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GREETINGS AND HAPPY

# Mother's DAY



Special thanks for all of the well wishes I received regarding the news of our baby due in March. Adella Rae was born on March 19, weighing 6 lbs. and 8 oz. and measuring 18.75 inches. Baby is happy and healthy, and the rest of us, big sister included, are adjusting to our new normal. Mother's Day will be doubly special this year for me as I celebrate the blessing that is mothering my two daughters. I hope all of our HOME mothers enjoy a special day, as well.

This month's issue is dedicated to Moms, from Mom's Favorite Flowers to a scrumptious Mother's Day dessert recipe. Of course, May also means warmer weather and a chance to get outside, so be sure

to check out the features about outdoor lighting trends and front porch décor. For our County Feature, we have highlighted DeKalb County, home to some of the most unique hidden gems in all of Indiana.

If you have a story suggestion, please send it in. I love to hear from our readers. Email me at [ambouthot@the-papers.com](mailto:ambouthot@the-papers.com). Don't forget, we are always looking for DIY projects to feature.

Enjoy,

*Amber*



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# Front Porch Décor



By Amber Bouthot

Cue the comeback of sunny days! May is sure to bring warmer temperatures and the perfect backdrop for hanging out on the front porch. Here are some tips and tricks to make your porch an extended living space this summer.



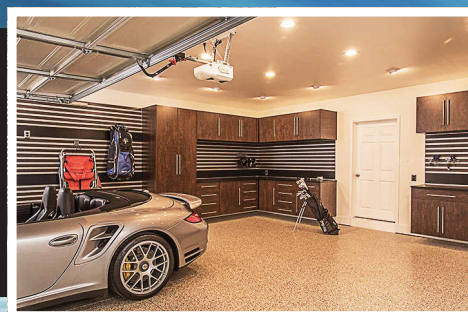
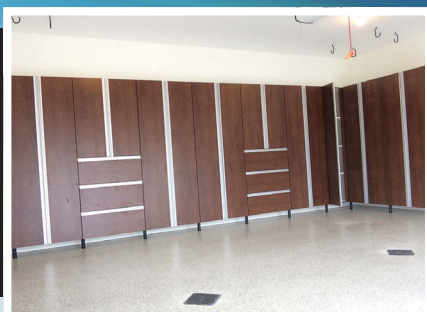
## 1-Embrace Color

Whether you switch up the cushions on your outdoor furniture or are considering painting the front door a bold new hue, 2019 is all about bright colors. With so many options and styles to choose from, you are sure to find one that fits your personality.



## 2-Go Green

Adding plants to your outdoor living space is a quick and easy way to bring life to your porch. Perhaps it's a single leaf palm or some ferns in hanging baskets — either way, you can't go wrong with greens!



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### 3-Get Crafty

Do you love Pinterest? If so, you are in luck! DIY projects are on trend this year — like repurposing an old wooden pallet or spray-painting some metal lanterns. Let your imagination take the reins.



photo of Christopher Cooper's front porch, Fort Wayne



### 4-Cultivate Zen

Your porch can be an escape — help give it that zen-like feeling with potted plants outfitted with pebbles or a tray of succulents, which are easy to take care of and add beauty to any space. 🏡



### 5-Welcome Guests

Perhaps the easiest way to add color and style to your front porch is with a trendy welcome mat. With so many options and styles to choose from, you are sure to find one that fits your personality.

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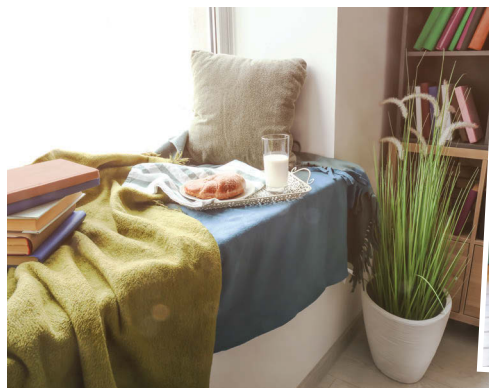
By Julie Young

Who doesn't enjoy curling up with a good book? No matter if you long to create a cozy corner, convert a closet or install a little library, nearly every home can accommodate a reading room or at least a nifty book nook! We have the top tips you need to create a place of your own to enjoy a chapter or two!

- **Settle on a space:** Locate a spot that you are naturally drawn to or an unused space to create your reading zone. It could be a small alcove, a bay window that overlooks your garden or a spare room that could stand to be transformed. Think outside the box and let your imagination soar.
- **Make a plan:** Even the smallest area must be carefully planned in order to get maximum enjoyment out of the space. It may be as simple as clearing a corner of your bedroom suite, constructing a window bench and a few bookcases or you may need a more elaborate renovation to turn that walk-in closet into a small study. Remember, you must conceive of it before you can achieve it.
- **Let there be light:** Good lighting is critical for reading so make sure that your space has access to a light source or that lighting can be added where necessary.
- **Comfort is key:** Your reading area should be furnished with comfortable pieces and soft fabrics that are soothing to the senses. While a chair, occasional table and ottoman are among the most popular choices, a chaise can be a wonderful place to escape into a good book, or take a quick catnap. Don't forget a few throw pillows, a candle (if appropriate)

and a lightweight blanket for the summer months.

- **Disconnect:** Commit to making your reading space a no-phone zone. This might be hard if you tend to use one of the popular reading applications, but eliminating distractions will help you recognize this area for the luxury that it is – a private place to disconnect from the real world.
- **Become a bibliophile:** While there is no right or wrong way to catalogue your favorite volumes, consider separating fiction from non-fiction and create sub-categories based on genre. Others choose to organize books by size, color or store them in clever containers out of sight.



No matter how you create your book nook, you really can't go wrong! Happy reading!



