-contractors to complete the projects in a timely manner," said Winters, adding that in the case of a room addition, a contractor will need to pull permits and also get in-ground utilities marked.

Then the contractor will have several different crews come in for the following stages:

- Dig and pour foundation and footing
- Rough-framing walls / roof
- Electrical ran in addition, which requires a licensed electrical contractor and this has a separate permit and inspection (this is usually a sub-contractor)
- HVAC – heating and air conditioning (sub-contractor / licensed HVAC)
- Siding and roofing crews to include soffit / fascia and gutters
- Interior drywall / painting and trim crew
- Flooring crew

The process of scheduling crews so they are not working over one another is another challenge the contractor faces.

"Also, the city has to come out to do several inspections during the process, and that includes foundation, rough framing, electrical and a

final inspection," said Winters. "These projects can take an average six to eight weeks if weather is perfect. We contractors love bad weather!"

Winters adds a postscript: "Please remember all the people involved and all the hard work, paper work and individuals involved to get a project like this completed. It's a team effort."

Here's a quick run down of the steps involved:

1. Assemble a plan
2. Create a budget
3. Talk to your insurance agent  
(does your renovation project have good coverage?)
4. Appoint a contractor
5. Obtain permits and order materials
6. Begin demolition
7. Work behind the walls (and below floors and above ceilings)
8. Paint and install terrazzo
9. Install cabinetry
10. Supplement finishing touches.

Also, consider adding an extra 10 to 20 percent to the cost for unforeseen issues that may develop during your project.

Visit local home remodeling places before starting; their trained staffs are happy to answer your questions. And remember, there is a lot of information online for whatever you want to undertake, so don't pass up that avenue for additional assistance. 🏠

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# The DIRT: August To Do's

By Haiden Steinglass

Summer is in full swing, and the hottest days of the year may be ahead of us. Even with the torrential downpours, it seems nearly impossible to keep the lawn and garden hydrated – so what's there left to do? While August offers us some of the best pool weather, it can wreak havoc on our landscaping if we don't properly care for it. Be sure to follow these checkpoints to keep your lawn and garden healthy and happy this month.

❑ **1. Water, water, water!** Keep your grass and plants hydrated throughout the hottest month of the year. Whether you have an automated irrigation system or use the old-fashioned sprinkler and hose, water your grass two to four times weekly and your flowerbeds two times weekly. It's best to do this in the morning or evening when it is cooler outside.

❑ **2. Get rid of those weeds.** Not only do they take away from the beauty of your landscape, they take the water away from your lawn, leaving it dry and thirsty.

❑ **3. Trim grass – but keep it long.** In high temperatures, people often think they should cut their grass shorter, but cutting it too short can lead to heat damage or drought. In August, it's best to keep it half an inch longer than what you normally would cut it.

❑ **4. Prune dead flowers and branches.** It'll make your plants look better but also help them continue to grow throughout the season.

❑ **5. If you still have patches with little to no grass, it's okay to use grass seed in the heat.** However, make sure the brand you purchase does well with high temperatures.

❑ **6. Use fertilizer.** To keep the lawn lush and healthy this summer season, use fertilizer a few days after watering.

❑ **7. If you grow fruits or vegetables in your garden, cover the plants to protect them from animals that might be looking for a snack.** You can buy special netting for this purpose on at a local home and garden store.

❑ **8. Pests like mites, beetles, and worms are also looking to nibble on your garden.** Don't forget to use a pest control spray to protect your greenery! 🏡



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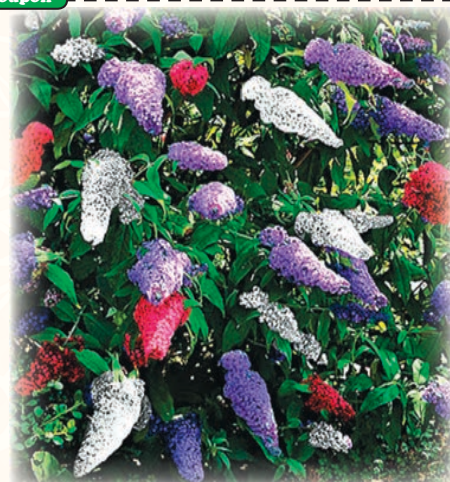
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## Start the School Year Organized

