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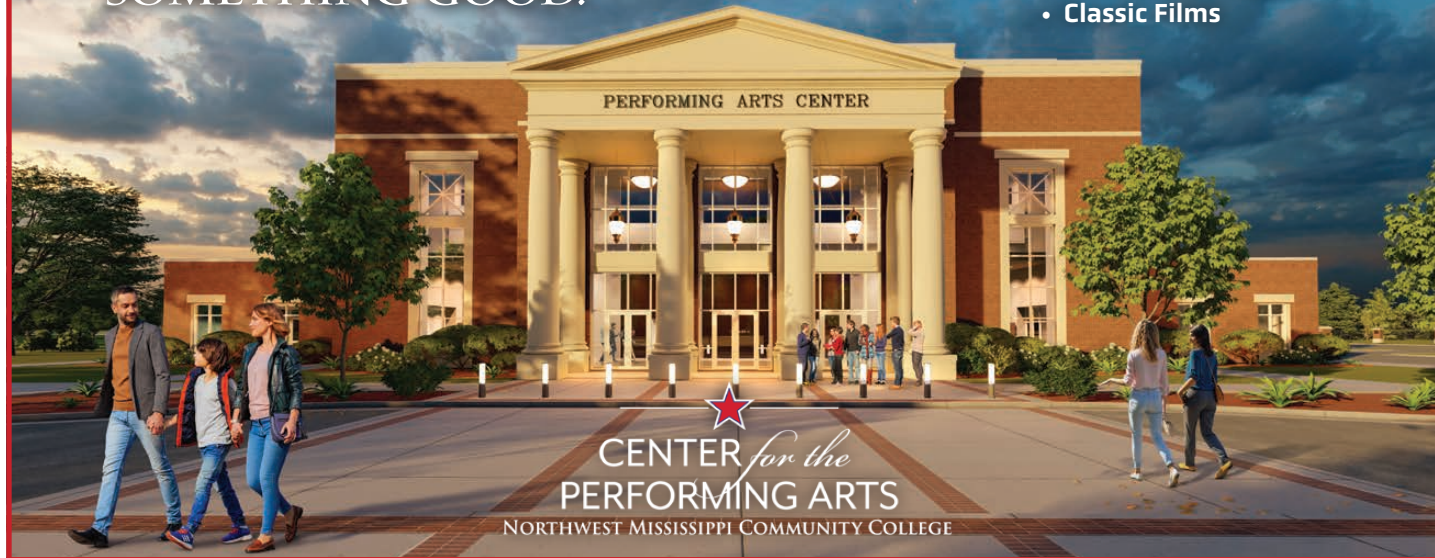
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Letter to Residents

Happy Thanksgiving! This time of year, we all tend to think about family getting together and sharing big meals. Turkey is on everyone's menu, and some of us have to eat more than one meal to avoid hurting people's feelings! This time of the year is perfect to reflect on the blessings we have, and express our thanks through giving to others. I hope we have helped bring more resources to your Rolodex, more ideas for things to do, and more knowledge to your daily life.

This November, we are proud to welcome SEVERAL new sponsors to Collierville Living Magazine! Introducing Dr. David Novick, our new Cardiologist and founder of the Novick Cardiac Alliance! We are also pleased to introduce Dr. Kathryn Sneed and Sneed MediSpa. Our latest Catholic School, Immaculate Conception, has a letter from their Rector to share! Lastly, we are thrilled to welcome Tiffany Boyd back to CLM! Tiffany is the proud owner of A Perfect Bloom- the only Florist you'll ever need! We hope you enjoy this edition, which also includes a special appearance from everyone's favorite e-commerce giant: AMAZON!

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The Prather Family

A FAMILY THAT LAUGHS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

STORY BY EMILY CLEMMER
PHOTOS BY ERIN PRATHER

The secret to a happy family is enjoying each other and providing encouragement along the way. Always look for moments and opportunities when you might share a good laugh with your family and create lifelong memories. Laughter is good, not only for the soul but also for the family. A family that laughs together stays together.

The Prather family understands the importance of enjoying each other's unique personalities. Josh (48) and Erin (39) met in 2006 while working in the food and beverage industry. "I was immediately drawn to Josh's quirky and odd sense of humor. He has always worn his "weirdness badge" with pride, and I was diggin' it," Erin says about her attraction to her husband. "Laughter is the secret way to my heart, I suppose."

Encouragement in this family is enormous. They support each other in academics, athletics, and careers. As a family of 6, the Prathers share some similar interests but have very different ones. Josh loves to hunt, fish, and be outdoors. He graduated



from UT Martin with a major in Business with a minor in Organizational Behavior. He is the General Manager for First Choice Farm & Lawn Kubota in Eads. Erin enjoys camping, jogging outdoors, painting, and anything relating to creative arts. You can find Erin selling real estate for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices McLemore & Co Realty. The office is on Collierville Town Square, so stop and say hi!

Jalen (22) graduated from the University of Chattanooga this past May with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Natural Resources. He is working towards a career in Forestry, Forest Pathology, and Mycology. "Jalen is our Einstein!" Erin describes him. He loves science and nature, hiking, camping, playing multiple unique musical instruments, including the dulcimer, reading, and cooking. Jacob (20) loves all things sports and nutrition. He also loves to hike and camp. "He has always been the life of the party no matter the environment." Joey (16) is very much like his mother because he inherited a love for the arts. He enjoys music and singing and is currently active in his school's Performing Arts program, where he recently received one of the leading roles in the school's big musical! Jasper (12) seems to be



Tulum



few years ago. Of course, that was quite an experience. If we ever go back, we will NOT go in August," Erin hinted. For the last two years, the family traveled outside the country because they felt their kids' ages allowed them to do so. They traveled to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. "We toured Dunn's River Falls and snorkeled in the beautiful reefs. The kids were in a constant state of "pinch me, is this real" as it was their first time out of the country. It was an amazing experience for them and even more so for us as their parents, who were blessed enough to provide them with those experiences. This past year's vacation was to Tulum, where we toured the ancient Mayan ruins and swam in the crystal-clear cenotes. It was incredible!"

The town of Oakland, Tennessee, is where the Prathers currently reside and have lived for the past ten years.

"We moved to "the country" in 2012 to get away from the city, crazy traffic, and higher taxes. Over the last few years, our subdivision, The Villages of Riverwood, went from a quiet, little neighborhood to having four brand new neighborhoods built up on every side of it. It seems like it happened overnight! The growth in Oakland has been crazy to witness, but we truly have loved it. Even though our community has increased, it is still a wonderful place to live. Our neighbors are wonderful people, and most of those on our street have been there the entire time we have lived there. We know the names of the people who work at our local grocery store, bank, and hardware store, and they know ours."

