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## THE JARRETT FAMILY

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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: GARRETT'S HAULING MOVING FORWARD!

BY HAYES HORA



Meet Garrett Winget, an aspiring 23-year-old with a strong back and a drive to do great things! I met Garrett at a BNI group recently. Although his degree is in Accounting, Garrett started his own moving business, Garrett's Hauling. He has been helping people move the RIGHT way for almost two years. "It's my passion," Garrett shares. "I have two Great Danes and one Labrador. I'm a jack of all trades. I love practicing the art of JiuJitsu; at the same time, I'm also in Flight School and learning to Skydive. I am passionate about Jesus Christ and live my life by His word."



has granted me the ability to help others doing something I love, and he has given me all of the knowledge and tools to do it successfully," Garrett said.

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Garrett maintains the value of a home and furniture with no damages. "We can improve the value of a home when we assist with staging for many of the local realtors with which we work very closely. With junk removal, we improve the house's value by removing all of the excess land waste and typical junk cluttering a home inside and out. I never settle down; always on the go. I was once in the workforce as an employee in other moving companies. My path of continual growth pushed me into growing my own company. I started a company based on my greatest strength: moving. Our philosophy is moving the right way, every time. I've been told there is no such thing as perfection, but you work a 13-hour move that goes off without a hitch and tells me it doesn't feel perfect. My biggest inspiration is to honor my Father. He

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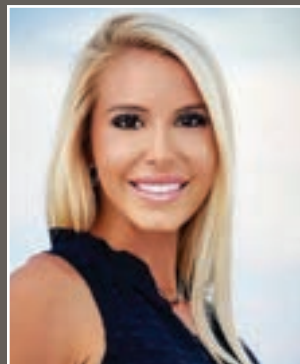
# Letter to Residents

Greetings, Collierville Neighbors! Being the last of the 2022 series, our team has worked hard to bring you our BIGGEST Edition EVER! This month, we warmly welcome 10 NEW Incredible Sponsors! **BFREE Wellness** joins our Expert Contributors! Tharen Haley, our new Mortuary Expert, represents **The Collierville Funeral Home**; Tharen and his team create special remembrances that reflect the character of your loved ones. **Allegiance Canine** is our unique Dog Training Expert; Jacque Bonéy and his trainers create accountability on BOTH sides of the leash! This December, we've got lots of new resources for you- sports, shopping, dining, and worship! Brush up on your baseball training with the **Big League Wildcats**. Try delicious vitamin-infused teas and weight-loss shakes at the new **Dragon Tea Nutrition** on Hwy 72. Grab breakfast and adult beverages at the **Toasted Yolk** in Germantown. Check out the high-end new clothing and accessories at Collierville's newest Boutique, "**The Beautiqué**." Head to Eads and check out the modern furniture inside **Sara Sells** for the perfect contemporary home decor. Celebrate Christmas this year with your new Church Family at **Collierville First Baptist Church**. To end the year with a bang, we're proud to announce a partnership with the only restaurant in town that plans on staying open until 3 am: **RockHouse LIVE!** We're BLASTING forward and thrilled to have you all along for the ride! Happy Holidays from our families to yours!

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# THE JARRETT FAMILY

## Dreams Really Do Come True

STORY BY EMILY CLEMMER | PHOTOS BY COREY JARRETT

It is said that a home is more than a house. The house itself may symbolize hard work, time, and investment. It can hold many precious memories created within its walls. But a home is always found in the love of a family, a place of comfort, a place of support, and a place of laughter. And a dream home is created when your deepest desires are fulfilled. Home is truly where your heart is.

Kia Jarrett had been living in Memphis since 1996. She was a single mother of two, working hard as a physical therapist to provide a happy home for her children. She recalls driving her son to the Collierville YMCA weekly. “We’d drive through the neighborhood of Schilling Farms and admire everything about it. It just felt like home to us,” she said.

Corey Jarrett was a Chattanooga native living in Atlanta and working with Delta Airlines in Customer Service and Logistics. Corey was a part of a Facebook group of friends planning to attend the annual Essence Music Festival in New Orleans. A casual flirtatious conversation sparked within the group chat between him and Kia. Love found them when they least expected it. The two fell in love after one week of messaging back and forth on Facebook. They have now been together for seven years and married for four years.

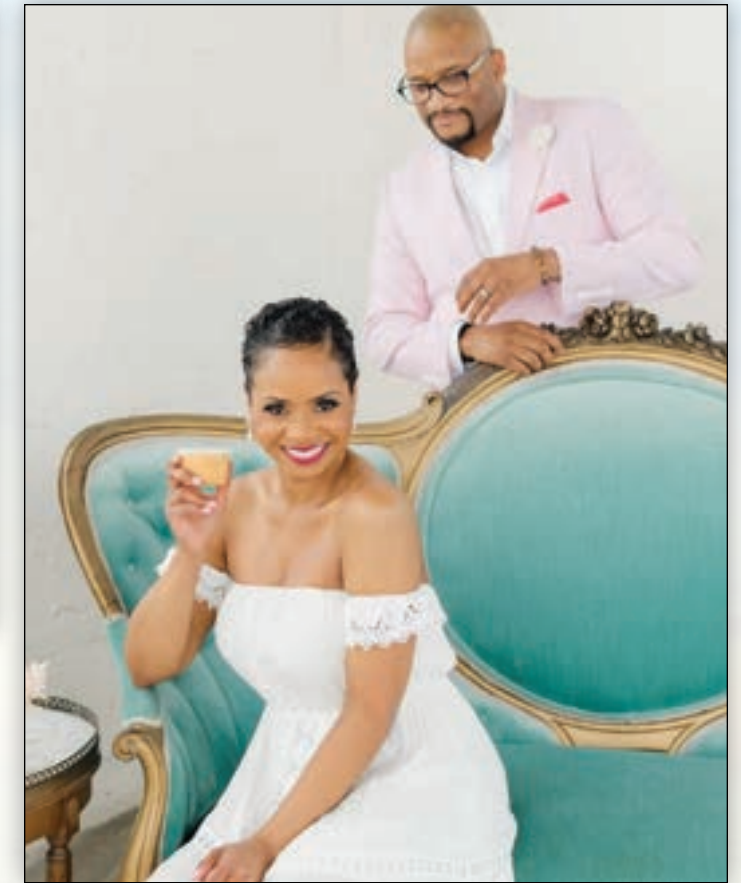
After the couple married, Corey continued to commute between Atlanta and Memphis. Kia’s daughter was about to begin high school, and Kia wanted her to go to Collierville High School. A home within Schilling Farms came for sale. This was the neighborhood she would drive through and dream about living in. She called Corey and told him to meet her at the house for a showing. They were sold. They quickly got her home in Memphis ready to sell and sold it in less than 24 hours. It was meant to be. Dreams were becoming a reality, and Collierville became their home in 2019.



“Collierville is home. It’s my Mayberry,” says Corey. In his wildest dreams, he never thought he’d live in the Memphis area. Kia shared they looked all over the country to move to a city they could call their own and a place to do something different. But, no place felt home like Collierville did. It has exceeded their expectations and more. “Collierville has inspired us to become more artistic. It’s brought out our creativity, and we’ve been blessed living here,” Corey said. Kia chimed in to say, “I got my dream man, my dream neighborhood, and my dream town.”

During the pandemic, Kia started a side business, Kia Kakes. She created and baked miniature pound cakes in 15 different flavors. Her cakes were sold online and at local retailers such as Bazaar, Social Cup, Buster’s Liquors, Mrs. Cordelia’s, and Novel Bookstore. “Collierville completely embraced KiaKakes. Honestly, we weren’t prepared to grow it as fast as it grew,” Kia said. Reviews for KiaKakes boast about their deliciously tasting sweet treats. She is planning on a relaunch this Christmas. KiaKakes will be sold online at KiaKakes.com, and delivery will be available.

Corey retired from Delta Airlines and started two businesses within



the transportation and rental investments: On Demand Logistics, LLC, and 1938 Properties. His businesses grew to become more successful than he expected. It’s allowed him to work with a lot more flexibility. At the same time, this flexibility came at the right time when his aging mother came to live with them. But, this living situation required a different floor plan than their home in Schilling Farms. They searched and found their new home within the SouthRidge subdivision and made their new home this past May.

“This home is my resort,” as Corey calls it. “We called our Schilling Farms home The Manor, and our new home is The Resort. This home is ours. It has brought all of our dreams to fruition. It’s a place that everyone can come and enjoy.” The Jarretts have worked hard towards this dream. The home is laid out perfectly, with two bedrooms downstairs to accommodate his mother. Corey enjoys cooking, and the backyard boasts an outdoor kitchen that overlooks an outdoor oasis with a zen garden and pool. Kia is always looking for a project and has an eye for design. She created a focal point in the home with a bold fireplace accent wall. Her most recent project was transforming their detached garage into Corey’s man cave, or as Corey likes to call it, his “speakeasy.” He gave her his vision, and she surprised him with the final design. This home has become a place of pride and passion. “Corey is great and always supportive of me,” Kia says.

The Jarrett couple is full of ideas and inspired by many friends and family. They are thankful for everyone who has embraced them and their creativity. And they encourage others not to be scared to grow.

*You never know what greatness can come by living out your dreams.*



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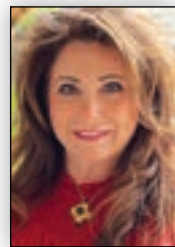
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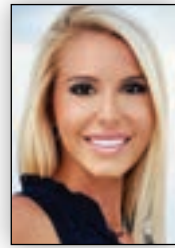


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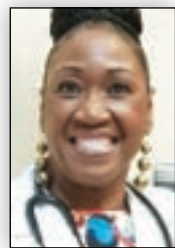


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BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, ZACH BAIR - ROCKHOUSE LIVE



Zach Bair

I currently live in Memphis and split my time between Memphis and Key West, where we have another RockHouse Live location. I've been here for about 12 years now and have been coming back and forth to Collierville for almost that time. I am a prominent mental health advocate, supporting organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I am also an animal advocate, particularly dogs, and have three rescues. I support Sidewalk Angels Foundation, an organization founded by superstar Rob Thomas and his wife, Mari. Rob, and his band, Matchbox Twenty, are clients of mine in my other business, VNUE, Inc. (of which I am CEO), a publicly traded music technology company. I love music and am very fortunate to work in the music business. I am a voting member of the Grammys and have produced live recordings worldwide for such artists as Slash, Devo, Blondie, Seether, Bad Company, and Rob Thomas. I previously ran a global organization for EMI Music Group called Abbey Road Live, and have had two other startups, once which sold to Mark Cuban.

