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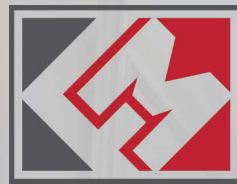
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welcome!

from the editor



Ah November... a month full of family gatherings, lots and lots of good food, and the start of the holiday shopping season. Whew. I am tired just thinking about it!

For me, November is also a month to change out the household décor and prepare for the busy months ahead. A few weeks ago, I

lugged out all of my fall decorations and candles from the basement and got to work. There's something so comforting about this season's embellishments—and of course, this issue provides some ideas to help you bring the season into your home.

November is also a time to be thankful. This year I am thankful for so much—I have two beautiful daughters, a wonderful and supportive husband, a warm and cozy home, a career I love, and THREE (yes THREE) fur babies (dogs), including our new Great Dane puppy, Wilma, who joined our

family in October. We may be crazy, but we are happy.

What are you thankful for this month? I'd love to hear from you. Email me anytime at ambouthot@the-papers.com. 🏠

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By Amber Bouthot

Whether you favor modern farmhouse or traditional decor, there are unlimited ways to decorate your hearth for the holidays. Here, we've gathered some of our favorite looks to inspire you this season. Happy decorating. 🏠

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Dining Room Holiday Edition

By **Stacie Ball**

It's finally time to take down those spooky Halloween decorations, store the costumes, and eat- er- I mean, throw away all that Halloween candy, but what's next? How on Earth do you decorate for Thanksgiving when there are 14 aisles of Christmas decorations and one measly endcap stocked with turkey paper plates and napkins? Local interior stylist and blogger Kelsey McCafferty has some great ideas for making your dining room a beautiful, cozy place for family and friends this holiday season.



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What You Need

Develop a plan before you start. If you're like me, you have collected gorgeous decorations over the years, but they don't work together. Choose a color scheme and stick to it.

Most Thanksgiving colors are dark, so choose a cream-colored candle to lighten the décor.

Start with the Table

"Dressing up your table can be easier than someone would think," encouraged McCafferty. She said to use candles on the table for warmth and greenery like silver dollar eucalyptus. Add some white flowers for a neutral look or tie in your fall flowers for a festive, fall look.

Where to Put All the Dishes

HGTV has instructions on setting the table. Dinner plate, folded napkin and salad plate go in the center with the fork on the left. Immediately to the right should be the knife and then the spoon. Above the plate, place the bread plate to the left, dessert fork and spoon in the center, water and wine glasses to the right.

Everything Else

"For a bar cart, it's fun to invest in some good accents in your glasses and bar utensils for a warm tone for fall colors," McCafferty recommended. Choose garland that matches the accents in the glasses and drape it over the sideboard, cabinet or other areas in your room. Add some cute pumpkins, especially within an open glass door cabinet to finish the charming look.

Outside

If you are lucky enough to eat outside or just want to decorate your entryway, McCafferty has ideas, as well. "Go to your local pumpkin patch and pick fun gourds and pumpkins with unique patterns and colors," she suggested.

Tips to Remember

"You want to enjoy your décor but not talk about it all night," McCafferty warned. Guests want to be able to see each other, so make sure your table decorations don't block views across the table. Don't overfill the table with decorations. Your guests want to have space to move around while eating.

Remember, decorating is supposed to be fun, not stressful! Thanksgiving is about being thankful for friends, family and the many blessings we have. 🍂

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Minimalist Movement

By Jaclyn Youhana Garver

Jessy Vachon used to have 108 Build-a-Bears. She had a significant Hello Kitty collection. Her closet was “absolutely overflowing,” she said. She had a bunch of those Funko POP! Figurines and lots of books.

Both of her parents are antiquers, she said, so she grew up in a household of collection. When she read Marie Kondo’s “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing,” she saw how following Kondo’s techniques could help.

“I didn’t realize until I started this process how much noise was in my life visually,” said Vachon.

Since Kondo’s book was published in 2014 and the subsequent home décor show first aired on Netflix in January, minimalism has been gaining maximum traction. Minimalism is simply getting rid of things you don’t use or need.

Or, even more simply, it’s questioning what adds value to a life, according to The Minimalists website: “By clearing the clutter from life’s path, we can all make room for the most important aspects of life: health, relationships, passion, growth and contribution.”

Embracing minimalism

Vachon first became interested in Kondo’s techniques for minimalism, the KonMari Method of decluttering, after she and her husband moved into a smaller home. The method suggests cleaning by category, not room. For example, tidy all books in the home at once instead of everything in the living room.

Part of Kondo’s method is to analyze why you own something in the first place. Sometimes, the why is what makes decluttering so difficult.

