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It's Spring Home Improvement Time

Upton's Roofing & Repair nearing half-century of stellar service



Owner Grover Upton

Upton's Roofing & Repair Service has been providing exceptional roofing services to central Indiana homeowners for more than 47 years. "We strive to provide highly professional service that you can trust for top quality," said owner Grover Upton, who is also a licensed general contractor. By offering a variety of services, including complete roof tear-offs, total reroofing, siding replacement and repair, soffit replacement and repair, windows, seamless gutter installation (including gutter guards) and specialized work, Upton's Roofing has built a solid reputation throughout the decades.

Professional advice

The Midwest gets more than its share of extreme weather, which has a way of wreaking havoc on our homes. With regard to roofing, homeowners should be aware of certain facts whenever a big storm hits.

"Hail can cause the protective granule coating on shingles to loosen and fall off," Upton said.

"This process may be referred to as 'bruising.'"

In addition, a winter that includes a lot of snow, ice and cold weather may result in a condition known as "ice dam buildup," which is a ridge that forms at the edge of the roof and prevents melting snow from draining off. The water that backs up behind the dam can leak into insulation and other areas. Upton's can evaluate the problem and offer a cost-effective solution.

Mr. Upton advises homeowners to call the contractor who installed their roof before the warranty period expires to check for damage from winds and hail. A proper inspection will determine if shingles are performing according to the manufacturer's standards, and the inspector can evaluate areas like chimney flashing, furnace pipe flashing, soil pipe boots and roof wall flashing.

If you need a roof replacement or roof repair, be sure to contact Upton's. "We offer free estimates and guarantee our workmanship," Upton said.

Replace or repair?

"Here in Indiana, the best time of year to have work done on your house's exterior is March through November, but roofs can be installed December through February depending on weather conditions," he added. "Manufacturers have improved their shingles so that even in colder weather they will seal down, albeit slower than in the warm seasons."

Due to rising deductibles, sometimes a homeowner can afford only to repair rather than replace the roof. In a situation like that, Mr. Upton works with a homeowner on an individual basis to work out a payment plan.

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It's time for home improvement projects

By B. Scott Mohr, editor

If that long-discussed home improvement project has remained on the back burner because you lack the know-how to tackle such an endeavor, there's no need to fret ... an abundance of Southside companies are eager to offer their expertise and talents.

Whether it's a patio, a room addition, a deck, a new air conditioner, landscaping or a water garden that you are pining for, one phone call can get the ball rolling. But you'll want get several estimates before contracting anyone to do work.

The craftsmanship and reputation of the following individuals and companies should be able to ensure a well-done job.

General contractors

A reliable company is **B. Davis Remodeling (317-781-0566)**, which is owned by Bill Davis. He stresses the importance of checking references and says, "It's the homeowner's responsibility to check on contractors. You are interviewing them for a job. You can check them out on social media," he said, noting that the Better Business Bureau and Angie's List are also excellent resources.

"And make sure your contractor is licensed and bonded in Indianapolis. The city is strict on its requirements, he said, so if a company has those credentials, it is doing good work. "Also make sure the contractor gets a building permit. If they don't, something is wrong."

"We use energy-efficient and topnotch products, but I don't believe in spending someone's money if it doesn't have to be spent. If the job is done right, there will be a profit. A rushed job never gets done well. We are not just a sign-and-build company. We want you happy today, tomorrow and for the next 20 years," said the 1982 Roncalli graduate.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY KELLY SAWYERS
Bill Davis (right) owner of B. Davis Remodeling, is shown with his wife, Amy, and sons Daniel and Jack.

A specialist in bathrooms, kitchens, additions, screened porches, basements, roofing, siding and windows, Davis said he strives for perfection because that ensures the end result is always acceptable. If a company shoots for acceptable, then the finished product is not.

Don Harris Home Improvement (317-787-3250) has done more than 3,750 remodeling projects on homes in Indianapolis, including complete home improvements, siding, roofing, room additions, porches, replacement gutters and windows, hail and wind storm repairs, garage conversions and much more.

The business was started 50 years ago by Don Harris' father, and Don traded in his paper route to help his father with roofing.