*By Shannon Rooney*

*If you have school-aged children, you know that keeping them organized during the school year can be a challenge. Kids' developing brains are just learning how to organize and prioritize, but with some creative storage solutions, you can help them tame the oncoming slew of papers, school supplies and sports equipment, and start the school year stress free.*



### Start a Study Cubby

Parents, take a note from teachers: the cubby is a kid's best friend. To create a study cubby, commandeer a cabinet at home, preferably one per child, to organize homework, books, supplies and school papers. Use brightly colored containers and label each one clearly so kids know exactly where each item belongs when it's taken out of a backpack. Designate a spot for the backpack on a hook or shelf.

Paper trays can organize homework, graded papers and items that need parents' attention like permission slips. Use baskets to hold pencils, erasers, rulers and calculators so they're at the ready for homework time. If kids have devices like iPads or e-readers, set up a charging station so their electronics have a home too.



### Resource:

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## Tackle the Drop Zone

The dreaded “drop zone” is the place in your home where everyone drops their stuff when they come in the door. To keep this from becoming “the clutter zone,” assign every item a particular spot. Coats go up on a child’s designated hook or hanger in a closet. Shoes can be lined up below. Sports equipment, like cleats, hockey sticks and tennis rackets, can be stored via bags on each hook or—you guessed it—cubbies in the front hall or mudroom.



To make mornings run smoothly, carve out some time each evening to prep for the next day. Kids can put finished homework and needed supplies into their backpack and lay out tomorrow’s clothes. Check the weather and include umbrellas or snow boots when needed.

## Don’t Forget the Fridge

Scrambling to make school lunches? The beginning of the school year is the perfect time to do a fridge cleanout and create a special place for school lunches. You can even make them all at the beginning of the week so kids can just reach in, grab that day’s lunch and toss it in a backpack.

To make prepping lunches easier, keep a plastic storage basket labeled “lunches” in the fridge to corral ingredients like peanut butter, jelly, cheese sticks and individual servings of fruits and veggies. Complement with a bread basket in the pantry that includes snacks, baggies and utensils, and you’ll have a ready-made lunch station. 🏠



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# Bento Box Lunches



By Amber Bouthot

You may be familiar with Bento boxes if you've dined at an Asian restaurant. It is an ancient Japanese tradition of packing lunch into a decorative container with small compartments. The concept is gaining steam as a perfectly portioned and fun way to pack and serve lunch. The best part? They can be made ahead of time for the entire week, saving you time and providing a grab-and-go lunch for your busy week. Try this easy bento box to change up your routine:

## Ingredients:

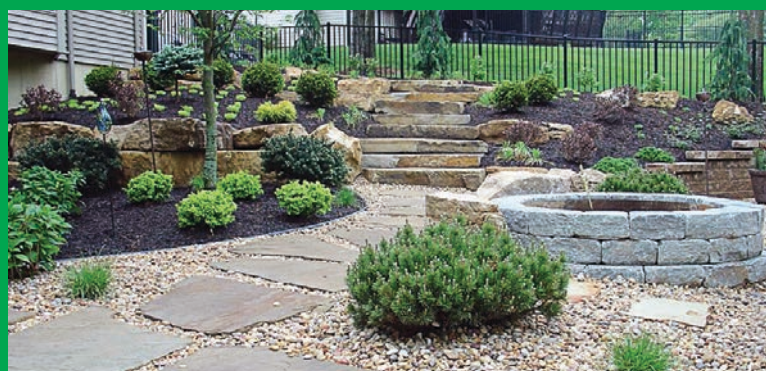
- cherry tomatoes
- apple slices
- broccoli
- hard boiled egg
- lettuce
- carrot sticks
- chicken breast
- dragon fruit

## Preparation:

Arrange all ingredients into your lunch container and store until ready to eat. Fast, easy, healthy and delicious! 🏠



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# August Books

By Amber Bouthot

As we have discussed in much of this issue, August means back to school. And with it, an increase in kids' stuff being strewn around. It also means busier schedules and less time to keep things organized and clean. Get on top of the mess and clutter with tips and tricks in these two books.