Consider the industrial KitchenAid mixer in Sandra Fouty’s kitchen. “Is that something I should hang on to?” wondered Fouty. “It’s big. It’s clunky. It’s heavy, and I only use it a few times a year.”

But it belonged to her mother, who died in 2016.

The concept of minimalist living has always appealed to Fouty. Clutter weighs her down, she said, and is an anchor that prevents her from moving on to the next thing. For example, she’s always wanted to live in a tiny house, or a home between 100 and 400 square feet. By comparison, a typical American home is around 2,600 square feet.

For that dream to become a reality, Fouty figured she’d have to get rid of 90 percent of her belongings.

“That’s daunting to me,” she said. “Probably a good 60 percent of my stuff, I could be free of without much conflict or inner turmoil, but



there are things I’m personally connected to,” like that KitchenAid mixer.

Other belongings have been considerably easier to depart with. Take her socks. When she would wear a hole in one, she would tie it to a matching sock to darn later.

She darned zero socks.

“These are socks I’ve piled up for probably five years,” she said. “I have to realize that I’m not going to fix these socks. It’s time to let them go.”

And she has. Since watching Kondo’s Netflix special, Fouty estimates she’s donated, thrown out or sold several hundred things.

Questioning minimalism

Vachon noted that minimalist living isn’t for everyone. In the United States especially, people put a lot of weight on things like heirlooms and ownership.

“There’s this expectation of showing what you’ve earned,” she said, “and I think that’ll be a hard thing to fight for most Americans.”

She stresses that Kondo’s changes aren’t about a quick fix to clutter; it is a change in lifestyle.

“She helps you prioritize what you want out of life and what possessions might be hindering what you most want,” Vachon said.

And in case you were wondering, Vachon is down to 28 Build-A-Bears, which she hopes to donate. 🏠





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Fall Craft Projects

By Stacie Ball

Has the cool, crisp fall air and colorful leaves put you in the mood for crafts? If so, grab your favorite boots, fashionable scarf and a toasty pumpkin spice latte and set to work on one of these perfect crafts for fall.

Mason Jar Band Pumpkin

Materials:

- Cinnamon sticks
- Mason jar bands
- Orange spray paint
- Orange yarn



Directions:

1. Spray paint all mason jar bands and allow to dry.
2. Gather cinnamon sticks together and secure with rubber band or orange yarn.
3. String mason jar bands onto a long piece of orange yarn.
4. Tie the yarn with bands around the cinnamon sticks.
5. Adjust the bands so that they are evenly spaced around the cinnamon sticks.

Fall Rustic Mason Jars



Materials:

- 4 mason jars
- White and orange acrylic paint
- Foam paint brush
- Twine
- Vinyl letters
- Sandpaper
- Artificial flowers of your choice

Directions:

1. Paint only the fronts of the jars orange and allow them to dry.
2. Position the vinyl letters over the orange paint.
3. Cover the entire outside of the jar with white paint. Allow to dry.
4. Peel off the vinyl letters. Use an X-acto knife to pry up the edge, if needed.
5. Give the jars that distressed, rustic look by using sandpaper around the jar.
6. Using twine, tie a knot around the top of each jar.
7. Fill each jar with artificial flowers.

Pumpkin Vase

Materials:

- Faux pumpkin
- Styrofoam block
- Fall stems
- Hot glue



Directions:

1. Cut a hole in the top your faux pumpkin large enough for your Styrofoam block to fit inside. You may need to trim the Styrofoam block. Secure the block inside the pumpkin with hot glue.
2. Arrange your fall stems into the Styrofoam block. Try putting the tallest ones in the middle. Add your biggest piece next and then fill in with smaller pieces.
3. Finish the look by adding leaves toward the bottom of the arrangement, or tie a burlap bow around the vase.

Candle Centerpiece

Materials:

- Raffia
- Unpopped popcorn, dried beans, peas or coffee beans
- White candle
- Glass candle jar



Directions:

1. Place the white candle into the glass jar.
2. Fill jar with popcorn or other material, stopping an inch or so before the top of the candle.
3. Tie raffia or a ribbon around the jar.

Cheese Grater Luminary

Materials:

- Old cheese graters
- Decorative tray
- Votives
- Acorns

Directions:

1. Put votives on a decorative tray and cover with the cheese graters.
2. Arrange acorns around the cheese graters and votives.
3. Variation: Spray paint the graters before starting and tie ribbons to the handles.



Kids' Crafts

By Stacie Ball

Let the kids in on the crafting fun with one or more of these simple crafts.

Thankful Wreath

Pick out about 12 foam leaves or have kids trace their hands. Write something they are thankful for on each piece. Arrange the pieces into a wreath and secure with hot glue.