"We provide a high level of customer service, and we work to ensure that you're happy with the finished project," Harris said. "If you have an idea of what you want your project to look like, we'll design and build it with high-quality materials and excellent workmanship."

"If you have had storm damage, we'll provide you a competitive estimate for your repairs and work with your insurance company. "No job is too big or too small for us. We'll work with you to bring your home improvement dream to fruition."

Another topnotch company is **Walker & Sons (317-695-4366)**, which can be counted on for doing A-one work when it comes to roofing, siding, windows and gutters.

"Always get plenty of references and estimates," said Roy Walker, who started his company in 1978 but was in the business long before that.

He still climbs roofs – albeit not the steep ones. "I let my sons (Randy and Brian) climb those, but I oversee all roof jobs. That way I know they are done right. My sons take care of the siding and windows."

The Walkers normally stay busy through word-of-mouth. "We usually don't advertise that much; we just let work come to us," said Roy. "We hang some garage doors and do a little painting when it's needed, but we're not in the painting business."

Concrete, masonry and asphalt

Hofmann Construction Co. (317-281-6205) has been in the concrete business for more than 30 years, and owner Jim Hofmann treats every job as if he's pouring a slab for his house.

No job is too large or too small for Hofmann, who does custom and quality work, which includes colored and stamped concrete.

He welcomes new customers so he can show them his professional work.

Bob Meek, who's been in business for 34 years and owns **Meek & Son Construction (317-514-2405)**, a foundation-to-chimney company, said he believes in getting several references and estimates.

"Don't be afraid to ask for references, and don't settle for a phone number that the company guy throws at you," he says. "It could be a friend of his. There are a lot of people who do good work, but just a few disreputable companies can give us a bad name. We do good work."

Meek says the quality of his work is evidenced by the amount of referrals he gets. "Our work speaks for itself. Even with the slow economy, we have been busy. Everything is looking good for us."

His family-operated business specializes in masonry, interior and exterior painting, roofing, gutters and pouring concrete for patios.

At one time, he and his six brothers (three have since died) worked for Randy Meek Masonry, the family business. "Mom always told us to get along with one another," Meek said. "And we did. ... We didn't want to have to answer to her."

If your chimney needs to be cleaned, inspected or repaired, one

"Our work speaks for itself. Even with the slow economy, we have been busy. Everything is looking good for us" – Bob Meek

call to **Tracy Gibson (317-294-3566)** will take care of all your worries.

In addition to cleaning and inspecting most chimneys for \$100, he is an accomplished mason, having been in the trade for years.

Gibson said he offers the lowest prices and fast service.

Should you need an asphalt professional, there's Raymond Elkins, who has owned Indy Curb Appeal Asphalt for more than 20 years. Elkins specializes in patching and paving, seal coating, filling cracks and striping lots and can be reached at 317-985-2029 for free estimates.



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Eric Stephenson (from left), Bob Meek, Kevin Stephenson and Curtis White are seen at one of their job sites.



Meek, an excellent mason, is caught "sitting" on the job.

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Drywalling, painting
Dave Nunn, who owns **Nunn's Drywall & Painting (317-717-9322)**, said he takes great pride in his work, and that workmanship is evident in the amount of referrals received during his 23 years in business.
While drywall and painting are his specialties, Nunn also builds decks to suit the ever-diverse needs of his clients. "I also seal decks," he said. "I do a lot of handyman work ... set door frames, do framing and replace exterior trim. When I'm painting I often discover that the trim is bad, so I've replaced a lot of trim."
"We're really busy right now. Everybody is trying to get a jump on summer," said Nunn, who offers free estimates and emphasized that he does quality work at reasonable prices. "Sometimes I feel like I work too cheap. I think I'm losing money on some of my jobs."
Jim Wall, a 1989 graduate of Greenwood High School who lettered four years in wrestling, established **Wall Painting and Remodeling (317-522-3889)** in 2000.
"We provide quality work at reasonable prices. Perfection is our motto," says the lifelong Southsider, "which is why we have so many repeat customers."
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Fix, change or clean it ...

Cleaning, sales of blinds

Indy Shades (317-888-2334), established more than 22 years ago by Steve Cambridge, sells Hunter Douglas and Lafayette Interior Fashion blinds and is known for its expertise in the ultrasonic cleaning of venetian, vertical and soft shades.