  
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# NATIONAL PET MONTH

## Highlighting the Newest Products

By Jaclyn Youhana Garver

*May is National Pet Month, a time to support pet adoption, educate the public about the benefits of pet ownership and raise awareness about the role of companion animals.*

It's also an ideal time to pamper your pets, which is getting easier as pet products and technologies turn out more innovative toys and tools. Adrianna Hensley, who owns The Pink Poodle Pet Spa & Boutique in Fort Wayne, shared some of her favorite pet gadgets.

- **OHBowl:** This dog and cat bowl focuses on oral care. Developed by veterinarians, the OHBowl encourages pets to lick the bottom of the bowl, which has raised tips to freshen pets' breath, clean their tongues and remove bacteria. Dental health is important for pets, especially to assure they maintain their teeth for eating. "This cuts down on vet bills in the long run," Hensley said.



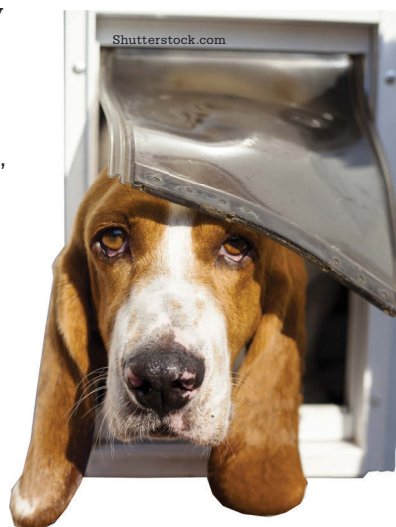
- **Bumi Tug Toy:** When you play tug-of-war with your dog, the S-shaped Bumi Tug Toy stretches to twice its length. It's lightweight, tough and ideal for fetch—plus,

it's dishwasher safe. The Tug Toy is made by West Paw, a company Pink Poodle carries. "Clients love that they can return and receive a new toy, even if their dog punctures it with their tooth," Hensley said. "The company melts down the old toys and reuses the material to make new ones."

- **Swamp Cooler Vest:** This vest protects dogs from the sun and keeps them cool. To use, soak the vest in water, wring it out and put it on your pet. "We love cooling products," Hensley said. "We always try to carry one each year. This would be great to use when walking on the trails of Fort Wayne."



- **Digital Daycare:** "This would be great for all the pet owners who don't use doggy daycare facilities," Hensley said. "It lets owners check in while they're at work or out of town." Digital Daycare includes a treat release, high-def camera, motion detector and LCD display—and it'll call your pet.



- **Microchip Pet Door:** Traditional pet doors might let unwanted pests into your house. This door, however, reads your pet's microchip and opens just for it. "I love this option, especially for cats and dogs that have a fenced-in area, too," Hensley said. Giving pets access to both the house and the backyard while their owners are at work would make for a happier pet.

- **Self-Cleaning Litter Box:** No cat owner enjoys scooping cat litter. After each use, this gadget sifts through the litter and deposits it in a waste drawer. "Cats are very finicky about litter not being clean," Hensley said. "This product prevents potential accidents outside the box."

- **Automatic Ball Launcher:** Activity is important for doggy health, but fetch can get monotonous for pet owners. This ball launcher can keep your dog running—and give your arm a rest.



You can use the launcher with your pet or when you're away. "As long as it is charged," Hensley said, "it will automatically launch the ball once your dog drops it into the feeder." 🏠

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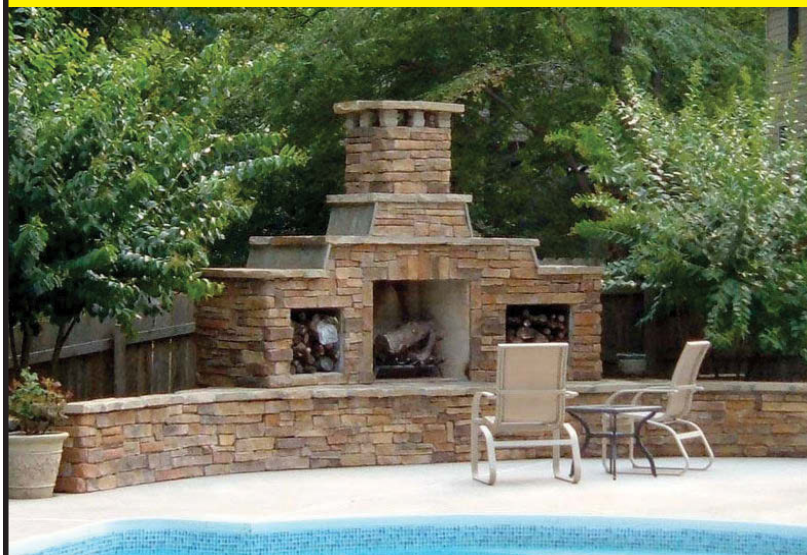


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# Meal Prep Like a Pro



**By Lauren Caggiano**

*Busy lives call for advance planning when it comes to staying on track nutritionally. There's no need to over-complicate matters, however. According to Lori Berndt, president of The Olive Twist, it's a matter of thinking strategically.*

"When prepping dinners for the week, I try to think where I would use some of the same ingredients," she said. "For instance, I use a lot of garlic, onions, peppers and mushrooms. If I cut up all my onions at the beginning of the week, I store what is left in the refrigerator in a sealed container to use later in the week."

She also embraces an attitude of "waste not." In her words, "when planning meals, I also ask myself: if I cook this today, could I use the leftovers for another dish later in the week?"

Think a simple dinner of roasted vegetables with some chicken breast. Berndt plans ahead by buying a large quantity of meat and will make enough so that she can use leftovers to make vegetable chicken soup for later in the week or a power salad for the next day.

Speaking of soup, Berndt said she can get a lot of mileage out of making this staple.

"Use a part of it that day, let it cool and freeze in small batches for a quick weekday soup base," she said.

