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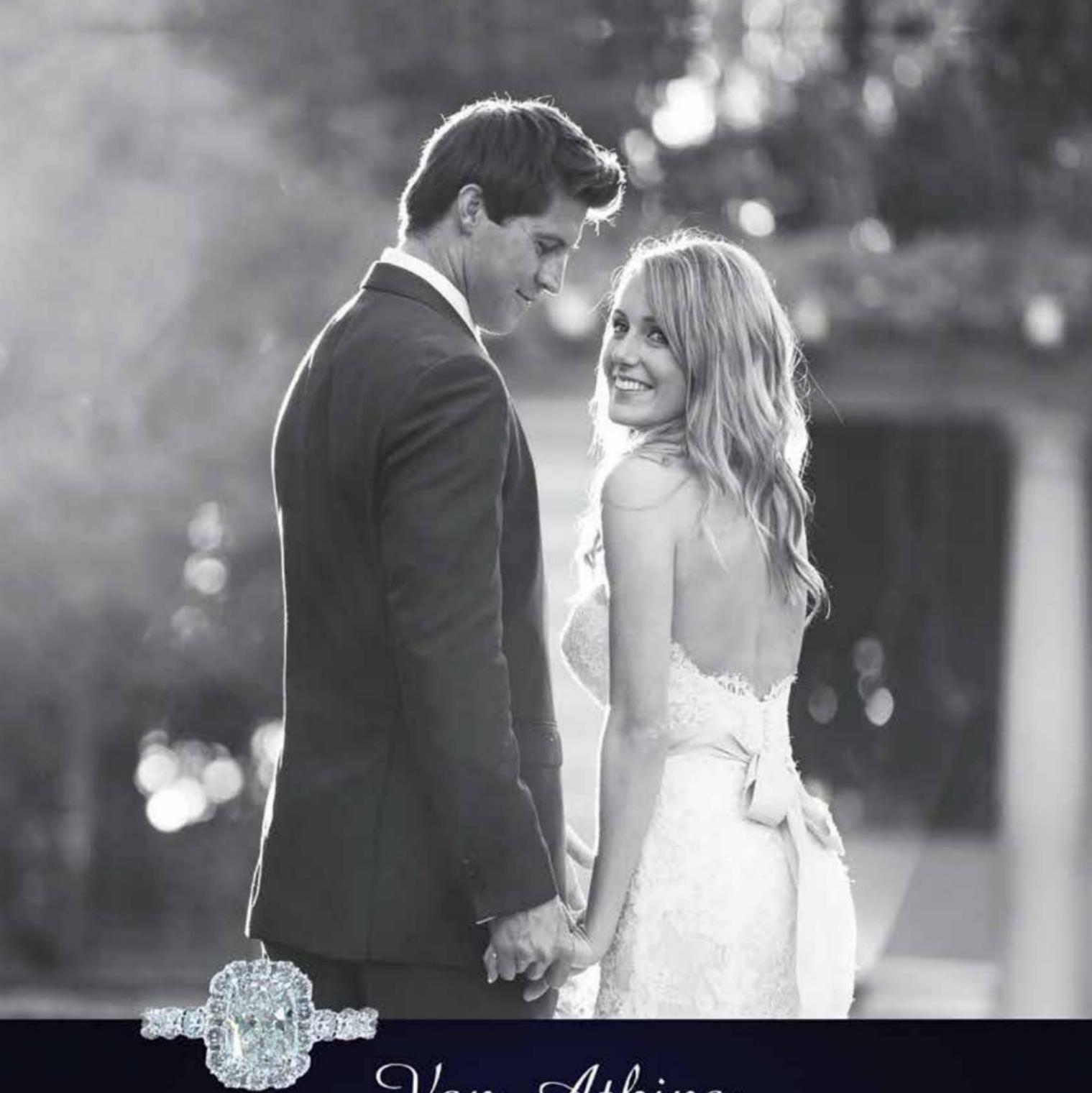


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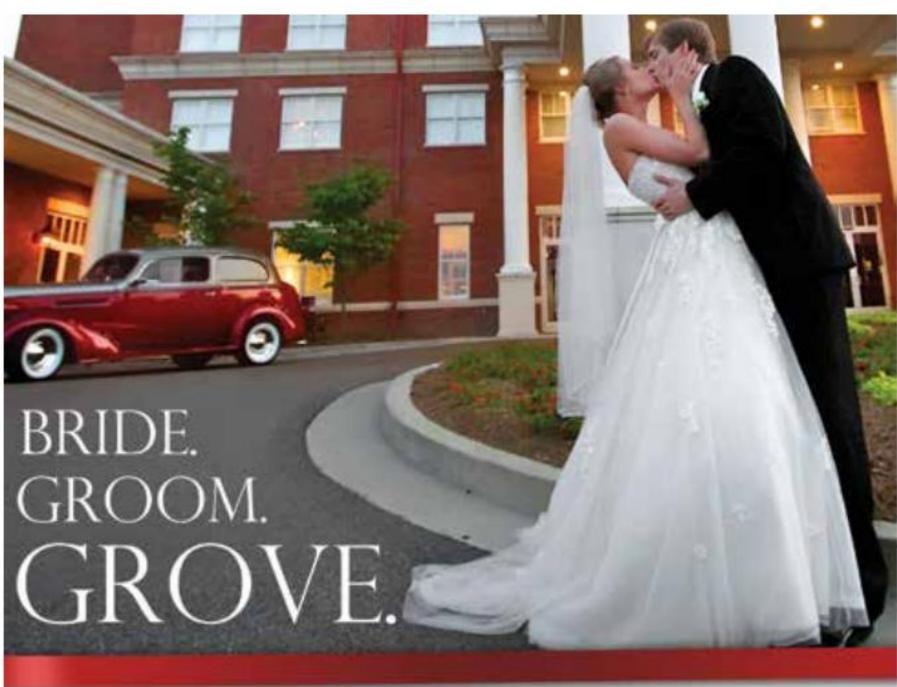
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editor's note



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Each issue, the *At Home Memphis & Mid South* team strives to bring our readers the latest in home trends, decor and happenings in the Mid South. We are excited to announce that this July issue of the magazine will kick off a new special monthly feature...weddings. Weddings have been on my publisher Margaret's mind for the past few years, as her daughter Callie got married June 8, 2013, and now her son Duncan is engaged and has set the date for his wedding next June 24, 2017.

As I write this letter, I think back to when I first met Margaret 14 years ago in June 2002, and started working for At Home magazine. At that time Duncan was only nine years old! How have the years gone by so quickly that he has now graduated Ole Miss and is getting married? It is so true—time flies while you are having fun! We hope you enjoy this issue of *At Home Memphis & Mid South* and are as excited as we are for the new monthly wedding features!

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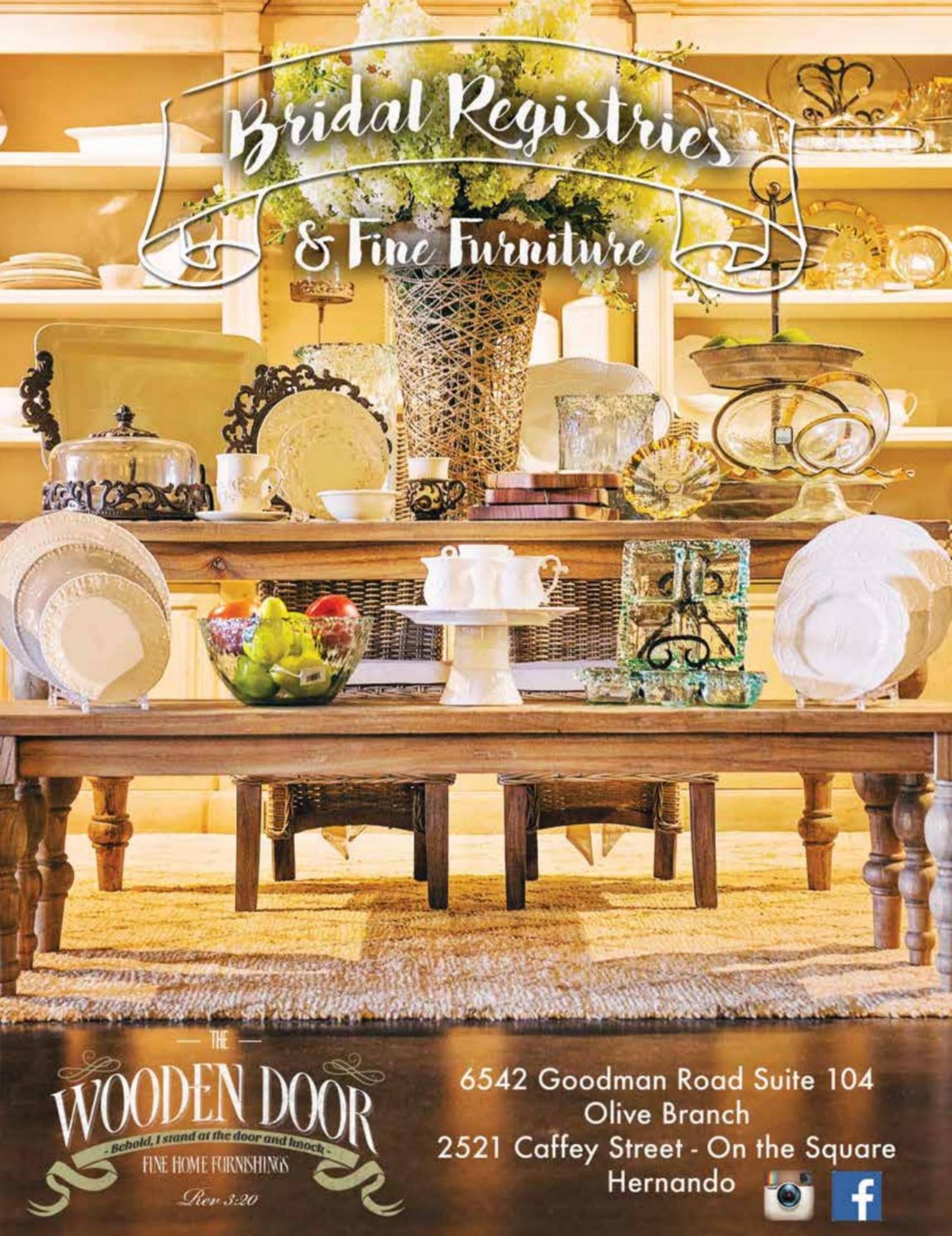
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Text by Phillip R. Langsdon, MD, FACS

ging skin is an issue that every person will deal with sooner or later in life.

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As the skin ages, it thins and loses elasticity and hydration. The pigment cells may abnormally produce brown spots and the skin surface can slow the repair process, causing dead skin cells to build up. Signs of aging can include lines and wrinkles, uneven skin tone, abnormal skin growths and crusting.

The easiest way to improve aging skin is to follow a good-skin care regimen, preventing issues before they begin. Over-the-counter products sold in retail stores often don't contain enough of the active ingredients to actually accomplish much. Medical-grade skin exfoliation, hydration and protection products can help improve aging skin IF one sticks with a program. Antioxidants, alpha hydroxy acids and suncreens are key ingredients to protect and exfoliate skin. It takes time to correct skin issues once they appear; short-term use will not help. Many people become frustrated because they don't see miracles in a few days, but the key to success is persistence.

Successful skin improvement takes high-quality exfoliating/hydration/ protection products and months of use. This helps remove damaged skin cells and promote cell turnover, producing new skin growth. With persistent use and good advice from an expert, over time the skin can become smoother and brighter.

Very damaged skin may require more than just creams. Sometimes chemical peels or laser procedures are needed. Chemical peels vary in type and strength from superficial to medium and deep. Wavelengths and power settings of lasers also differ, a fact which can be confusing to laypeople. The best policy is to find a good provider and stick with the program. Experts in facial skin care can recommend the best chemical peels and laser treatments for each particular skin type and condition.