Erin (maiden name is Bambi) grew up in Collierville when her family moved here from Memphis in 1986. "I witnessed the growth from this tiny, little town that most people probably couldn't point to on a map grow to what it is today...a place that so many people eagerly desire to live. I can see the same potential for Oakland under the proper leadership. Like my dear hometown, Collierville, Oakland is special."

following every footstep of his brother, Jacob. "To him, football is life! He is very passionate about bettering himself however he can to bring his absolute best to every game and practice".

"As we get older, we find ourselves perfectly content sitting at home, each in our favorite spot on the couch, and watching a good Netflix series. Occasionally, we like to get out and play pool, whether just us or with friends. Camping and sitting around a fire pit on a cool evening with great music and company is also one of our favorite things to do," Erin shares. The Prather family are also members of Christ Presbyterian Church in Somerville and enjoy serving and volunteering whenever possible.

The family is not complete without their two dogs. As with most family pets, their dogs provide another source of love and laughter to the mix. Butta is a 13-year-old Wire Fox Terrier. Barley is a 3-year-old Welsh Terrier. "Adhering to their true terrier nature, they are both stubborn, strong-willed, and don't care a lick about pleasing you unless you have food or something they want from you," Erin says. "They'll do any trick in the world for you if you have the treat to give them in return. If not, THE AUDACITY! LOL! Jokes aside, they are true clowns and have the most cheerful sense of humor. They keep us laughing every day with their antics," Erin shares.

Vacationing as a family at least once a year is extremely important to the Panthers. "Memories last a lifetime. You can't put a price tag on happy memories," Erin says. "As parents, this has always been important to us to provide those happy memories to our kids while simultaneously reliving those same childhood memories of our own. Destin, Florida, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee, are some of our favorite travel destinations. We love the beach and mountains! We did Disney a



Josh Prather, Joey Mol, Jasper Prather, Erin Prather

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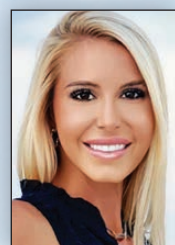
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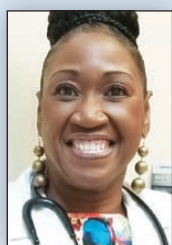
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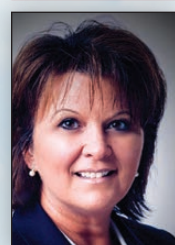
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STORY BY HAYES HORA, PHOTOS BY KERRY GOFF, HAYES HORA & DAVID GASCHEN



David Gaschen is an internationally known stage performer and singer who became known for his portrayal of the role of the Phantom in "The Phantom of the Opera." He studied vocal performance at Texas Tech University in 1993. In 1995, he was cast as the lead role's alternate. As the lead role's alternate, Gaschen would typically appear in around three to four performances a week. At the age of 26, he became the youngest actor to play the role of the Phantom in a professional musical. In November 1999, he made his Broadway debut in the show's title role. He has already performed the role over a thousand times.

In 2006, Gaschen was officially acknowledged as a part of West Texas' arts community by being inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame. This walk of fame, which is located near a statue of Buddy Holly, features plaques that honor individuals who excel in the performing arts. He also returned to his alma mater, Texas Tech University, to receive a special award for his achievements in the performing and visual arts field. He is most grateful to God for his wife, Jeanne, and

his children, Andrew, and Molly.

Gaschen came to sing at the Senatobia Campus as a guest performer for the inaugural opening. The Northwest Center for Performing Arts features a 65,000-square-foot facility that houses a 1203-seat performance theater. It also has a gallery reception, a two-story lobby entrance, and a private courtyard. The theater's backstage area features multiple dressing rooms, a costume preparation area, and a green room.

The facility features various areas for education and the performing arts, such as classrooms, computer labs, and private instrument practice rooms. It also has four rehearsal spaces for various groups, including the Northwest Marching Band. The venue is frequently used for various events, including Broadway touring productions and celebrity attractions. It also hosts various other events, such as lectures and on-campus presentations. The facility's new addition will feature a 1,200-seat auditorium and a band hall for 200 students. It will additionally have various areas for faculty offices and rehearsal rooms.

The Northwest Center for Performing Arts' new addition will also help boost the local economy by providing various opportunities for events and activities. These include hosting dance festivals, bands, and traveling concerts. It will additionally enhance the appreciation of the arts in the surrounding communities. For the fall lineup of headliners and events, refer to the advertisement (page 2), or go online: www.nwccpac.org.



Hayes Hora, Michael J. Heindl, David Gaschen

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| 1878 MCCOOL FOREST LN | 4566 | 739,000 | 739,000 |
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| 2590 HALLE PKY | 5177 | 719,500 | 710,000 |
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| 10142 S CLIVEDEN CIR | 3189 | 644,000 | 647,750 |
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11/6 Veterans Day Celebration
11/22 Collierville Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30 - 7 pm

COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

11/10 - 11/13 Clue: On Stage, Draco Playhouse
11/19 Varsity Men's Basketball vs. Tipton-Rosemark Academy
11/19 Varsity Women's Basketball vs. Rossville Christian
11/19 Varsity Men's Basketball vs. Memphis Fairley
11/19 Varsity Women's Basketball vs. Jackson Northside
11/29 Varsity Women's Basketball vs. Evangelical Christian
11/29 Varsity Men's Basketball vs. Evangelical Christian

MORTON MUSEUM OF COLLIERVILLE HISTORY

11/4 10:30 am: Preschool Story Time
11/5 10 am - 4 pm: Spotlight Saturday "Veteran's Day"
11/10 12 pm: Lunch & Learn "Aiming Higher (Veteran's Day)"
11/11 10:30 am: Preschool Story Time

11/17 6:30 pm: Evening Concert Series - Iris Collective
11/18 10:30 am: Preschool Story Time
11/22 2:00 pm: 'Friends of the Museum' Book Club

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11/10 - 11/13 Aries Spears
11/18 - 11/19 George Wallace, J. Anthony Brown, Myra J.
11/24 Bennie Mac
11/25 - 11/27 Kerwin Claiborne

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11/4 Armageddon Time
11/11 Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
11/18 She Said
11/18 The Menu
11/23 Devotion
11/23 Strange World
11/23 The Fablemans

GERMANTOWN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (GPAC)

Duncan Williams Performance Hall
11/4 Charles Lloyd Trio
11/18 Marty Stuart
11/19 Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra
11/20 GPAC Youth Symphony Program: Stop and Wonder

GERMANTOWN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (GPAC)

The Grove
11/3 John Paul Keith & Rhythm of the City
11/11 Veterans Day Concert featuring Memphis Wind Symphony

FEDEX FORUM

11/4 Memphis Grizzlies vs. Charlotte Hornets
11/5 The Millennium Tour: Turned Up!
11/6 Memphis Grizzlies vs. Washington Wizards
11/7 Memphis Grizzlies vs. Boston Celtics
11/11 Memphis Grizzlies vs. Minnesota Timberwolves
11/17 Reba McEntire
11/22 Memphis Grizzlies vs. Sacramento Kings
11/18 Memphis Grizzlies vs. Oklahoma City Thunder
11/25 Memphis Grizzlies vs. New Orleans Pelicans