Turkey Windsocks

Sand a couple of cans so there are no sharp edges. Pick up feathers, streamers, googly-eyes, construction paper, and ribbon (for hanging) from the Dollar Store. Secure all pieces using hot glue or Tacky Glue.

Pinecone Turkey

Snag a pinecone from your yard. Nab some feathers, googly-eyes, felt and glue from the Dollar Store. Start crafting!

Basement Build-outs:

How to get the biggest bang for your buck

By Mary Jane Bogle

Ever wish you could add on to your home, but you simply don't have the money—or room on your lot—for ground-level expansion? If you were blessed with a basement, you might be able to create those spaces below grade. Here's a quick, step-by-step guide to see if a basement build-out could work for you.

Step 1

Map out the spaces you plan to finish. This step is especially important if you plan to complete the project in multiple phases. In general, plan the social spaces where you have access to the most daylight, with TV viewing in darker spots to reduce glare and create that home theater feel. Bedrooms need a point of egress, so plan those along an outside wall.

Step 2

Test for moisture, structural integrity and ventilation. The last thing you want is to end up with beautiful finishes that trap moisture, hide insect damage or increase carbon monoxide build-up below grade. Taking care of these problems in advance will save you a lot of headaches and costly repairs later.

Step 3

Insulate and protect. While it's tempting to jump to all the fun finishes as you plan your basement build-out, don't forget to protect your investment by insulating pipes to

prevent them from bursting during a freeze/thaw cycle. Insulating along exterior walls will make the space more comfortable and save on energy bills, while extra insulation between floors will keep noise transfer to a minimum.

Step 4

Hire a professional. Basement build-outs can get tricky, especially if you live in an older home. Best leave the heavy-duty work to a professional who will handle the building permits and make sure the project meets all building codes. When hiring a professional, be sure to get quotes from three different contractors who are all licensed, bonded and insured. And don't overlook your social network. An honest referral from a trusted friend goes a long way toward finding a professional you can trust.

Step 5

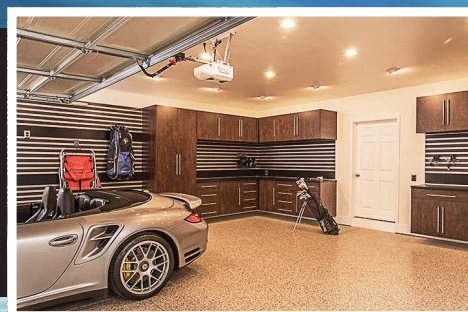
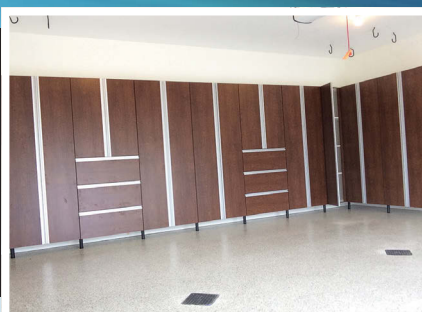
Don't over-invest. A strategic basement build-out, especially one with modern finishes and sought-after spaces like rec

rooms, wet bars/small kitchens and in-law suites, can yield as much as 60% return on the investment. But the overall cost can skyrocket quickly, especially if you run into unpleasant surprises, so budget carefully if resale is a concern.

Trending Now

Here's a quick look at the most popular basement build-out trends.

- 1. Multipurpose media room**, complete with a large-screen TV or projection screen and a wet bar
- 2. Personal gyms**
- 3. Mother-in-law suites** (Note: These spaces can get expensive if the basement isn't already set up for plumbing, or if you need to dig out a window well for egress, so talk with a professional before you tackle this one.)
- 4. Family-friendly, open-concept spaces**
- 5. Storage rooms** (Be sure to save some room to keep seasonal items stored in style. And don't forget space for that extra fridge or deep freeze.) 🏠



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Perennials 101



By Jaclyn Youhana Garver

True story: Peonies have been known to live for more than a hundred years.

It's an impressive fact from PerennialResource.com, but, admittedly, it is on the longer side of perennial life. Perennials are plants that bloom for more than two years, and they're an easy way to ensure your garden is alive and brilliant come next spring.

A couple local nurseries have offered their tips and favorite perennials to make your garden and landscaping beautiful.

Proper care

Deb Zumbrun, a seasonal sales associate at Arbor Farms Nursery, stresses the importance of selecting the right plant for the right space: Note which areas of your yard get sun and which stay in shade. This can "go a long way toward making sure that you are successful with your perennial garden," she said.