### The Complete Book of Home Organization

By Toni Hammersley

Weldon Owen \$16.99

ISBN 10: 1616289570

ISBN-13: 9781681884103

Not only is this book beautiful—the photographs are stunning—it is extremely useful, as well. It is organized into three parts: Kitchen and Dining, Living and Storage, and

Working and Outdoor. We all want an organized home, but the author realizes that life gets in the way, so she offers quick tips. She also provides big plans for when you have more time and easy-to-use lists to get everything done. A pinterest-worthy home is within reach with the help of this book.



### Clutterfree with Kids

By Joshua Becker

Becoming Minimalist \$9.99

ISBN-10: 0991438604

ISBN-13: 978-0991438600



This is a useful resource that teaches a better way to live and show readers that true joy comes from owning less and spending more time pursuing things that matter most. The author has been a pioneer of the living-with-less movement, so the book is written

with the commitment of a minimalist, but also the compassion of a father. This easy-to-read book presents clear ideas and an inspiring personal journey that may make you reconsider your life. 🏠



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# AUGUST Calendar

By Ray Balogh

## 1-31 FORT WAYNE: **Traveling Exhibitions**

- Wonderland: Photographs by Kirsty Mitchell (through Aug. 12)
  - Myths, Glyphs, and Archetypes: Selected Works by Don Kruse (through Sept. 9)
  - 46th International Glass Invitational Award Winners (through Sept. 23)
  - Winslow Homer: From Poetry to Fiction, The Engraved Works (through Sept. 23)
  - American Brilliant Cut Glass: New World Innovation from 1876-1917 (ongoing)
- Adults \$7, students (pre-K through college) \$5, seniors (65 and older) \$5, families \$20, free general admission 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, \$1 last Saturday of each month. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday (closed Mondays), Fort Wayne Museum of Art, 311 E. Main St. 260.422.6467 [fwmoa.org](http://fwmoa.org).

## 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 FORT WAYNE: **Summer Nights**

Embassy fundraiser, featuring a different musical performer each week.

- Aug. 1, Quincy Sanders Quartet, jazz and funk saxophonist
  - Aug. 8, Kelsicote, unique musical sound and storytelling
  - Aug. 15, Alicia Pyle, classical and jazz pianist
  - Aug. 22, Chris Worth, keyboardist-singer of rock, country, Motown and other genres
  - Aug. 29, Metavari, electronic musician
- Nathaniel David Utesch of Fort Wayne \$5. 5 p.m. Wednesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000, [fwembassytheatre.org](http://fwembassytheatre.org).

## 2 WABASH: **Jazz on the Lawn**

Spend an evening outdoors listening to the Big Swing Band. Guests should bring blankets or chairs. Adults \$10 advance, \$15 day of show; youth through high school \$5; children 2 and under free. Lawn opens at 5 p.m., band begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Honeywell House lawn, 275 W. Market St., Wabash. 260.563.1102 [honeywellcenter.org](http://honeywellcenter.org).

## 3 AUBURN: **First Friday**

Late night shopping, live entertainment, local culinary delights, locally crafted beverages, more. Free admission. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, downtown. 260.333.0883.

## 3 WABASH: **First Friday**

Live entertainment, food, kid's activities, shopping, evening specials and more. Free admission. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, downtown. 260.563.0975

[wabashmarketplace.org](http://wabashmarketplace.org).



## 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 NORTH MANCHESTER: **Fridays on the Farm**

All-natural locally-source artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor wood-fired brick oven. Pizzas may be taken home as carryout or enjoyed picnic-style on the farm. \$10-\$20 for 10-inch pizza. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Hawkins Family Farm, 10373N 300E.

[hawkinsfamilyfarm.com](http://hawkinsfamilyfarm.com).

## 4, 11, 18, 25 FORT WAYNE: **South Side Farmers Market**

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](http://southsidefarmersmarket.com).