LANDERS CENTER

11/12 - 11/13 PAW Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure
11/16 A Magical Cirque Christmas
11/17 Judas Priest - 50 Heavy Metal Years
11/19 Casting Crowns: The Healer Tour
11/25 Katt Williams: 2023 And Me Tour

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11/1 - 11/2 Blue Man Group
11/5 SPY NINJAS LIVE
11/10 - 11/11 Champions of Magic
11/12 - 11/13 Nate Bargatze: The Raincheck Tour
11/15 Disney Junior Live on Tour: Costume Palooza
11/17 Memphis Symphony Orchestra
11/22 - 11/27 Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! the Musical (Touring)
11/29 - 11/30 Dear Evan Hansen (Touring)

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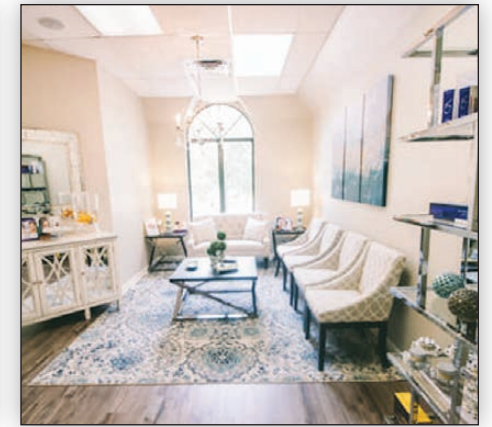
11/5 Anjelah Johnson-Reyes: Who Do I Think I Am? Tour
11/11 Manchester Orchestra
11/26 Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant

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11/26 - 11/27 New Ballet Ensemble and School Presents NutRemix
11/30 K-LOVE Christmas Tour

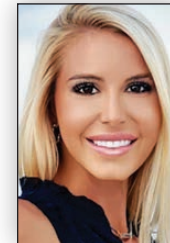
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BUSINESS PROFILE: SNEED MEDISPA MEET KATHRYN SNEED!

BY HAYES HORA | PHOTOS BY KATHRYN SNEED



Dr. Kathryn Sneed is happily married to Dr. Darrell Sneed. Kathryn's husband is a Cardiologist at Stern Cardiovascular. Together, they have three children: Harrison (13), Addilyn (10), and Coleman (8). Kathryn shares, "We have horses, cows, dogs, and a cat. Our children attend Briarcrest, and we are involved in our church and support many medical ministries."

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Kathryn is motivated when she can make someone feel better about themselves. She loves to create confidence and transform the way people see themselves. She believes when a person (especially a woman) feels good about herself, it overflows into every area of her life.

Kathryn is exceptionally talented, creative, and driven. She is a Dentist and the owner of Premier Dental Implant Center and Sneed MediSpa. Sneed also owns Tuscan Ridge, a beautiful venue for weddings and events. "I have been practicing for 15 years. I have completed advanced training/ residencies in facial esthetics, advanced surgeries, orthodontics, and cosmetics, which has laid the foundation for my training. I have been an advanced injector for over ten years and have been injecting botox for 15. I love what I do! Seeing people feel more confident is extremely satisfying and brings me great joy. We strive to provide the highest quality of customer service with state-of-the-art technology and advanced procedures, all with the utmost respect, kindness, and consideration of our patients and staff," Kathryn shares.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: AMAZON'S FULFILLMENT CENTER

INSIDE Amazon!

STORY & PHOTOS BY HAYES HORA



Gifting season is almost here; for some of us, that means revisiting our favorite stores; for others, it is a simple and convenient online shopping experience. Most of us are familiar with Amazon as one of our favorite online shopping retailers! How does that package end up at your doorstep? I reached out to Divina Mims, Regional PR Manager for Amazon. Divina flew in from Nashville to host a 45-minute walk-through of the Amazon Fulfillment Center. I was taken behind the scenes of Amazon to meet several employees and get a glimpse at this massive operation.

Amazon's MEM2 site only handles dangerous goods, which include aerosols, flammables, and oxidizers like pool supplies, cleaning supplies, perfumes, etc. Charles Burns, Senior Outbound Manager, says, "There are currently four hazardous material sites throughout the country, including Washington, Virginia, and Ohio. Products like dog food and home goods are stored in different centers to prevent contamination or safety issues. The Byhalia MS facility averages

80,000 outbound packages per day, with peak seasons averaging 800,000 packages per week!

SAFETY sets the foundation for everything that happens inside Amazon's warehouses. Annette Todd-Nabaa, Senior Operations Manager of Change, demonstrated several safety initiatives Amazon has taken. Annette shares, "We have vending machines for employees which provide free personal protective equipment (PPE) like gloves and glasses/goggles. Associates have access to special stretching equipment with TV-guided instructions in addition to health coaches, mental health resources, and a fully-equipped mini-hospital in the warehouse for emergencies. Amazon recently rolled out new high-tech safety belts for employees. Each belt contains sensors that detect unsafe movements, like bending over too far, which alert the wearer with vibration feedback."

Chelz Ford, the Administrative Coordinator, said, "Employees receive excellent benefits, including paid time off, 401k, employee discounts,



health/vision/dental, and more. The employees are empowered to control their careers. They can select their preferred work site, shift, and benefits."

Regional PR Manager Divina Mims is proud of Amazon's commitment to creating new leaders and influencers within the communities it serves. Divina shares, "Amazon's Career Choice Education Program helps fund college education for employees, not just in logistics or warehouse management, but for anything they are passionate about. Employees have become nurses, doctors, criminal justice attorneys, and more."

GROUP PHOTO CAPTION:

- Chelz Ford**, Administrative Coordinator
- Annette Todd-Nabaa**, Senior Operations Manager of Change
- Hayes Hora**, Publisher, Collierville Living Magazine
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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: SAVANNAH BURKE

ON THE FAST TRACK WITH *Ambition and Achievement*

BY EMILY CLEMMER
PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE BURKE FAMILY



Savannah Burke is a 17-year-old student that should be a Senior graduating from Collierville High School in May 2023. Instead, she is a Junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Savannah has lived her whole life in Collierville. She went to Bailey Station Elementary, Schilling Farms Middle, and Collierville High School until March 2020 of her Sophomore year. When Covid-19 hit and students did not return to school in person, Savannah challenged herself to take advantage of the situation. She completed her high school studies through a homeschool program, HomeLife Academy, and took several dual enrollment classes with Liberty University. This allowed her to receive enough high school credits to graduate high school early in December 2020 officially.

The traditional plan for many high school graduates is to pursue higher education at a trade school or college or even enter the workforce.