During winter, simply remove the dead parts of the plants that remain, unless you'd like to provide food for wildlife. If so, wildlife especially love Black-Eyed Susans, Coneflower and perennial grasses.

"Another winter tip is to cover your flowerbeds with fallen maple leaves," said Luetta Burlage, co-owner and president at Main's Flower Garden. This can provide natural nutrients to the soil.

"If you plant during the fall, ensure the plant's roots are loosened before planting," Zumbrun said. This will help ensure your perennials don't come out of the ground during winter's freeze and thaw cycle. Some perennials do better when planted in the spring; Zumbrun suggested checking with your local nursery before planting to see if your plants will do well if planted in the fall.

What do I choose?

Burlage recommended the following easy-to-care-for perennials:



Campanula Balloon Flower

Burlage likes this shorter bedding and calls it our area's hardiest perennial. They're a deep, bright blue and grow to about 8 inches.

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Woodoo Sedum

Commonly called "Autumn Stonecrop," this ground cover has a reddish tint and is succulent and hardy.

False Indigo

This taller shrub, also called Baptista, has 12-inch spires and begins to bloom in the spring. Throughout the rest of the year, it has a beautiful foliage.



Creeping Jenny Lysimachia

This groundcover has hardy, beautiful green vines.

Dianthus

Though it's not classified as a "perennial," this colorful bush will come back each year.



Coneflower and delphinium

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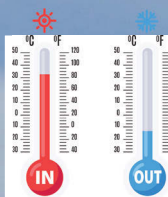
Home Maintenance in November

By Barb Sieminski

Colder weather is coming. To help keep our homes warm and cozy – and free of repairs – for the long snowy hibernation, here are some tips for your November home upkeep preparations.



1. Clean your gutters – get rid of those dead leaves and debris, or water and snow can get trapped and end up trickling into your house. Result: a big repair bill of at least thousands. You might check into a telescoping gutter rake to make your job easier.



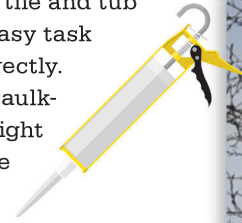
2. Weatherproof the house; locate and seal spaces that allow heat to escape and cold air in – check along baseboards, windows, doors and electrical outlets and install or replace aging weather stripping.



3. Change filters in your HVAC systems; most require cleaning / replacing filters monthly or quarterly. Check into a smartphone app that can remind you of seasonal tasks.



7. Deep-clean your home and make kitchen and bathroom updates as needed.



4. Bathroom caulking – keep water from drizzling out between walls / tile and tub by touching up your tile, an easy task to perform but hard to do correctly. Follow the directions on the caulking tube to squeeze just the right amount out. Hint: cut the tube tip about one-quarter inch from the end to improve the chances of squeezing the precise bead out to spread with your finger.



5. Change your fire alarm batteries, if needed; they should be checked twice a year. According to the National Fire Protection Association, dead batteries cause 24% of smoke alarm failures. Get in the habit of checking the alarm and changing batteries when you change your clocks for daylight saving and standard times. This year it's Nov. 3.

6. Don't make it easy for pests to overtake your snug winter home – remember that snakes and mice can get through a dime-sized hole. Replace all damaged roof tiles and attic vents before the first snowfall, and seal up holes around plumbing pipes and cables that enter your home. (While snakes CAN crawl vertically up toilets from a loose cover on your septic tank opening or a sewer line break, it's extremely unlikely). Also, cover holes or fill with wood putty, concrete caulking or flexible brick, but don't wait too long because the colder the temperature, the longer the filler will take to cure.



8. Inspect outdoor stairs and replace outdoor light fixtures; the last thing you want is to slip on snow-covered broken or cracked steps or to take the trash out in the dark with burned-out light bulbs hindering your safety. 🏠

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November

By Ray Balogh

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 - Saturday, Nov. 16, The Klezmatics, 7:30 p.m., \$46/\$36/\$30/\$21
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 - Tuesday, Nov. 5, Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana 2019 Banquet, 6:15 p.m. Friday, call 260.484.4551, ext. 211, or visit yfcni.org/events to reserve a seat
 - Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 12-13, PAW Patrol Live: "The Great Pirate Adventure," 6 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, \$105.50 VIP/ \$55.50 Gold Circle/\$45.50/\$35.50/\$29.50/\$25.50/\$19.50
 - Thursday, Nov. 14, A Day to Remember: "The Degenerates Tour," 6:30 p.m., \$39.75 general admission
 - Thursday, Nov. 21, Chris Young "Raised on Country World Tour 2019" with Eli Young Band & Matt Stell, 7 p.m., \$59.75/\$49.75/\$25
 - Saturday, Nov. 23, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana 12th annual Women's Champagne Brunch, 10 a.m., doors open at 9 a.m., suggested donation of \$75, RSVP to Dametria Refner, 260.203.3330 or dametria.refner@bbbsnei.org
- Parking \$6 main lot, \$10 preferred lot. Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. 260.482.9502, memorialcoliseum.com.