## 4, 11, 18, 25 WABASH: **Farmer's Market**

More than 20 fruit and vegetable vendors, food trucks, flowers, local honey and more. Free admission. 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Honeywell Center parking lot, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.0975

[wabashmarketplace.org](http://wabashmarketplace.org).

## 4, 11, 18, 25 FORT WAYNE: **Ylni Farmers Market**

All volunteer producer-only market hosts more than 20 stands of local produce, live music and children's activities. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, 302 E. Berry St.

[ylni.org/farmers-market](http://ylni.org/farmers-market).



## 4, 11, 18, 25 ROANOKE: **Farmers Market**

Market on Main Street offering fresh local farm produce and much more. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, downtown. [discoverroanoke.org](http://discoverroanoke.org).

## 5 DECATUR: **Flea Market**

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## 6 WABASH: **Free Movie Mondays**

Coco, Free admission. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

[honeywellcenter.org](http://honeywellcenter.org).

## 7, 14, 21, 28 FORT WAYNE: **"Little River Ramblers"**

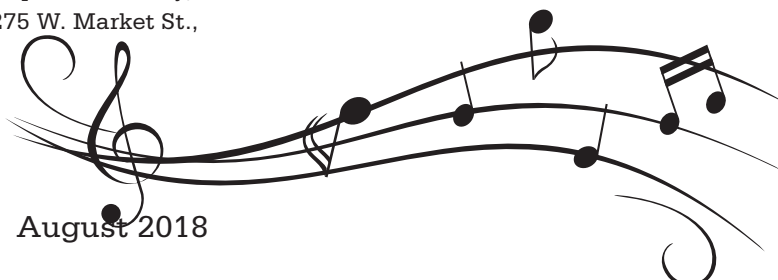
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[maumeevalley.org](http://maumeevalley.org).





## 18 WABASH: Garden Fest

Booths filled with herbs, garden decor, crafts; free classes, informative programs, food. Free admission. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Paradise Spring Park, 351 E. Market St. 260.563.4171  
[visitwabashcounty.com](http://visitwabashcounty.com).

## 18 DECATUR: Kekionga Festival

Community festival celebrating Decatur's heritage. Historic reenactments, crafts, entertainment, magician, food. Free admission. 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St. 260.724.2604  
[decaturchamber.org](http://decaturchamber.org).

## 24 FORT WAYNE: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"

Showing of 2003 fantasy swashbuckler film. Dress up as your favorite character and sing along to the soundtrack. Arrive early for a pre-show Grande Page organ performance. \$10 general admission. 2:30 p.m. Friday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000  
[fwembassytheatre.org](http://fwembassytheatre.org).

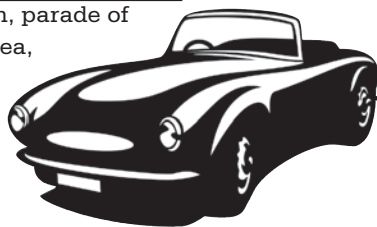


## 24 ROANOKE: Benefit Concert

The Moon Cats, '50s and '60s rock and roll band, will perform a concert to benefit Shepherd's House, a facility for homeless veterans. \$12/person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Cottage Event Center, 9524 US 24. Call 260.414.2015 or 260.483.3508 for tickets  
[cottageeventcenter.com](http://cottageeventcenter.com)

## 25 -Sept. 2 AUBURN: Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival

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[acdfestival.org](http://acdfestival.org).



## 31 -Sept. 3 ANGOLA: Labor Day Weekend Celebration

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## 31 -Sept. 3 LIGONIER: 27th Annual Marshmallow Festival