Some decide to pursue a “gap year,” using this time as an opportunity to learn, explore, and clarify their goals before tackling their futures. Savannah did just that. In the spring of 2021, she set out for a semester at sea with a program called SealMester. While living on an 88-foot sailboat and traveling the Caribbean, she and 14 other students earned 14 hours of college credit in leadership, oceanography, and marine biology. SealMester provides a hands-on experience like no other.

This past summer, she studied abroad in Madrid, Spain, with MLSA (Modern Language Studies Abroad). This program allowed her to live on a college campus in the dorms with Spanish students. She was able to earn several more college credits.

When Savannah turned 17, she joined the Army National Guard. She’s already been to Fort Knox, Kentucky, and completed the first half of her Officer Candidate Training (Basic Camp). She is currently on track to be commissioned as an Officer in the Army at the age of 19.

Now a Junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Savannah has already obtained 63 of the 120 credits required for her bachelor’s degree. At UT Martin, she stays involved in ROTC, International Club, and Scuba Club. She plans to take the LSAT and enroll in Law School as she dreams of becoming a JAG officer on active military duty.

“My parents have been and are still really supportive of me. My dad has been my educational supporter. He’s been great at helping me plan my education and keeping me on track. And my mom has been super great too. She’s my emotional supporter and talks with me a lot,” Savannah credits. “I have an outstanding Military Science Professor, Master Sergeant Acfalle, who always encourages me to do better. He’s the closest I have to the family at Martin.” The entire Burke family is very proud of Savannah’s ambitions and achievements.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MOLLY MEHNER

MEET OUR *New* TOWN ADMINISTRATOR!



STORY BY HAYES HORA
PHOTOS BY JENNIFER CASEY

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen started the search for a new town administrator in August. By September, Molly Mehner was the board's top choice. She's the first woman to hold this position in the area. Molly is thrilled to be working in this community and is eager to start her new job on November 14, 2022.

Molly expressed excitement about becoming the new town administrator during the Mayor & Board of Aldermen meeting. She said she's eager to start working in this community and making it her home for a long time. James Lewellen, the current Town Administrator, announced last year that he would retire.

Molly had the opportunity to meet with some of the town's employees at an employee appreciation event. This event is an annual event that the town holds. Prior to becoming the new town administrator, Molly worked in various positions in municipal government. For instance, she was a project planning manager in Arizona. Before that, she worked in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.



James Lewellen served as the town's administrator for 27 years. Lewellen praised Molly for her performance during the interview process and for being the unanimous choice of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. He also noted that her reputation within the community and her colleagues' support helped make her the ideal candidate for the position. Molly was attracted to the area due to its unique residential and commercial spaces. She also noted that the town has successfully balanced the needs of the residents and the business community.

Mehner believes that a fresh perspective can help communities improve their quality of life. She plans to use her experience and knowledge to help Collierville reach its full potential.

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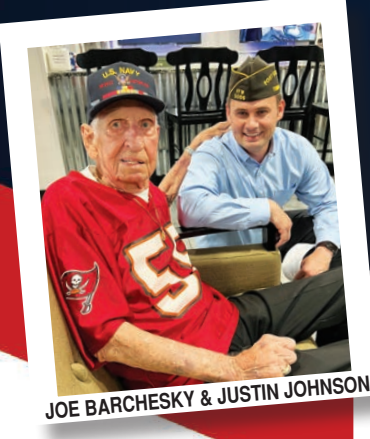
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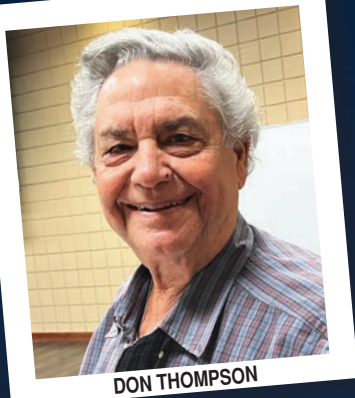
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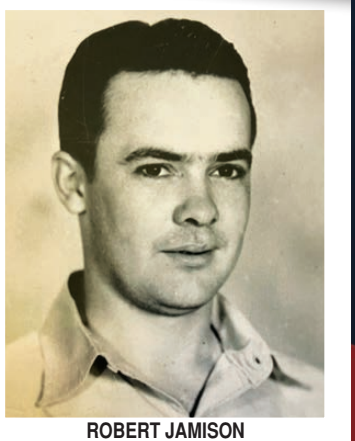
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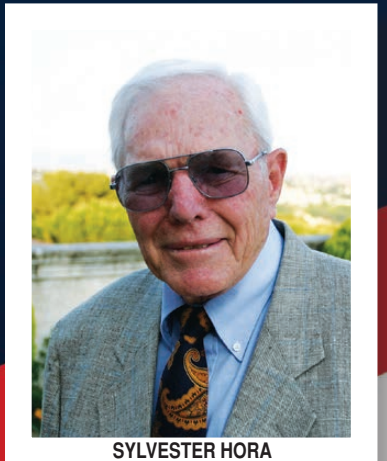
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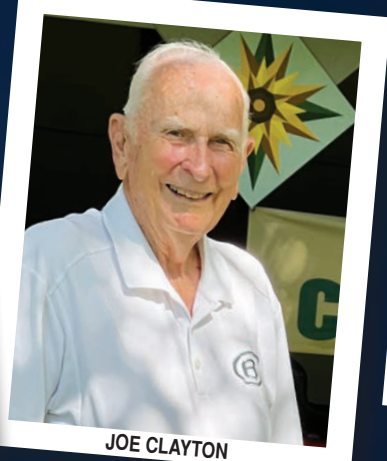
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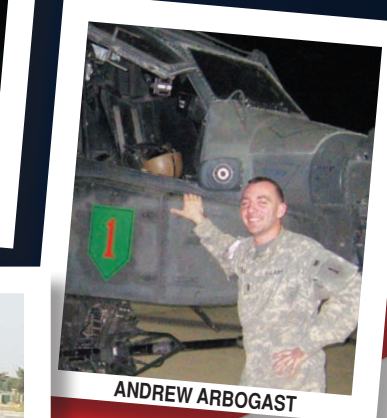
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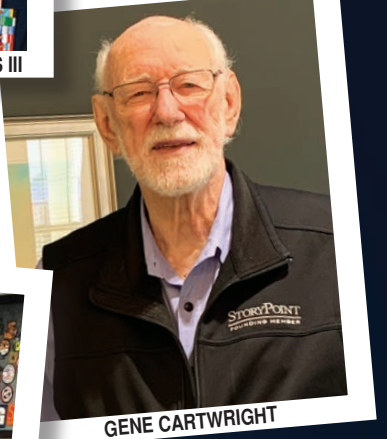
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OLD DOGS CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS!