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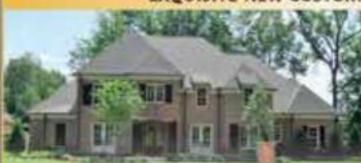
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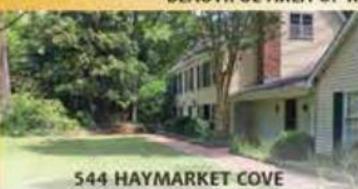
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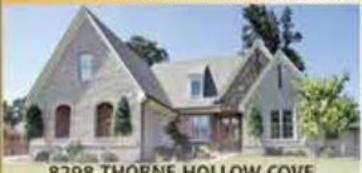
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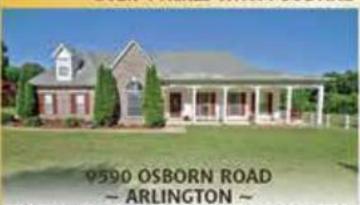
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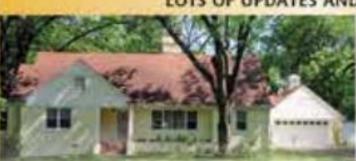
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1794 Northcross Place N. ~ Collierville

Truly Immaculate, Move-in Ready Home in Bailey Station! Spacious design enhanced by oak hardwood floors, custom plantation shutters, and custom built-ins! Updated Kitchen w/new appliances, new granite and island - opens perfectly to Hearth Room. Great Room has French doors opening to covered patio & beautifully landscaped fenced yard. First-floor Master Suite + 2BRs & Office up. Extras include new roof, new heat/air, 3 walk-in attics, & tankless water heater. \$329,900



0 E. Holmes Road ~ Collierville

Absolutely gorgeous estate-size property located at the end of Springmont Trail off of Rowen Oak. Property is level with a homesite dirtwork done. It has a beautiful pond & mature trees. Lovely homesite that is waiting for the perfect home to be built. Close to new Hinton Park. \$399,000



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12587 BRAVO ROAD — SPRING CREEK RANCH —

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10197 MACKWOOD DRIVE

Wonderful 5BR, 4 full & 2 half BA home in Oakwood. Open & spacious with 2 large living areas each with fireplace. Island kitchen, oversize covered porch, hardwood, granite, stainless appliances & dedicated media room with screen. Neighborhood pool, walking trails, clubhouse, & 2 ponds. \$486,000



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10262 HERONS POINT

Beautiful 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home in Herons Ridge featuring hardwood floors, fantastic kitchen with granite countertops, separate bonus room and media room, plus home office. Large, private backyard. Storm shelter and wired for whole house generator. \$429,900



4443 MOUNT GILLESPIE

Hard-to-find 4BR 4BA home on 0.62 acre lot in Oakwood with ALL BEDROOMS DOWN. Bonus room or 5th BR upstairs w/private bath. Enclosed sunroom has cedar beams & overlooks covered back porch. Master has storm shelter in closet. Neighborhood pool, clubhouse, trails & ponds. \$414,400



5255 ADAGIO LANE

4BR 3BA home in Winstead Farms with all bedrooms on main level & large bonus room up. Open floor plan great for entertaining. Hardwood in all public areas. Kitchen has stainless appliances, granite, & gas cooktop. High ceilings, tile baths, oversize back porch, private backyard, 3-car garage. \$396,000



4482 COLTWOOD DRIVE

Well maintained 4BR 4BA home in Oakwood. Master suite plus 2nd bedroom & bath down. Large bonus room up. Great flow for entertaining. Kitchen has granite counter tops. Treed backyard & large screened porch. Neighborhood pool, clubhouse, walking trails & stocked ponds. \$375,400







3195 Wetherby Drive ~ Germantown ~

Majestic 5BR 4.5BA in Devonshire Gardens! Dramatic rooms, intricate details, & over the top amenities including 4" hardwood floors, high ceilings, stunning millwork, & granite in all baths. Elegant 2 story foyer w/curved staircase, exquisite chandelier, & marble floor, Fabulous kitchen & luxury master bath! \$675,000



5126 Holmes Oaks Drive ~ Collierville ~

Gated 4BR 3.5BA remodeled home full of Southern Charm, Custom built on 4+ acres w/pool in quiet area. Renovated kitchen w/new cabinets, granite, tile, SS appl. Master down w/updated luxury BA w/granite, heated tile floor, & walk-thru shower & seamless door. 3-car detached garage & 2 stall barn. \$529,900



10441 Collierville Road ~ Collierville ~

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1770 Mossy Oak Lane ~ Collierville ~

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4551 W. Woodlawn Circle ~ Collierville ~

Stunning 4BR, 4BA home in Woodlawn with open living areas, hardwood firs, high ceilings & upgrades galore! Granite kitchen w/SS appliances, luxury master suite w/dual walk-in shower & tub, 2nd BR & BA down, 2BRs + loft up. Private gated patio. Friendly quaint neighborhood. Collierville High School! \$369,900



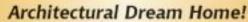
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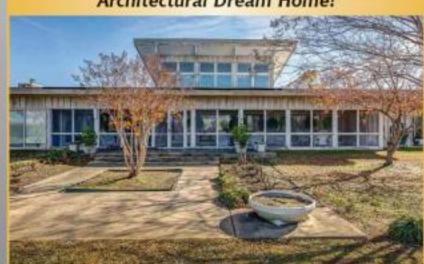




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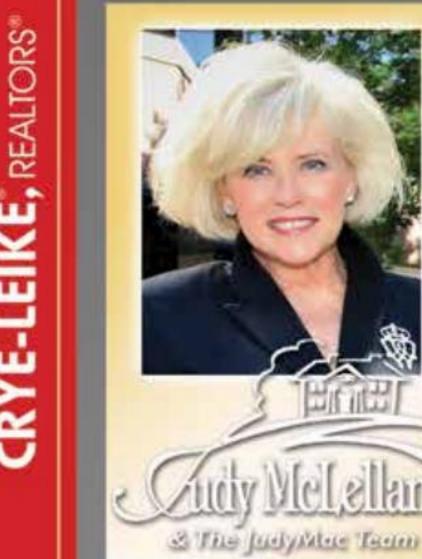
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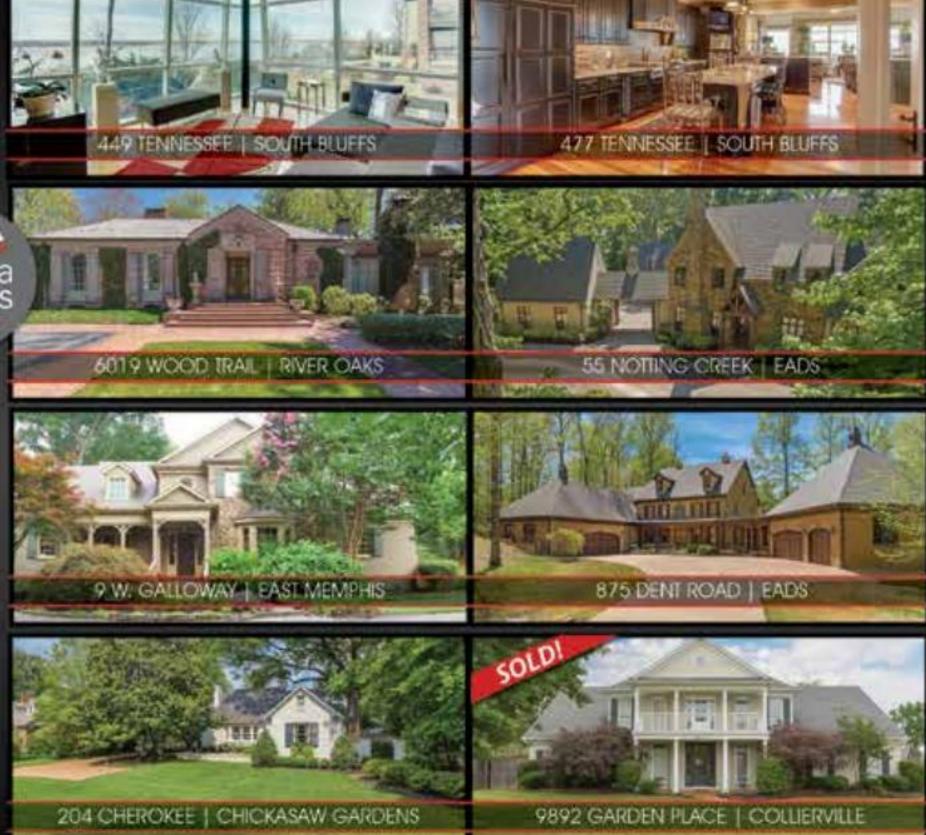
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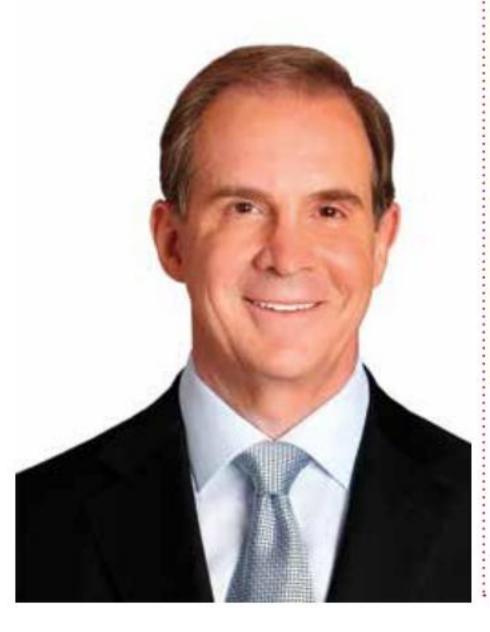
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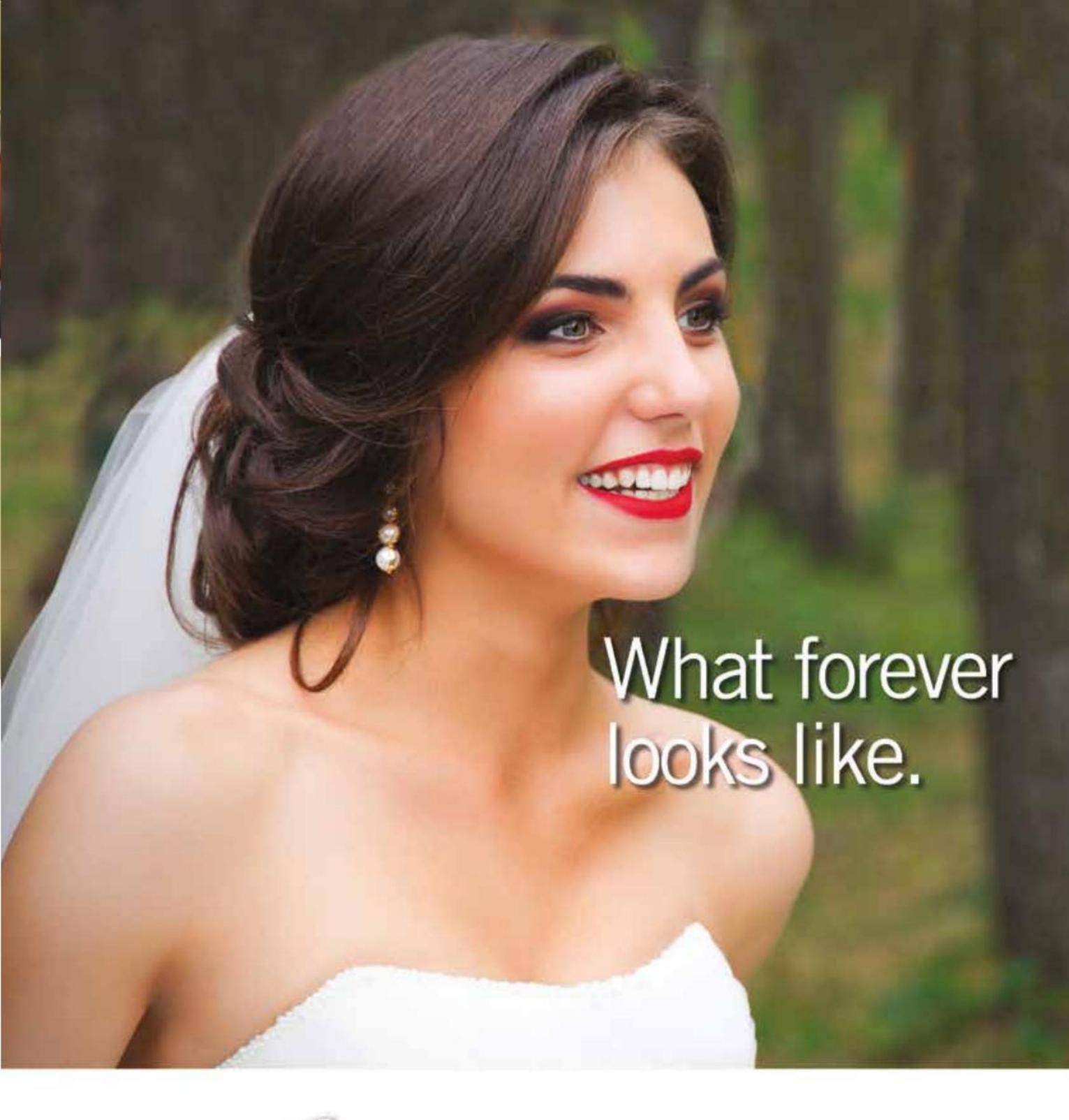
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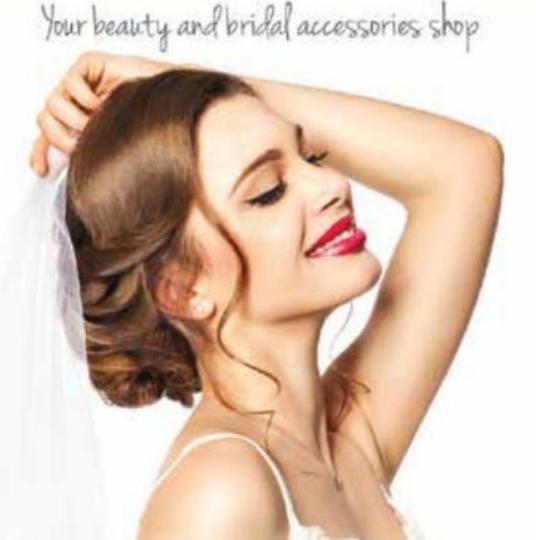