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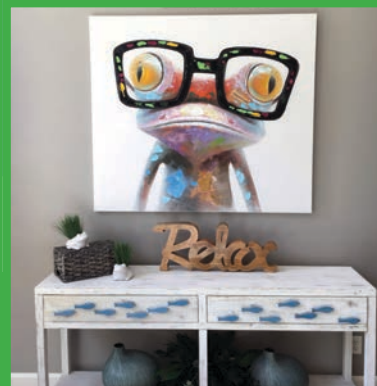
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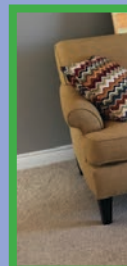
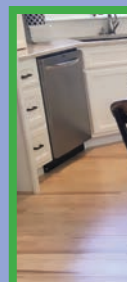
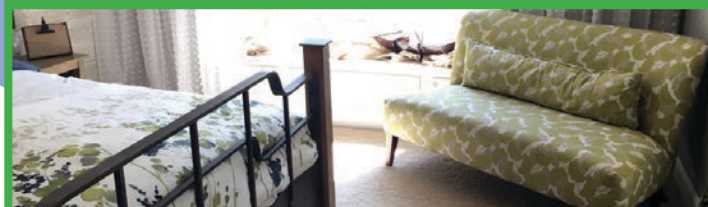
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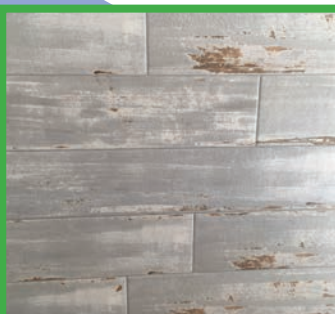


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# Quality Coatings LLC

## Dan Bobilya

By Barb Sieminski

*The greatest career thrill for Dan Bobilya, who founded Quality Coatings LLC 15 years ago, is an ongoing one.*

"Having the opportunity to work with some of the local businesses in Fort Wayne that I aspire to be like is a thrill in itself," said Bobilya, a Fremont High School graduate who supervises four employees.

"DeBrand Fine Chocolates is one of those businesses with which you associate elegance, and a level of quality which is immeasurable. It's awesome to have my company associated with the floors in their facilities," he said.

Bobilya's career spans from dishwasher to factory worker to an epoxy-flooring expert for a company in Angola. He got started in his own business because a friend he went to school with asked if he wanted to travel and paint floors, and of course he said yes.

One thing about Bobilya: he believes in and uses (a lot of) humor as a day-brightener for his customers.

### What are some of your duties?

Sales, marketing and installation – I sometimes wear all the hats.

### Any challenges?

Scheduling often presents the most difficult obstacle. In business, it's either feast or famine, and with a small business, I'm constantly being pulled in different directions. We service residential, commercial and some industrial. And sometimes projects get delayed or pushed back, so scheduling is like a chess match, working around some other trades. When you're doing floors like we do, there's drying time involved, so it's a struggle to keep people off the floors until the project is complete.

### What are some of your most popular products?

It's a tie between the epoxy garage coatings and the textured stains, which are ideal for finished basements and could be made to look like tile or even wood. They both are available in endless color selections.



Dan Bobilya shows off the floor covering for DeBrand Chocolates, which his company recently installed.

### Did you have any mentors prior to starting your company?

Yes, my parents. I realize that my strong work ethic comes from my late father, and my honesty and caring spirit come from my mother.

### Please share how your floors are applied – are they sheets that you lay down like tile, for example?

They're not sheets like tile. Sometimes it's referred to as a "poured floor," but we apply it with rollers, squeegees and sometimes trowels, depending on the texture and design requested.

### Where does your day-to-day motivation come from?

My business card displays the words of Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before men so they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Sometimes, this world can be a dark place. It's reassuring to know that God's love can shine through me.

### What are some of your hobbies or activities away from the company?

I do enjoy seeing a good movie but I also am a thrill-seeker. I love riding roller coasters, zip lining, white water rafting and just recently, sky-diving.

