

## 14 Artisans gain a retail outlet.



How could you not love a woman whose business card lists her title as shopkeep? Of course, the shop Amanda Mauer Taflinger keeps in

Indianapolis isn't your typical big-city boutique. Her aptly named Homespun stocks nothing but handmade wares by area artisans: Think bird sculptures carved from found wood (*inset*) and felt Willie Nelson finger puppets. "I love handing our vendors a check, knowing that the money supports their families," says Taflinger (*above*, with husband Neal and son Zeke). Last summer, she won a \$25,000 grant from Pepsi to open a workshop, providing classes on craftsmanship and entrepreneurship. "I want to give other people an opportunity to grow their businesses, too." ([homespunindy.com](http://homespunindy.com))

## 15 The great moonshine revival

Technically, "moonshine" refers to any spirit produced in an unlicensed still, but a recent spate of small-batch liquors aims to redefine the term. These current takes on white lightning (clear whiskey that hasn't been barrel-aged) mimic traditional practices yet meet legal standards. Below, five of the best:



### 1512 BARBERSHOP RYE

Salvatore Cimino hails from a long line of barbers and bootleggers. He honors both legacies in San Francisco, cutting hair and distilling 250 jugs of unaged booze a month. (\$25 for 750 ml.; \$31 for 375 ml.; [1512spirits.com](http://1512spirits.com) for stores)

### OLE SMOKY

Despite a motto proclaiming it "The first legal moonshine in Tennessee," Ole Smoky's packaging practically begs you to swill straight from the jar. (\$25 for 750 ml.; [olesmoky-moonshine.com](http://olesmoky-moonshine.com) for stores)

### DEATH'S DOOR

Fear not, this hooch's name refers to a body of water in Wisconsin, where a 1,200-acre organic farm supplies the spirit's key ingredients. (\$36 for 750 ml.; [deathsdoorspirits.com](http://deathsdoorspirits.com) for stores)

### SMOOTH AMBLER

Greenbrier Spa architect T.A. Galyean developed this white whiskey using cool stream water straight from West Virginia's Appalachian Mountains. (\$28 for 750 ml.; [smoothambler.com](http://smoothambler.com) for stores)

### KINGS COUNTY

This discreetly labeled Brooklyn blend took home the distinction of Best In Category at 2011's American Distilling Institute's Craft Spirits conference. (\$20 for 200 ml.; [kingscountystillery.com](http://kingscountystillery.com) for stores)