RockHouse Live - my other passion - will bring music, fun, and great food to the Collierville community. We will bring bands to Collierville that many people would love to see but want to avoid driving into Memphis to experience. We will do this in a "homey" environment with our characteristic entertainment-themed spin.

I've been a tech nerd - and a music nerd all my life. I have been fortunate to work in a "marriage" between the two. Adding brick-and-mortar establishments to this situation has allowed me to pursue yet another passion - giving musicians a stage to play and serving my recipes to folks who come for lunch, dinner, or a late-night snack!

RockHouse Live is unlike any other business. Not only are we focusing on our homemade recipes, such as our Legendary RockHouse Burger, but providing great entertainment at reasonable prices (or free) creates an experience you won't find anywhere else. Additionally, RockHouse LIVE is equipped with live-streaming equipment, so you can experience bands on our stages no matter where you are.

Steve Jobs was a huge inspiration. His passion for Apple gave me my first job - through Macintosh computers - and threw me into a career field I genuinely love. He lives on as an inspiration, as do other folks like Richard Branson, who think outside the box. If you dream it, you can do it - and that's what I live by. I wrote a song, which is now a single, called "Ordinary Girl," which is focused on issues we've personally experienced. Some of the proceeds from the single go to the ASFP. I live every minute like it is my last, and I always ask people to try and be aware of how others are feeling because you never know what others are going through. Be kind to others, and set the standard.

*We hope you will join us as we open RockHouse Live in Collierville!*

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 12/2 Collierville Christmas Parade  
 12/10 Christmas Home Tour and Holiday Market  
 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 Pictures with Santa  
 11/25-26, 12/6-11, 12/13-18, 12/26-30 Carriage Rides  
 12/16 Carols and Candlelight

#### HARRELL THEATRE

12/3-12/11 Elf, The Musical  
 12/17-12/18 The Nutcracker by Collierville Ballet

#### MORTON MUSEUM OF COLLIERVILLE HISTORY

12/2 Preschool Story Time  
 12/9 Story Time with Santa  
 12/10 Cocoa and Cookies in Collierville  
 12/16 Preschool Story Time

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 12/21 Puss in Boots  
 12/23 Babylon  
 12/25 Women Talking

### Performing Arts

#### GERMANTOWN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (GPAC)

12/9 Amy Hutcheson Artist's Reception  
 12/10 Germantown Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert  
 12/15-12/16 A Christmas Gift - Still Believin'

#### THE ORPHEUM

11/29-12/4 Dear Evan Hansen  
 12/7 Deck the Hall Ball Tour  
 12/8 Rainbow Kitten Suprise  
 12/16-12/18 The Nutcracker by Ballet Memphis  
 12/21 Drew and Ellie Holcomb's Neighborly Christmas  
 12/29 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis

#### PLAYHOUSE ON THE SQUARE

11/11-12/22 The Wizard Of OZ

#### THE CIRCUIT PLAYHOUSE

11/18-12/22 Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School  
 11/25-12/22 Who's Holiday!

#### THEATRE MEMPHIS

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 12/3 Memphis Tigers vs Ole Miss Rebels  
 12/5 Grizzlies vs Heat  
 12/6 Memphis Tigers vs Little Rock Trojans  
 12/7 Grizzlies vs Thunder  
 12/9 Grizzlies vs Pistons  
 12/10 Pentatonix: A Christmas Spectacular  
 12/12 Grizzlies vs Hawks  
 12/15 Grizzlies vs Bucks  
 12/17 Memphis Tigers vs Texas A&M Aggies  
 12/21 Memphis Tigers vs Alabama State Hornets  
 12/27 Grizzlies vs Suns  
 12/29 Memphis Tigers vs South Florida Bulls  
 12/31 Grizzlies vs Pelicans

#### LANDERS CENTER

12/3-12/4 Repton  
 12/6 Memphis Hustle vs. Mexico City Capitanes  
 12/9 The Gaither Vocal Band Christmas  
 12/10 Mid-South Small Business Shopping Expo  
 12/10 MercyMe X Chris Tomlin  
 12/13 Memphis Hustle vs. Lakeland Magic  
 12/16 Memphis Hustle vs. Rio Grande Valley Vipers  
 12/17 Memphis Hustle vs. Birmingham Squadron  
 12/29-12/30 Memphis Hustle vs. South Bay Lakers

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11/17-12/23 Graceland Christmas Tours  
 12/2 Nikki Glaser  
 12/10 Elvis 45 Graceland Record Giveaway  
 12/10 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

#### MEMPHIS ZOO

11/18-1/1 Zoo Lights  
 12/17 Breakfast with Santa

#### BOTANICAL GARDENS

11/25-12/23 Holiday Wonders

#### MOSH MEMPHIS | PINK PALACE

11/19-12/24 Enchanted Forest Festival of Trees  
 Friday Nights Lizzo Laser Light Show

#### SHELBY FARMS

11/25-12/31 Starry Nights

#### AGRICENTER

12/2-12/4 Lucky Dog Barrel Race  
 12/3 Christmas Craft Show  
 12/9-12/11 Southeast Spa Show  
 12/10 Summit Grappling Championship  
 12/26 Liberty Bowl Rodeo  
 12/30 Ashley Brooks Memorial Barrel Race

#### OTHER

11/12-12/4 Vesta Home Show: Belfair in Collierville  
 12/2-12/4 Germantown Baptist's Living Nativity  
 12/9-12/14 Bellevue's Singing Christmas Tree  
 12/10 Germantown Christmas Parade

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Training



I'm a Memphis, TN native, fortunate enough to have accrued 24 years and counting of all-breed dog training experience. After graduating in 2007 from The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, with a degree in Entrepreneurship, I founded Barking Pals Consulting, Inc. DBA Allegiance Canine, which has a 16-year track record of applying simplistic, modern, balanced, and practical approaches to dog training for clients from all walks of life, with varied goals & needs.

I recently celebrated seven years of marriage to my beautiful, altruistic, & loving wife, Tessica. Although my life is centered around training clients' dogs, I said life wouldn't be complete without my pack, comprised of Diesel (South African Boerboel), Venom (Dutch Shepherd), & Fenrir (Belgium Malinois). In my spare time, I dabble in currency & index trading/investing, enjoy mentorship specific to youth & cultivating their passions in life, & I've recently taken an interest in archery, which is cheaper than my firearms hobby, lol.

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I often joke that my first word was DOG. My father trained locally for 40+ years & although my initial intent was to journey down the road of electrical engineering, I changed my major to Entrepreneurship in my 2nd semester of college, briefly directing my energy toward other transportation logistics business ventures upon graduation. Still, I couldn't shake the foundation laid locally in the dog world by my father, which led to the formation of what is now Allegiance Canine. The brand has gone from classes in city parks to our 1st physical structure in 2016; we've planted roots in the Collierville area as of July 2022. We wholeheartedly believe in & live out our motto, "Accountability on BOTH Ends of the Leash!"



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Training

Of course, we exist to train dogs. Still, equally as necessary, we live to dispel stereotypes associated with OUR primal lack of understanding of dog behavior & how we, at times, create conflict through our need to humanize dogs, which are genetically considered pack animals with entirely different values & belief systems. We don't just train your dog; we teach our clients how to understand their dog(s), encouraging good behaviors while minimizing negative ones.

Entrepreneurship is not easy. It's not for the faint of heart. Of course, turning passion into profit is rewarding. Still, far beyond the given, I love being out & about in the community and randomly running into past clients who share how Allegiance Canine changed their overall relationship with their dog(s), some situations being so dyer that our tutelage & instruction may have been the catalyst that saved their dog's life, preventing them from being given up to shelters, rehomed, or on the extreme side, euthanized. At this stage of business ownership, the nontangible aspects of new friendships, new family, & new perspectives provided to clients make this profession worthwhile.

Late last year, I was approached with the opportunity to participate in a docuseries produced by a 3x Emmy-winning company. By nature, I'm an introvert, so the notion that the storyline would be specific to me & my journey was a bit uncomfortable. Allegiance Canine has been in news segments here locally, addressing particular subject matters, but it's much easier when you're contributing to a story instead of being the story. However, being followed around by a camera crew who captured my day-to-day while creating a timeline specific to the triumphs, defeats, & new opportunities that together tell my professional story helped me put things into perspective regarding how far we've come as a brand. It also reignited my passion for dog training, people training, and positioning staff to go over & beyond what I've accomplished. Learn more by calling (901) 428-3041 or visiting [AllegianceCanine.com](http://AllegianceCanine.com).



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# IS BANKRUPTCY RIGHT FOR ME?

BY JANET M. LANE - MEMPHIS TN BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEY AT LAW



There's a common myth that filing Chapter 13 bankruptcy won't allow you to discharge your debts. The rules concerning the discharge of debts in bankruptcy are more liberal in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case than in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. What is Chapter 13 bankruptcy? Chapter 13 is a debt repayment that allows you to obtain relief for many types of debts. Under a Chapter 13 repayment plan, a bankruptcy attorney will help you create a plan to pay back a percentage of your debts over three to five years. A Chapter 13 payment plan must offer to pay the total amount of all priority claims and all secured claims, such as your car and home.

The bankruptcy judge's assessment of what living expenses are necessary and reasonable for you and your family will determine your disposable income. Many of the expenses that are allowable in Chapter 13 are for things you may not have been able to provide for your family because you are struggling to pay credit card debts, such as health insurance.

Chapter 13 bankruptcy may be the right option if you are behind on home mortgage or vehicle payments and want to keep the property. It can also be a good option if you wish to alter unfavorable terms of a loan agreement. Filing Chapter 13 bankruptcy allows you to stop foreclosure on your home and arrange to pay the arrearage over three to five years. A Chapter 13 repayment plan may also allow you to lower vehicle payments by reducing the debt to the value of the collateral, reducing the interest rate, and extending the term of the loan.

The rules concerning the discharge of debts in bankruptcy are more liberal in Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases than in Chapter 7 bankruptcy. A Chapter 13 discharge is commonly known as a "super discharge" because certain debts can be discharged in a Chapter 13 case that cannot be discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. The laws concerning the Chapter 13 bankruptcy super discharge are complex and have changed recently, so you should consult a bankruptcy lawyer if you think you qualify.