Berndt also likes to streamline her meal preparation and active cooking time.

"I like to do sheet pan dinners for easy clean up and I don't have to stand there attending to three different pans on the stovetop," she said. "We love to switch it up. One week we do veggies and chicken with olive oil and an Italian herb blend, the next week we do it with a



Spanish inspired blend, and the following week with an Asian inspired blend.

It keeps it more interesting, so it doesn't feel like we are eating the same thing over and over again."

Speaking of veggies, Berndt said it's relatively easy to eat fresh and clean with the abundance of options available to consumers today. She makes a point to hit up farmer's markets, food hubs and farms for greens and finds a variety of uses for them.

"If I purchase some herbs, I wash them once and then put them in a cup of water to store in the refrigerator until I need them (except for basil, it likes a dryer cool storage)," she said. "If I have more than I will need in a week, I cut them up and put them in ice cube trays with some olive oil, freeze it and then pop one out as needed to sauté, put in soup or just to have with some bread." 🏠

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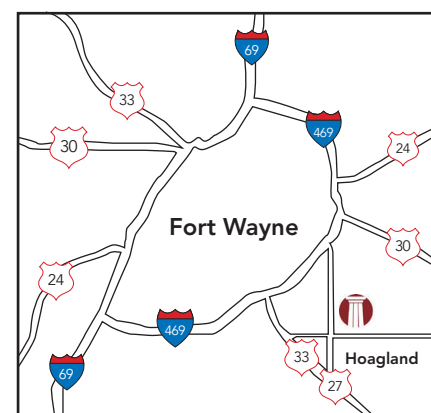
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# Tidy Up the Playroom

By Deborah C. Gerbers

*You might not be Mary Poppins, but you can still keep a tidy play area with a few simple tips.*

## De-clutter unnecessary items.

One of the biggest and most common challenges is amassing so many toys over the years and keeping them around, cluttering up space. Once your kids have outgrown certain items, consider donating them to a charity, local daycare or neighborhood garage sale.

"Toy rooms are in a constant state of flux, because kids are constantly growing and changing (as much as we'd like them to just stay little for a little while longer!), and because they are often gifted with new items," said Elizabeth Fitzgerald of OLS Organizing. "I find it helpful to try and pare down with them before the big influx at their birthdays and other holidays."

## Assess your storage needs and purchase accordingly.

Your playroom needs will vary based on the number and age of your kids, their interests and hobbies and how much space you have to work with. Even small rooms have a lot of potential to be well organized and can store more than expected at first glance. Utilize the room you have. For example, a tiny closet can be separated into different levels with movable storage shelves. If your kids are into arts and crafts, consider adding a multi-drawer desk or old dresser to store art supplies. An old chest or crate can serve as a dress up box.

## Separate and organize toys.

Organize toys and playthings by subject or however makes the most sense to you and



your family. Arts and crafts in one area, stuffed animals in another, games and puzzles on shelves, movies and electronics in another spot, etc. Keeping things separated will reduce the chance of missing game pieces getting mixed up in the crayons and markers.

## Set up areas with proper storage units.

Think about the type and size of each item and how much room you'll need. Once you lay out a plan of where you want things to go, buying the correctly sized storage tubs, shelves and boxes will be much easier. Clear plastic totes are great for Legos and building blocks.

"Bins or baskets on shelves are a better option or just the toy on a shelf if the toy too large or cute to hide in a bin," said Fitzgerald. "Involve the kids when you can, though."

Need to pick out new baskets? Ask them which are their favorites. Want to label the shelves? Let them use the label maker or draw on index cards to show what is stored where.

## Enforce a "cleanup" policy for the kids.

This might be the most difficult but most important tip to keeping a tidy playroom—making sure everything is picked up after playtime is finished. Maybe suggest a "one toy at a time" rule, or perhaps a take-away plan if things aren't properly put away.

It sounds impossible, but you really can teach kids to be neat. As the saying goes, 'A place for everything and every thing in its place.'

"You might be surprised at their ideas for organizing," said Fitzgerald. "The more they are invested in the process, the more they will know how and be willing to tidy up!"

If you are interested in extra help by means of hiring a professional organizer, consider a local individual with experience in organizing at reasonable rates, such as OLS Organizing. Sometimes it takes someone else with a neutral perspective to help you decide the best plan for organizing your space! 🏠

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# Mom's Favorite Flowers

By Barb Sieminski

Happy Mother's Day to HOME's beloved mothers! Mother's Day coincides with spring planting season, so to help us celebrate the special day, some of our partners offer advice and tips to start us off with some select flower varieties.



Deb Zumbrun of Arbor Farms reminded us that there may still be a chance of frost here, so one needs to be careful about planting anything that is too far along in the bloom stage.

"Annual hanging baskets and pre-made containers are good choices to take home for mom, and we can suggest the best plants for ease of care and location," said Zumbrun, adding that these items can be brought inside, "if

there is any question about pesky spring frosts."

Tony Strassle of Plant Center Inc. emphasized that there is no right or wrong flower when it comes to Mother's Day.

"Annuals that add a bright pop of color are a great option for window boxes and planters around the front door or porch, and include pansies, geraniums, petunias, zinnias and begonias," said Strassle. "Good choices for shrubs or small trees could be azaleas, rhododendrons, deutzia or weeping cherry trees."

According to Luetta Main of Main's Flower Garden, the bedding begonias are preferred colorful plants to put in landscaping and pots because they are vibrant and so easy to care for.

"They can be watered very moderately with no cleaning," she said. "Another one is salvia, which presents a taller backdrop and is equally easy to care for. Dragon wing begonias have a large green leaf and get bigger than bedding begonias. Moss rose will take the hot and dry.

Marigolds are great for full sun and they last into the season. Petunias have a variety of color for sun."