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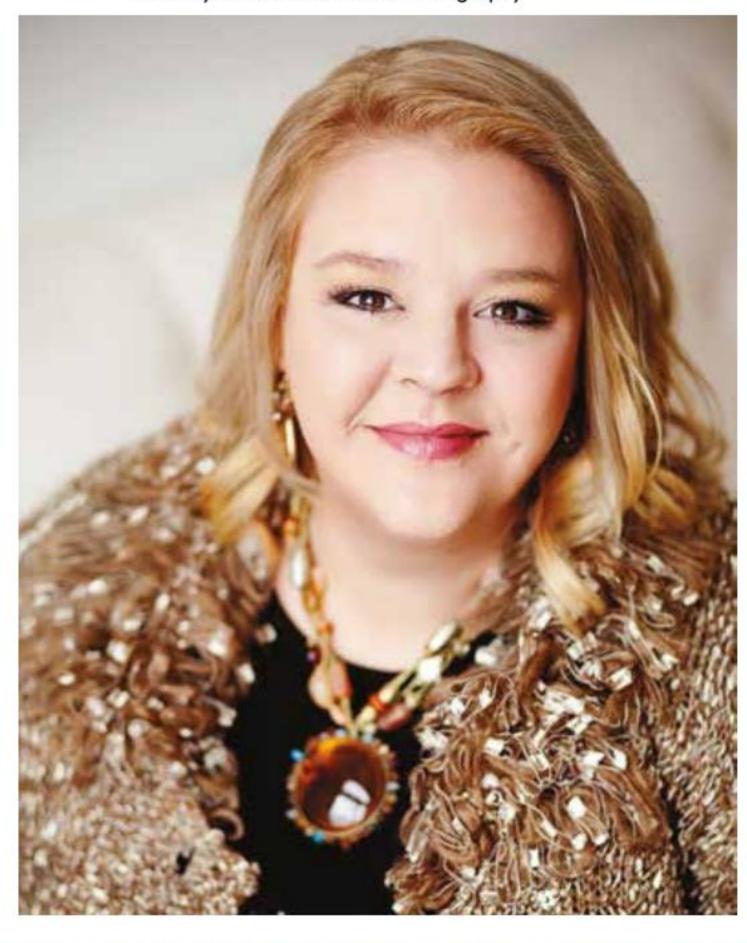
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Text by Lesley Harris Colvett Photo by Annabella Charles Photography



Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a small town, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

If you weren't an event designer/wedding planner what would you be doing?

If I were not a wedding planner I would be a minister, preaching the gospel.

What would be your dream job?

This is absolutely a dream job for me. I get the privilege

of making dreams come true and blessing people who sometimes would not otherwise have the opportunity to afford luxury services.

What do you love most about living in Memphis? My favorite thing about living in Memphis is that it's really a big small town; everybody knows everybody. The people in my industry are givers and it only takes someone with a special circumstance or need to rally the community to bless someone beyond their ability to reciprocate.

What is your favorite part of party planning?

My favorite part of party planning is taking a small idea and turning it into something that surpasses all expectations.

Do you have any hobbies outside of work?

I'm blessed that my hobbies are my business. I love everything about the world of design and so when I'm working I fulfill my need to create through a hobby.

Tell us about the launch of French Lavender & Honey. Where is it and what does it mean for Memphians?

French Lavender & Honey is my latest endeavor and I am having so much fun with it. I have always loved everything about French culture, design and antiques so this was a natural progression for me. I opened a boutique inside La Maison Antiques at 4768 Poplar filled with beautiful antiques, accessories, fine French soaps, and our newest addition, French epicurean items that you won't find just anywhere. I am also showcasing beautiful permanent floral design arrangements.

Do you have a favorite memory from a party you planned?

It is so hard to pinpoint just one moment that I would classify as my favorite because I have so many wonderful memories over the years from my amazing clients. It's not unusual to catch me shedding a tear or two when my people walk down the aisle. One of the best memories for me was when an entire family cried after walking into the reception and seeing what we had created for them. I also absolutely love keeping in touch with my couples and hearing about the families that they are starting.









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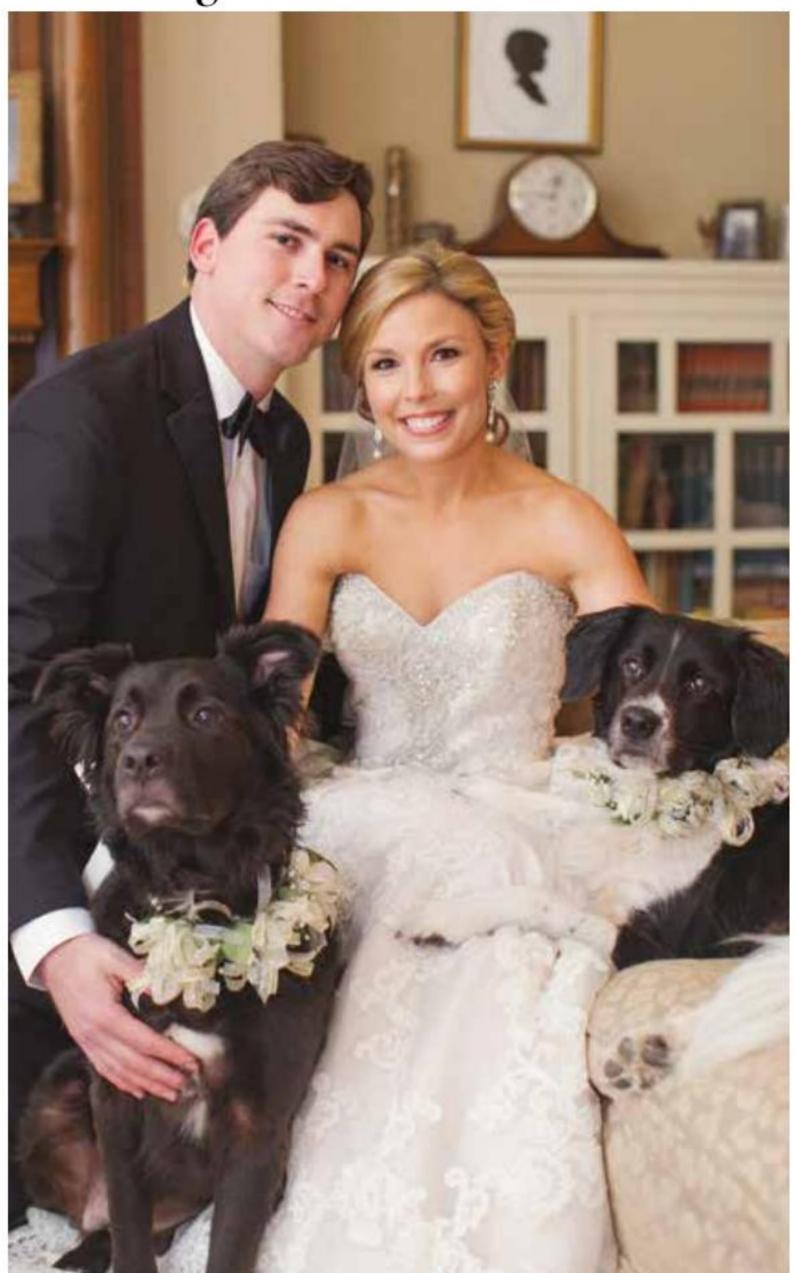
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December 31, 2015 Covington, TN

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SOURCES:

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Wedding: First United Methodist Church

Reception: Liberty Hall

Videographer: Weston Downing of Downing Productions

Photographer: Paperlily Photography

Florist: Kathryn's Flowers

Invitations: Hi Note

Band: Chris Hill Band

Wedding Dress: Bridals by Lori, Allure Couture

Bridesmaid Dresses: Adrianna Papell

Baker: Amy Smith

Tent & Rentals: Party Concepts







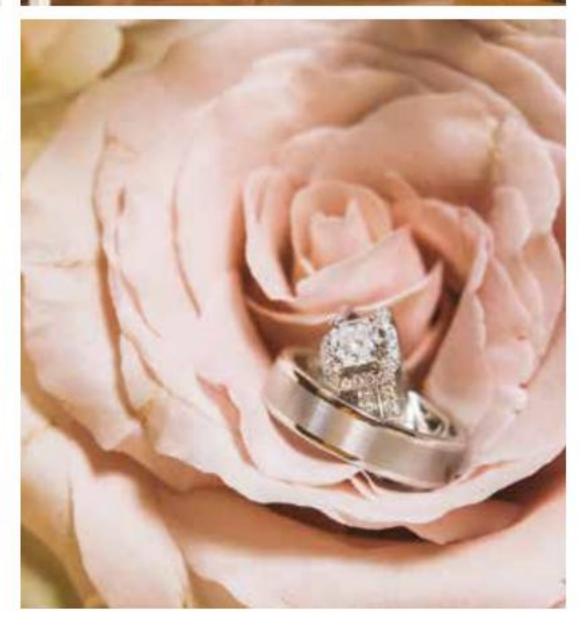




Elizabeth Gore Luttrell Thomas Patrick Smith

July 18, 2015 Germantown, TN

Parents of Bride: Beverly Harrell Luttrell & Paul Luttrell Parents of Groom: Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Smith







SOURCES:

Rehearsal Dinner: No. 2 Vance

Wedding: Germantown United Methodist Church

Reception: Heartwood Hall

Photographer: Snap Happy

Florist: Kevin Griffin

Invitations: Minted

Band: The Soul Shockers

Wedding Dress: Low's Bridal

Bridesmaid Dresses: BHLDN

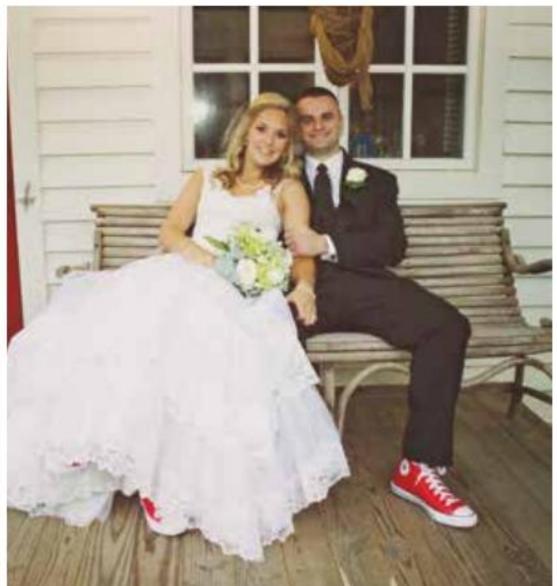
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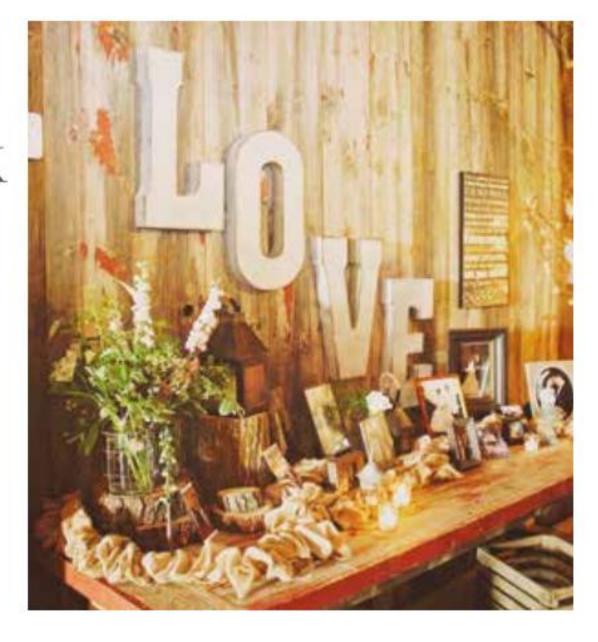






Anna Cates Popernik Robert Andrew Lyons May 30, 2015 Germantown, TN

Parents of Bride: Layne & Stephen Popernik Parents of Groom: Irene & William Lyons







SOURCES:

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Wedding: Germantown United Methodist Church

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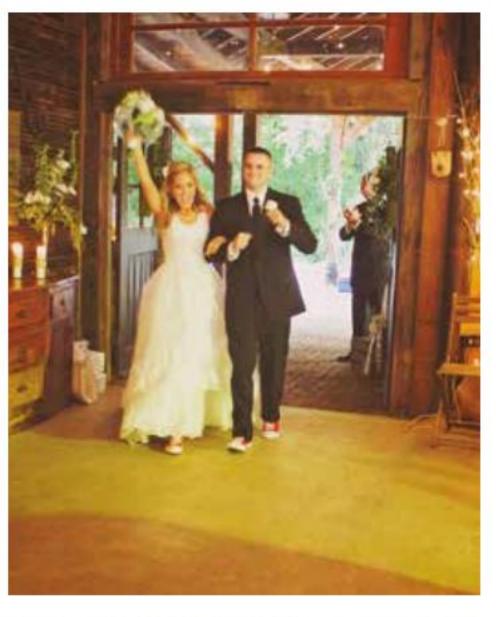
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Band: Gary Escoe's Atomic Dance Machine

Bridesmaid Dresses: All About Weddings Baker: Carla Beard of Corinth, MS









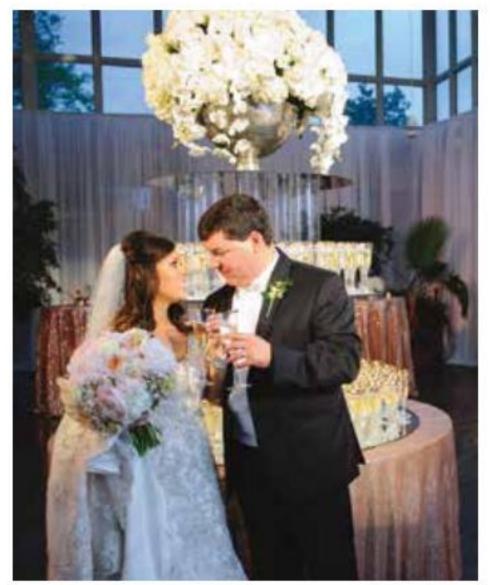


Meredith McDaniel Scott McDaniel

April 18, 2015 Memphis, TN

Parents of Bride: Dawn & Russell McDaniel Parents of Groom: Cheryl & Cary McDaniel





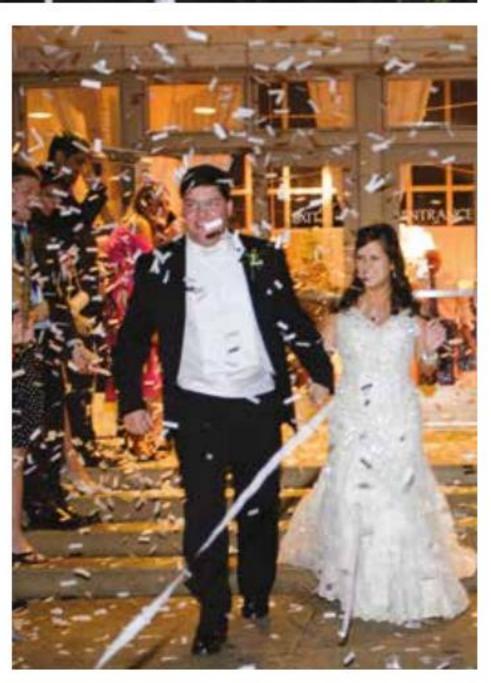






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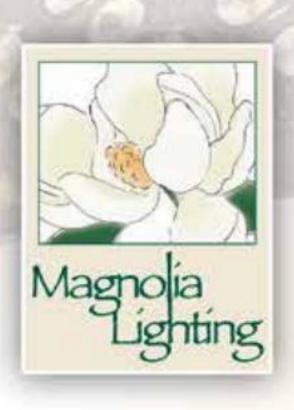












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Eclectic, artsy and comfortable are just a few words to describe this picturesque beach cottage nestled along Florida's highway 30-A. When the couple, who have two daughters, purchased the home they liked its color scheme, light fixtures, layout and "bones." To make it even more special, they enlisted Memphis designer Cindy McCord, owner of Cindy McCord, Inc., to come in and add her signature touches with beautiful upholstered pieces, lamps and accessories. "It was one of those homes that the moment I entered was so friendly and inviting it made me smile, and I knew it was perfect for my client," McCord recalls.

A cozy screened-in front porch welcomes guests into the house. McCord designed the bed swing, complete with beautiful pillows that add to the comfort.

Inside the home, a stunning antique carved wooden mermaid that the homeowner purchased in Taylor, Mississippi, welcomes guests from its perch atop a custom linen-covered entertainment center.

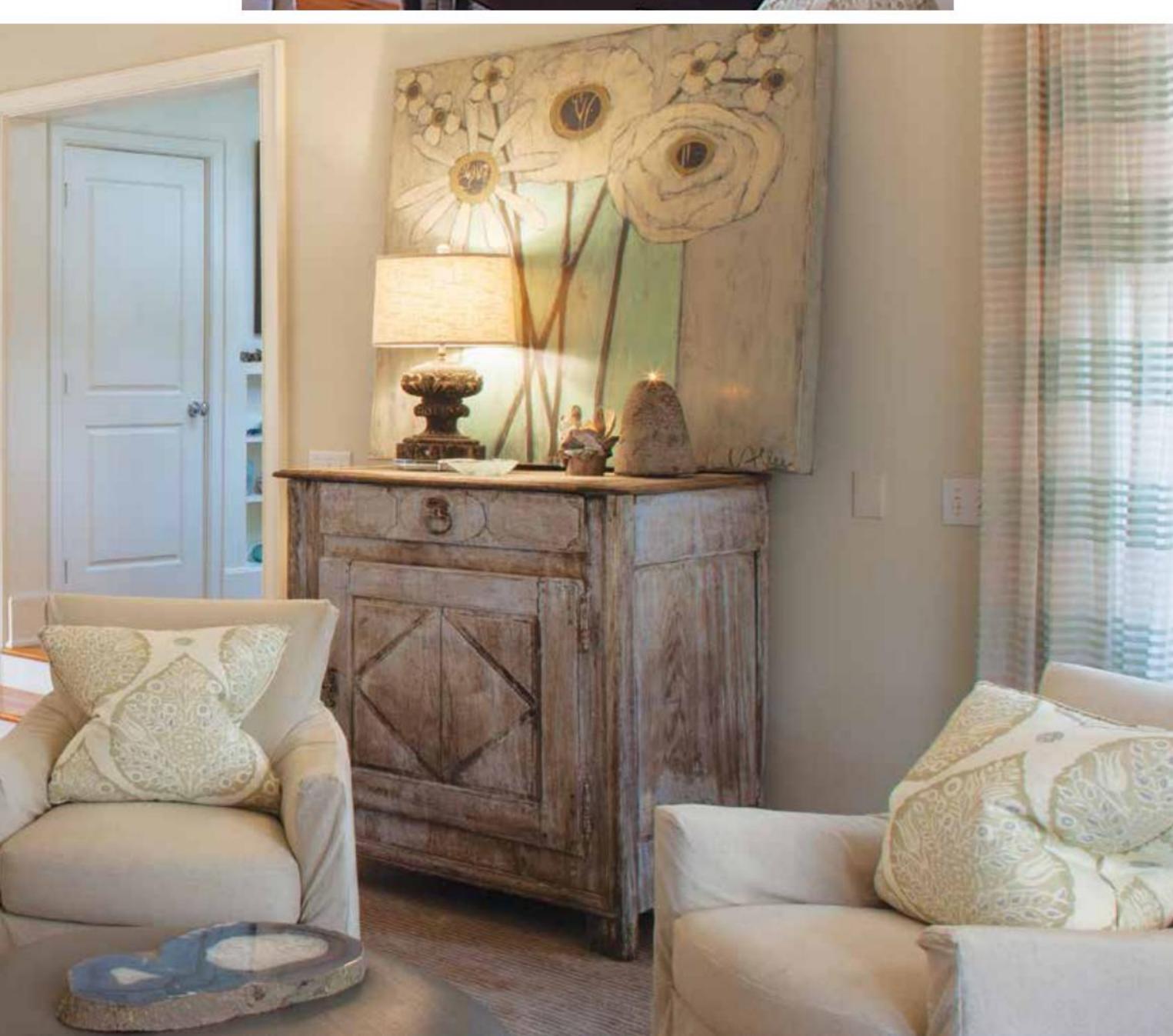
The wife has a passion for antiques, and McCord built on that love by filling the beach house with treasures from around the world, including an 18th-century bleached walnut cabinet from France. The beautiful piece of art that hangs above the cabinet was created by an Atlanta-area artist.