STORY & PHOTO BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR:
NINA WINGFIELD, CAS DIRECTOR

The time has come to add a new furry friend to your household. You want something that is already mature and hopefully housebroken. An older dog has got your fancy; these are the questions you should ask yourself whenever adopting a pet, especially a senior pet.

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What age is considered elderly for a dog? Small dogs are considered senior citizens when they reach 11-12 years of age. Medium-sized dogs become seniors at 10 years of age. Larger dogs are seniors at 8 years of age. Giant-breed dogs are seniors at 7 years old.

So you have adopted this wonderful older dog, here are some suggestions for caring for your new best friend. Aging is a natural part of life, even for dogs. Their pace slows, their naps increase, and their coats may get gray. Regardless of when it happens, it's important to appreciate the changes aging can bring and help them feel their best. Dogs have the same needs in aging as we do. A good diet, plenty of exercise, a comfortable bed, and regular health check-up with a veterinarian can ensure a long and healthy life.



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BY HAYES HORA



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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

BY TERRY COX

Among the questions most often asked of me is this: What is the difference between an assisted living facility and a nursing home, and how do I know which one my loved one needs? Helping an older person navigate care options makes it easy to become confused and overwhelmed. Let's think about this together.

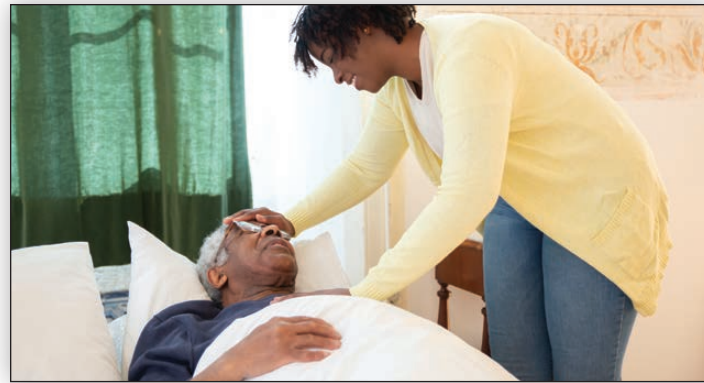
Independent Living

We think of independent living as a living arrangement in which someone resides in their own home or the home of a loved one. The independent person provides their care or arranges for others to provide care as needed. I live at home and therefore am in an independent living arrangement. I no longer cut my own grass, so I have engaged someone with a stronger back and a sturdier constitution to do that work for me. Independent living is the personal care arrangement that people enjoy until their health declines to the point that more intensive help is required.

Assisted Living

A place that provides assisted living care is more accurately described as a licensed assisted-care living facility. An assisted living facility balances homelike living with room and board non-medical living assistance. That is a mouthful. The functions in which each of us engages to carry out everyday life are called "activities of daily living." When one needs regular assistance in performing their activities of daily living, they probably need the services provided by an assisted living facility. These activities include bathing, dressing, grooming, meal preparation, and the like.

Collierville and the surrounding area are blessed with several excellent assisted living facilities. Each one is a community all its own and has its own vibe. Assisted living facilities can provide limited medical assistance in administering one's medications. Likewise, an assisted living resident can contract with a medical provider to provide care at one's assisted living residence. Some assisted living facilities offer specially supervised living arrangements for residents with dementia



who need closer supervision and care.

I tell my client families that living at many assisted living facilities is like being on a cruise ship. Every day is full of scheduled activities such as games, crafts, exercise classes, and holiday gatherings. The highlight of the day is group mealtime at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Generally speaking, the services provided by assisted living facilities are not considered medical care and are, therefore, not covered by Medicare and Medicaid.

Skilled Nursing Care

A nursing home provides the highest level of residential care. A nursing home, like an assisted living facility, operates through a license from the state. However, while an assisted living facility is a non-medical care provider, a nursing home provides the services of an assisted living facility plus round-the-clock skilled nursing care. The medical staff at the nursing home offers ongoing daily medical support for each resident according to that resident's individual needs and works in concert with the resident's physicians.

Each nursing home resident's care needs are reevaluated and adjusted every month following a care planning meeting in which a family representative for the resident may participate. Whereas the agenda at an assisted living facility is "let's have a group get-together today," the agenda at the nursing home is "what's best for Mom today?" The services provided by nursing homes are reimbursable through Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MENSİ'S DAIRY BAR

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STORY & PHOTOS BY EMILY CLEMMER

Mensi's Dairy Bar is a true gem and fixture in Collierville and is a favorite place to visit all year round. It's an American classic, and Mensi's will take you back in time. With it being in business for over 50 years, it's as authentic as they come. The menu, the tastes, the building structure, the walk-up window, and the overall experience are everything you'd think of when imagining an old-fashioned dairy bar.

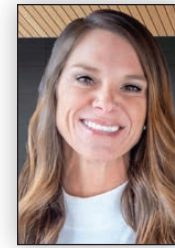
Mensi's is open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (8 p.m. on Fridays) but closed on Sundays and holidays. You can almost always expect to see a line of people outside placing an order, but if you need to grab and go, you can always call your order ahead of time and pick it up. Their specialty? Soft-serve ice cream is offered in 24 flavors! Not just your typical vanilla, chocolate, Or swirl ice cream, 24 flavors! Strawberry, Blueberry, Pina Colada, Pistachio Nut, German Chocolate, and Espresso... to name a few. They've often been told their hamburgers are the best-tasting hamburger in Collierville! It's nothing extra fancy. Just a simple hamburger that is made fresh to order. Every menu item is made fresh to order. Hot dogs, French fries, funnel fries, and milkshakes are also very popular. John Green and Company recently installed a patio with tables and chairs.

Young Chong is the owner of Mensi's Dairy Bar. She takes much pride in her customers. "Everyone is so nice. They offer great friendships," she says. "People tell me they enjoy this place. They're very giving and make me a proud business owner."

Young Chong lives in Memphis with her husband, Won Chong, and her mother-in-law. They have three sons. Her oldest son is married with two children and lives in Knoxville. The other two are both working in Nashville. Won Chong is a contractor for light construction work, such as flooring. Before living in Collierville, the Chongs lived in West Memphis, Arkansas, where Young owned a liquor store. About 16 years ago, Young purchased ownership of Mensi's Dairy Bar from her family. Young Chong is originally from Korea but has been a part of American living for over 20 years. "Mensi's customers and the town of Collierville are very warm-hearted people," Young says. "I hope I can continue to make them happy with my service at Mensi's Dairy Bar."



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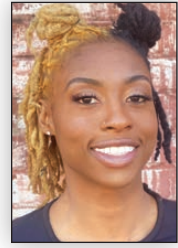
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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: KAREN SMITH

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BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR,
KAREN SMITH

My name is Karen Smith. I am a wife & mother of two daughters. I am a new upcoming Aesthetician during the day & warehouse worker during the night. I feel like an octopus sometimes because that's just about four jobs I'm juggling & I'm doing it pretty well. My husband started a flooring & handyman business to put me through school. Things began to fall into place & the pathway of making ourselves into great entrepreneurs.