If Mom loves roses, Arbor Farms carries a wide variety of colors and selections, such as Knock Out Roses, Easy Elegance, Carpet Rose and OSO Easy.

"Some customers opt for non-plant alternatives, which could include large, color containers which can be filled with mom's favorites later in the year," said Zumbrun.

- Moss rose requires a potting mix of 50% normal garden soil, 20% fine sand and 30% organic compost.
- Wax begonias can take full sun and tuberous begonias, preferring shade, cannot.
- Flowering trees are another colorful choice for mom. "Easiest care will include Crabapple and Flowering Cherry, and if you have a protected spot you can use Dogwood and Redbud trees," noted Zumbrun.
- Shrub plants: Popular varieties include hydrangeas, magnolias, lilacs and roses, according to Zumbrun. "If you have a sunny spot, stick with Paniolata-type hydrangeas, and shadier areas can take Big Leaf Hydrangeas, such as Endless Summer. Annabelle Hydrangeas and Oakleaf Hydrangeas also do well in shady spots. Magnolias, lilacs and roses do best in sun."

"With such a huge variety of beautiful annuals and flowering perennial plants available, you're sure to find something to suit your mother's personal taste and style," concluded Strassle. 🏠

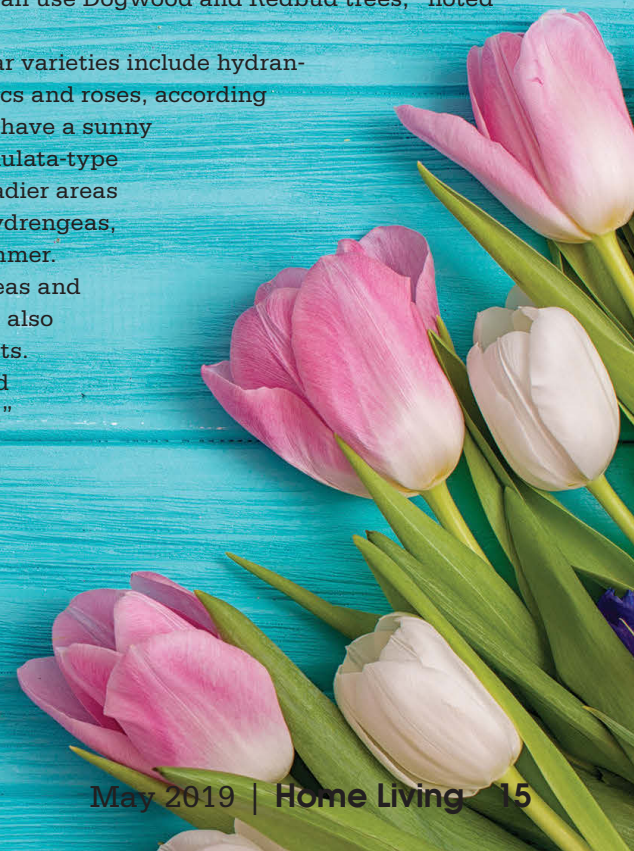
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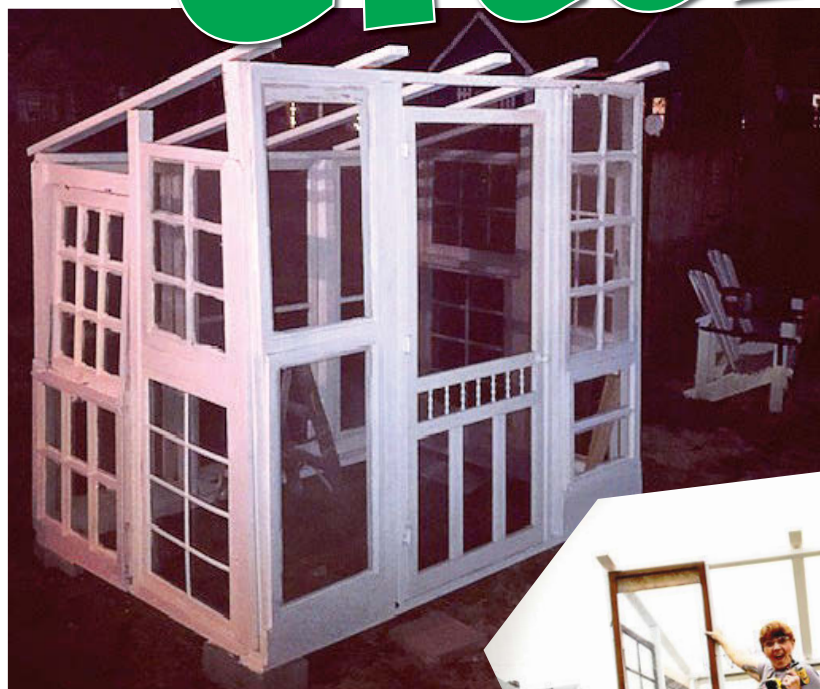
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# DIY Do It Yourself Greenhouse



By Amber Bouthot

Every month, we highlight reader-submitted photos of projects they've completed. We know you put a lot of time and effort into your home—whether you own or rent. We want to see your projects and share them within the pages of our magazine.

If you've recently completed a project, we want to hear from you. It can be something as simple as a craft project or as large as a home addition. If you did it yourself, it can be featured. Email Amber at [ambouthot@the-papers.com](mailto:ambouthot@the-papers.com).

This month's Reader DIY comes from Angela Martin. She constructed a greenhouse in her backyard out of repurposed materials.

**1. What was your inspiration for the project?**

I wanted more space for plants and a focal point for the backyard landscape.

**2. How long did it take from start to finish?**

Three weeks collecting material and adding finishing touches; two days to erect.

**3. Was it easier or harder than you anticipated?**

A lot easier than expected, especially once we accepted that the greenhouse was being made out of repurposed materials and wasn't going to be perfect.