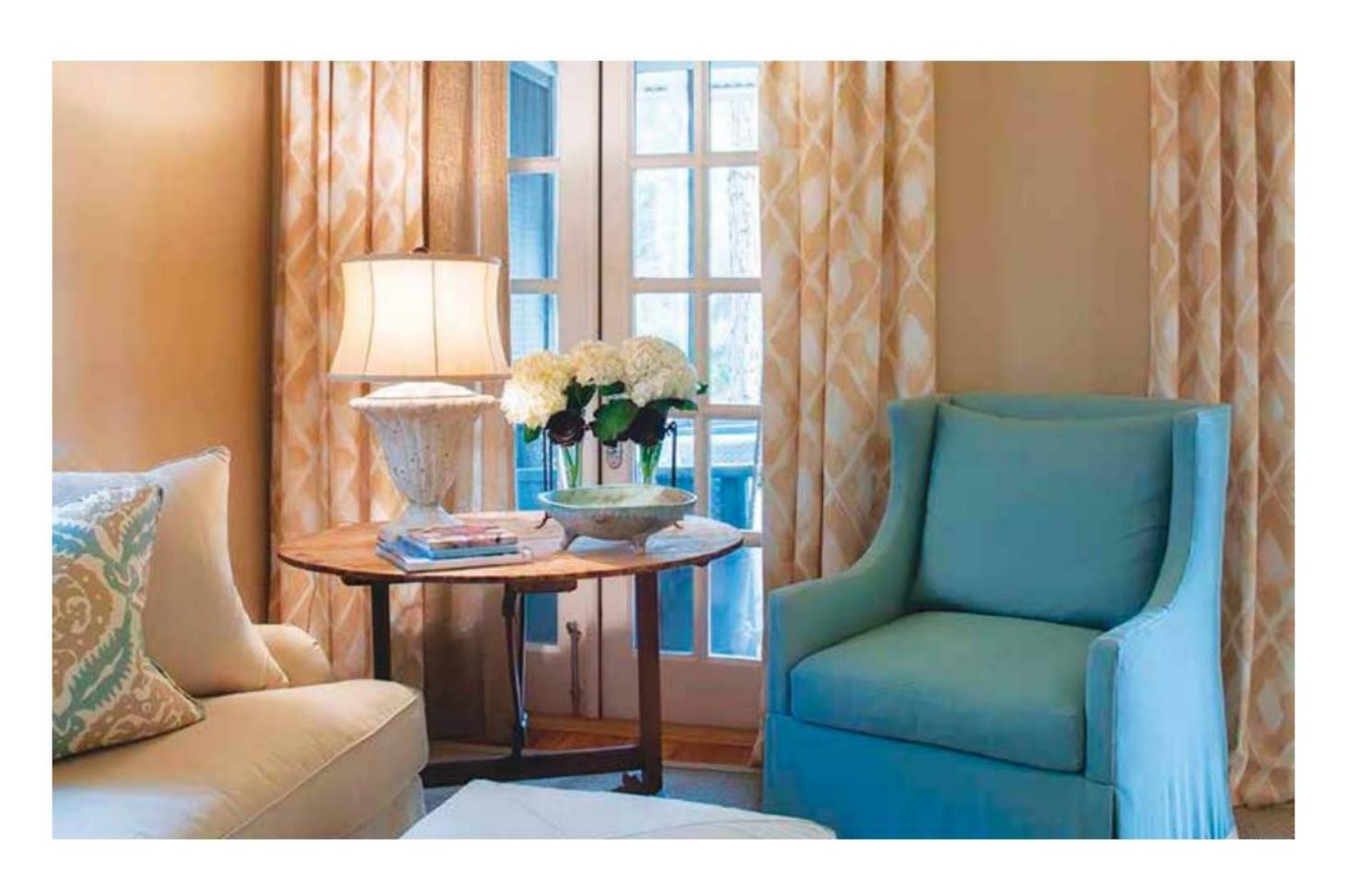
The homeowner fondly recalls the day that she and McCord traveled to Merigold, Mississippi, to have lunch and visit McCarty's Pottery. They discovered two fabulous large vases that the Lampshade House in Memphis later turned into unique lamps. The lamps found their home in the keeping room on the dining table. Made of reclaimed wood and featuring a drop leaf, the English table is another of McCord's additions to the home. A large McCarty platter sits in the middle of the table between the lamps. The room is completed by abstract paintings by Brad Robertson, an artist from Mobile, Alabama. The colors in the paintings reflect the soft, subtle ocean and neutral shades found throughout the home. The homeowners love the kitchen and the keeping room, which encompasses a casual seating area for hosting friends and family. McCord selected the counter stools, covered in a lovely gray/oyster color upholstery.





















The cottage reflects the flavor of the homeowner's style, and is truly unique because of the art that she has collected from various Southern artists.





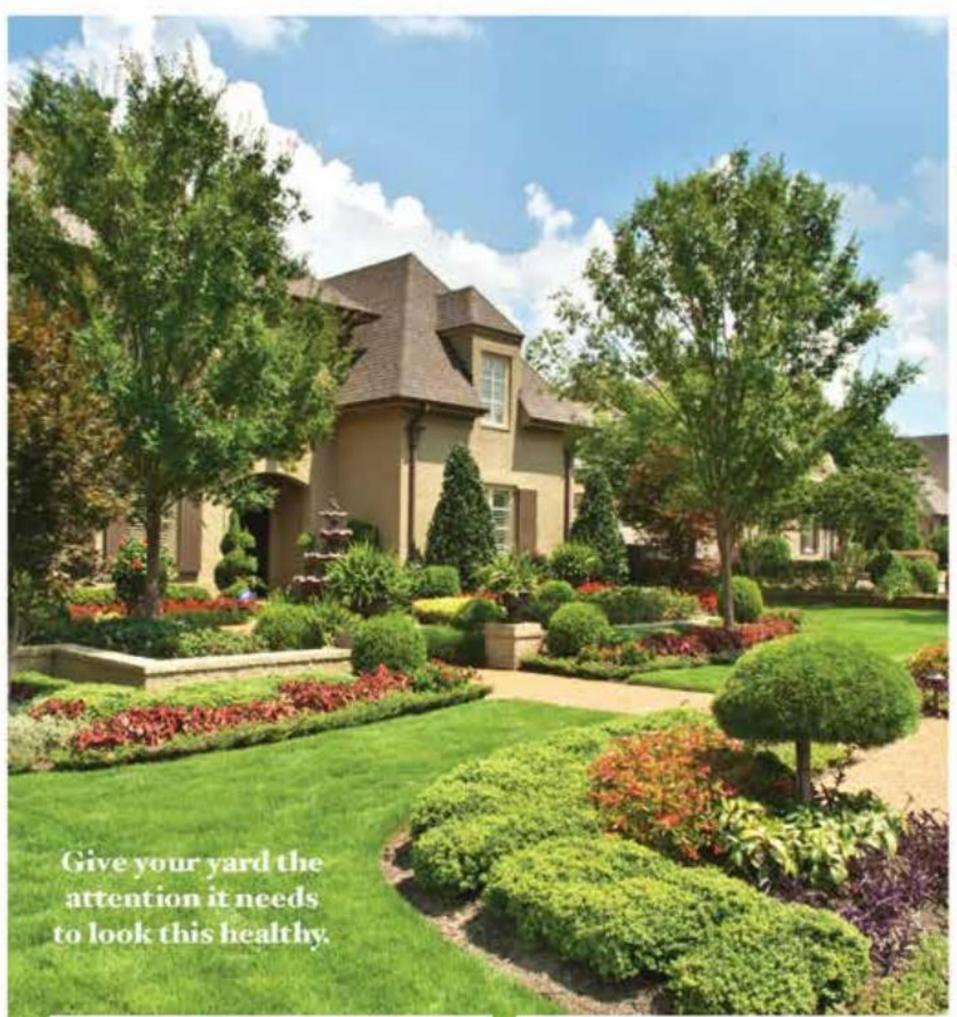




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This family loves to share their special home away from home with out-of-town guests. They've made many memories there, and many more are surely to come in this charming cottage by the sea.





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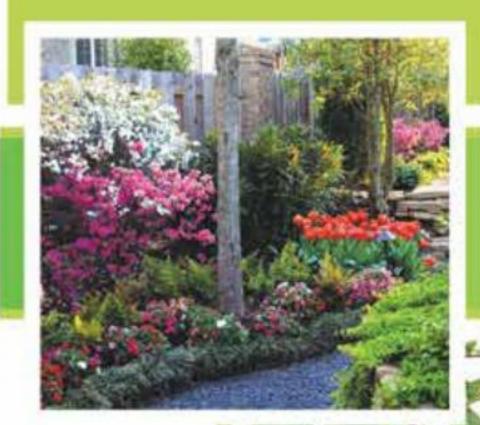
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Utility Rooms:

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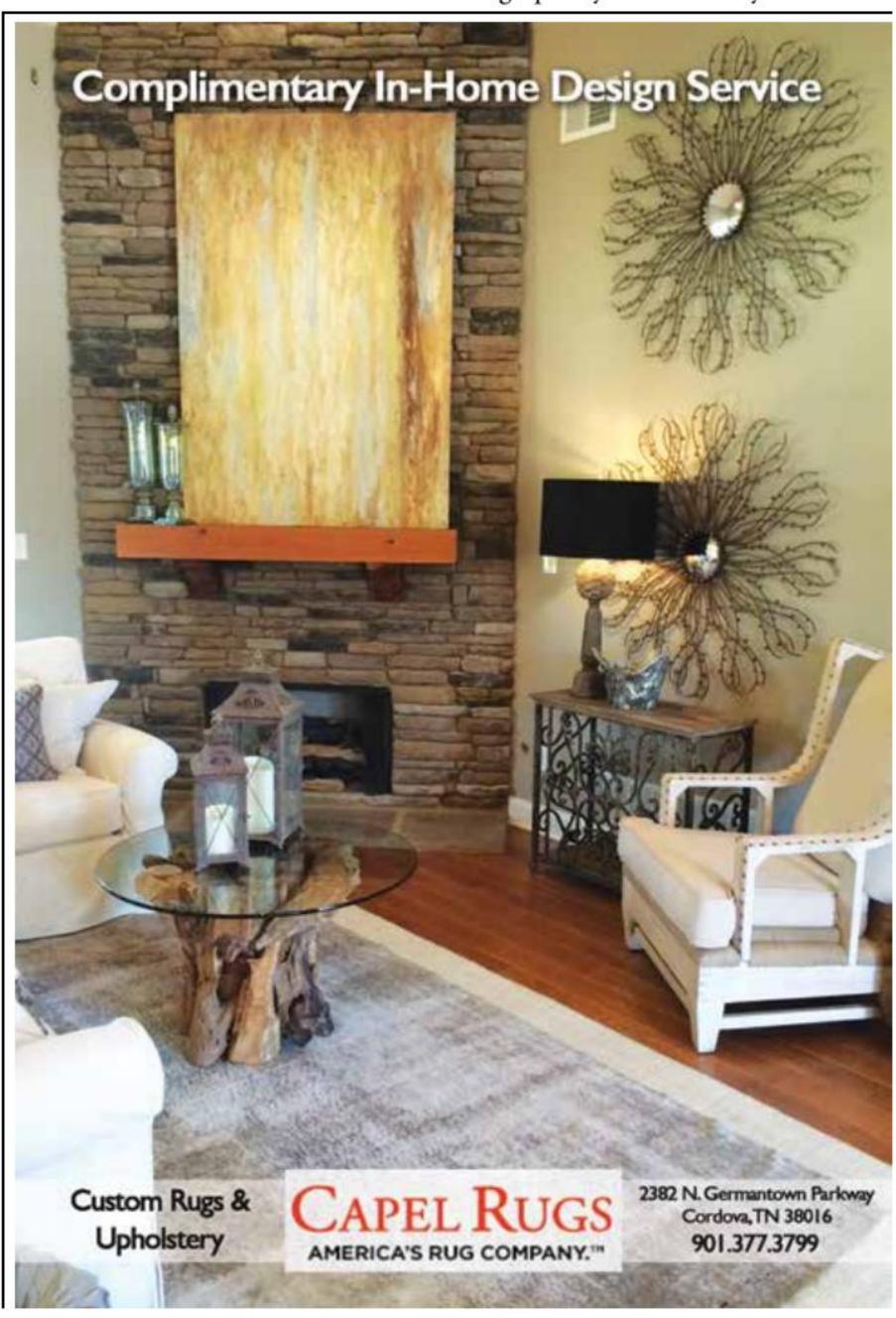


ost people would agree that household chores rank low on their list of fun things to do. Laundry, ironing, cleaning... these duties are often tedious and dreaded. One thing can not only expedite each task's process, but make housework a little more enjoyable: a functional utility room. More commonly known as a laundry room, a utility room is meant to be equipped with appliances for domestic work. When it comes to design and decor, utility rooms are often neglected since guests rarely see them. However, they should not be forgotten as good design can make a world of difference in a utility room's usefulness.