### Is there anything you'd like HOME LIVING'S readers to know about you?

I love what I do and am passionate about it. I've been doing this since I was 19 years old. I am constantly taking training classes to learn new techniques and discover products that I can bring to my customers. I'm trying to take Quality Coatings to a more artistic direction, and we still offer a flooring system that will fit into anyone's budget. Finally, I'm grateful for my family, my daughter, Danielle; my granddaughter, Azlin; my Mom; and my lovely wife, Trina, who constantly tolerate my uncontrollable antics and being a big goofball. 🏠

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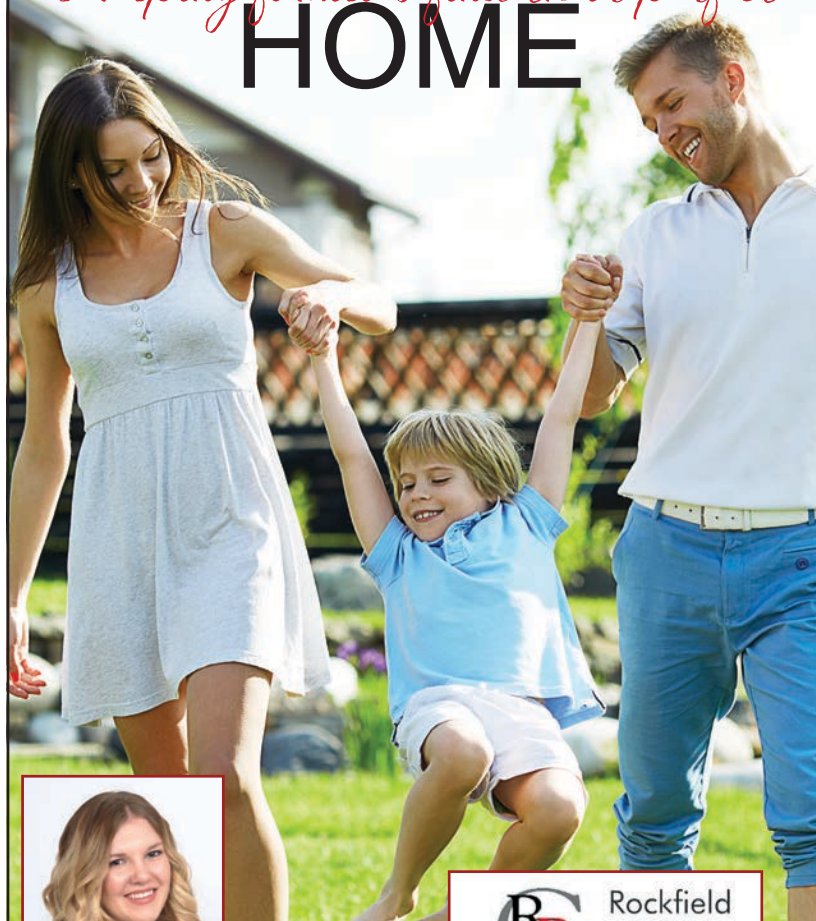
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### August Maintenance Tips

Whether you are preparing your house to list it for sale or just interested in keeping things maintained, here's a list of must-do's to tackle in August.

1 - Clean your gutters. Summer thunderstorms can clog your gutters. Properly functioning gutters direct water away from your home, but muck and debris can cause water to collect around your home's foundation. Now is the time to get out the ladder and get cleaning.



2 - Deal with wasps, mosquitos and other insects. Wasp activity peaks in late summer. Now is a good time to spray for bugs. Scan your lawn, drain any standing water around your property, and check all of the seals and openings around your home.

3 - Get your furnace prepped for winter. Don't wait until the temperatures drop. Get your furnace tuned up every year in August to ensure you aren't without heat on the coldest day of the year.

4 - Check your doors and windows. Make sure they are all working properly and that weather stripping is in good condition and replace when necessary. The kids have been going in and out of the doors and opening and closing windows all summer. The wear and tear can take a toll.

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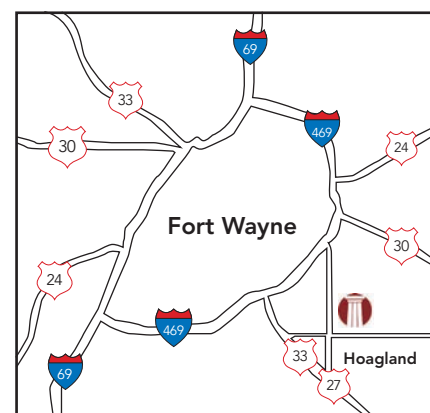


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