While Chapter 7 bankruptcy is commonly called "liquidation" bankruptcy, in most personal bankruptcy cases, debtors are allowed to keep their property either because the property is exempt from seizure or because it is so low in value that the trustee will elect to abandon it. A bankruptcy filing under Chapter 7 allows individuals to eliminate most unsecured debts (debts not secured by tangible assets such as your home and your car).

Chapter 7 bankruptcy is an excellent option if you are current on all debts secured with collateral you want to keep (such as home mortgages and vehicle loans) or if you have an unmanageable amount of unsecured debt. With certain exceptions, Chapter 7 bankruptcy allows people to obtain relief from personal loans, credit card debts, deficiency claims on repossessed vehicles or foreclosed real estate, auto accident claims, judgments, business debts, leases, personal guaranties, and negligence claims.

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### NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

# DRIVEN TO SUCCEED!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, LANCE HEPNER

I'm a 30-year-old, Christ-driven, career-driven conservative born and raised in beautiful Collierville, TN. I graduated from Houston High School with a bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of Memphis. I'm a Logistics Analyst at IMC Companies, a Collierville Rotarian, and a seventh-year Collierville Town Commissioner, which I currently serve on the Design Review Commission. I am usually outdoors with my miniature Australian Shepherds or detailing cars in my free time. Cars are my passion, and they keep me 'driven.'

If I were asked what value & benefits I bring to the community, I get integrity and character from this Town. Like sociology, I am who I am because of where I grew up; and I feel called to participate. I want to keep Collierville's exclusive and small-town feel while balancing its incredible growth.

While I have operated Auto Bliss, a premium car care service, for over ten years, I have found my niche in Transportation & Logistics. I became an Ag commodities freight broker out of college and am now rounding my second year at IMC Companies- the nation's largest marine drayage provider. We specialize in intermodal freight and operate out of every major port and railway across the US. Until recently, we are proud to be the latest corporate headquarters to move to Collierville, TN.

One of my most significant philosophies is to "leave something better than I found it." Whether in work or life, it's a privilege to do just about anything, so being responsible and a good steward of what's in front of you should be a top priority. My inspiration is pulled from a few role models and my dad. Close counsel and positive influence are essential to what has shaped my behavior. Various Zig Ziglar or Dave Ramsey podcasts help, too.

I want to thank those who have supported Collierville Living Magazine. Many fantastic local publications showcase what a great community we have. It has been an honor to serve the Town of Collierville through my various roles, and we are poised for a fantastic future.

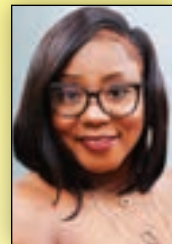
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### BUSINESS PROFILE: NEW TEA & SHAKE SHOP ON HWY 72

# WELCOME TIFFINEY!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, TIFFINEY CHEAIRS - DRAGON FIRE NUTRITION AND ENERGY



My name is Tiffiney Cheairs. I am a wife, mother & business owner. I started my business simply wanting to lose weight for myself. I always knew I was passionate about helping others, but I needed to figure out to what capacity. I weighed nearly 300lbs, and I knew I needed a change not only for me but for my family as well. I have since lost over 70lbs using these same products that I will be serving, and I've been able to help family, friends, and so many others do the same! Outside of helping other people, one of my favorite hobbies is shopping.



Helping the community is an opportunity for growth for me as a person. The importance of connecting with the community is REAL. I'm excited to share why I love my Collierville community.

Before I started this business, I worked 12-16 hour shifts. I was away from my family on holidays, weekends, and special days. I decided it was time for a change. It was time for me to do something that I

truly loved. Fast forward to now...here I am, opening up a Smoothie Bar very close to where I call home!! My desire to help people see themselves in the best light motivates me in this line of work. I get the satisfaction of watching people's lives change. I get to be part of their transformation.

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My biggest inspiration is my daughter. She watches everything I do, and I want her to know that whatever she sets her mind to, she can do it. Also, my husband inspires me daily to KEEP GOING and GIVE IT MY BEST!! What I enjoy most about what I do is knowing that I am positively impacting the lives of so many people. Hearing my clients rejoice about losing 10lbs to 100lbs excites me EVERY time.

If I could share anything else, it would be SHOW UP DAILY FOR YOURSELF! It's people watching and waiting on you to win so they can know they can win too!

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# Let's Get Toasty!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, EMILIE LEE - THE TOASTED YOLK CAFE- GERMANTOWN



David and Emilie Lee, married 24 years, have two daughters – Hayden and Caroline, who attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. When not at the Toasted Yolk, they love spending time with their daughters and three dogs and at the lake in Mississippi.

Our restaurant focuses on large, Texas-size portions. Every order is made from scratch daily. We focus on having a fun, friendly, family-style environment. We have a full bar with a great variety of fun cocktails. We realized that life is short and you never know what could happen. The pandemic put a lot of things into perspective for us. We wanted to go after our dream of owning our own business.

Our philosophy is to try and always have one of our family members in the house at some point every day. What is unique is that our food is all made to order daily and the size of our portions.

We are inspired by our customers who are from so many different walks of life. We enjoy that the days go by so fast, and each day is a new day with other people to meet and new faces to see smiling. We love to see all the smiling, satisfied and happy customers. Also, to see our staff happy is just as satisfying. We look at everyone in our Toasted Yolk as one big family.

In their spare time, David, Emilie, and their two daughters enjoy working with the children at Special Olympics. We also love to be an active part of our community and help in any way we can to better our area.

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: THE FATIGUE CLINIC SEEING MEDICINE DIFFERENTLY

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, SUSAN EARL - APN



I have lived in Collierville for over 30 years. I am married with three grown sons and two grandchildren. I have five dogs and love herbs, gardening, and quilting. I owned a food truck called Twisted Sisters with my baby sister and love cooking and baking. My husband is a police chief in Oakland. We provide a medical service that looks at the deeper causes of symptoms, builds on the whole person, and considers the unique impact on the individual. Combining traditional western medicine with herbs, functional medicine, and nutritional support will give special robust tools to improving their health.

After 35 years in emergency medicine and cardiology, I sought a different path to healthcare and wellness. I no longer wanted to chase disease. I wanted to improve and provide a quality of life with nutrition, herbs, education, and integrated medicine.

Impacting an individual's life positively, providing quality and improved lifestyle, is a fantastic gift and return on the handwork and dedication to change that an individual requires. I enjoy seeing the joy and amazement they experience and the excitement of carrying it into the entire family. When this type of change occurs, you have reached out and touched generations and provided an opportunity to avoid disease.

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BY A.J. KEYTE, ACTIVE FAMILIES | STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR



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Whether this is your first time visiting us or you've been a member for decades, we have something for everyone at CFBC. There are many great opportunities for you to get connected to others. Connect Groups where friendships are formed, kingdom families are created, and believers are equipped for ministry. From preschoolers to senior citizens, a group of people will meet you where you are and walk with you through every season of life.



Kayla Lambert has been part of CFBC for nearly as long as she can remember. "My family joined when I was eight when half the church met in the current gym, and the other half met in the old building near the square. My husband's family also joined when he was about ten years old. We've had the blessing of meeting through the church, starting to date while on a college retreat, getting married at the church, dedicating both of our kids, and seeing our oldest child, Ryleigh, get baptized there. We love serving in the church that has impacted our families and us."

Our church hosts multiple events throughout the year. Recreational sports are cooperating with other area churches for school-aged kids. Fellowship opportunities like church-wide picnics, golf outings, father/son retreats, and the women's annual Christmas Tablescape dinner. Intergenerational worship experiences and weekly Wednesday Equip classes.

Our heart is for missions. We send followers of Jesus to 901 residents who need the mercy and love of Jesus in their lives – both spiritually and physically. We also partner with the North American and International Mission Boards to send relief and plant churches worldwide. We want to be obedient to the great commission and Acts 1:8, which means "going" to the nations. God works in exciting ways worldwide, and CFBC gets to partner in the work in many of those places. This could mean orphan work in Guatemala or helping engage an unreached people group in India. It could also mean contributing to our World Mission, offering to help send others, and supporting the needs of our partners.

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

# STANDING OUT!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, LEWIS THOMAS | PHOTOS BY HAYES HORA

My name is Lewis Thomas. I am married to the most beautiful woman in the world named Teela Thomas, a future franchise owner within Laaron Enterprise (Subway) of Collierville. Together we have six beautiful children, five girls and one boy ranging in age from 17 to 4 months old. I mostly enjoy family time, comedies, and night fishing.

My style of customer service is based on a slogan that I live by. I am trying to give the world back what it is missing, which is genuine love for all people. My wife led me to settle into this line of work. I was at a point where I was no longer happy at my former job. John Brown, owner/franchisee, and my wife offered me an opportunity to join the company. Being offered a flexible schedule, family-oriented business, and competitive pay led me to be able to leave my previous job and come aboard, where I could have more time at home with my family.

A family member introduced me, and from there, I realized how well I could do it and the enjoyment it gave me. I saw this newfound passion as something I could do to give me a small piece of mind and provide for my family. That is how I officially decided to start "A Touch of Integrity Mobile Detailing." I provide not only mobile detailing services for vehicles, but I can also do houses, boats, driveways, pool decks, etc. Call/text (901) 509-1089 for an appointment.

My family is my biggest inspiration. They are the motivation I need to get up and keep going. Secondly, my mentor and spiritual advisor Lester Payne and my friend John Brown would be my next inspirations. They both make me want to be a better version of myself. I enjoy the fact that I can be myself at work. I can be kind, friendly, attentive, and all the great things that make me "Me."

One of my funniest moments is from a family trip to the beach. I allowed my girls to bury me in the sand; however, I had not realized how deep they had dug the hole. When it came time to let me out, they wouldn't, and I couldn't get out. It's family moments like those that we create daily that excite me. Not knowing what my children will be up to or do keeps me on my toes. I want the readers to know that it is okay to Be Kind. The world needs more of it, starting with "Us."