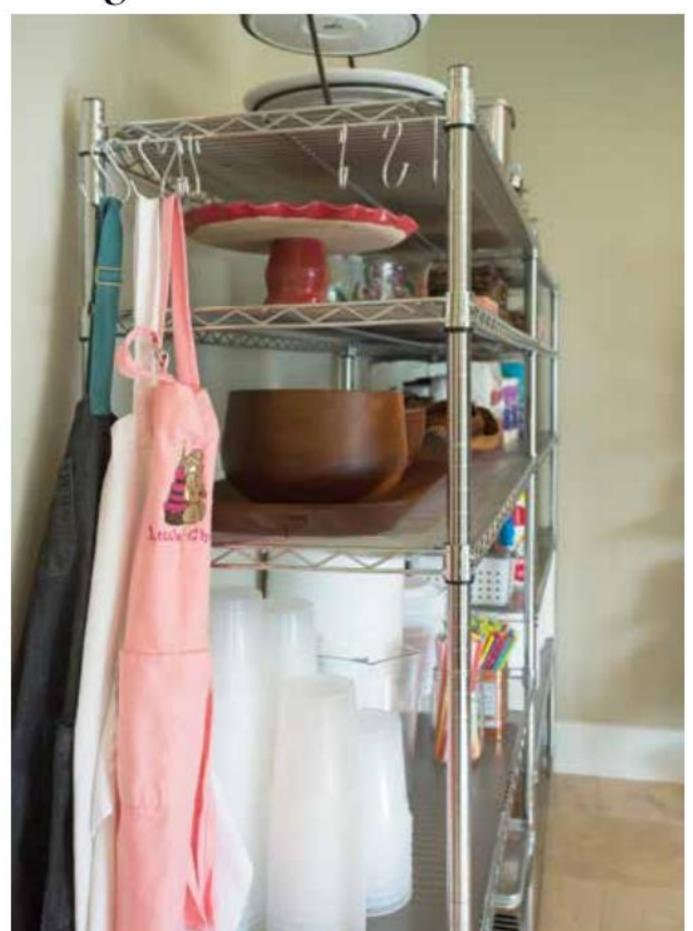
This utility room is in the home of a family with children. The house was originally designed by the late LaVelle Walker, a famed Memphis architect. After having lived in the house for less than a year, the homeowners decided to update the original floorplan. They enlisted the help of Ricky Parker, senior designer at Sullivan Home Plans. A spacious and modern utility room was part of the renovation.

This utility room serves as the family's pantry, laundry room and general storage space. Categorizing and placing items strategically in the utility room helps the homeowners find things quickly and efficiently.





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A great addition to the room is the table in the center. A multi-functional enhancement, it is used for folding laundry, meal and party prep, and, as this homeowner enjoys, crafting floral arrangements.

The most important design aspect for a utility room, no matter the dimensions, is organization. This is a great example of a tidy and useful space. Despite the absence of cabinets, usually a common feature in a room used largely for storage, the homeowner loves her utility room. She omitted

cabinets on purpose, noting that being able to see everything allows for easy access. In addition, it's much easier to keep clean. While shelves are a useful alternative to cabinets, if a utility room already has cabinets in place, redesigned doors with glass fronts afford the convenience of quickly viewing items stored inside.

The artwork on the wall next to the refrigerators provides a homey and simple touch to this utility room, giving what could be bland decor a focal point and adding warmth. Utility/laundry rooms are great places to hang beloved children's artwork that may not fit into the décor of other rooms in the house.

Putting in the effort to make a utility room a pleasant space is completely worthwhile. Take it from this homeowner, who says she would not change a thing about hers.





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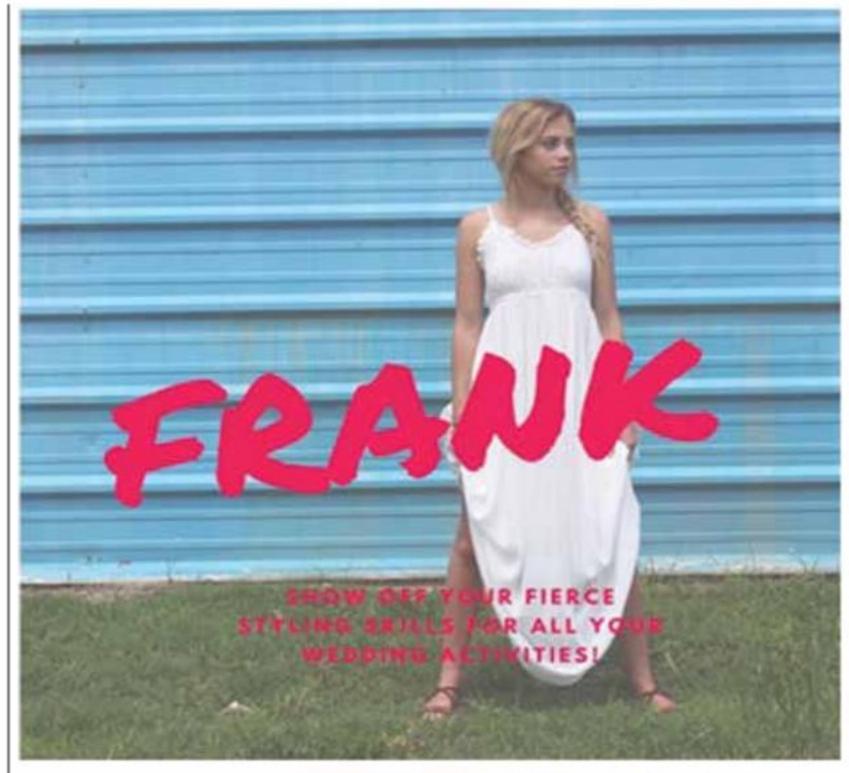












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The Beauty of Brick

Text by Bryan Hawkins

With the continuing rebound in the construction industry, it becomes clearer which trends are developing in different geographic markets in custom building and design. The Mid South is no exception.

What leads the way in Jackson may be different than styles and design elements in Birmingham; what's unique to Nashville may be different than in Little Rock. There are even differences between rural and urban components within regions.

While style, design and function drive those products that shape our image of a renovation or new construction, some traditional building products remain constant and preferred by discerning homeowners, designers, architects and contractors.

Brick/Trends

The use of brick in residential and commercial projects remains a dominant theme. Regional marketing data confirms that brick wall-share in the Mid South as a percentage of all exterior products used remains over 80 percent, very high. Additionally, in our geographic area, the Mid South, if brick is used, the percentage of brick on the home is over 90 percent of all primary and complementary materials, such as vinyl, fiber siding, synthetic stucco and stone of any kind.

The currents trends in brick design for custom projects focus on the following:

Color

Whites and off-whites with varying degrees of color range within the face of the brick, such astans, golds, grays, blacks and beiges.

Style/Color

Restored and reclaimed materials have shot to the forefront of current trends due in large part to our friends in the architecture community, certainly great partners to be able to collaborate with in our niche industry. Brick styles are continuing to evolve around this look, namely in color and textures of yesteryear, when brickmaking was very localized within less-urbanized community settings. Often simply called "used" brick, the tag refers to combinations of colors like red-orange, red-black-white, gray-maroon-black, red-tan-white, straight red and limitless other looks common to the warehouse districts, agricultural venues and industrial complexes of the 18th and 19th centuries. Modern brickmaking has not only been able to replicate and even enhance the color selections, but technology has allowed for these products to be made economically viable for the semi-custom market as well as an alternative for the more budget-conscious contractor or consumer.



Thin Brick/Thin Veneers

Creative vision by design circles over form and function, coupled with the willingness of the construction community to incorporate a new use for a traditional product. Thin brick/veneers have entered the scene as another product that allows a homeowner/designer to "customize" a look and concept within the home or project interior or exterior. Notable uses of thin veneers, so named because the actual finished face of a traditional brick is used with a thickness between one-half and one inch, include:

- Accent walls
- Fireplace fronts
- Kitchen or bathroom backsplashes
- Kitchen islands
- · Wine cellars
- Ceilings and floors
- · Arches and soldier courses
- Restaurant decor
- Office design

Technological and manufacturing advances have continued to enable the production of enhancedcolor, shape and texture in this growing area of brick design.

Mortar/Mortar Color/Mortar Joints

Maybe the least recognized and discussed issue of brick looks is that of mortar. Accounting for just over 16 percent of what a person sees in a brick wall, mortar color is key. While mortar itself is the functional part of what "bonds" brick together, the mortar color shapes and drives the design side of the industry. Long gone are the days of limited selections in mortar color, namely gray and tan.

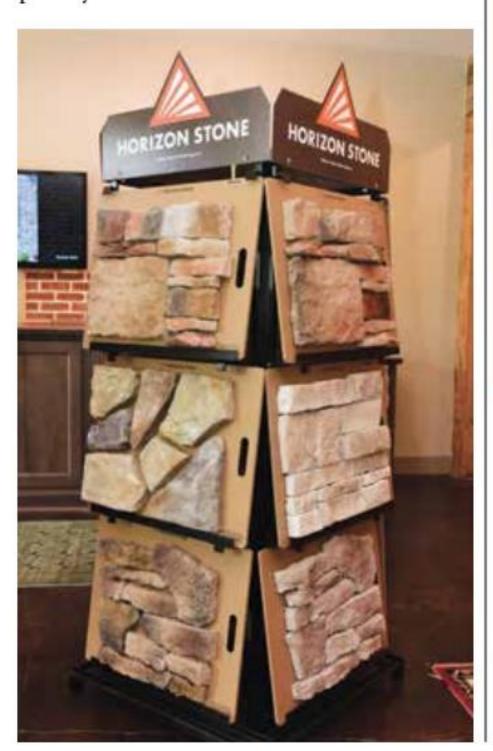
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Because such a large percentage of a wall's visuals are defined by mortar color, the combination of brick and mortar can completely change the entire look of a home or project. If a builder constructed three homes of the same design next to each other using the same brick but alternating the mortar color, an observer would be in disbelief at the difference in look, claiming that the brick itself is not the same.

Additionally, the spread in the mortar joint can also have a dramatic effect on the appearance of a brick wall. By altering the traditional mortar joint from three-eighths of an inch to a half inch, three-quarters of an inch, or even an inch, the appearance of the brick will change dramatically. Certainly an issue to be considered.

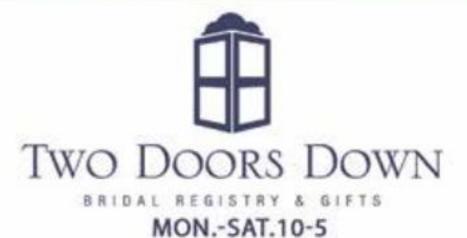
While a rainbow of colors is available, the current trend and most popular color palette is off-white. There are different trade names for "off-white" but essentially the derivations are various pigmentations of colors added to a white base of mortar. The rise in popularity stems arguably from trying to replicate the mortar colors evident in reclaimed salvageand restoration initiatives.

With over 16 percent of a brick wall's visual surface defined by mortar color (and an even larger percentage seen by the naked eye in the presence of expanded joints), this is a priority consideration!









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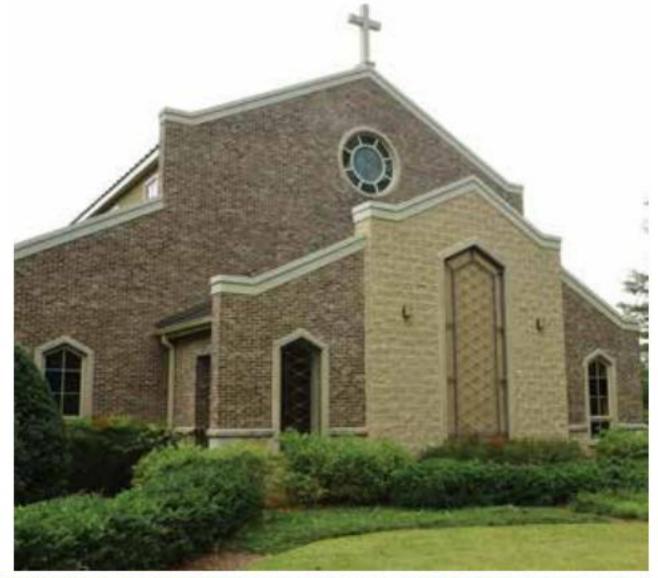
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Brick to Paint/Paintables

An ongoing trend, not new, but wildly popular for 15+ years now, is the use of brick as a base material for those looking to have a more precise, defined appearance of a residential or commercial project. Painting eliminates the angst caused by the natural ranges manifested in "baked clay," possibly the second oldest profession in history! In its ascendancy to popularity, sourcing brick to paint often consisted of pulling leftover and odd-lots from a distribution yard or a partner's manufacturing facility. The homeowner or contractor then began to expect like textures, and rightly so for the protection of the look of the project.

Within the trend itself, and while one technically can paint any brick (generally), a new market is emerging for more upscale looks in painted products. The emphasis here would be on enhanced texturing such as paper-cut, molded or hand-made that would support the ongoing creative and design efforts of the architectural community.