"This process will make your window treatments look brand new," said Cambridge, whose shop is located at 360 Market Plaza, Suite 1, Greenwood. "With our specially formulated detergents, we also lubricate the gears and protect the cords. We can accommodate quick turnaround times, and we are very reasonable."

Why ultrasonics? With ultrasound, the blinds are thoroughly and inexpensively cleaned with high-frequency sound waves, which create millions of tiny bubbles that implode and scour the surface.

If you can't make up your mind whether you want blinds or drapes, then a call to the professionals at **Beauti Pleat Draperies (317-887-1728)** is in order. Husband-and-wife owners Ben and Janet Swigert and Shirley Roller specialize in residential and commercial design and the installation of both.

Janet said they take great pride in their work and have always felt that their customers' satisfaction should be the highest priority. "We also offer shop-at-home appointments and are true believers of providing service after the sale."

The company's website notes, "The interior of your home or business can speak wonders about you. Allow us the opportunity to design and install a set of custom draperies or blinds that compliments your design and speaks to your tastes."

Swigert and Roller are the daughters of Bud and Dot Eads, who started the business in 1959. The ladies started working for their dad in the early 1970s and took over the business in January 1986.

Lawn mower, tool repair

If you are looking for a reliable person to repair the engines on your lawn tools, including lawn mowers – push, riders or walk behinds – weed eaters, trimmers, edgers, etc., **Jack Hall (317-530-0199)** is your guy.

"I'm as reasonably priced as anyone, reliable and experienced," Hall said. "In fact, I'm probably cheaper, and I offer a quick turnaround time. If it has an engine, I can fix it."



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Ethan Hall, 8, son of engine repairman Jack Hall, looks right at home on this riding mower.

Garage doors

When it comes to installing garage doors, openers and springs, **John Walke Garage Doors, LLC (317-670-8037)** is known for its excellent work.

A 30-plus year veteran in the business, John Walke founded his company in 2006 and offers next-day service when repairing doors. The installation of a door with an opener can take up to a week since the door has to be ordered.

Cloypay doors and Liftmaster openers are the brands that he uses because of their reliability. "There are a lot of products out there, but I stay away from the junk," said Walke, adding that keyless entries are becoming popular because people don't have to take their keys with them when they go for a walk.

The bulk of his business is residential, but he has some commercial jobs and occasionally hangs barn doors for country folks.

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Molly, (from left) Joe, Don and Ryan Burns. Owner Don Burns, a lifelong Southsider who enjoys servicing metro Indianapolis, has four crews available for the smallest or biggest jobs. The business, which caters to home owners and real estate professionals, specializes in hauling services, removing junk, cleaning up properties, demolition work, tree removal and lawn mowing.

Tree removal and topping

While the Southside has been spared the wrath of widespread severe weather the past several springs, it may lurk on the horizon. Should high winds send trees crashing onto your home or yard, you'll need someone dependable to pick up the pieces ... and **E. White's Tree Service (317-786-4076)** is one of the companies that you will want to get an estimate from.

Earl White, who has owned the business for 30 years, offers 24-hour emergency service, trims, tops and fertilizes trees, removes stumps, clears lots, does shrub work and sells firewood. He is fully insured and offers free estimates.

"If you want some free wood chips, just call us for free delivery," he said. Contrary to popular belief, spring and fall aren't the only times to trim a tree, according to an arborist, who added that most trees can be pruned anytime. However, there is a plus to having trees cut back in early spring and late fall ... there are no leaves to clean up. And some companies will work for a discount when business is slow during the winter.

Another well-established company is **TLC Tree Service (317-694-0423)** which was launched by David and Tracy Chupp in 1987, the same year they were married. With a favorable rating on Angie's List, they trim trees, remove stumps, hedges and fences and sell all types of firewood, with delivery service available.

"We're a small family business that wants to keep our customers happy," said Tracy, who added that they enjoy their work, even though it does get a little hot in the summer. "But we work in the heat when it is necessary."

Lawn care, landscaping, decks and hauling

If you are looking for a high-quality lawn care and landscape company whose employees have more than 100 years of experience, you can't go wrong with **Cahill's Lawn & Landscape (317-791-5186)**.