Honeywell Center

- Friday, Nov. 1, Great Russian Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m., \$82 Gold Circle/\$62/\$50/\$32
 - Wednesday, Nov. 6, Judy Moody & Stink, 10 a.m. and noon, \$10
 - Friday, Nov. 8, Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood, 7:30 p.m., \$76/\$49/\$35
 - Sunday, Nov. 17, Cirque Dreams Holiday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$45/\$35/\$25
 - Tuesday, Nov. 19, "Miss Nelson Has a Field Day," 10 a.m. and noon, \$10
 - Saturday, Nov. 23, Jackie Evancho, 7:30 p.m., \$50/\$40
 - Sunday, Nov. 24, "A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m., \$40/\$25
 - Saturday, Nov. 30, The Midtown Men "Holiday Hits!", 7:30 p.m., \$100/\$45/\$35
- Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash. 260.563.1102, honeywellcenter.org.

Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Traveling Exhibitions

- Michael Estes Taylor: Voyage of Variations (through Nov. 17)
- Bertil Vallein: Vessels of Time (through Nov. 17)
- 47th International Glass Invitational Award Winners (through Nov. 17)
- Full Spectrum: Paintings, Drawings and Prints of Julian Stanczak; Wood and Stone Sculptures of Barbara Stanczak (through Nov. 24)
- American Brilliant Cut Glass: New World Innovation from 1876-1917 (ongoing)
- Planes, Trains & Automobiles: Classic Toys and Americana (ongoing)
- Repose in Amber (ongoing)
- Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos (Nov. 23 through Jan. 26, 2020)
- The Mexican Mask Collection of Helmuth & Terrie Goede (Nov. 23 through Jan. 26, 2020)
- More Than Four Walls: Photographs by Lucy Bell Seaton (Nov. 30 through Feb. 16, 2020)

Adults \$8, students (pre-K through college) \$6, seniors (65 and older) \$6, families \$20, free admission for veterans and veterans' families, free general admission 5 p.m.-8 p.m. every Thursday. 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., Fort Wayne. 260.422.6467, fwmoa.org.

1 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.

1 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.

1-2 BLUFFTON: Open House

Large selection of Christmas decor including hundreds of ornaments. Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, A Perfect Blend Floral Gifts & Home Decor, 1225 S. Scott St. 260.824.2695, aperfectblendbluffton.com.

1-3 PIERCETON: Christmas Gathering

Snowmen, Santa, stockings, wreaths, trees, lighting, furniture, pictures, purses, soaps, unique finds. Refreshments and drawing for \$50 gift certificate. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Beyond the Barn, 105 N. First St. 574.253.3362, facebook.com/beyondthebarn2.

2 FORT WAYNE: "How to Make a Change for the Better"

Annual lecture by Christian Science healing practitioner and international speaker Janet Hegarty. Free admission, open to the public. 11 a.m. Saturday, Allen County Public Library, Globe Room, 900 Library Plaza. 260.492.0550, csin-online.org/blog.

2-3 FORT WAYNE: Trader Days

Commemoration of Chief Little Turtle's victory over the American army in 1791. Native arts and crafts, native drum and dance, buffalo stew and fry bread, native flute music, bake sale. Commemorative Mihsikhinaahkwa powwow quilt raffle and silent auction, \$10 per ticket. Free admission. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, 5705 Bluffton Road. 260.426.2882, fwhistorycenter.com.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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. 260.244.3288, southsidefarmersmarket.com.

3 DECATUR: Flea Market

Nearly 100 indoor vendors, 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.

3, 29, 30 FORT WAYNE: Holiday Events

- Sunday, Nov. 3, open house, Coton Colors sale, party, free attachment with purchase of Base while supplies last, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 29, Black Friday storewide sale, mimosas, free ornament with purchase while supplies last, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 30, Shop Small storewide sale, festive treats, giveaways, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Opal and Ruby Gift Emporium, 5215 Illinois Road, Suite 104. 260.444.2019, opalandrubygifts.com.

3-9 FORT WAYNE: Holiday Party

Holiday open house 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Up to 20% off items. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, 5215 Illinois Road, Suite 104. 260.444.2019, opalandrubygifts.com.

9 PIERCETON: Holiday Open House

Locally owned unique gift shop offering country, primitive, vintage, artisan gifts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Homespun House, 112 S. First St., Pierceton. 574.594.2774, facebook.com/homespunhouse.