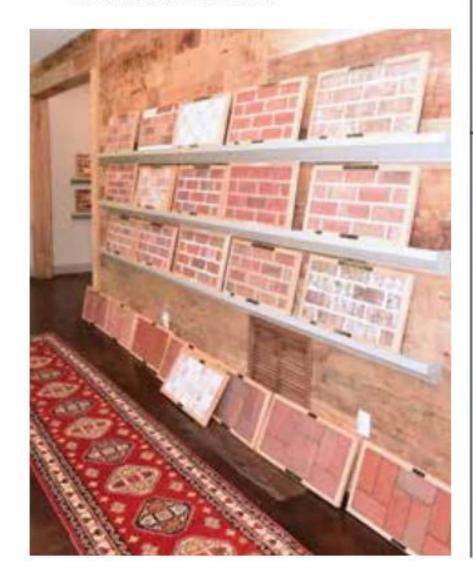




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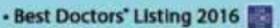
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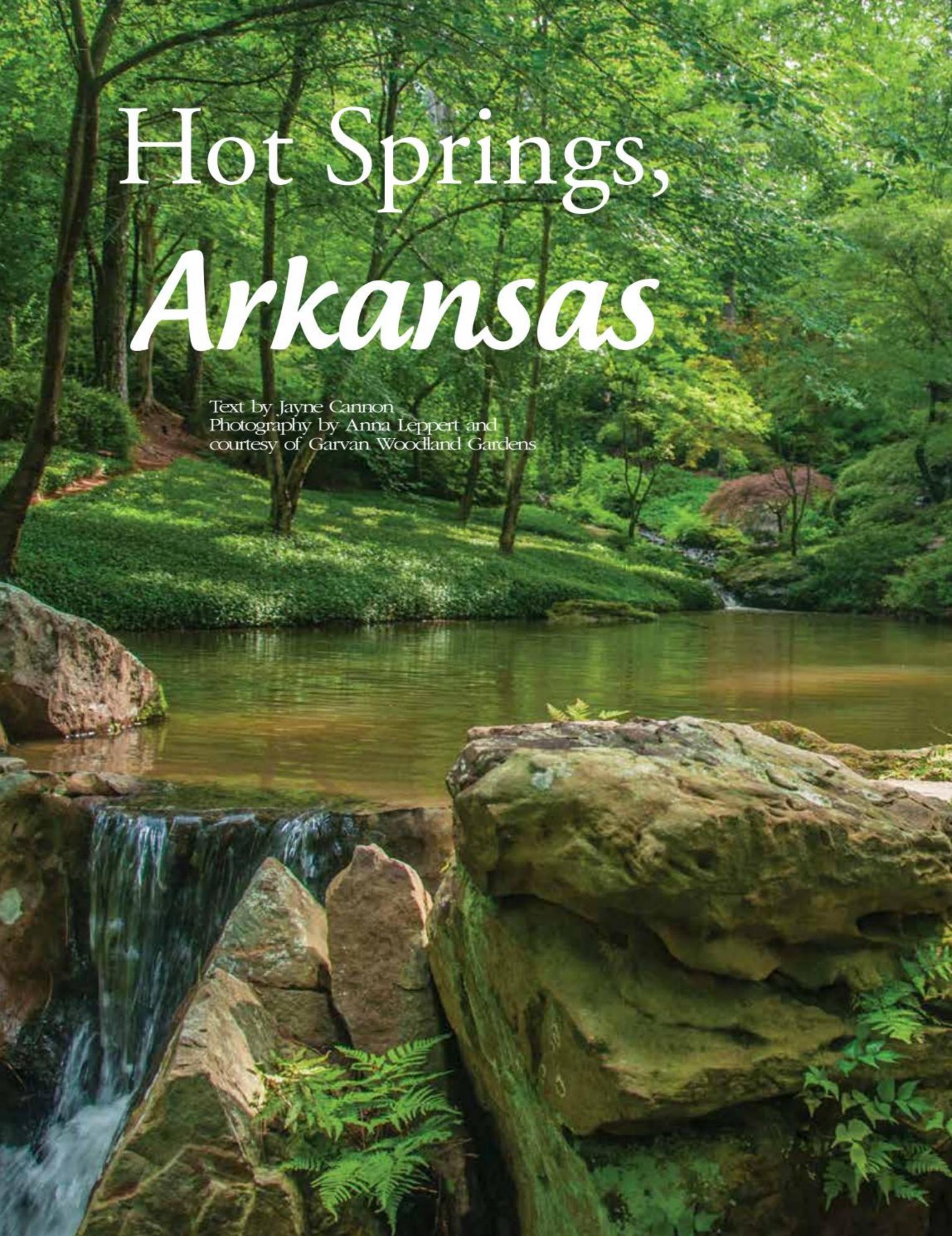
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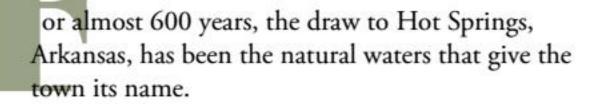
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Tucked in a valley surrounded by the Ouachita Mountains and three lakes, the town was settled around springs that produce about 700,000 gallons of 143° water every day.

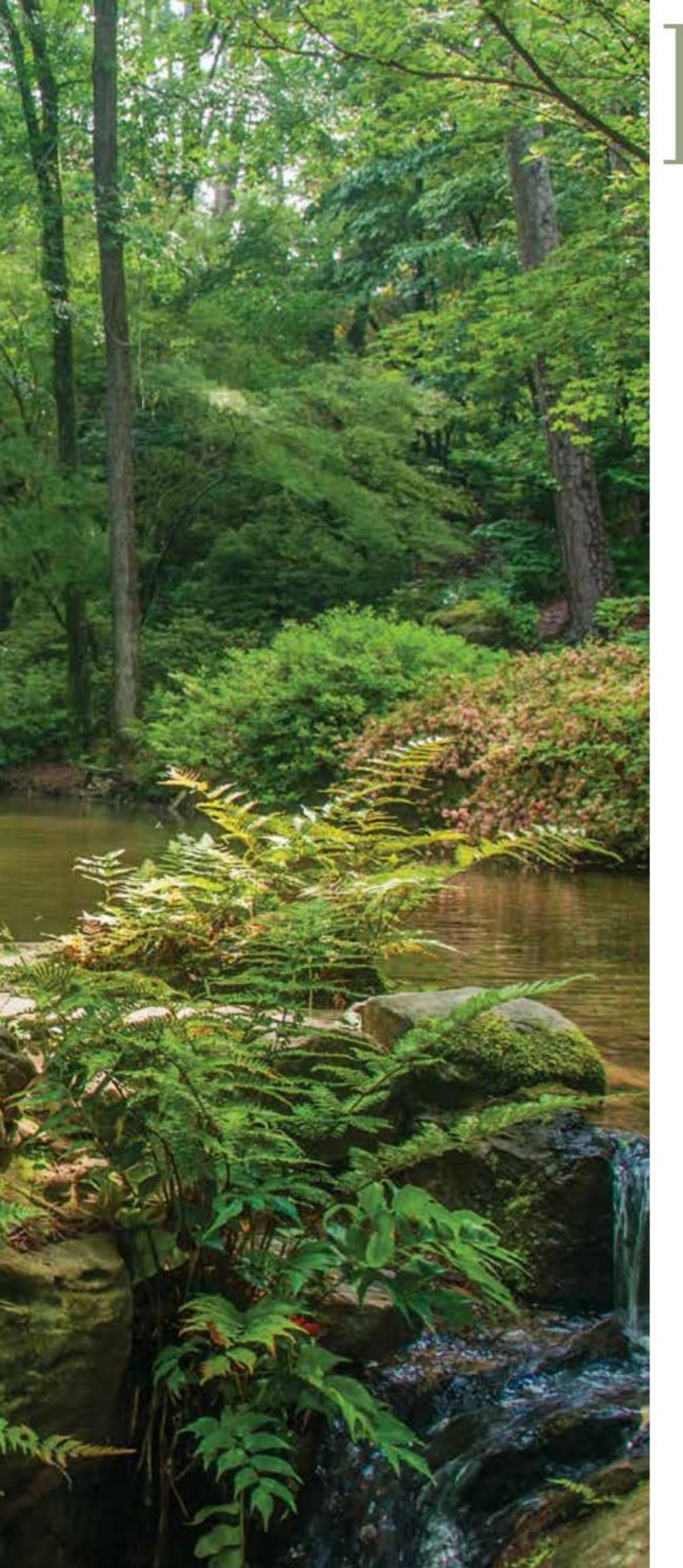
But there's more than just healing water in Hot Springs. The town boasts a renowned botanical garden, a Smithsonian-affiliated science museum, a wealth of baseball history, and a variety of water sports on the lakes that surround it. Those are just a few of the reasons that Hot Springs, about a three-hour drive from Memphis, is a fun family getaway.

The first European to visit Hot Springs was explorer Hernando de Soto in 1541, but Indian tribes had been bathing there long before that time. Legend has it that warring tribes considered the waters neutral territory; they'd set aside their differences so they all could enjoy soothing baths.

Over the years, other explorers came through the area, bathed in the waters and spread the word. By the early 1800s the town had grown around the springs with shops and hotels to meet the demands of visitors who believed the waters had therapeutic value. In 1832, President Andrew Jackson designated the area as a federal reservation. In 1921, the land surrounding the springs became a national park.

Around the same time, famed gangster Al Capone came to the Hot Springs baths to seek relief from syphilis. The city was a hotbed of illegal gambling and the first site for Major League Baseball spring training. Capone settled in, as did other gangsters. Rival mob figures spent long vacations in Hot Springs, but just like the Indians before them, they considered the city neutral territory.

"They didn't speak, but they didn't shoot at each other," says Robert Raines, director of the popular Gangster Museum of America. The museum recalls the days when Capone, Lucky Luciano and other underworld figures were fixtures in Hot Springs clubs and casinos. "They could come here and almost be normal," Raines says. "They were good citizens, very generous."



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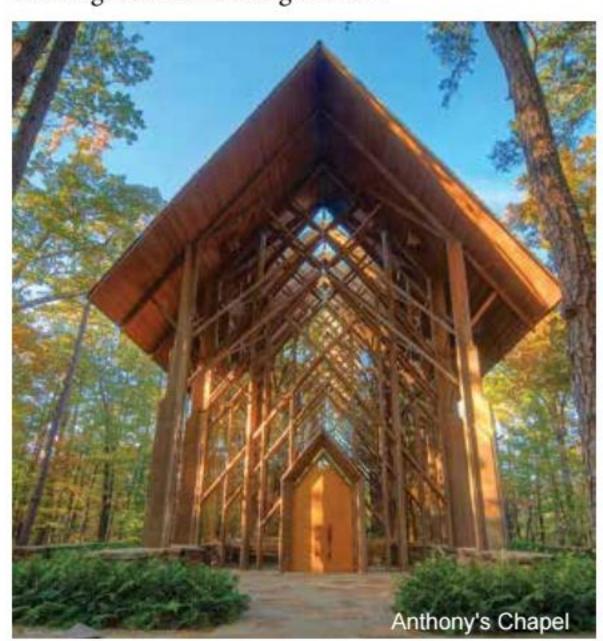
Gambling was illegal in Hot Springs, but it thrived for years while state leaders looked the other way. There was no tax revenue from the illegal \$100 million-a-year business, but officials were happy with the tourism boost it gave the local economy, Raines says.