*"Whatever you do, work it with all your heart as if working for the Lord."*

~ Colossians 3:23

*"I'm writing to post about our excellent lunch experience today. The gentleman making sandwiches at Subway (at Houston Levee and Wolf River) was so outgoing and friendly with every customer today. It wasn't about the good food. Although it was good, it was about kindhearted, hardworking people that brightened our day. He and the young lady worked together beautifully and were such pleasant people. They asked how our morning was, whether we had big plans for the day, joked around with the kids, etc. When we left, we talked about how we must all be that upbeat and optimistic every day at school and work. Our 12-year-old son said, "I hope we get to see him again," and our daughter grinned from ear to ear when he said, "bye, friend" to her. What a special person with a big heart. What a great experience we had!"*

~ Katie Hundley Grisham

*"I have been going Subway on Wolf River for about eight years. Since Lewis started working there, I have noticed a difference in the store. He has a smile every time I walk in the door. He asks every person how they are doing and genuinely listens. When he isn't there, I have heard customers asking where he is because everyone loves him. I have listened to demanding customers complaining about having to wear a mask, their to-go orders not being ready fast enough, etc., and he is always pleasant to everyone. There have been times when he has*

*"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude."*

~ 1 Corinthians 13:4

*been working by himself with a line out the door, smiling and asking everyone about their day. Soon after he started working there and I was talking to my husband about him, one of my sons overheard me and said, "I love going there now. That guy always makes my day."*

*We didn't know his name at the time. I get the subway for lunch most days of the week and sometimes dinner, too, so I am there a lot. My children are all away at college but always see him when they return home. He has gotten to know all of them, frequently asks me how they are doing, and encourages them in their passions. My father is in the last stages of Alzheimer's, and he knows how difficult it has been for me and regularly prays for him and our family.*

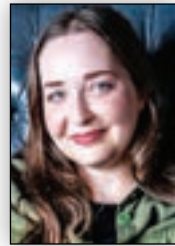
~ Amy Arnold





# THEATRE SPOTLIGHT: PLAYHOUSE ON THE SQUARE THE THEATRICAL ENTHUSIAST!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, NANCY COOK



I grew up in Martin, which is in Northwest Tennessee but moved to Memphis to attend school when I was 18. I have been here for over 15 years, and Memphis feels like home now. I got my Bachelor's and Masters at the University of Memphis. I studied Art History and worked in galleries and museums for the first ten years of my career. I started in Development while working at Playhouse and have loved it ever since.

I love being an advocate for Playhouse on the Square. My parents



were both in the Theatre in college, and I did some theatre as a kid. I love what Theatre can do for communities. Live theatre brings people together uniquely, and it can be very healing. Children and their guardians participating in our education programming report increased confidence, self-esteem, and academic success. Playhouse is such an asset for the Mid-South.

After I graduated with my Masters, I began working almost exclusively with exhibits in galleries and museums. People must genuinely understand how difficult art exhibits can be; I mostly mean physically. It can be back-breaking work. I was interested in Development, and thankfully, Playhouse gave me time to learn and grow in this position. I still love the visual arts but feel at home at Playhouse. And luckily, the amount of time I spend lifting heavy objects has been reduced significantly.

Everything I do for Playhouse or my personal life is done with the belief that people are born good. When you start recognizing the humanity and goodness in others, two things happen 1) You understand that your flaws are just part of your humanity, and 2) When other people do things that you find upsetting, you can be upset at the behavior instead of the person. Ultimately my job is about relationship-building. People respond to empathy because it leads to trust, and you can't have a good relationship without trust.

I believe that people are inherently good. My job is about relationship-building. My hard-working parents have been inspirational in my life. My four-year-old niece brings me so much joy too!

EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR

# Hairline Tattoos

BY PORTER WHYBREW - PORTER'S ELITE ARTISTRY

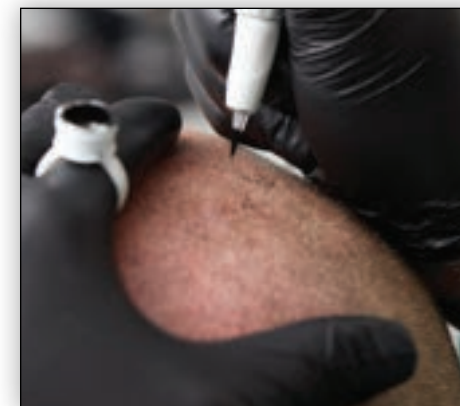


## What is a Hairline Tattoo?

Hair loss is a common problem affecting nearly 80 million people annually in the United States. Hair transplants and micro scalp pigmentation are some options for treating hair loss. Scalp micro pigmentation uses procedures similar to cosmetic tattooing and a similar process. Hair loss drugs and hair transplants are viable options.

## Hair Tattoo For the Head

Hair tattoo, also called micro scalp pigmentation, has many names, such as scalp tattoo and hair or scalp pigmentation. Tiny hair follicles where traditional tattoos are more of a scratching method. It's a semi-permanent tattoo that makes it look like you have fuller hair. You will



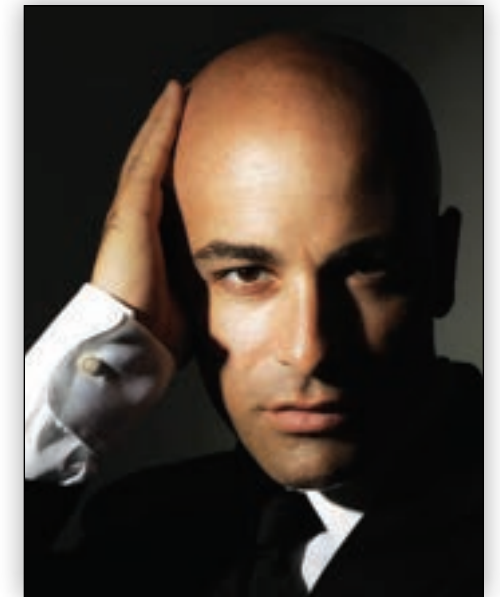
likely experience at least mild discomfort during the micro scalp pigmentation, but it won't be long. The result can fix a balding hairline and fill areas with thinning hair. The micro pigmentation of the hair is similar to the natural look of real hair on a shaved head.

## How long does this treatment take?

The Norwood Scale is a grading system that checks the stages of male pattern baldness. The process begins with hair loss assessments, including future predictions for further loss. There must be at least five full days between the individual meetings.

## How long do hairline tattoos last?

The exact tone of the hair follicles can be matched with the chosen ink pigment. Although it is a permanent cosmetic procedure or process, notably, the gradual disappearance of micro pigmentation on scalp sections is different for each person. Since it is ink, it will interact with your cells and eventually fade over time, which is why you can get a touch-up.



## Is the new hairline tattoo just for Bald men?

Scalp pigmentation does not only work for bald men. It is also commonly used by women who experience hair loss, especially with alopecia. Women experience hair loss due to genes, hormonal changes during pregnancy, aging, and other health conditions. Women are a lot concerned when it comes to their hair. Long and thick hair is essential when talking about boosting confidence. Hair tattoos and pigment aim to create the illusion of more hair in a given area.

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## **GOAL: TIE MY OWN SHOES AGAIN**

BY JEREMY PITTMAN - PITTMAN PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC.



My name is Jeremy Pittman. I have lived in Collierville since 2006. I have four children: Sophie, Stone, Foster, and Brinkley. My wife of 24 years is Hope. She runs the show. We have three dogs, one of which we bought, and two rescues that have eaten a few couches. I play Uber for my two youngest kids when I am not running my business. We love to travel, but mainly to New York to see our two oldest children. Sophie is a dancer for the New York Knicks, and Stone is in culinary school. Pretty cool. When I have free time, I love to golf. Anywhere. Everywhere.

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My philosophy is straightforward. Treat everyone that you interact with like you would want your grandmother to be treated. You can't go wrong with that...unless you don't like your grandma. We also strive to create raving fans, do more than is expected, and continuously learn.

My biggest inspiration and this is pretty cliché, is my father. He was a gentleman, but he was well respected. He worked hard and got paid very little but never complained. He was often working 2 - 3 jobs. He, and my mom, taught me the value of hard work and respect at a very young age. This is something that is missing today. Another person that inspired me was Walter Peyton. He went from unknown to the most excellent running back from Jackson, Mississippi. He never took a playoff. The off-season was filled with ballet and hill running to improve his balance, flexibility, and power.

I enjoy the looks on the patient's faces when they are in the office. Not the ones when we have to bend a total knee, but the faces of pure

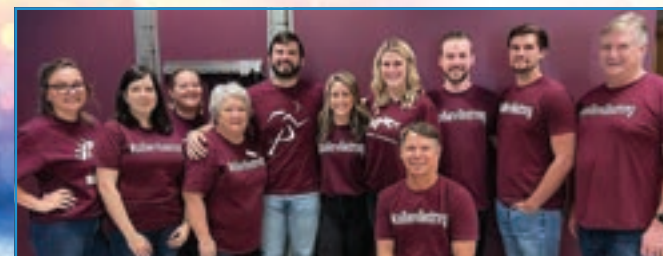


gratitude and happiness the first time someone can touch their toes after a disc bulge or tie their shoes after knee surgery. Nothing better than that.

I get excited by the opportunity to grow and serve more and more people in more communities. We just opened in Germantown and Hernando, and we are making an impact in those communities. We are doing more and more education about fall prevention, arthritis, squatting properly, posture, shoulder pain, and many more. Let me know if you want us to talk at your church or with your team.

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# RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT: DAVID GRISANTI'S MEET THE LEGENDARY GRISANTI'S!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, ROBYN GRISANTI - DAVID GRISANTI'S  
PHOTOS BY HAYES HORA



David & Robyn Grisanti



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"It's a great local place from a long-time Memphis family. Located inside Sheffield Antique Mall, David Grisanti's offers amazing food at reasonable prices. This is a 'do not miss' when you are in Collierville!"



Mary Grisanti, Rinaldo "Willie" Grisanti



Toasted Ravioli



Darrin McClain & David Grisanti



David Grisanti's Italian restaurant inside the Sheffield Antiques Mall is owned by David, the chef. David's dad is Big John Grisanti, who had the restaurant on Airways from 1965 to 1995. David was raised in the restaurant business. In 2018, David and his wife, Robyn, had the opportunity to open the restaurant in the Sheffield Antique Mall. David's passion is creativity in the kitchen, creating new recipes, and improving old ones. David and Robyn enjoy spending time with family, especially their five grandchildren. Robyn is also a Nurse at Methodist Olive Branch Hospital. They have four children: Mary, David, Will, and Chandler.

David's grandfather opened the first Grisanti's in Memphis in 1909. His father, Big John, worked with his parents during his young adult life, eventually opening up his own very successful restaurant. While working in his dad's kitchen, he developed a passion for creating good quality food. He has seen firsthand how to run a business and what it takes to make it successful. Robyn has had a lot of administrative experience, including working for attorneys and bookkeeping for a commercial construction company.