9, 30, Dec. 6-7 ROANOKE: Discover Roanoke Holiday Events

- Saturday, Nov. 9, holiday open houses and shopping specials at local stores and restaurants
 - Saturday, Nov. 30, Small Business Saturday, chance to win \$400 shopping spree
 - Friday-Saturday, December 6-7, Christmas in the Village, breakfast and visits with Santa, live reindeer, kids' activities, caroling, shopping specials, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday
- Free admission. discoverroanoke.org.

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9 through Dec. 31 SHIPSEWANA: Christmas in Shipshewana

Light parade, tree lighting ceremony, "Shipshewana's Lights of Joy" drive-thru light display, chocolate day, kids day, Santa visit. Free admission except for drive-thru light display. Sunday-Saturday, townwide. 866.631.9675, shipshewana.com.

14 FORT WAYNE: Historic Hand Arts Class: Quilts, Fabric and Paper

Create Christmas ornament inspired by quilts from Spring Mill Village early settlers. \$20/person. 9 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Thursday registration and refreshments; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. program, Swinney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. 260.747.1229, settlersinc.org.

14-16, 21-24, 29-Dec. 1 SHIPSEWANA: "Shipshewana's Lights of Joy"

Drive-thru light experience featuring more than 2 million LED lights in mile-long display of various light scenes. \$15/car 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, \$20/car 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Nov. 17 and Thanksgiving. 260.768.4129, shipshewanaslightsofjoy.com.

15-16 | Friday-Saturday | Lakeside Holiday Festival

Holiday house walk, artisan market, tree lighting, caroling, craft sales and lunch, local business specials. \$8/person, free for children 12 and under, for house walk. Friday evening, tree lighting and caroling; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, artisan market; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, house walk. Various times and venues. 260.854.2412.

16 FORT WAYNE: Holiday Haute Gathering Market

Unique shopping, boutique trailers, food trucks. Free admission. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road. facebook.com/hautegatheringmarkets.

29-Dec. 15 FORT WAYNE: Festival of Gingerbread

More than 100 handmade gingerbread houses and designs made by artists of all ages. \$6 adults, \$4 seniors 65 and older, \$4 youth 3-17, free 2 and under. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon-5 p.m. Saturday and first Sunday, The History Center, 302 E. Berry St. 260.426.2882, fwhistorycenter.com.

30 SYRACUSE: Old Fashioned Christmas

Sleigh rides, tree lighting, cookies and hot chocolate, brass band, pictures with Christmas characters, lighted walk, carolers, barbershop quartet, readings of Christmas story and "The Night Before Christmas." Free admission. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Oakwood Resort, 702 E. Lake View Road. 574.529.0684, chqw.org or facebook.com/chautauquawawasee.

30-Dec. 1 FORT WAYNE: Christmas in the Park

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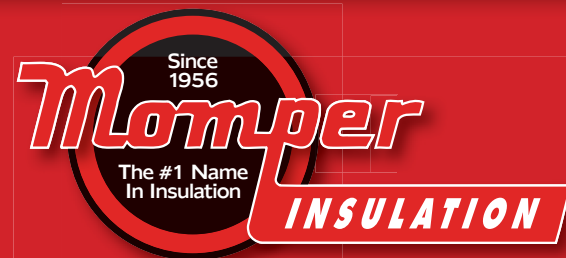
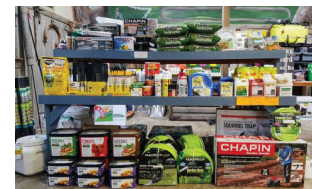


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The Embassy Celebrates the 35th Anniversary of Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees is one of the region's most anticipated holiday traditions. This year, the festival includes a Thanksgiving Day screening of the classic holiday movie "White Christmas," starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney.

This Festival of Trees 2019 is Nov. 27 through Dec. 4. Lobbies of the Embassy Theatre and Indiana Hotel are transformed into a wonderland of Christmas trees under the theme of "Holiday Memories." This year marks the festival's 35th celebration for the week-long fest.

Guests will tour the theatre as they view over 65 decorated trees and animated holiday windows. Admission includes festive entertainment on the theatre stage, including performances featuring the Grande Page pipe organ. Also, patrons can purchase a special ticket for breakfast with Santa Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1.

Visit www.fwembassytheatre.org for a complete lineup of activities.

Founded in 1984, the Festival of Trees supports ongoing operational and restoration efforts for the Embassy Theatre Foundation. It is the organization's largest annual fundraising event.

The Embassy's Festival of Trees is a holiday tradition for northeast Indiana. Visit the Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. in downtown Fort Wayne.

