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In-ground Pools Reflect Homeowners' Visions

A backyard pool is an oasis as well as a beautiful extension of indoor living space; but without professional planning and installation, this home addition can be less lovely and more of a liability.

Since 2007, Hillside Pools has been the go-to-source for in-ground pool construction, repair and maintenance for northeast Indiana's residents. The family-owned business was voted Best Pool & Spa Store in this year's *Readers' Choice*.

Hillside Pools

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Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10 am – 6 pm Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm Owners Terry and Chris Hill said in-ground pool sales are very robust, especially in Allen County where many pool companies are booked for construction well into 2020. "If you want an in-ground pool, you have to think about it at least a year ahead of time. Pool construction has become a supply and demand issue," said Chris, who noted a typical installation takes one to two weeks.

Hillside Pools also sells above-ground pools, vinyl liners, pool supplies/ equipment and grills. It also provides pool maintenance including water testing and treatment and seasonal pool opening and closing.

According to Chris, a popular trend for in-ground pool owners is automatic covers (but they can only be used on rectangular pools). They meet Indiana's

fencing law requirements but eliminate the need for an actual security fence. "They're worth their weight in gold and not just for the safety aspect. The covers also save on pool maintenance, chemicals required and are a great way to control the water's temperature," she said.

Hillside Pools employs around 25 people each summer season. The company is enjoying its second year in its Maplecrest Road location.

"We're in business to help customers with all of their pool needs," said Chris.

Recently, the Hills made a splash when they were selected as a top 10 US pool retailer by *Aqua Magazine*, an industry publication.

"We're selling an experience, not just a pool. We're thrilled to be acknowledged both locally and nationally. We'd like to thank our customers for



Hillside Pools' team, from left: Calvin Biggins, service manager; Nikki Biggins, store manager; Terry Hill, president; Chris Hill, vice president; Becca Conrad, administrative assistant; Spencer Conrad, Sales Manager and Amanda Etter, assistant store manager. Courtesy photo.

having faith in us to build and/or maintain their backyard pool. We thank the local community and voters for their support," said Chris.