**4. What was the total cost of the project?**

Less than two hundred dollars! Roofing was the largest expense.

**5. What did you like best about the undertaking?**

Having to be resourceful and creative. Getting to the point in the project where windows were hung one by one was so rewarding and exciting.

**6. What was the most challenging aspect?**

Being patient and understanding that measurements had to be constantly adjusted to allow for all that character of repurposed materials.

**7. Where did you source the materials?**

Friends, family, Restore, Lowe's and curbside. It was like a treasure hunt! 🏠





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# Outdoor Living Spaces

## Get Touch of Class

by Rod King

*Outdoor living spaces have become more and more important to area home owners over the past five years as witnessed by the experts at Kendall Lighting Center, previously Wabash Lighting. The professionally trained consultants help builders, designers and home owners accomplish decorative lighting plans for landscaping, decks, patios and porches.*

According to Danielle Martin, lighting consultant, one of the hot new trends in lighting is to add a touch of class to a deck or patio by installing an outdoor chandelier. They come in a variety of styles to fit any décor, ranging from rustic and contemporary to modern and classic. Each is rated either for damp (semi-dry areas) or wet spaces. The bulb and sockets are sealed to keep out rain and snow. Coordinated sconces take the look to another level.

Another recent trend is fans on porches, patios and decks to increase air circulation for more comfortable outdoor living. The outdoor fans are also rated damp or wet.

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Right photos: courtesy Kendall Lighting

"LED lights have made a big difference in outdoor lighting design," said Martin. "The bulbs have a long life and are available in 2,700 or 3,000 kelvin (color temperature) illumination and can be manipulated to achieve a variety of colors. The lower kelvin bulbs offer a yellowish color that gives a warm welcome, while the higher kelvin bulbs are brighter and give broader coverage."

Landscape lighting can be skillfully positioned to create drama and height. Rather than lighting a tree from above, placing the light on the ground pointing up establishes both height and drama. Low voltage landscape lighting is another area that is gaining in popularity for walkways and pathways. One showroom wall at Kendall Lighting Center is full of the latest styles in post lamps.

The lighting center, transitioned in March from Wabash Lighting to Kendall Lighting Center under new owners, the Kendall Group based in Grand Rapids, Mich. It will continue to offer the latest in decorative lighting selections, home accents, custom fixtures, smart lighting (controlling lighting with an App) and lighting controls. The transition also included Wabash Electric now operating as Kendall Electric.

The company strives to keep its showroom on trend. Its design consultants will tackle projects of all shapes and sizes and enjoy the uniqueness of each lighting project. Lighting not only highlights a home, but adds to its value, as well. 🏠



### Resources:

**Kendall Lighting Center**, Fort Wayne,  
260.483.8820, [kendalllightingcenter.com](http://kendalllightingcenter.com)





# Rhubarb, Pistachio & Rose Water Bundt Cake

By Amber Bouthot

*Until last year, I had never baked a cake before ... like from scratch. I had made plenty of cakes from boxed mixes. I had even dressed them up to make them look like I slaved away, but that's not the same. Last year for Mother's Day, I made my first cake from scratch and it turned out really, really good. Well, okay, maybe just really good since I did have an issue getting the cake out of the Bundt pan when it was done baking. If someone has a nifty trick to share with me about how to do this, I'd appreciate it. I did manage to get most of it out in one piece, but I had to do a little fancy fixing to the finished product. I took this cake to my in-laws house last year for Mother's Day and it was met with rave reviews ... even from self identified "picky" eaters.*

## Ingredients:

### For the Cake

- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 5 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons rose water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup plain yogurt
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons pistachios, chopped
- 2-3 stalks rhubarb, trimmed

### For the Rose Glaze

- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon rose water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

## Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour Bundt pan, tapping out excess flour.

Rub together granulated sugar and lemon zest with your fingers in a large bowl until fragrant. Using an electric mixer on medium speed, cream lemon sugar and 3/4 cup butter until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Add eggs 1 at a time, scraping down sides of bowl and beating well between each addition. Beat in rose water and vanilla extract on medium-low speed until just combined.

Whisk 2 1/4 cups flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda in another large bowl. With mixer on low, add dry ingredients to lemon sugar mixture in 3 additions, alternating with yogurt in 2 additions, beginning and ending with dry ingredients, scraping down sides and bottom of bowl as needed. Fold in pistachios.

Cut rhubarb crosswise into 2 1/2 pieces. Using a mandoline set to 1/4 or a very sharp knife, slice rhubarb lengthwise, maintaining as much red skin on stalks as possible.

Pour one-third of the batter into prepared pan and smooth surface. Add half of the

rhubarb, nestling pieces side by side to form a thick ring on top of batter. Pour another third of the batter on top of rhubarb layer; smooth surface. Repeat with remaining rhubarb and batter.

Bake cake until the surface is cracked and golden brown, springs back to the touch, and a tester inserted into the center comes out clean, 50-60 minutes. Let cake rest in pan 10 minutes, then turn out onto a cooling rack.

### Make the rose glaze:

Whisk powdered sugar, milk, rose water, vanilla extract, and salt in a medium bowl until well combined. Glaze should be pourable but stiff enough to hold its shape-it can be thickened with more powdered sugar or thinned with more milk if needed.

### Decorate the cake:

Using a spoon, drizzle rose glaze over cooled cake, holding the spoon a few inches above the cake. While glaze is still wet, sprinkle pistachios on top. 🏠



# Discover DeKalb



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**By Haiden Steingass**

DeKalb County is home to some of the most unique hidden gems in all of Indiana. For your next weekend or day trip, check out these local favorites:

## Things To Do and See

**Auburn Garrett Drive-In:** The season has just begun at Auburn Garrett Drive-In and runs through October. Open both Friday and Saturday all season long, you'll enjoy either two or three movies if you visit this local spot.