My line of work as an Aesthetician is to evaluate your skin and offer advice on how to improve its appearance. I set goals for your skin to decrease and prevent signs of aging, improve the appearance of your skin, help maintain your skin's health, & minimize the effects of sun exposure. I can offer a variety of treatments to help your skin meet these goals.



Before I decided to take a new career path in the beauty industry, I was a supervisor in security. I have been working in security since 2014. In

2020, I decided that I wanted to make a career change to become my boss, & that's when I chose to be an Aesthetician. Once the career was chosen, I went through school & got my license like a breeze. Now I'm making it a goal to work towards an excellent steady clientele so I can one day open up a place of my own.

The philosophy behind what I do is to help guide people into the correct skincare routines. There are many other reasons people choose to come to Aestheticians. One is to be Pampered. I mean everyone has to love being in nothing, but peace & relaxation to become stress-free. Two is the Advice. Aestheticians are excellent resources if you're seeking general skincare advice. For example, you may want help identifying your skin type and guidance on which products are best for your needs. Three are the Concerns. You can also consult an aesthetician for various skin concerns, including Acne, Dry skin, Fine lines and wrinkles, Sensitive Skin, and Sun damage. Unwanted body or facial hair. You'll love the service you book with me, & enjoy the tranquil atmosphere.

My biggest inspiration is my family. Once I started in this field, they were my biggest supporters. If I ever needed a model for anything, I could always count on them, plus the words of encouragement that they've always given me. I enjoy all my client's reactions to their services. It feels good to hear that your work is being appreciated.

It might sound gross, but whenever I get a client for that I have to do extractions on, I get excited. I watch pimple/ blackhead extraction videos all the time. I love to see clients with clear & healthy skin. The others are just fun to do.

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: SARA CROUCH



Painting
MEMORIES



BY EMILY CLEMMER | PHOTOS BY SARA CROUCH



Sometimes we know exactly what we want to be when we grow up from a very young age. Sometimes we're still figuring that out every day in our adult lives. But at the age of 5, Sara Crouch knew she wanted to be an artist. Her father encouraged her artistic interests and abilities as a child and would often take her to the store to pick out art supplies and craft items. Ever since then, she's continued to teach herself different techniques. What started as a hobby has become something more significant and a dream come true.

Sara considers herself a painter and sign maker. "I love all kinds of mediums. I love watercolor and acrylic paint. And I love playing with wood," Sara says. She's mostly known for her custom-made wood door hangers, portraits of families and houses, and Christmas ornaments. The door hangers are primarily built out of plywood, sanded down, and painted. The portraits are usually faceless illustrations of a picture provided to her. For the houses, she'll usually drive by the home or go off of a photograph. All her artwork is custom created and inspired by what her customers want. It's the perfect gift for someone special and a precious memory to display for a lifetime.

Currently, Sara paints out of her home in Marion, Arkansas, the town where she grew up in. She has full intentions of opening a paint store there. Her vision is to include an art gallery and space to host paint parties. Ivory Lily is her artist's name.

Aside from painting, her full-time job is being a mother to five-year-old daughter Lily Kate and one-year-old twin boys, Brady Charles and Brooks Steven. She married her husband, Logan, in 2019, but they've been together since 2010. They met at her sister's wedding as they were both members of the wedding party. He is originally from West Memphis and works at FedEx in maintenance. Her family means everything to her.

"My daughter is such a big helper to me. She tells me, "When I get bigger, I'm going to sell door hangers too," Sara shares. While most of her art is created from custom requests, Sara also creates several items in bulk and sells them wholesale. Such items could be wood blocks, paintings on canvas, and door hangers.

Sara Crouch and her artwork can be found on Facebook and Instagram under **Ivory Lily Gallery**. Orders can be placed online and shipped.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: CONCORD ACADEMY STUDENT FUNDRAISER

CHILLY Chili FUN RUN!

BY CARLEY KIRBY,
RACE DIRECTOR

Are you looking for something fun to do this November? Bring your friends to the “Chilly Chili 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run” to Benefit Concord Academy on November 19! The 9th Annual Event will benefit Concord Academy students on Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m. The event is presented by Vypin, LLC and Gerber Taylor and produced by P.R. Event Management on the grounds and neighborhood of the school located behind Mullins United Methodist Church, 4942 Walnut Grove Road.



The 3.1-mile course begins at the school and winds through the surrounding neighborhoods of Walnut Grove and Mendenhall, returning to Concord Academy for the finish. Following the race, participants can refuel with a bowl of chili from Firehouse Subs of Germantown, hot chocolate, and other refreshments while enjoying live music by 7 Mile Creek at the post-race party!

Pre-registration is \$38, and race-day registration is \$42. Participants will receive a custom-designed long-sleeve T-shirt. Custom awards created by Concord Academy students will be presented to the top finishers



in each division category. The team with the most significant number of participants will receive special recognition.

Concord Academy is a middle and high school that prepares students with learning differences for lifelong success through academics, social-emotional learning, and pre-vocational programs. This event is held annually in memory of Ken Novotny, a dedicated Concord Academy Board of Trustees member who passed away in 2014. Ken was passionate about serving children with special learning needs and served as treasurer of the board for four years.

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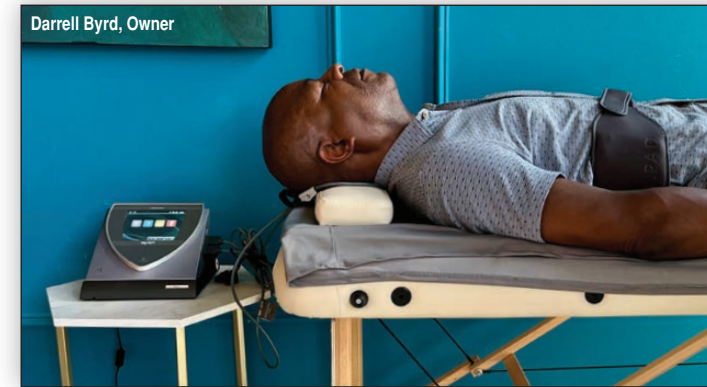
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BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, SUZAN DAVID



“Online living” has taken hold in our society. Emotions, connections, and information are all at the tips of our fingers, and we tap-tap away to participate in the global and very emotional community represented by our “online” lives.

We have been making this “online living” for about 20 years. Most of us just threw our big toes over the line into that world during the 90s. We can remember our first glimpse of the AMAZING “World Wide Web,” which was a substantial entire world “out there,” and WE were privy to its secrets!