Robyn shares, "Our philosophy is to provide good quality food and a pleasant dining experience. Much like Big John on Airways, David comes out and talks to his customers regularly. It is common for him to pull up a chair and sit with his customers. I personally seat guests for dinner. All of our dishes are made in-house. Everything is handmade with the freshest ingredients. We are very hands-on, interacting with our customers and ensuring they have a great dining experience."

David gets satisfaction from creating a great dining experience with high-quality food; it is his interpretation of what his dad, Big John, taught him." The Original Grisanti's Restaurant belonged to David's father, Big John Grisanti. After Frank and Ronnie opened their restaurants in Memphis, there needed to be more clarity now with three Grisanti locations. Big John changed the name of his restaurant to "The Original Grisanti's" to establish he was the original.

David and Robyn are incredibly proud of their loyal employees. In the photos, you'll see Cassey, whose history with Grisanti's goes back to Big John's Restaurant on Airways in the '80s. In 2021, Cassey retired from FedEx, but when she found out David was short-staffed and needed help, she gladly returned. Darrin was recruited by David himself to wash dishes in 2019. Christian (in the white chef coat) started when they opened in 2018. He is committed to preparing the quality food you expect from Grisanti's. Justin (Black Chef Coat) is the Sous Chef and a Veteran; his self-discipline is a great asset to the restaurant. Bobbe (standing by Robyn) is Robyn's mother. With many years of catering experience, Bobbe knows food. Patricia (in the picture with Robyn, Bobbe, and David) can toss a Ms. Mary's salad together in the blink of an eye!

David provides a unique and delicious dining experience. From manicotti to prime rib, it's an Italian treasure in Collierville. Plan your next lunch or dinner at David Grisanti's Italian Restaurant inside the Sheffield Antiques Mall. Browse the menu online: [DavidGrisanti.com](http://DavidGrisanti.com).



Dining Room



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Cassey Smith & David Grisanti



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# Christmas in Collierville

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The Historic Collierville Square is known for its small-town charm and quaint character. The architecture and manicured landscaping create a beautiful setting for the center of the Collierville community. It's no wonder that it was voted Parade Magazine's "Best Main Street" award in 2014. And in 2018, the Southeast Tourism Society chose "Christmas in Collierville" as one of the top 20 events in the Southeast during December. Each year the Town of Collierville decks out the historic town square with quarter-million-holiday lights to create a magical Christmas experience for Collierville's families and guests. The court is lit up from Thanksgiving to the New Year. There are many unique gift options and beautiful holiday decorations at all the retailers on the Historic Collierville Square.

The season officially kicks off in Collierville with the Christmas Tree Lighting on Collierville Town Square Tuesday, November 22,

at 7 pm. The Mayor and Aldermen will serve free hot chocolate. Kevin and Bethany Paige will perform a holiday concert with all the Christmas classics before the countdown to the lighting of the tree and the reveal of the nearly quarter-million lights. Every Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, from 10 am to 2 pm, families can visit Santa in the Gazebo and create picturesque memories on the beautifully decorated town square. Bring your camera; pictures are free. Come back at 4 pm for a horse-drawn carriage ride under the dazzling lights of the historic square. Carriage rides are \$30 for a group of 5 to 6 people.

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## TIPS FOR BUYING A NEW CAR FROM A DEALERSHIP

BY ZACH JAWORSKI - STATE FARM



Many factors go into buying a car, and it can be hard to choose between a new or used vehicle. In addition to selecting the right car, you also have to arrange to finance and get rid of your current one. Here are some helpful tips to help you navigate through the process.

Before you start the process of buying a new car, you must have a clear understanding of your goals and needs. This will allow you to make informed decisions and get the best possible deal. When visiting a dealership, take the time to test-drive several vehicles and ask about incentives and rebates. Also, be sure to negotiate the price and terms of the contract. If you have pre-approval, bring along the paperwork.

Some car dealerships trick you into signing a contract that doesn't reflect the value of your trade-in. Push, pull, and tow sales are also bad for you. These promotions take advantage of the incentives and rebates for purchasing a car.

Another common mistake is to negotiate in a mixed manner. Instead of having separate discussions about the price and the trade-in value, the salesman will use a trick known as the four-square method. In this process, the sales manager writes down the car's price, the down payment, the monthly payment, and the trade-in value in four boxes.

Only get flat-rate loans if you're sure about the available interest rate. Some dealerships may also advertise last-minute changes to financing. Only get a spot delivery if you're a car buyer with secured financing. This means that the dealer might not be able to provide you with the necessary paperwork after a few weeks. If you have a poor credit score, a dealer might make you feel like it's a significant issue by playing up your situation. They might also suggest higher monthly payments and higher down payments.

If you have negative equity, it can prevent you from gaining financing. For instance, if the dealer is paying off your old loan with the help of incentives and rebates, they are adding negative equity to your new



loan. Avoid these services if you have a paint protection plan or extra warranty. Also, gap insurance can be costly. Whether you're buying a new car or purchasing a new-to-you used car, call Zach Jaworski to discuss your auto policy changes. If Zach isn't already your insurance agent, make the switch and start saving today! Call (901) 910-3276.

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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

# PASSIONATE, GIVING, AND GRATEFUL

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, MISSY MARSHALL



I grew up in East Tennessee (Maryville), graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, spent most of my career in the middle Tennessee area, and have called Collierville home for the past 17 years. I am the wife of Barry Marshall (Commercial Airline Pilot), and we are the parents of Alex (27), Blake (26), Addy (21), and Barrett (17). Our family enjoys spending time boating and traveling together. I am passionate about community and public service!



I have nearly 29 years of experience in public service. I began my career as a civil servant within six months of graduating college. I've had the privilege of serving on a team of three governors, nine commissioners, and within eight state departments. Most of my career entailed overseeing constituent services for at least three state departments.

My passion for public service and love for our beautiful state of Tennessee led me to my current line of work. I currently serve as the executive director for Keep Tennessee Beautiful (KTnB), a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. I was drawn to this position because KTnB is a mission-based organization that strives to educate and inspire Tennesseans to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment. I love inspiring people to be engaged in making their communities a clean and safe place to live, work, and recreate!

Growing old is a privilege denied to so many! My biggest inspiration in life is my children. Being their mom inspires me to want to be a positive role model for them and encourage them to be quality and productive citizens. I want them to be givers, not takers, to work towards making the world better! Collierville is a unique community; the people living here are great! It is one of the greatest honors of my life to have the privilege and honor to serve as one of their aldermen for the town.



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BY THAREN HALEY - MORTUARY EXPERT



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**COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM**  
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BY EMILY CLEMMER | PHOTO BY RED BARDES

Champions abound at Collierville High School. It's no wonder why Collierville is known to be a top-rated school district for academics, arts, and athletics. The Collierville High School Competitive Dance Team is one of the many groups of champions being developed within our town. The CHS dance team, also known as the pom squad, comprises 27 talented dancers (2 seniors, 16 juniors, six sophomores, and three first-year students). Tryouts are held every year. As a sport, the synchronized dance routine incorporates spins, twirls, leaps, jumps, and kicks and usually includes various dance styles, from jazz, and hip-hop, to acro. Their school spirit is displayed at pep rallies and on the sidelines at Friday night football games. They perform during half-time. They compete for championships at the local, state, and national levels.

Under the leadership of Coach Carol Lloyd for the past ten years, the dance program has won 4 national championships, 11 state championships, and 20 regional championships. The varsity team won the national title in 2019, and when the school had a junior varsity team, three more titles in 2015, 2021, and 2022 were earned. Carol Lloyd is also the Head Dance Coach for the University of Memphis and the Collierville Dragon Dancers, the middle school

dance program. About 300 high schools, colleges, and all-star teams compete yearly for a national title in Orlando. To qualify for a bid to compete in the national competition, high school dance teams must earn a trophy from their summer camp. This past October, the CHS dance team claimed the regional championships for both matches in pom and game day performances.

Encouragement between everyone is what keeps the team together. Each one of them supports the other. They're all in it together. Their purpose is to have a successful season on and off the dance floor. Whether that is achieving their educational, fundraising, or competition goals, the unified team goal is to be champions. Through these diligent efforts, discipline is taught, and confidence is found. The squad could only achieve those goals with the support of their parents, teachers, sponsors, and neighbors. They are the dance team's backbone and ensure the squad's success. The booster club works hard to generate funds to help supplement the costs of practice, travel to competitions, and maintain a respectful appearance for our town. If you want to support these ladies in their efforts to compete on the national level, please get in touch with Nicole Rees at [nicolerees@gmail.com](mailto:nicolerees@gmail.com).

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

# Health and Wellness Coaching!

BY FONDA FRACCHIA, M.ED., NBC-HWC



Health and wellness coaching is a process that involves working with a professional coach to help individuals reach their best well-being. This type of coaching is commonly used by executives and athletes who want to improve their performance. Experienced coaches are skilled at supporting their clients in developing and implementing their wellness plans.



Certified coaches are trained to help individuals develop and implement their health and wellness plans. They can help them identify their goals and develop a strategy to reach them. Through their personal experiences, the coaches can help individuals connect with their inner fighting spirit and create a higher life purpose. They can help them overcome their obstacles and reach their goals.

Wellness coaching aims to help individuals reach their goals by developing a positive mindset and connecting with their inner fighting spirit. Working with a coach begins with an assessment to gather background information about the individual. This will allow the coach and the client to be well-informed about the various issues that affect their well-being.

During the initial 60 to 90-minute session, the client and the coach

will discuss their goals and develop a personalized wellness plan. In the next 30 to 40 minutes, the two of them will review the progress of their program and identify areas where they can improve. They then come up with a set of goals for the following week.

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

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What a wonderful surprise on Christmas morning to see Santa has left a cute kitten or a bouncing puppy under the tree. To be sure everyone in your household is happy with this new addition, you or the gift giver must do your homework. Here are some guidelines to make sure everyone will be happy with their new pet:

1. Who is the gift for, a 40-year-old person ready for the responsibility or a four-year-old who can't properly take care of themselves?
2. Have you asked the adults in the household if they want this responsibility? You should never gift a pet to a child without asking the parent first.



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### CRICKET

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### COWBOY

10-week-old orange tabby male. Cowboy is such a gentleman! He is quiet, gentle, and patient. He loves the kitty hammock! He gets along with everyone and would love to be adopted by any of his siblings.