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

**Garrett Museum of Art:** This local museum is ever changing, with displays from artists around the area. It's free and a perfect place to visit if you're travelling with kids. Be sure to heck their calendar at [garrettmuseumofart.org](http://garrettmuseumofart.org) to check for upcoming events.



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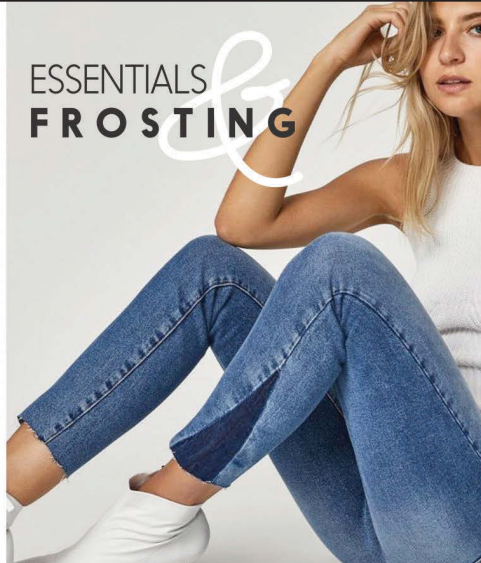
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## Places to Eat



**Auburn City Steakhouse:** If you're looking for a high-quality sit-down restaurant, Auburn City Steakhouse is one of the best in Dekalb County, from its dimly lit ambiance to its four-star cuisine. Guests can enjoy slow-cooked prime rib, steaks, chops, seafood and more. [auburncitysteakhouse.com](http://auburncitysteakhouse.com)

**Chef Peng's Chinese Restaurant:** A Dekalb County hidden gem? Chef Peng's in Garrett. It's a locally-owned joint that residents adore, serving fresh and authentic Chinese food. [chefpeng.com](http://chefpeng.com)

**Classic City Creamery:** Once you've treated yourself for lunch or dinner, we highly recommend going for dessert at Classic City Creamery in Auburn. Their "old-fashioned ice cream" is available in seasonal flavors, as well as year-round classics.

## Places To Shop

**Betsey's Boutique Shop:** For a quaint, small-town shopping experience, Betsey's Boutique Shop is the place to go. Expect to find adorable and affordable clothing and accessories, as well as excellent and friendly customer service. [facebook.com/shopbetseys](https://facebook.com/shopbetseys)

**Essentials and Frosting:** Essentials and Frosting in Auburn is a no-fail option if you are looking for a trendy outfit or unique piece or décor for your home. Advertised as the store "For Her and Home," this local shop has found success both in-store and online, so be sure to browse its website. [essentialsandfrosting.com](http://essentialsandfrosting.com)

**Antiques on 5th:** For an old-school shopping experience, stop by local favorite, Antiques on 5th in Auburn. With an organized, easy-to-navigate shop, customers love shopping for antiques and collectibles at this affordable shop. [facebook.com/antiqueson5thllc](https://facebook.com/antiqueson5thllc)

## Events To Attend

**Farmer's Market:** A must-try seasonal activity in Dekalb County is the Farmer's Market, which takes place on both Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 7 am to 1 pm. According to the Dekalb County Visitor Bureau's website, "Local vendors sell produce, flowers, herbs, spices, baked goods, and other products on the east side Main Street between 7th and 9th streets."

**First Fridays:** First Fridays are one of the most exciting days of the month in Dekalb County. Taking place on—you guessed it—the very first Friday that falls on each month, locals and visitors celebrate by gathering downtown Auburn to eat, shop and see live performances.

**Auburn Spring Auction:** Auburn Spring Auction is a great event to attend with family and friends. This seasonal auction showcases unique collector cars. The auction is only four days out of the year, so be sure to plan accordingly. This year's sale takes place on May 29 through June 1 at the Auburn Auction Park.

[rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/as19](http://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/as19) 🏠

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## May Books

By Steve Penhollow

*In the spring, Kahlil Gibran advised, you should "be like a flower and turn your face to the sun." Kahlil Gibran isn't around to consult further, but perhaps he wouldn't be too upset if we spent some of that time with our faces turned toward the pages of a book.*



### The Home Edit: A Guide to Organizing and Realizing Your House Goals

By Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin

Clarkson Potter **\$24.99**

ISBN-10: 0525572643

ISBN-13: 978-0525572640

Instagrammers and satellite TV stars Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin have released their first home organization tome. Shearer and Teplin perform this task

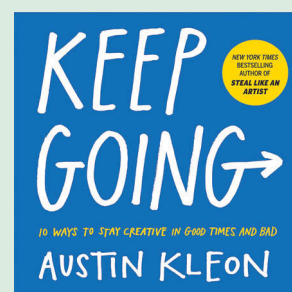
for celebs and they are now offering their expertise to the little folk.

The book is organized by area and offers several organizational strategies per space. For example, you can have a basic laundry room or you can have a laundry room "to die for." Previously, dying in laundry rooms was connected to the smell of boys' gym clothes. This dying sounds better.

Unlike some organizational books, "The Home Edit" is exceedingly easy to use. The explanations are clear, and the design gives readers an almost internet-like ability to surf the pages.

Teplin told the Beauty Counter blog that everybody needs organization.

"It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor," she said. "It doesn't matter if you live in a big space or a small space—you still need to maximize the utility of all your spaces."



### Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad

By Austin Kleon

Workman Publishing Company **\$12.95**

ISBN-10: 1523506644; ISBN-13:

978-1523506644

Creativity guru Austin Kleon has come out with his third book of easy-to-digest advice and encouragement.

Kleon has built a following with his short, punchy, illustration-filled books about living your best creative life. His advice is simple and good, and he fortifies this with simple, good advice from other writers and thinkers.