But time moves on. During those 20 years, many of us gave up home phones because we only used our cell phones, and then – because there was no longer a phone in the house – we found we had to give our young children cell phones because there was no way to call for help, no way to call grandma, no contact in the house. It was natural. We did the right thing by giving our children phones. They needed to

be able to call us and to call for help if need be. But unwittingly, we also gave them that connection to “online living.”



Remember when you felt your first emotional connection to another person via chat or text? Remember the inspiring first video calls? We must remember those feelings because that is how we must understand our children and grandchildren today. That is

where they face danger and where they face their relationships. They stay on chat or text all night. And it’s every bit as natural to them as our connections were to us at the same age.

When you see your child or grandchild tuned out to you and tuned into the phone, they are not in isolation. They have a world of friends and

activities going on all the time. It just doesn’t include you. What we CAN do is connect to them there.

A straightforward connection tip for you and your young people is to occasionally text them pictures of good times you have had together or photographs of you and them together, to solidify those relationships through their medium. It’s easy and fun. Scroll through the photos you have on the phone and send one off unexpectedly. They may pass it off initially, but they notice. And the picture helps them remember good times. If you don’t have them on your phone, take a quick snap of an old photo and send it with a short “remember when” message. You’ll be connecting on terms they understand and enjoy. Yes, still send the card. But send a text too. To learn more, visit WebandStoryMedic.com.

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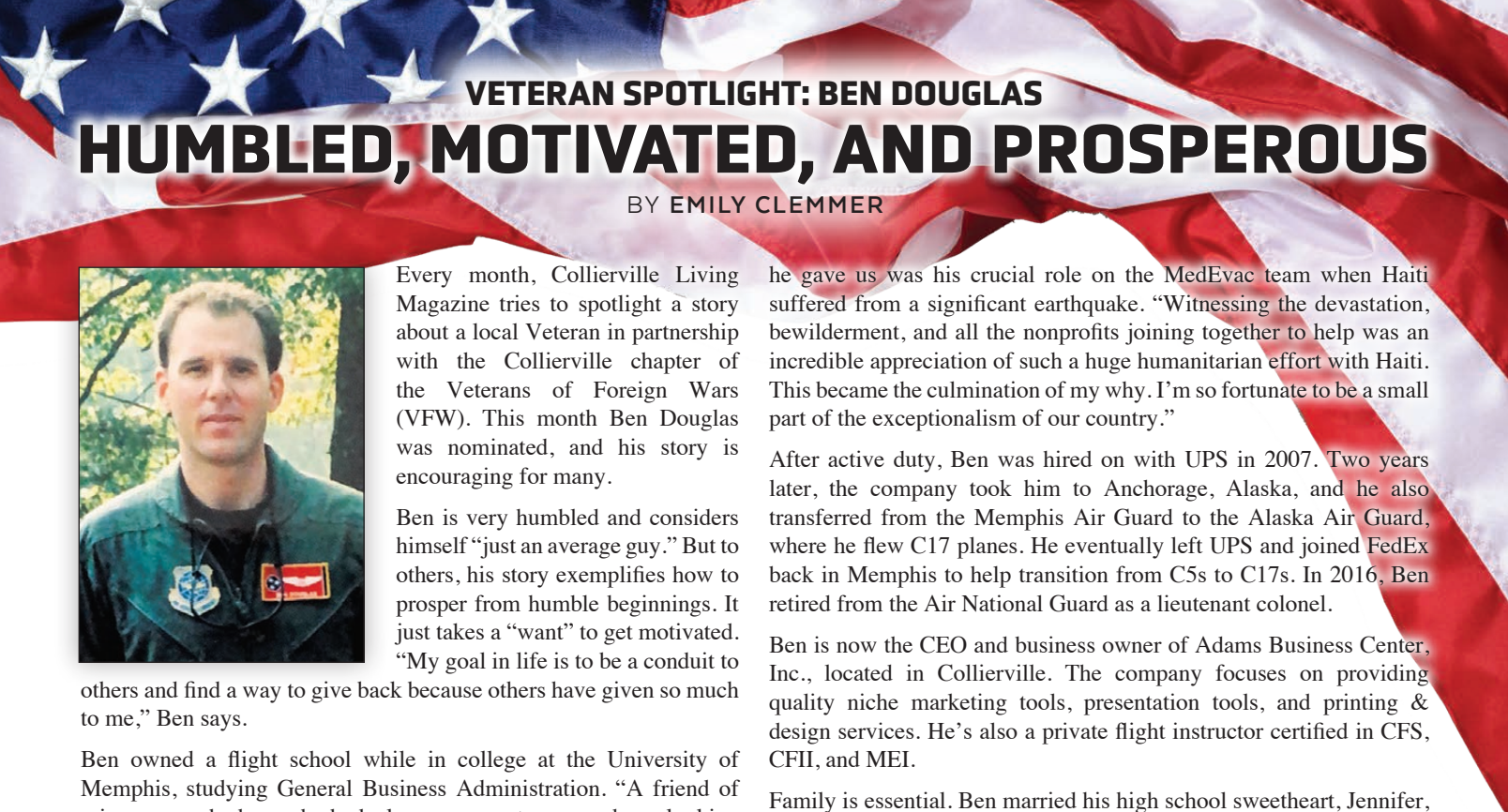
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VETERAN SPOTLIGHT: BEN DOUGLAS

HUMBLER, MOTIVATED, AND PROSPEROUS

BY EMILY CLEMMER



Every month, Collierville Living Magazine tries to spotlight a story about a local Veteran in partnership with the Collierville chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). This month Ben Douglas was nominated, and his story is encouraging for many.

Ben is very humbled and considers himself “just an average guy.” But to others, his story exemplifies how to prosper from humble beginnings. It just takes a “want” to get motivated. “My goal in life is to be a conduit to

others and find a way to give back because others have given so much to me,” Ben says.

Ben owned a flight school while in college at the University of Memphis, studying General Business Administration. “A friend of mine approached me who had a lease, one customer, and was looking for an instructor. I taught them for free,” Ben says. He earned his private pilot license from Charles Baker and his instructor’s license. During his college years, he also flew a cover band across the country to and from their concert venues. This allowed him to subsidize his required flight time and pay for his license.

In 1996, Ben graduated from the University of Memphis and enlisted in the National Guard. Soon after, he began flying for the Memphis Air Guard as the pilot for C141 and C5 planes. “At the time, I joined for all the wrong reasons. My goal was to get to FedEx, and joining the National Guard was a means for networking,” Ben shares. “In 2001, when the twin towers fell, I was activated. That was when I realized why I joined the military and my purpose for my country. As a young man, it was an absolute honor to be a part of some perfect moments and even to be the help in the horrific moments.” The majority of Ben’s service involved medical flights. One example

he gave us was his crucial role on the MedEvac team when Haiti suffered from a significant earthquake. “Witnessing the devastation, bewilderment, and all the nonprofits joining together to help was an incredible appreciation of such a huge humanitarian effort with Haiti. This became the culmination of my why. I’m so fortunate to be a small part of the exceptionalism of our country.”