The business was established in 1995 by John Cahill and boasts state-certified and licensed chemical applicators who provide lawn and landscape fertilizations, pest controls, aeration and machine seeding. They also offer bed weed control programs and the management of landscape beds and occasionally plant trees and shrubs for customers. "Our guys really know what they are doing," Cahill said. "If a lawn has a lot of violets - which are hard to kill - we will up the chemicals to bring 80 percent of the violets under one control with one application."

Another leader is **Cragen's Lawn Service (317-507-3767)**, established in 1998 by Bob Cragen as a spin-off of his grandfather's company, Cragen's Lawn Care, which has been chemically treating lawns since 1977.

Cragen might be the most educated man running a lawn care business as he has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's from Ball State. He has taught at Chatard, Central Nine Career Center and Perry Meridian High School.

"I miss teaching and am looking to get back into it," said Cragen, whose boys, Blake, 14, and Brock, 13, will play a role in his business this year. "They helped some last year, but they will be a bigger help this year."

In addition to mowing, Cragen offers spring and fall cleanups, landscape design and installation, mulch refreshing, aeration, lawn seeding and tree and shrub planting.

Jeff's Lawn & Landscaping, owned by **Jeff George (317-523-7921)**, offers the same services while also trimming shrubs and overseeding and aerating lawns.

Another veteran is Terry Johnson (317-394-7654), who has been building decks and landscaping most of his adult life. Johnson, who calls himself a general handyman, also repairs and installs mailboxes. "No job is too small for me, and I offer free estimates," he said.

Fred & Sons' Hauling & Tree Removal Service (317-626-5973) was launched in 2002 by Don Burns, a lifelong Southsider who enjoys servicing metro Indianapolis. He started his company as a side job but has hired a few full-time employees.

The business, which caters to home owners and real estate professionals and provides quality work at an affordable price, specializes in hauling services, removing junk, cleaning up properties, demolition work, tree topping, trimming and removal and lawn mowing. "The top five items that we haul away are brush piles, books, clothes, couches and old TVs. If you are in violation of a health code, we can help you comply," Burns said. "The tree that we remove most often are the pines. Due to the emerald ash borer, we are seeing an increase in the removal of infested ash trees."

The company has won many Super Service Awards from Angie's List and is a member of ITEX, a nationwide barter network.

Rex Clark (317-513-2553) is also a reputable hauler of brush, scrap metal and junk of any kind. In addition, he runs a lawn care business and is handy when it comes to cleaning out

gutters and garages, pruning trees and bushes, collecting leaves and sprucing up yards.

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Flowers and plants

In the market for bedding or vegetable plants or breath-taking geraniums? Then head to **Heidenreich Greenhouses (317-786-1528), 502 E. National Ave.**, where the Heidenreich family puts a little love and sweat into everything it sells.

Bill and Pat Heidenreich launched the business in 1956, with son Billy at the helm now. While the greenhouse business has changed drastically over the past 30 years, one thing has remained constant, the quality of plants and flowers that we sell, said the younger Bill, who is proud of everything he sells. "Our geraniums are our pride and joy, and they look beautiful. Equally impressive are our rose bushes and tropical plants," which can be purchased from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays.

"We also have ferns, trumpet vines, clematises, hanging baskets, New Guinea impatiens, 75 varieties of potted perennials, onion sets and 25 kinds of vegetable seeds," he said. There are also tomato, pepper, cucumber and berry plants.

"When customers come here they find better quality than what is available at the big-box stores. I tell my customers that we don't have the best, but we sure don't have junk. If you don't find what you are looking for here, stop by the other family-owned shops on the Southside; chances are they might have it. I always contend that locally grown plants always prove best."



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY BRETT SAWYERS
Billy Heidenreich, who owns Heidenreich Greenhouses, 502 E. National Ave., has an outstanding variety of hanging baskets, bedding flowers and vegetable plants, garden seed, ground cover, sweet potato slips, etc.



Darrell Van Meter, who's employed by Mrs. Curl Ice Cream Shop in Greenwood, is a longtime patron of Heidenreich Greenhouses.

Second-grader makes unique fertilizer

By Sherri Coner
Southsider Voice Correspondent

With Shirley, her beloved stuffed tiger, tucked under her arm, Elsha Morrow appears to be like any other 8-year-old.