3. Select the appropriate age, size, breed, allergies issues, and temperament of the pet for the person. Younger children would do better with older kittens or puppies, whereas an older person might be fine with the teacup Chihuahua.

4. Avoid giving pets during the hectic part of your Christmas Day. Before or after the holidays would be safer and happier for the pet and new pet owner.

5. Best option might be a gift certificate for animal adoption. This allows the person to select their pet. Have a gift bag of pet toys and supplies with the gift certificate for the person under the tree. Then there will be no concern for the pet's safety with all the holiday chaos, and the anticipation for the future pet will still be exciting. Make sure you check the animal shelter's application policies for gift certificates. Restrictions may apply.

Now, with these guidelines to follow, some great pets are ready for adoption at the Collierville Animal Shelter.

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# The Gift of Kindness

BY GENELL HOLLOWAY - EAGLE HOLLOW ENTERPRISES



The giving season is here. As we hustle to do the holiday shopping and find all those unique gifts for the people we give presents to, it's also easy to be concerned about how we will pay for them. Some of my favorite gifts through the years were not the most expensive ones. For example, I recall receiving note sheets and matching envelopes that my uncle had custom designed just for me. He used colored pencils and drew different images on the note sheet and the envelope. I was probably 9-10 years old, but I felt so special having my note set to send.

One of my favorite gifts now is the opportunity to spend time with those special people in my life. We are all busy going in different directions, so we must be intentional in scheduling time together.

Today, I want to challenge you to consider one gift you can give every day without any cost. You may be thinking there's no such thing. But, there is such a gift. It is the gift of kindness. In our world today, many people are hurting in ways they may never tell you. They may be going through a divorce or losing a loved one they can't discuss. They may have estranged relationships that are tearing them apart inside. They may be carrying unspeakable experiences in their past that cannot be brought to light under any circumstance. The truth is we don't know



the weight of people's difficulties. Maybe you are one of those people having this pain.

In a world where we all have silent struggles, I challenge you to give the gift of kindness. A smile, an open door, assistance to lift a heavy bag – any of these simple things only take a minute of our time and can change the world – one kindness at a time. Won't you be kind?

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BY ELAINE DODD

Big League Wildcats, located near the heart of downtown Collierville, prides itself on its commitment to its athletes. Big League Wildcats has grown over the last 4 years into an organization committed to individual player development, building highly competitive teams, and fostering a winning culture through consistent focus on fundamentals, professional player evaluations, and expert instruction.

Big League Wildcats Foundation is the non-profit side of our organization that was established just this year. Truly the heartbeat of Big League is to give back to the local community and surrounding areas. In doing so, we aim to make it possible for young people who may be afforded different opportunities than others to play a sport or be able to excel in something they're genuinely passionate about. The Big League Wildcat Foundation wants to make it; its mission is to bring a sense of hope to the community through its outreach not only for athletes but also those who are less fortunate. We will be involved in mission work with local churches, clothing and food drives, medical care, etc. Whatever we can do to help recognize the needs here, just in our local area, that's where our focus will be.

We are seeing the potential in our athletes and what they can accomplish—seeing them move on to college ball and potentially further. It is a thrill to see all the places our athletes can go and know that we had a small hand in getting them to reach those goals and seeing a player hit their first grand slam or pitch a perfect game. Knowing something they could not figure out or struggled to achieve, and then with just a little extra push, they were able to reach their potential.

The Big League Wildcats want nothing more than to be a part of the community, provide service in whatever capacity possible, and be an open source of knowledge in baseball. We are here to serve and bring a little bit of our passion and love of the game to the athletes and their families here in Collierville.



**MEET THE OWNERS!**



**Courtney Mitchell**  
 OWNER/INSTRUCTOR

He lives with his beautiful wife Camela and two kids, Kyran and Karington, in Collierville, Tennessee. His other son Prentice Cook lives in Louisiana.

- Played professionally with the Philadelphia Phillies for 6 years.
- Originally from Garyville, LA. Courtney played high school baseball at East St. John High School.
- Won the State Championship going undefeated 28-0, setting a record in the State of Louisiana at East St. John.
- Finish 13-0 with a .78 earned run average while batting 378.
- Received a scholarship to attend Grambling State University and majored in Architectural Drafting.
- Won SWAC Pitcher of the Year in 92, 93, and 94.
- Won SWAC Most Valuable Player in 1994.
- Holds the Strikeout Record at Grambling.
- Coaching experience of 15 years.
- Helped numerous players, male and female, receive scholarships to play collegiately.



**Francisco Cartaya**  
 OWNER/INSTRUCTOR

He lives with his beautiful wife, Yenisel, and his three children, Francisco, Christian, and Sebastian, in Collierville, Tennessee.

- A Latin American cross-checker for an MLB team for the last five years.
- Latin American Coordinator from 2016 -17.
- Signed in 1996 with the DBacks becoming one of the organization's First Venezuelan Signed Players.
- Over 25 seasons of baseball involvement, including Winter League experience.
- Venezuela's Advance Scouting Coordinator in the 2017 World Baseball Classic.
- Advance scout for the 2013 World Baseball Classic.
- Los Angeles Dodgers scout from 2010-15.
- Served in various roles for the Rockies from 1998-2010.
- Director of Venezuela Operations (2005-10).
- Manager of Venezuela Operations (2004).
- Venezuela Scouting Supervisor (2002).
- Area scout (2000-01) Venezuelan.
- Summer League Coach (1998-99).
- Infield Coach (1998).
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## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

# There are No Ordinary People

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, JOHN NIX - THE ORCHARD



C.S. Lewis said, “There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.” Everyone on this planet has a story—a unique set of experiences, talents, and dreams that shape who they are. Even the most seemingly insignificant life can profoundly impact the world around them. History reveals that it’s people who may seem small that God uses to make a BIG difference. Just think about Mary and baby Jesus.

### No Ordinary Girl

Daily life in a rural village was probably somewhat predictable, but something cosmic was about to take place in obscurity. God dispatched Gabriel, the Archangel, to Mary in rural Galilee. The heavenly messenger arrives and begins by declaring that she is highly favored by God (Luke 1:28). Amid her confusion over the angel’s greeting (not to mention his startling appearance in her home), Gabriel delivers the fantastic news—God has chosen her to give birth to His Son, the long-awaited Messiah of Israel (Luke 1:29–33). This was no ordinary day, and Mary was no ordinary girl; she would be the mother of God’s Son.

### No Ordinary Birth

Mary’s anticipation of the birth of her son must have grown every time the baby moved. As the time to deliver drew near, Caesar’s decree robbed her of the support of family and friends, forcing an 85-mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and no available housing meant she would give birth in a stable (Luke 2:4–7). As she wrapped his newborn body and held him in her arms, her heart must have filled with the overwhelming love of a mother for her child. Like any new mother, she would have held him close, marveled as he wrapped his tiny fingers around hers, and waited expectantly for the next time he opened his eyes to look up at her.

### No Ordinary Child

Mary’s quiet reflection after giving birth to Jesus in a stable suggests that she recognized the contradiction of their circumstances (Luke 2:19). The long-awaited Messiah had arrived without much fanfare and was celebrated by only a few shepherds. The “Son of the Most High” and the “Son of God” was given the name Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. He would possess the “throne of his father David” and rule over Israel forever (Luke 1:31–35).

### No Ordinary People

God’s plan involved a lowly teenage peasant girl and a group of poor shepherds. Her story reminds us that God can accomplish His plans through anyone. All we can do is prepare to be surprised and resolve to devote ourselves to His plan over our own. The next time you feel small, insignificant, or unseen, remember, “There are no ordinary people, and you have never talked to a mere mortal.” When you live with humility, service, and love, you ARE making a difference—maybe even more than you realize.

## You are Extraordinary!



## EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR

# WEARING A BELT AND A PAIR OF SUSPENDERS!

BY TERRY COX - COX LAW OFFICE



In estate planning, we often advise our clients to create a trust to hold their assets and to distribute those assets to their loved ones when the client dies. The beauty of this approach is that it allows the assets to pass directly to the beneficiary without going through the time-consuming and expensive estate administration process in probate court.

Although it does not sound logical, we also prepare a Last Will and Testament for our client. “Wait a minute,” the client sometimes says. “You just convinced me to use a trust to convey my assets to my spouse and children TO AVOID PROBATE. Why do you now say I need a trust AND a Last Will? That sounds like I have two different tools to accomplish the same purpose.”

So why do we tell each of our clients that they also need a Last Will? They need a Last Will, known as a “pour-over” Will. The pour-over Will contains special provisions which allow an estate to be opened to capture an asset to which the decedent had a legal claim of ownership during their lifetime but which they never titled in the name of their trust. For example, the client couple might purchase a vacation home years after setting up their joint trust and fail to title the vacation home in the name of their trust. Regrettably, it sometimes happens.



Here’s the answer: Let’s assume that a married couple has a home, two cars, a savings account, a checking account, and an IRA for each of them. We often set up a joint revocable trust for the spouses, which holds the title to the home, the cars, the savings account, and the

checking account. Because of restrictions on how IRA accounts can be owned, we designate the trust as the payee on death on the IRA accounts so that those assets flow automatically into the trust when the named owner of the IRA account dies. So far, so good. These assets are under the control of the surviving spouse when the first spouse dies, and they pass to the children when the second spouse dies. All of these transfers occur without the need for probate.

For example, one of the spouses may receive a year-end bonus or other delayed compensation. If the spouse dies in July, the bonus may not be paid until the following January. How does the surviving spouse claim the bonus? By opening an estate to claim the bonus on behalf of the deceased spouse. By the terms of the pour-over Will, the bonus money is collected and deposited into the trust as an additional trust asset. It is distributed to the trust beneficiaries according to the distributive plan for all trust assets. The probate estate, which is opened using the pour-over Will is limited to the one or two assets the client forgot to title in the name of the trust or never had the opportunity to include in the trust during their lifetime. In other words, opening an estate under a pour-over Will does not drag any of the trust assets into the probate process. They are available to the surviving spouse or other designated death beneficiaries immediately.

The pour-over Will gives the client the best of both worlds - probate avoidance for the bulk of their assets and a means of capturing for the trust beneficiaries a stray asset that never got me into the trust during a client’s lifetime. Having a pour-over Will available to complement a trust makes good sense. Sometimes, wearing a belt and a pair of suspenders feels comfortable and looks smart.