After active duty, Ben was hired on with UPS in 2007. Two years later, the company took him to Anchorage, Alaska, and he also transferred from the Memphis Air Guard to the Alaska Air Guard, where he flew C17 planes. He eventually left UPS and joined FedEx back in Memphis to help transition from C5s to C17s. In 2016, Ben retired from the Air National Guard as a lieutenant colonel.

Ben is now the CEO and business owner of Adams Business Center, Inc., located in Collierville. The company focuses on providing quality niche marketing tools, presentation tools, and printing & design services. He’s also a private flight instructor certified in CFS, CFII, and MEI.

Family is essential. Ben married his high school sweetheart, Jennifer, after meeting at Bartlett High School. Jennifer is the executive director at New Day Children’s Theatre in Collierville. Together they have three sons. Carter (22) graduated from the University of Alabama with pre-med studies and is currently studying for the MCAT. Camden (19) is a sophomore at the University of Memphis and hopes to become a pilot. His dad is now teaching him. Cooper (13) is in 8th grade and homeschooled like the other two sons. His family is die-hard football fans cheering for Bama, Memphis Tigers, and Tennessee Titans when possible. Ben is involved in the Collierville Rotary and is a member of the Collierville Chamber of Commerce. The Douglas family are members of Collierville United Methodist Church.

The VFW has become a meaningful place to Ben that provides a source of fellowship on both emotional and spiritual levels. Ben joined the VFW in 2019. “It’s a great organization I can be a part of and give back to those who have fought so hard before or after me.”

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WINE TASTING DINNERS

STORY BY HAYES HORA

PHOTOS BY CASSANDRA HALL



Located in the Historic Collierville Square, Highlander Restaurant and Pub is known for its extensive selection of delicious food. As a restaurant first, they take pride in their quality selection of food, which includes three-course meals and a variety of other Scottish dishes. The Highlander Scottish Pub is my favorite restaurant in Collierville.

The restaurant's "wee bites" menu is designed to satisfy your appetite for a good bite to accompany your drink, wine, or specialty cocktail. This selection is inspired by the vibrant nightlife of Edinburgh, Scotland. Tyler Smith, the General Manager, and his team create

each dish using fresh ingredients and are committed to making the customers' experience as enjoyable as possible. It also accommodates children's meals and dietary restrictions. The Highlander is known for affordable fine dining.

The patio opens up outdoor dining and creates a comfortable setting for special events, and wine & whiskey-tasting parties. Have you ever been to a wine-tasting dinner? I used to attend several of them back when the Washington Street Bistro was opened, along with Fino Villa. Wine tastings are an excellent way to sample a variety of wines for the price of an affordable dinner date. The Chefs will work with the distributor to choose the best pairings for each meal course. Typically you can expect to see white wines paired with fish and vegetables. Red wines are typically paired with red meats and heavier foods.

We'll have to find a Sommelier for an interview to explain all the nuances of wine!

Wine tastings are fun events where guests gather to sample new and exciting wines. Although they aren't like a wine club where you get to select the wines you want to taste, people still enjoy learning about wines. Now you don't have to spend time and energy guessing which wine to buy in the store. You can still do that and discover new wines. Tastings like this will open your mind and pallet, but not your wallet! Refills are available until the distributor runs out; however, The Highlander has a spectacular cocktail menu for those who want to kick things up a notch!

Listening to wine distributors during a tasting adds so much knowledge to your tool belt. For example, I didn't know that South African wines are some of the most flavorful! The dry soil of Africa forces the vine's roots to grow deep underground which pulls up more minerals and flavor.

Menu

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- (2) UNSHACKLED SAUVIGNON BLANC
Paired with: Seared Scallops with Sweet Basil-Habanero Cream & Braised Fennel
- (3) SALDO CHINEN BLANC
Paired with: Swordfish with Saffron Tomato Broth & Rice Pilaf
- (4) SALDO RED BLEND
Paired with: Memphis BBQ Beef Short Ribs with Smoked Gouda Grits & Date BBO
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PEEPAW'S *Wild Turkey* PEPPERMINT COUGH SYRUP

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It's no surprise that people are getting sick during the flu season. Coughs can strain your chest and throat and take a lot out of you, especially if it's just one of your allergies. Luckily, there's a way to treat them: homemade cough syrup. This is called PawPaw Garrett's, made with honey and maple syrup! This recipe is made with a festive twist, featuring bourbon and peppermint flavors to help treat coughs. It's also made with a 101-proof Wild Turkey Bourbon to prevent them from worsening. Wild Turkey is conveniently available at Wilkinson's Liquors! *See ad on the back cover.*

Many people claim that this recipe is the only one that can treat their cough. It's the best alternative to medicines that make you groggy and tired. Now, this cough syrup recipe is only for adults! You'll need a small mason jar and a couple of lemons to make this drink. Bourbon is also required for the recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

- Peppermint candy
- Honey
- Lemon
- Wild Turkey Bourbon (101 proof)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare the ingredients by adding one-half cup of honey and one-half cup of crushed peppermint candy.
2. Add the honey and lemon slices.
3. Squeeze the remaining lemon slices over the honey and the candy.
4. Place the lid on the jar and wait for the syrup to dissolve fully. This could be the best alternative if you're still struggling with a cough that's getting worse.

"My mom used equal parts lemon juice, honey, & whisky. We sipped it as needed. She always made just enough for what was to be used at the time. Crown Royal was all I ever had, so that is all I've used. Lemon juice cuts the phlegm, honey soothes the throat, & whisky or bourbon relaxes the throat area. It worked for me when the strongest Rx didn't. There was one time I would cough so much I couldn't breathe. I would turn blue. This was the only thing that stopped the coughing."
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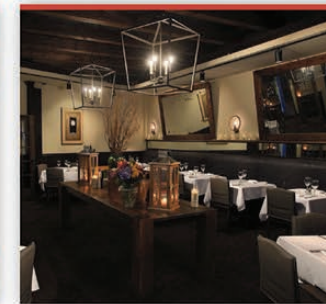
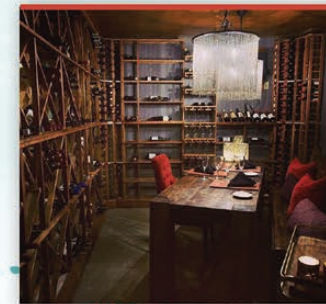
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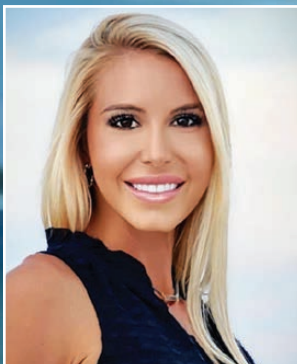


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