But what sets her apart from other second-graders is the fact that this little girl is a seasoned business owner.

By mixing her passion for gardening with her interest in owning a business, the end result is called Earl Neigh, an organic fertilizer that has a growing circle of repeat customers.

At age 2 Elsha started following her grandmother, Mary Wei, outside to the gardens and into the horse barn. That's when Wei patiently started to introduce her granddaughter to the magic of nature, everything from picking cherries off the backyard tree to baking pies or watching monarchs hatch and release to learning about soil versus clay.

All along, Elsha was falling in love with these discoveries.

At age 4 Elsha expressed interest in following in the entrepreneurial footsteps of her mother, Ajna Morrow, who owns several businesses.

A year later with the help of Gus, her well-loved horse, Elsha, who attends Sugar Grove Elementary School in Center Grove, reached her goal of owning a business.

"Gus is Elsha's production manager," Wei said with a laugh.

Each spring many gardeners enthusiastically spread horse manure on flower and vegetable gardens.

But they soon discover that while their healthy and hardy plants take root and bloom, that labor of love is hard to see amongst an equally healthy and hardy amount of weeds.

"Seeds don't break down in a horse's stomach," Wei said.

Because Gus has an integral part in her business, Elsha's first step in business begins with mucking horse stalls. After adding an equal amount of water to 5-gallon buckets filled with a shovel full of horse manure, she and her grandmother leave the mixture alone for three days.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY SHERRI CONER
Elsha Morrow, 8, is busy with the first step of producing her product, Earl Neigh tea.

Using a pillow case, which virtually serves as a huge filter, the next step is to steep the pure compost, which removes the seeds.

The end result is Earl Neigh tea, which Elsha carefully pours into 1-gallon plastic jugs, donated by Starbucks.

Her product sells for \$5 a gallon at garage sales.

"Elsha has been going at this business since she was 5 years old," Ajna Morrow said of her only child. "Her name is Celtic and means bold and noble. Elsha lives up to every bit of that. She is spunky and not scared of anything."

Before she became a business owner, Elsha and her mother agreed that some profits go in a saving account. She also donates a portion to a local animal shelter.

"Then I can buy one toy," Elsha said with a grin. "But this year I am going to buy a chicken."



Grandmother Mary Wei, with Elsha Morrow and Shirley, Elsha's favorite stuffed animal.

ELEPHANT EARS ARE SHOWY



Elephant ears, of which some species grow taller than 6 feet, can add an exciting new look to your garden, poolside, patio or deck. The easy-to-grow tropical plants boast giant leaves that measure up to 2 feet across. Fertilizing every two to three weeks will help your plants reach their full potential.

Elephant ears can be grown in containers as well as the garden. If space is an issue, try some of the more compact varieties like Hawaiian punch.

The plants can be grown as annuals or brought indoors for the winter.

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Pools, fireplaces, grills and more

People who assume that **Pool City, 940 Fry Road, Greenwood (317-888-3933)**, only carries pool-related merchandise are badly mistaken.

In addition to specializing in Fiberglass and vinyl liner in-ground pools, replacement liners, heaters, pumps, automatic covers, the company also sells fireplace inserts, gas logs, wood-burning and gas stoves, grills, smokers, spas and chemicals.

"Our priority is making sure our customers receive the best value for their money," said owners Chris and Lynn Newett, who will be celebrating National Swimming Pool Day Sunday. "We take pride in offering quality products and exemplary service. If you are thinking about purchasing an in-ground pool, call us to set up an in-home consultation visit. Let us show you how you can turn your backyard into your special retreat."

"As a family business, we understand families. Pool City has more than 40 years of experience building in-ground pools. Given our strong family ties, we understand the importance of spending quality family time together. What better way to spend family time than around a new in-ground pool?"

The Newetts are hosting a customer appreciation sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday (grilling out from 11 a.m.-2 Saturday), during which all major merchandise will be discounted; liquid chlorine will be marked down to \$14.30 from \$15.89.