Special events:

Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day – Festival of Trees open 4 to 8 p.m. Enjoy the tradition of the Festival after Thanksgiving dinner. What a treat for out-of-town guests. Tour the theatre, view decorated trees and listen to musical performances featuring the Grande Page pipe organ.

RETURNING THANKSGIVING DAY: See Irving Berlin's holiday classic "White Christmas" on the big screen! Movie starts at 5 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa: November 29 and 30 and Dec. 1 (starts at 9:30 a.m.) Separate ticket required. \$20 per person. Breakfast sponsored by 3Rivers Federal Credit Union. Sing-along with Santa. Storytime. Limited seating.

Fort Wayne Children's Choir Community Sing-along: Monday, Dec. 2 (festival open 5-9 p.m.), choir performance from 6-7 p.m.

About the Embassy Theatre

Built in 1928, the Embassy Theatre is Indiana's largest self-sustaining historic theatre. Originally known as the Emboyd, with the adjoining seven-story Indiana Hotel, the majestic movie palace and vaudeville theatre introduced Indiana to the biggest stars of stage and screen.

Today, the Embassy is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Combining the beauty and elegance of a bygone era with the excitement of today's performers, the Embassy is the showplace of Northern Indiana. 🏠

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Nov. 28, 4-8 p.m.

Returning In 2019: Irving Berlin's White Christmas film screening, 5 p.m.

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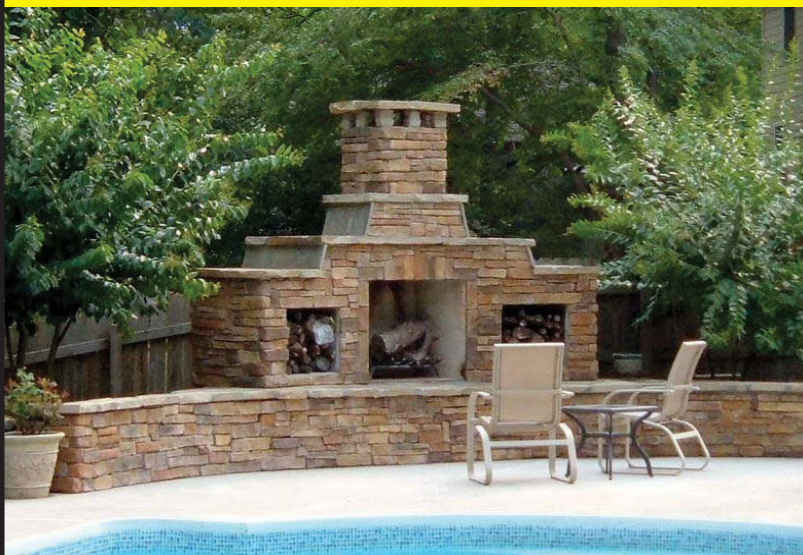
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SMART Girls/Brilliant Women



A young lady enjoys the special annual luncheon held at the Grand Wayne Center



Two young ladies receive flowers at a SMART Girls event.

November 6

By Lauren Caggiano

The annual Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne's SMART Girls/Brilliant Women luncheon and awards ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of girls and women in our community. This year's event is planned for Nov. 6 at the Grand Wayne Center, and the nonprofit's leadership is excited about what's to come.

According to Executive Director Joe Jordan, the award comes out of a long and rich tradition of investing in the future of girls.

"We've been doing (SMART Girls) programming for a long time at the club and even prior to my tenure here," he said. "The program has taken off and I love it, because what it really highlights is our members' peer-to-peer leadership."

The SMART Girls initiative serves youth middle school through high school and teaches educational and life skills, such as character building. Specifically, it emphasizes a positive self-concept, decision-making skills while adopting healthy attitudes and lifestyles. The girls are empowered to build skills to resist negative influences and grow

into responsible, productive and caring young women, according to the club's website.

In the process they often grow together. That's why the SMART Girl of the Year award is distinctive. It's peer to peer, which speaks to the camaraderie of the cohort.

Regardless of their background and life path after high school, Jordan said all the SMART Girls of the Year trajectories have a "direct impact to our community." The same goes for the Brilliant Woman of the Year award. This public recognition honors a standout adult female leader who has made great contributions to the cause of advancing girls and women on a local level. Dr. Deborah McMahan, Sister Elise Kriss, Sue Ehinger and Susan Johnson have been among the winners in years past.

Regardless of the specifics, Jordan said every year he's thrilled to be in the presence of such changemakers and supporters alike.

"Last year we had about 800 people at the event — 80 percent of them were women. And this year we anticipate the same type of response," he said.