Asked about creative block by the Sterling & Stone blog, Kleon responded, "... a lot of times my advice is don't push through. Just walk away for a minute. But make sure you come back. Have a daily routine, but if it's not working, walk away and do something else and come back, because it's amazing when you're away from the desk how you can see with fresh eyes." 🏠



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# Calendar

By Ray Balogh

## Botanical Observatory

- "Migrations" live butterfly exhibit, (through July 7), regular admission
  - May 10-12, Mother's Day Plant Sale, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, McMillen Community Center, 3901 Abbott St., Fort Wayne
  - May 12, Mother's Day in the Garden, noon-4 p.m., regular admission
- Adults \$5, children (3-17) \$3, children (2 and under) free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. 260.427.6440  
[botanicalconservatory.org](http://botanicalconservatory.org)



## Embassy Theatre

- May 7, "Scott Bradley's Postmodern Jukebox," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, \$85/\$49/\$39/\$29
  - May 11, "Rhapsody & Rhythm: The Gershwin Concert Experience," Fort Wayne Philharmonic, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, \$21.75-\$75
  - May 12, "Mimosas with Mom: A Day of Pampering at the Embassy," braid and hair styling bar, hand treatments, lip color stations, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$20 general admission
  - May 18, "Dvorak and Janacek," Fort Wayne Philharmonic, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, \$75/\$55/\$35/\$22
  - May 19, "Sherlock Jr.," 1924 Buster Keaton movie, 3 p.m. Sunday, \$10 general admission
  - May 21, Neil deGrasse Tyson, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, \$249/\$99/\$75
- Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. 800.745.3000  
[fwembassytheatre.org](http://fwembassytheatre.org)

## Memorial Coliseum

- May 2, Old Dominion with Jordan Davis & Mitchell Tenpenny Concert, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, \$61.50/\$41.50/\$31.50
- May 4, Fort Wayne Area Home Schools Resource Expo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, \$5 adults and teens, \$2 children 3-12, free 2 and under
- May 13, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Night of Hope with Mike Singletary, 7 p.m. Monday, free, registration required at [www.indianafca.org](http://www.indianafca.org)
- May 16, Roseanne Barr "Alive & Kickin' Tour" 2019, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, \$52/\$42/\$32
- Indiana Mission of Mercy free dental clinic, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday Parking \$6 main lot, \$10 preferred lot. Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. 260.482.9502  
[memorialcoliseum.com](http://memorialcoliseum.com)

## Honeywell Center

- May 3, "Dennis DeYoung: The Grand Illusion 40th Anniversary Album Tour," 7:30 p.m. Friday, \$75/\$50/\$35
  - May 18, "John Tesh: Grand Piano Live," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, \$58/\$45/\$35
- Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash. 260.563.1102  
[honeywellcenter.org](http://honeywellcenter.org)

## 1-18 ROANOKE: Group Show

Features Elizabeth Wamsley Ceramics, Gwen Gutwein Oils, Justin Johnson Mixed Media, Barbara Nohinek Monoprints, Austin Cartwright Abstracts and more. Raku pottery workshop Saturday, May 4. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Crestwoods Frame Shop and Gallery, 314 N. Main St. 260.672.2080  
[crestwoodsgallery.com](http://crestwoodsgallery.com)

## 3 FORT WAYNE: Open House

Early Americana music, spinning demonstration, hand-arts display, refreshments, bake sale. Parking by tennis courts. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Historic Sweeney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. Call 260.637.8622  
[settlersinc.org](http://settlersinc.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)

## 3-4 FORT WAYNE: Herb and Perennial Plant Sale

Herbs in basement, perennial diggings on back lawn. Proceeds support Fort Wayne's Historic Swinney Homestead. Parking by tennis courts. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Historic Sweeney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. Call 260.637.8622  
[settlersinc.org](http://settlersinc.org)



## 4 AUBURN: Tea Class

Learn to put together a simple tea party and sample lettuce bites, sandwiches, shortbread, sugar cookies. \$25/person. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, The Olive Twist Inc., 203 N. Main St. Reservations required at 260.333.0866  
[theolivetwist.com](http://theolivetwist.com)

## 5 FORT WAYNE: Mather Sunday Lecture Series

"Lesser-Known First Ladies 1897 to 1923: A New Century Arrives — The Progressives, Ragtime and All That Jazz," presented by Cynthia Thies. Free admission. 2 p.m. Sunday, The History Center, 302 E. Berry St. 260.426.2882  
[fwhistorycenter.com](http://fwhistorycenter.com)

## 7 FORT WAYNE: Appleseed Quilt Guild Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday social time, 7 p.m. meeting, Classic Cafe Event Center, 4832 Hillegas Road. \$30 annual dues, special rates for age 17 and younger. Members receive newsletter, use of lending library. Contact Jean Kaste at 260.615.3942.

## 7 FORT WAYNE: Band Concert

Fort Wayne Area Community Band, conducted by Dr. Scott Humphries and David Blackwell, will play a variety of music, including Bohemian Rhapsody, Jurassic Park, Atlantic Fanfare, Irish Tune. \$8/adults, \$7/seniors, free under 18 years. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Campus, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd. Contact Rod King at 260.493.3318  
[coknoll75@yahoo.com](mailto:coknoll75@yahoo.com)





## 9 FORT WAYNE: Tapas and 'Tinis Fundraiser

Elegant martinis, gourmet tapas, appetizers, silent auction. Proceeds benefit Homebound Meals. \$50/person. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Club Soda, 235 E. Superior St. 260.422.3296

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

## 11 KENDALLVILLE: Plant Sale

Hanging baskets, vegetable and flower bedding plants, dahlias, annuals, perennials, native plants, house plants, herbs. Sponsored by Noble County Master Gardeners. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Noble County Fairgrounds, 580 Fair St. 260.636.2111

[sweeks@purdue.edu](mailto:sweeks@purdue.edu).