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It's time for home improvement projects

Air conditioning and heating

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Annee, who offers 24/7 service, highly recommends annual inspections, which can extend a unit's life by several years while cutting cooling costs. "A dirty condenser will not cool well, and the unit could be low on refrigerant," he said. "A checkup will address those issues. We service residential and commercial customers and work on all makes and models of furnaces and air conditioners. We offer repair service, maintenance, installation, service agreements and duct cleaning to meet all of your needs."

"Being in business for ourselves, we can dictate our practices. We take pride in providing quality service and installation at a fair price. We're not the lowest; we're not the highest; but we are honest."



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Family members at Annee & Matry include (from left) owner Joe Annee, daughter Angi Bartram and son-in-law Doug Bartram. Josephine Annee is not pictured.

Plumbing

If you are looking for a dependable plumber, Bob and Steve Starks will say look no further than **Starks Plumbing Service (317-767-7512)**, which was founded by their grandfather, Wayne Starks, and his father, Robert L. Starks, and passed down through the family.

The Starks brothers attended St. Mark Grade School and Perry Meridian High.

Their forte is residential installation and repair work. Services include installing water heaters and softeners, garbage disposals, sinks, faucets, toilets, etc.

"We are an established company that you can depend on," they said. "We strive to treat our customers with respect and leave a positive impression before we leave their homes. We install the same brands and quality products that we have in our homes and stand behind our workmanship long after the standard one-year period. We feel fortunate to be in a trade that we enjoy and find rewarding."

Flooring

A leader in flooring products and services is **Flooring by Stretch Rite (317-784-1768)**, which was started by Paul Hornaday in 1966 and is well-known for its motto of "You'll love us under your feet."

He was joined in the trade by son Dan in 1980, and the duo has built a successful business, one that carries luxurious carpet, fashionable porcelain tiles and durable hardwood laminate and vinyl.

While Paul has retired, Dan's daughter, Samantha Wilson, is the third generation to join the company. With a strong background in decorating, she provides invaluable service when it comes to helping customers select the right flooring.

Although Flooring by Stretch Rite, 4030 Madison Ave., is a small company, Dan says customers are continually amazed by their reasonable prices. "We belong to a large buying group out of Chicago. That allows us to be competitive with everyone. We employ our installers, who provide unbeatable service and installation."



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Owner Dan Hornaday is a seasoned professional in the flooring industry.

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"The studio reflects our unique style, elegant fabrics, one-of-a-kind furnishings and abundant accessories," noted owner Karen Mercer on the company's website. "Our experienced and creative design team is enthusiastic and friendly. Our goal is to help you create home space that is warm, elegant, accessible and, most of all, a reflection of you."

Mercer originally began her business by merchandizing model homes for an entry level builder that developed subdivisions all over Indiana. While working with him for over 13 years her business grew to include a retail store on the Southside. Many customers would inquire about their unique furniture and accessories that were found in the models, so a retail store seemed the right fit for them to grow.

"While we no longer merchandize model homes, we have stayed involved with residential design and try to stay current on the latest colors, styles and trends," she said.

Rental equipment and party needs

You can depend on **Indy Rents, 3016 W. Southport Road**, for all your equipment and party rental needs. Owner Kelley Bowling carries a variety of small and large equipment, ensuring that she'll have something to suit your needs. All you need is a major credit card and a current Indiana driver's license.

"Whether you need to do some work around your house or are a contractor who has a job to complete, we have what you need," Bowling said. "It is our goal to constantly deliver customer satisfaction, which we ensure by having the finest equipment at the best prices."

Among the items available for rent are pressure washers, air compressors, plumbing tools, log splitters, forklifts, generators, scaffolding, saws, chippers, backhoes, stump grinders, pumps, floor care machines, fans, tents, tables, chairs, concession machines and bounce houses.

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Opened in 1945, the business has evolved over the years, but its commitment to serving customers hasn't changed, said owner Jeff Cardwell. "Without the support of our customers, we wouldn't be here. As with any business, we can only grow through our commitment to serving your needs."

While this story may not cover all your needs for the project at hand, more contractors are listed in our service directory on Pages 6A and 7A. These are not the here-today, gone-tomorrow guys; many have faithfully served the Southside for decades.

So, there's really no excuse not to get started on that patio, room addition or concrete driveway ... unless you want to hear about it all summer from your better half.

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