The momentum generated from the organization's new building has also been a boon to the cause. At the end of the day, it's about the children and their futures. Jordan said it takes a village and he feels blessed.

In his words: "We feel so grateful to have community support, which allows us to continue to share our mission and our vision in support our children."

For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, visit www.bgcfw.org.

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Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home



Pictured above: Visiting Nurse patient Stan Williams with his care team and Visiting Nurse CEO Leslie Friedel.



Pictured above: Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center.

By Lauren Caggiano

Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home embraces the message that hospice care is more than a medical term – it's a philosophy that everyone deserves dignity and compassion when facing a life-threatening condition.

The scope and nature of the organization's work makes it a unique asset to the community. Visiting Nurse provides hospice care in patients' residences (including nursing homes) or in its Hospice Home. The agency's Palliative Care program provides nursing care to homebound patients with serious illnesses who are receiving curative treatments, as well as palliative consultations in area nursing facilities and by appointment at the Palliative Care Clinic, located at 7802 West Jefferson Blvd. Visiting Nurse's bereavement programs provide grief support services for patient families and the community at-large, free of charge.

According to Visiting Nurse's Director of Communications Bonnie Blackburn-Penhollow, November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, which makes it the perfect time to get the message out about who they are and what they do.

"It's a good time to let people know about the benefits of hospice and how we can help," she said. "For example, studies show that most people stay in their homes as they're battling their illnesses. They want to be at home and not hooked up to machines in a hospital. We want people to be comfortable and we'd like them to be as aware and alert as possible as they're dying."

She also wants people to know that their services are accessible. According to Penhollow, hospice is covered by insurance, private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid. And for people who might otherwise fall through the cracks, Visiting Nurse steps up to meet their needs.

"We did \$230,000 worth of charity care last year," she said. "We don't turn anyone away, regardless of their ability to pay. If they can't pay for services, we will make it happen."

Penhollow acknowledges the generosity of their donors and how they help them make good on their mission. For example, the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center was funded by donations. A capital campaign helped fund the creation of the Grief Center and endow a new Visiting Nurse Foundation that underwrites the ongoing operational costs for the Grief Center, where the services are provided at no charge.

Speaking of donors, Penhollow invites the community to join them at the 34th Annual Holiday Memorial Tree Lighting Service on November 24. This annual event features guest speakers, performances by the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, refreshments and the lighting of an evergreen tree with twinkling lights memorializing and honoring those who have passed on. The event will take place in a new venue this year, the University of Saint Francis' Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center in downtown Fort Wayne. You can memorialize your loved one by purchasing a symbolic light by calling Rose Replogle at (260) 435-3207 or emailing rosereplogle@vnfw.org. 🏠

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Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home

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NOB Brick & Fireplaces

Bob Benhower, Owner

By Cathy Shouse

Our Q & A with Bob Benhower, owner of NOB Brick & Fireplaces, revealed two traits: warmth and enthusiasm.

What does NOB Brick & Fireplaces offer?

When I started at NOB in 1960, we were only making concrete brick and supplying material for masonry fireplaces to masons and builders. Today, we are bringing in brick from all over the USA. We have over one million brick and 200 different styles in stock. Faux stone is popular and we offer over 100 choices in its own separate showroom. Outdoor living material for patios, retaining walls and driveways are also popular items, either concrete or natural products. In fall, we have many people interested in improving their existing fireplaces, so we offer a wide variety of fireplace doors and gas logs.

The fireplace business has changed drastically from the '60s. Today, most fireplaces are metal, pre-built units that are far more affordable and can be installed in less than a day's time. Most of them are very efficient gas burning units with a sealed glass front, which keeps good things in and bad things out. We have over 25 different styles of fireplaces burning in our showroom so home owners can see and experience what they will be living with.

Please share your philosophy.

In our 60 years in business, we have learned to treat customers like they are part of our family. We don't try to shove the easiest or most expensive product on to our customers but rather try to find out what is the most important need, or want, that they have and find it for them. When our customer ends up with the right thing, they become our best salesperson...some of our original customers are not only sending their grown children in to us but their grandchildren, as well.



How do you relax?

I do enjoy my work because I get to help people make right decisions on things that they are going to be living with for a long time. That is very satisfying. It is well known that I am a big time IU fan. My office has often been described as an IU shrine. Golf is a passion for me even though I am horrible at it [as many people will attest to]. When vacationing, my wife of 56 years, Doris, and I like to go to Treasure Island, Fla. We have two children, Frank and Susan, six grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

What else?

We have been successful because of our dedicated employees. Many have been at NOB for over 10, 20 and even 30 years.... They really do try to treat our customers like they would their own family. I guess we still have a lot of the 1960s in us, when people were friendly and your word was your bond. 🏠



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