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# Pan-Roasted Lobster

## WITH CHIVE BEURRE BLANC

BY HAYES HORA

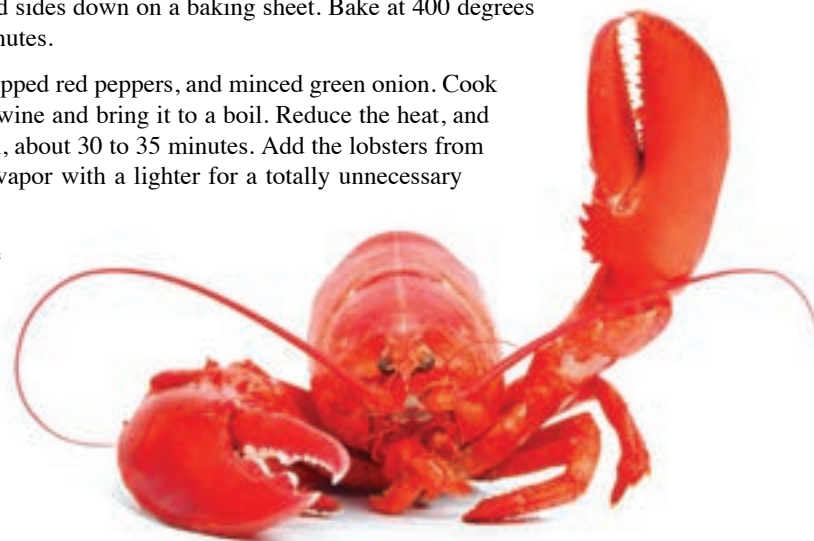
Working with live lobsters never gets old! Kids and pets alike will be intrigued by their alien-like appearance! For this dish, you'll need four large lobsters and two large servings of your favorite pasta or fettucini noodles. Beurre blanc is a creamy sauce made with butter, onions/shallots, vinegar/lemon juice, usually served with seafood dishes.

Start by boiling two large servings of fettuccine or pasta noodles. While the pasta cooks, prepare the beurre blanc using two cups of melted unsalted butter and a cup of finely chopped shallots (or onions.) Use a bottle of your favorite white wine, such as Muscadet, one cup of fresh lemon juice, crushed garlic, and salt to taste.

Now prepare the lobsters by quickly dispatching them with a sharp knife; Google it if you need to learn how! Place tail halves, claws, knuckles, and sides down on a baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees until the shells are bright red and the meat is tender, about 3-5 minutes.

In a large saucepan, melt some butter, add garlic, a handful of chopped red peppers, and minced green onion. Cook until the vegetables are tender, for about 4-6 minutes. Stir in the wine and bring it to a boil. Reduce the heat, and cook until the wine is reduced to just below the bottom of the pan, about 30 to 35 minutes. Add the lobsters from the oven to the pan. Toss in a splash of bourbon and ignite the vapor with a lighter for a totally unnecessary cinematic effect!

Remove the pan from the heat and combine the liquid from the baking sheet. Add in the beurre blanc and the garlic. Continue to cook the lobster pieces until the lobster turns a deep red. To serve the lobsters, transfer freshly cooked pasta noodles to a large warm presentation plate, and carefully pour the pan-roasted lobsters with the sauce and veggies over the pasta. Give it a few turns with tongs to mix, making sure the large lobster chunks are visible with some still on top!





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### VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

## THE AIR FORCE'S FIRST FEMALE F-16 PILOT LIEUTENANT COLONEL STACEY BONASSO

BY HAYES HORA



The Morton Museum holds exhibits and special events throughout the year. This one caught my eye, being a day before Veteran's Day, and I decided to attend. The Museum hosted a lunch & learn yesterday (November 10th) with an incredible guest speaker: Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Stacey Bonasso. She is one of the first women to pilot an F-16 fighter jet in the United States Airforce.

Stacey grew up in Norton, Massachusetts, south of Boston, where her father, a Navy veteran and former airborne radar operator, instilled a love of flying. She attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA, on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. She graduated with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and earned a Master of Science from Stanford. Their Aeronautics and Astronautics department addresses various technologies to develop systems, design, and analysis methods to further our nation's aerospace enterprise and improve society.

After entering the Air Force, she served as an Engineer assigned to Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY. In 1994, after the Air Force opened fighter pilot training to women, Stacy attended flight school at the Columbus, Mississippi, Air Force Base. She became one of the Air Force's first fighter pilots, completing F-16 training at Luke AFB in Arizona Glendale (Phoenix), AZ, in 1999.



She flew F-16s with the 4th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, UT, for three years. Following that assignment, she spent six years as an instructor pilot, teaching Air Force Officers to fly in a T-38, a twin-jet training aircraft. She left active duty but continued serving her country in the Air Force Reserve as an Air Force Academy Liaison Officer, assisting qualified young women and men to gain admission to the US Air Force Academy.

Stacey now teaches Principles of Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering at Briarcrest. She lives in Collierville with her husband Vince, a former Air Force and FedEx Pilot, and their five children.

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# NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

## BODYBUILDING CHAMPION!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, DAN NORTON



My name is Dan, and my wife is Bonnie. We have three children (two daughters and a son. All three are graduates of Ole Miss. Our two daughters live in Collierville, and our son in Memphis. My wife is a Physical Therapist with Concentra Medical Clinic. My brother-in-law lives with us (he is special needs) and has always been with me since I retired. He came to live with us, and I got him involved in powerlifting at Memphis Special Olympics. That is also when I started coaching powerlifting. I have been lifting weights for the past 40 years. I started bodybuilding and competing at 25 and did that for about five years before an injury and work prompted me to stop. I worked out on and off until my son wanted me to train him for football. He wanted to compete in a powerlifting competition, so we both started preparing for our first competition.

Since then, I have set world and national records in the 55-59 age group and four federal and state records in the sixty to sixty-four. After two knee replacements and two shoulder surgeries, I won four state, national, and world records in the 65-69 age group. These records are through USPA-IPL (United States Powerlifting Association - International Powerlifting League).



After watching these athletes (I call them my kids), I decided to get back in the gym and start powerlifting again. I tried to explain to this young man's dad how much he had inspired me, and to be honest, and it was hard to finish the conversation without becoming emotional. I would tell the people of Collierville that they need to get in a gym, not that they have to lift heavy but to keep moving. I tell young and old at ATC that it's not how much you lift but that you lift it.

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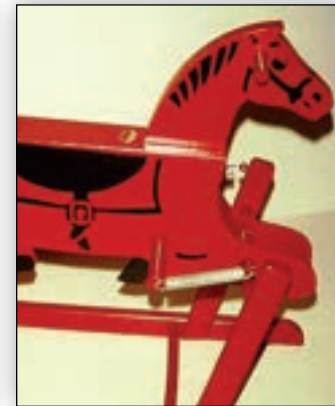
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# TRAINS, TOYS & TRADITIONS

## The Morton Museum of Collierville History

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, KATE RENNER - MORTON MUSEUM

TRAINS, TOYS, & TRADITIONS WILL BE ON VIEW FROM NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 30, 2022



Rekindle childhood memories and spark the creation of new ones at your local history museum with this mini-holiday display about Wonder Products, a toy manufacturing company that once operated in Collierville. Also, during your holiday visit, check out a snowy, small-scale model of Collierville Town Square showcasing historic landmarks, artifacts from the Museum's collection, and images of Collierville from winter's past. The Morton Museum of Collierville History is conveniently located at the corner of Poplar and Main Street. Museum admission is always FREE, and regular visiting hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

### Wonderful Products, Wonderful Story

During Christmas in 1939, William (Bill) Baltz constructed a wooden toy horse for his son and attached it to a wooden frame with heavy springs. His children enjoyed the toy so much that William obtained a 17-year patent. The eventual name of "Wonder Horse" came from

Baltz's home state of Arkansas, nicknamed "The Wonder State." The company began making its rocking horses from pressed wood but later switched to plastic for mass production when the toys became a global success.

In 1950 a *Wonder Products* production plant opened in Collierville, Tennessee, by local businessman Ed Koller. At its peak, the plant employed over 200 Collierville citizens. Women made up nearly half of the employees, working primarily in assembly and on the painting line, hand painting each horse. After being bought out by other companies over time, the Collierville plant was consolidated with another manufacturing location in Bossier City, Louisiana. When the local plant shut down in December 1983, the closure impacted many in Collierville; however, the legacy of Wonder Products remains an essential feature of Collierville's history.

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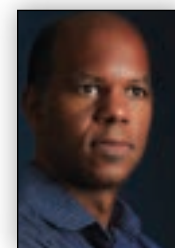


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**ARTIST SPOTLIGHT**

# Meet the Portrait Artist!

BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, WILLIAM LAWRENCE BELL



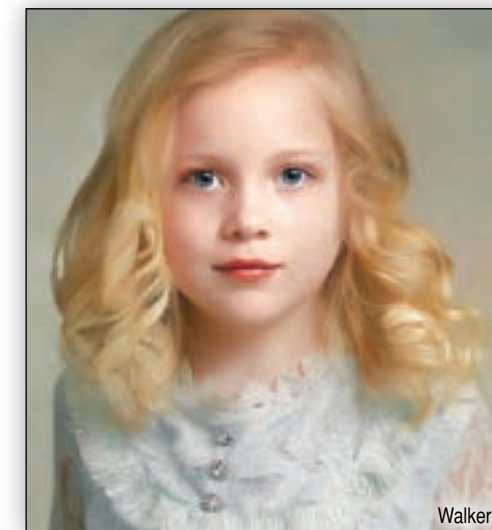
Hello Collierville! I am William Lawrence Bell. I grew up in Los Angeles with a dual interest in art and technology. I've been drawing, painting, and programming computers since middle school. When I followed my high-school sweetheart, Judith (now my wife), into the Air Force, I went the technology route. The Air Force brought us to the Midsouth (Blytheville, Arkansas), where we raised our six children.

Aside from painting and photography, I am a cyclist, an archer (I don't hunt, but I love target shooting), and a big fan of sci-fi fantasy authors. My wife and I love to travel and experience new places and cultures (I've been to 8 other countries so far). We also enjoy the cinema and live concerts.

Starting life as a fine artist, rendering animals, scenes, and still-lives, or just creating from my imagination, had its kind of fulfillment. But my world was rocked when I began studying portrait photography during my formal photography training. Working live with people — each with their personality, history, dreams, and desires — unlocked something inside me and changed the way I see the world. Since then, I have devoted myself exclusively to portraying the magic within people rather than simply capturing a good likeness of them.