## 15-18 FORT WAYNE: Fur Restyling Event

Design experts from New York can transform your fur into something special. Call to schedule an appointment. Wednesday through Saturday, Pappas Furs, Leathers and Fine Outerwear, 2811 E. State Blvd. 250.484.2072

## 17 FORT WAYNE: Spanish Tapas Bar vs Tacos

Classic simple Spanish recipe class. Make your own take-home seasoning blend. Sample a variety of salsas, tacos, rice, refried beans. \$38.99/person. 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday, The Olive Twist Inc., 6410 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 7A. Reservations required at 260.436.3866

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



## 19 FORT WAYNE: Cherry Blossom Festival

Japanese folk dance, traditional music, contests, tea ceremony, karaoke, food, merchandise, games, origami, bonsai exhibits. Free admission. Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza. 260.432.7780

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

## 24 FORT WAYNE: Serving Our Seniors

### Munch and Movie

Theme: National Nursing Home/Mother's Day. Free admission. 1:30 p.m. Friday, Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Ave. RSVP to Diana Mohr at 260.449.6806

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

## 24-26 WARSAW: Northern Indiana Lakes Festival

Parade, fireworks, 5K run, lake education, kids' activities, live music, food, memorial ceremony. Free admission. Friday through Sunday, Center Lake. 574.372.5100

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# Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne

By Jaclyn Youhana Garver

*This story, Joe Jordan said, stays on his heart: The young woman was a sophomore. All A's, constant smile, good mental attitude—she must have good things happening at home, he figured. She visited the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne nearly every day.*

Her junior year, Jordan, the club's president, told her, "If you get straight A's from day one until the last day of school, I'm going to give you a treat of your choice."

At the end of the year, after all her A's, she told him about a pair of \$200 gym shoes.

Jordan laughed as he recounts, "I made a promise. I had to get them."

He put her in front of everyone in the club, and he told them, "She got the shoes because she got straight A's. If you do this, then you will get some gym shoes, too."

"I was nervous about that," Jordan admitted. "I've bought five pairs of shoes so far."

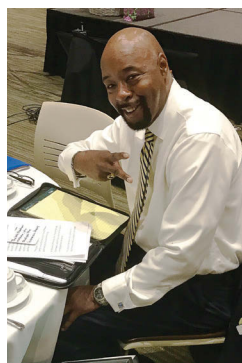
In 2017, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne served more than 3,000 kids, with an average daily attendance of 500 children. After school, attendees participate in the academically focused Power Hour, and then choose from a variety of programs, including chess club, tutoring and sports.

Last month, the Club had a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new building, which is at the same address as the previous Club. This new space has six centers that can host 75 to 100 kids; a STEAM room to focus on science, technology, engineering, the arts and math; a stage for performances; and a gymnasium with a college-sized basketball court. There's a Century Room for those with autism, a teen center and a dance studio.

"We finally got a commercial, legitimate kitchen," Jordan said. "We serve close to 500 meals a day, and we'll serve close to 1,000 meals a day by end of the year. A lot of our kids won't eat a healthy meal if they don't come to the Boys & Girls Clubs."

Consider the young woman with the gym shoes: Shortly after she received her gift, she knocked on Jordan's door.

"Mr. Jordan," she said. "I'm scared somebody told on my mom."



For over nine months, her home didn't have lights, gas or water.

"I'm scared because if I have to go live with my grandpa, he lives far away, and I can't come to club," she said. "I have to come to the Club. You're my family. This is where I eat, where my friends are, where I do my homework."

It wasn't a case of neglect, Jordan said, but a struggling single mother. He promised, "I will get you to the club. If we have to pick you up, I will come get you." 🏠

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*By Lauren Caggiano*

*Longe Optical, with its five Fort Wayne locations, has been helping people enjoy better vision for nearly 70 years, and that commitment is something the staff takes very seriously.*

"Since 1949, we have been a pioneer in eye care and eye wear," said Stuart May, general manager. "Longe Optical was purchased by Chuck Surack, owner of Sweetwater Sound, in 2012. Surack has continually invested in the company, particularly the technology we use to assess and correct our patients' vision issues."

For example, Longe Optical were the first in the country to have an all-digital, in-house eye care experience, called the ClearVu Experience. This technology provides a fully digital eye exam to generate a precise prescription, takes digital measurements to ensure lens accuracy and then manufactures the digital lenses to generate HD-quality clarity and accuracy.

May said he's proud to be part of the team because it brings a sense of purpose and fulfillment professionally. There's a lot to be said for helping people see their best at work, home and play.

While that theme is consistent, the demands of the job shift with the priorities, which means May wears many hats.

"There are a multitude of aspects that I enjoy," he said, "but I could narrow it down to these three things: seeing our company grow by helping people in the right way and always doing the right thing; helping our staff achieve its goals, both personally and

professionally; and utilizing my 20-plus years of optical experience to create a truly unique eye care experience at Longe Optical."

May also derives a great deal of satisfaction from mentoring and motivating his team. In his words, "success can be measured and found in many ways. At Longe Optical, success is first, a great guest experience. We also consider it a success when we coach and develop our associates to the point to where they feel like they're optical experts, and it becomes not just a job, but a trade and a career."

In that same vein, May approaches his job as a servant leader. His hope is that

consumers are educated about their vision and what it means for their overall quality of life and they opt for yearly exams.

"You may think your vision is fine or that your eyes are healthy, but without getting an exam you can't truly know," he said.

"Common vision problems can be corrected with glasses or contacts, and it's important not to wait until things start to appear fuzzy or blurry. Not only do our eye exams detect vision correction needs, but many common eye diseases, such as glaucoma or age-related macular degeneration often have no warning signs, and a dilated eye exam is the only way to proactively catch and stop these sight-stealing diseases. " 🏠



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