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Innkeeper finds niche to crow about: scrapbooking

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A bed and breakfast in the farmland of northeastern Hamilton County has found its niche: scrapbooks.

Crop-A-Doodle-Do, which bills itself as the "ultimate scrapbook and spa getaway," has no vacancies until July. News outlets as far away as Dallas have crowded about the inn dedicated to scrapbook fanatics.

Creating Keepsakes magazine reported scrapbooking is the third most popular craft hobby in the nation, amounting to \$2.55 billion in its latest survey in 2004. That's an increase of 28 percent over 2001.

The bed and breakfast, 12120 E. 266th St., sits about a mile west of Ind. 213 near tiny, unincorporated Walnut Grove. Since the inn opened three years ago on a circa 1865 farm near Arcadia, women from across the United States have paid



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showers with shower gel and body spray with the rooster drawing on the labels, a white terry-cloth robe, and use of all the scrapbooking equipment as well as a computer with Internet access. Guests must bring their own supplies.

"When they call to make their reservation, we ask them what kind of soft drink they like and what kind of snacks they have to have while they are scrapbooking," said Brenda Webster, one of the bed and breakfast's four co-owners.

\$275 per person per weekend.

For their money, the guests get a two nights' stay from noon Friday until noon Sunday. The cost covers their meals, snacks, drinks, a water bottle with the Crop-A-Doodle-Do logo, a



Taana Griffiths (from left), Lynn Smith, and Gretchen Snelling work on scrapbooking recently at Crop-A-Doodle-Do, a bed and breakfast in Arcadia. The B&B bills itself as "The Ultimate Scrapbook & Spa Getaway."

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"We try and have those favorites on hand for them when they arrive so they feel more at home."

Crop-a-Doodle-Do also offers, for an

extra fee, spa services including facials, massages, pedicures and manicures provided by professionals brought in at the guests' requests.