I am a portrait artist because I believe in the value and potential of people. There is magic inside every human being, so it is a joy and a passion to help them to see and celebrate that in their lives. My clients have often described our work as therapy when they feel genuinely seen and valued. Showing my clients the best version of themselves is powerful and rewarding for everyone involved.

At the risk of sounding repetitive, there is nothing more exciting in my day than watching my clients see themselves differently. Seeing the light come on inside, and knowing that it's not camera tricks or Photoshop, but their inner being shining through a portrait.. especially young children because I can now hope that they will grow up seeing themselves in a new light. This new self-view will counter the harmful and poisonous views that life and circumstances can often instill in us, and they will grow in self-confidence and share more of themselves and their gifts with the world. Learn more about making your memories last by calling (901) 286-2310, or go online: [WilliamLawrence.com](http://WilliamLawrence.com).



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# JOE BARCHESKY, WORLD WAR II VETERAN

BY EMILY CLEMMER | PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JOE BARCHESKY



**HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY JOE!  
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Joe Barchesky is among the 1% of World War II Veterans still alive and well, living in Collierville today. He celebrated his 97th birthday this past October. Joe joined the United States Navy during WWII when he was only 17 years old in 1942. His dad had to sign parental consent for him to enlist since the US only allowed men and women 18 years or older to be drafted. His first assignment was to board the repair ship USS Ajax (AR-6) in San Pedro, California. He was a plank owner, a member of the first crew to commission the ship. He was one of the youngest of the crew and recalled only three others as young as 17.

Aboard the USS Ajax (AR-6), Joe became a 3rd class gunner's mate, responsible for all the gunnery equipment. He was also responsible for plumbing repairs on the ship. The ship first traveled to Pearl Harbor as a clean-up effort and then joined Admiral Halsey's fleet in the South Pacific. He served on the USS Ajax for about three years. A picture of the USS Ajax (AR-6) hangs in his living room today.

His second assignment was aboard the USS Missouri battleship. This ship also served within Admiral Halsey's fleet in the South Pacific. His responsibilities and jobs were similar, and he served on the USS Missouri for his final four months. He received an honorable discharge in San Diego.

After his Navy service, Joe returned to his hometown of Madison, Illinois. There he worked in construction and worked in the plumbing trade. He learned most of the trade during his time in the Navy. He worked with Local 435, a labor union for construction workers. In 1988, Joe moved to Clearwater Beach, Florida. He enjoyed spending time at the beach and fishing out in the gulf. About five years ago, Joe moved to Collierville to be closer to his daughter. He says he likes Collierville but doesn't like this area's weather and humidity. He lives at home with his companion, Dusty, a one-eyed female rescue dog.

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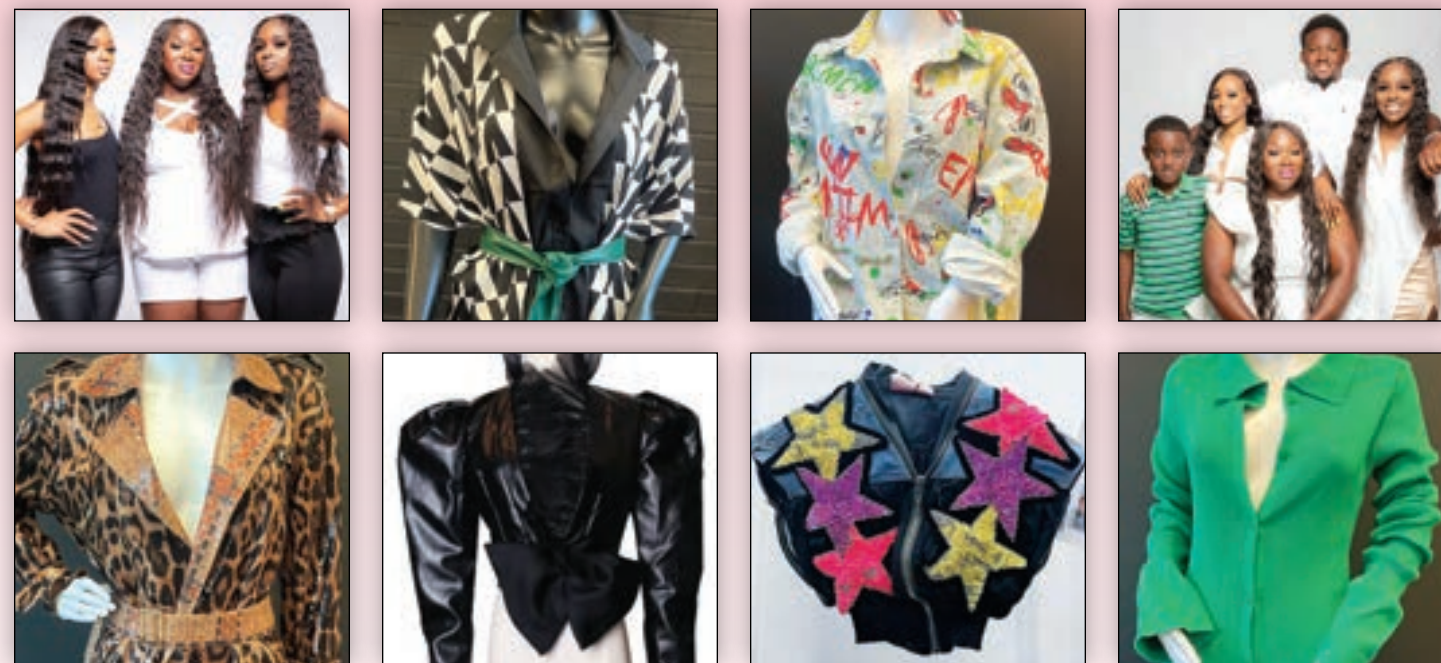
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BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, RENATA WALTON - THE BEAUTIQUÉ



My name is Renata Walton. I am a 42-year-old single mother of four. I have two daughters and sons, Andeshia Walton, Rakia Clark, Tyler Walton, and Zachary Walton. I was born and raised in Rossville, Tennessee. I'm a member of Lagoshen M.B. Church which is located in Rossville, Tennessee as well, in which I have the best pastor as well, Pastor James H. Rosser.

My daughters, who are also my partners in the business, are also students at The University of Memphis and owners of the D&K Hair Collection, specializing in the best and top-quality hair extensions. The Beautiqué was established in June 2020 when my daughters and I opened our boutique online. We chose to go online to build our clients up and make it so that everyone worldwide could shop our pieces. We carry clothing for every size of women, from petite to plus sizes-ensuring no one is or feels left out.

Family is everything to me. My kids are what motivates me to go hard. Furthermore, fashion has always been my everything, and my daughters feel the same way. It gives us a way to express ourselves and allows us to be ourselves through getting dressed or just helping our customers and making them feel beautiful as ever.

The Beautiqué was created to be different and to stand out from others. From its name to the pieces of clothing we sell. The goal is to make every woman we come across feel beautiful; our pieces are made just for that. We have a target audience of not just one specific age group but ALL from teenagers, young adults, adults, and elders. Please make sure we allow everyone to shop with us and feel special!

My biggest inspiration in life is my grandad. He is the one who inspired me from my childhood to become the boss I am today. His hard-working nature, independence, discipline, and sacrifice are what I admire about him the most.

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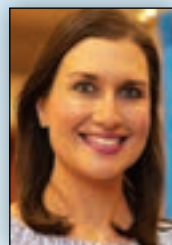
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BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, JENNIFER GIONFRIDDO  
ST. AGNES ACADEMY - ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL



As an educator at St. Agnes since 2003, Dean Valdez brings her expertise, faith, and passion to all she does.

As Dean of the Upper School, Heather is committed to cultivating a learning environment that empowers our students to thrive. She appreciates and is committed to girls' education and 21st-century learning principles. She truly understands what our St. Academy students need to become leaders prepared to live a life of purpose rooted in Study, Prayer, Community, and Service. Heather has a Master of Education from Christian Brothers University and is a graduate of the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute. A native Memphian, she and her husband have four daughters, all students at St. Agnes Academy. Being an educator is her greatest calling.

Seeing a child grow in her education, grow in her social-emotional well-being, grow in her faith life, develop sisterhood and meaningful relationships, and continue to explore is overwhelmingly rewarding. St. Agnes Academy educators are experts in their content area. They are positive. They are innovative. They exude love. They are in constant partnership with parents. St. Agnes educators provide an excellent education while also shaping and changing the lives of every girl. Educators are compassionate and focused on building lifelong relationships with their students – they truly know them. Although leadership manifests itself in many ways, we see student leaders daily: students run assemblies, clubs, service projects, retreats, and students lead the Honor Council. The resounding theme is that a female holds every leadership position at St. Agnes. We empower young women to become self-assured and confident leaders from the moment they step foot on our campus.

At St. Agnes, our motivated students are well-prepared for college. Students choose from a diverse course offering that includes a wide variety of Honor classes and AP classes, all taught by educators on our campus. Advanced Placement courses are regularly offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Environmental Science, French, Language & Composition, Latin, Modern World History, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, United States Government & Politics, United States History, and World Literature and Composition. Our innovative Biomedical Science sequence allows students to investigate the roles of biomedical professionals as they study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.

An all-girls environment is unique but can be life-changing. Our students build meaningful relationships within their classes. Students support one another and honestly know one another. These young women recognize and applaud the accomplishments and talents of their SAA sisters. This sisterhood helps instill confidence in the girls and allows them to take risks as they develop into self-assured and confident young women.



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love to take the boys to sporting events, and we love to travel! Ed loves to golf, go to the movies and coach his kid's sports teams. Brittany loves discovering new wines, getting crafty with the kids, and making special treats for friends and family.



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BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, BRITTANY & ED CABIGAO



perfect space on South Main and took a chance. We opened SOB in 2009. It was initially a gastropub, but we have since adapted more into a full-service restaurant.

Our employees bring us inspiration every day. The restaurant industry is unique in that every walk of life comes through the door as either an employee or guest. Getting to know so many different kinds of people has been the most enjoyable part of owning a restaurant.

Every day is a different day in the restaurant business. The funniest people are the ones we get to know at the bar because they are gregarious and love talking. Many families come in as well, and getting to meet the kids and see them grow up throughout the years has been excellent. We know one 17-year-old whose parents have been taking him to SOB since he was 5! Getting to see him grow up is mind-boggling!

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