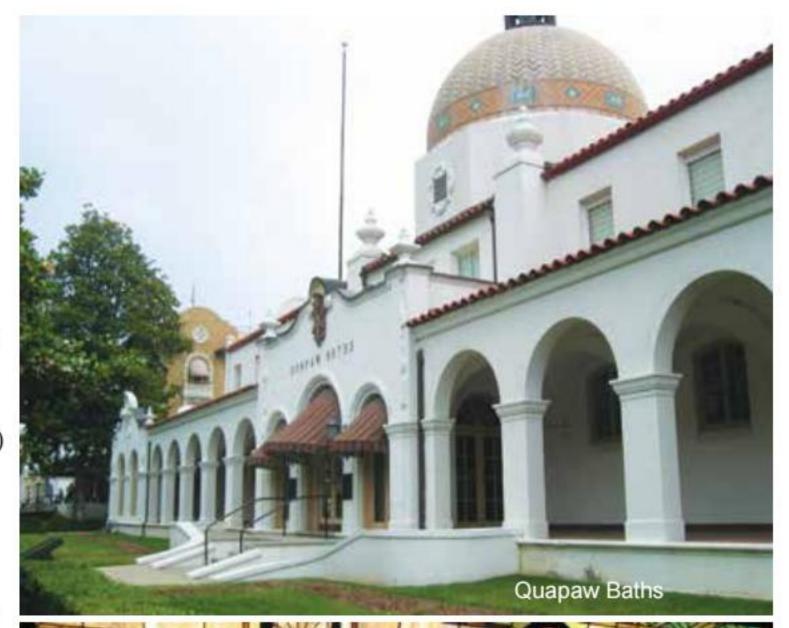
Capone liked Hot Springs so much that he had a permanent suite on the fourth floor of the Arlington Hotel. From his window he could look down Central Avenue and see a row of busy bathhouses, nightclubs (Tony Bennett sang "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" for the first time at the Black Orchid Club) and about 50 casinos.

The view is different today. A new governor shut down everything except Oaklawn Racing in the mid 1960s, and Hot Springs changed direction. The clubs and casinos along Central Avenue are gone. Gambling in Hot Springs now is limited to blackjack, slots, video poker and horse racing at Oaklawn Park.

Bathhouse Row, now a National Historic Landmark, is still there. One of the original baths, the elegant, ornate Fordyce, built in 1914 at a cost of \$5 million in today's dollars, is now a visitor's center where tours are available. The Fordyce was built to rival the baths of Europe, and it's a study in splendor.

The three-story cream brick building has a mix of Italian, Greek and Spanish design elements: marble floors, stained glass clerestory windows and terra cotta fountains. Buckstaff Baths and Quapaw Baths have turned into modernized spas. Five other original buildings still stand along the row.











Al Capone's Mug Shot Courtesy of www.FBI.gov

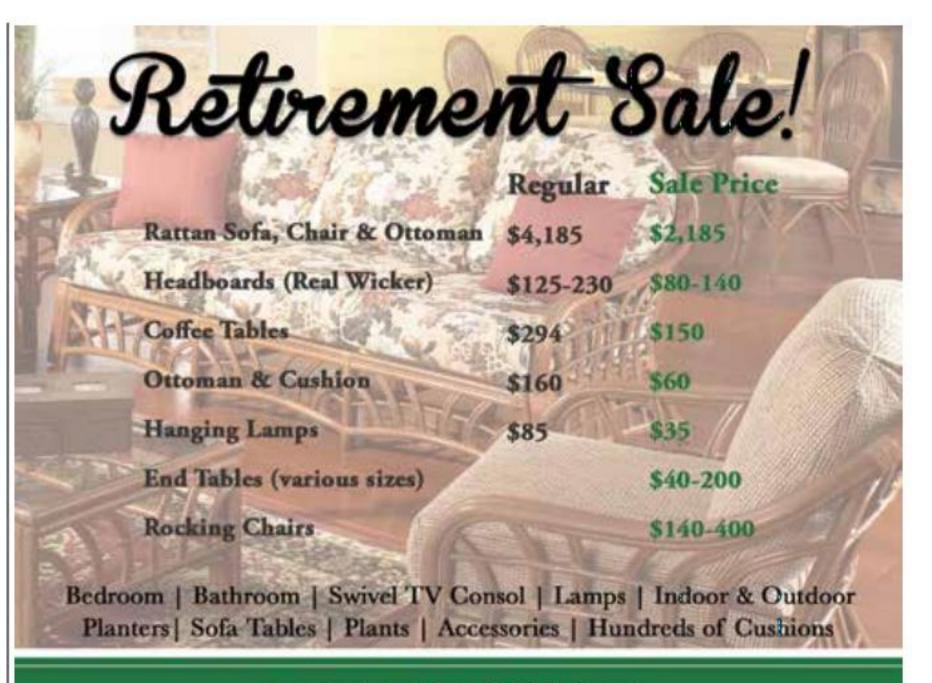
Capone's favored hotel, the majestic Arlington, is still there, too.

Hot Springs hasn't forgotten its baseball history. Many of the game's legends, including Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson and Honus Wagner, played spring training games here. Visitors can download an app or scan a QR code to take a self-guided tour of the Historic Hot Springs Baseball Trail.

When the gamblers and gangsters left, Hot Springs looked to nature for reinvention. Lake Hamilton, Lake Catherine and Lake Ouachita draw boaters and anglers from across the region.

Families will enjoy the Mid-America Science Museum, the largest hands-on science center in the state and the first Smithsonian affiliate in Arkansas.

A must for any visitor is a trip to Garvan Woodland Gardens, the 210-acre botanical garden of the University of Arkansas on Lake Hamilton. With nature walks, flower collections, streams, bridges, bonsai gardens and ponds and a magnificent chapel, it's easy to spend a day exploring nature at Garvan Gardens any time of year.



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After spending countless hours planning for the wedding of your dreams, shedding many tears and making last-minute adjustments, a romantic honeymoon is just what a bride needs to enjoy some alone time with her new spouse. In fact, having the honeymoon to look forward to is sometimes the only thing that keeps her sanity toward the very end! One of our newlyweds said, "Our honeymoon was the light at the end of the wedding-planning tunnel. In the midst of my planning frenzy, I would watch the little promo video for our tropical resort so often that I would find myself humming the cheesy soundtrack throughout the day and I counted down until the day we left!

Planning the wedding involves so many factors, from the guest list to the catering to the flowers, invitations, music and photographer, just to mention a few. Most brides have a vision for a unique and special celebration and want it to be perfect! The honeymoon should get the same amount of attention!

It may seem easy, but the honeymoon destination is a big decision in the wedding-planning process. Many couples have never traveled out of the country together and this is the first adventure of their married life. Where to go is often a question the bride and groom need to discuss months before their big day.

> Here are the first three things newly engaged couples should do:

- Buy the dress.
- Book the venue.
- Plan the honeymoon.





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A honeymoon is a trip of a lifetime. When planning such a momentous event, couples should make sure that they place their trust and money in the best hands. The planning process can be overwhelming and confusing, especially when it comes to deciding where to go, what amenities are included in the pricing, various room categories and other details. Just as a photographer, florist or caterer can help make a wedding memorable; a travel professional can help plan the honeymoon and provide a perfect finish to a wonderful wedding experience. Couples don't want any unexpected issues in the wedding planning, and a problem-free honeymoon plan also reduces stress at the busiest of times.

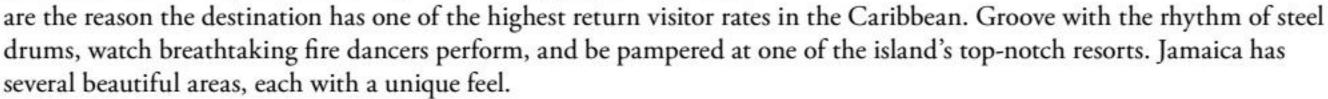
A travel agency that specializes in honeymoon travel provides services won't find with DIY online planning. It's okay for couples to do research and talk to people who have recently gone to destinations they're interested in; however, working with a professional will ensure the ultimate honeymoon. A specialist can recommend the best destination packages based on what the bride and groom want to experience on their trip, provide insider perks, help with any problems that arise, work to get the best price for the couple's budget and put the entire honeymoon into a package with flexible payment plans. These travel agents have visited many of the destinations and know which resorts have been renovated and what they offer.

Many engaged couples put a stress-free honeymoon at the top of their wedding wish list. The ultimate low-stress choice is one where everything is included in the price, and a Caribbean all-inclusive resort fits the bill.

Here are some of the top 2016 Wedding / Honeymoon Destinations for the Caribbean and beyond

St. Lucia – Known as one of the most popular destinations for honeymooners, this magnificent island offers visitors towering mountains, volcanoes and the breathtaking allure of swaying palm and banana trees accented by powdery-soft white sugar beaches and shimmering, green-blue topaz waters that stretch as far as the eye can see.

Jamaica – The beauties of Jamaica's natural majesty are beyond compare. White sandy beaches and crystal clear waters are perfect for swimming and snorkeling. The friendly people in Jamaica



Hawaii –Whether a couple is looking for a quiet retreat or a variety of sightseeing options, there's a Hawaiian island (or multiple islands) for everyone. A rich Polynesian culture and an "aloha" spirit invite visitors to relax and explore this lush and tropical paradise.

Bora Bora/Tahiti/Fiji – These are truly the most romantic islands in the world. Dramatic scenery, unequalled privacy and world-class amenities in over-water bungalows combine to make the perfect place to do everything or nothing at all.

Costa Rica – Costa Rica is perfect for adventurers. It is the land of rain forests, with live volcanoes, natural hot springs and incredible natural beauty. The ultimate delight of Costa Rica is its people. Warm and gracious, they unveil a captivating culture of music, art, crafts and cuisine that will enchant, entertain and inspire.

Santorini, Greece – There aren't many places in the world where visitors can enjoy exquisitely clear waters while perched on the rim of a massive active volcano in the middle of the sea. The island has a growing reputation as a wedding destination for couples from all over the world and it is considered to be the most sought after-place for a romantic getaway.



Barcelona, Spain – This is a perfect destination for architecture buffs, world music enthusiasts, foodies and nightlife lovers. Beaches run across the city's Mediterranean coastline. Barcelona's medieval roots show in the maze-like Gothic Quarter, but its modernist personality is represented in architect Antoni Gaudí's fantastical Sagrada Família church. Its restaurant scene, anchored by the central Boqueria market, ranges from fine dining to tiny tapas bars.

Las Vegas - There's nothing like it anywhere on the planet. With or without gambling, Vegas is a magical place for an out-ofthis-world honeymoon. Thousands tie the knot in the glittering hotels and wedding chapels here every year. This outrageous, action-packed destination never shuts down and just about everything under the sun is at newlyweds' fingertips at all hours of the day and night.

Cruises - With itineraries from three nights up, cruises offer multiple ports of call and options to fit everyone. They're a great way to see a different destination almost every day and a budget-friendly honeymoon option, as most expenses can be pre-paid ahead of time.



Honeymoon Booking Tips:

- Book your honeymoon at least six to nine months in advance.
- To ensure a stress-free experience, choose an all-inclusive resort.
- · This is a trip of a lifetime, so consider flying first class, upgrading to a suite or choosing a resort that caters to adults.
- Bring a copy of the marriage certificate. Many resorts/hotels require proof of marriage to take advantage of special exclusive amenities for honeymoon couples.
- Most flights leave early in the morning, so consider departing for the honeymoon two days after the wedding.
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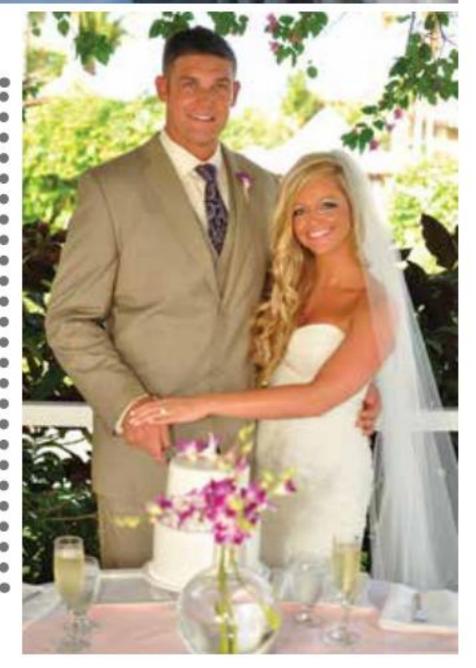
More and more couples are opting for destination weddings, where they aren't limited by hometown venue choices or seasonal weather. The wedding transforms into an unforgettable getaway with cherished friends and family who are often spread out throughout the country. A destination wedding gives them the opportunity to come together and enjoy the memorable and unique experience.





According to The Knot, about 24 percent of engaged couples choose destination weddings. Many resorts have special wedding packages and facilities designed specifically for these families and groups.

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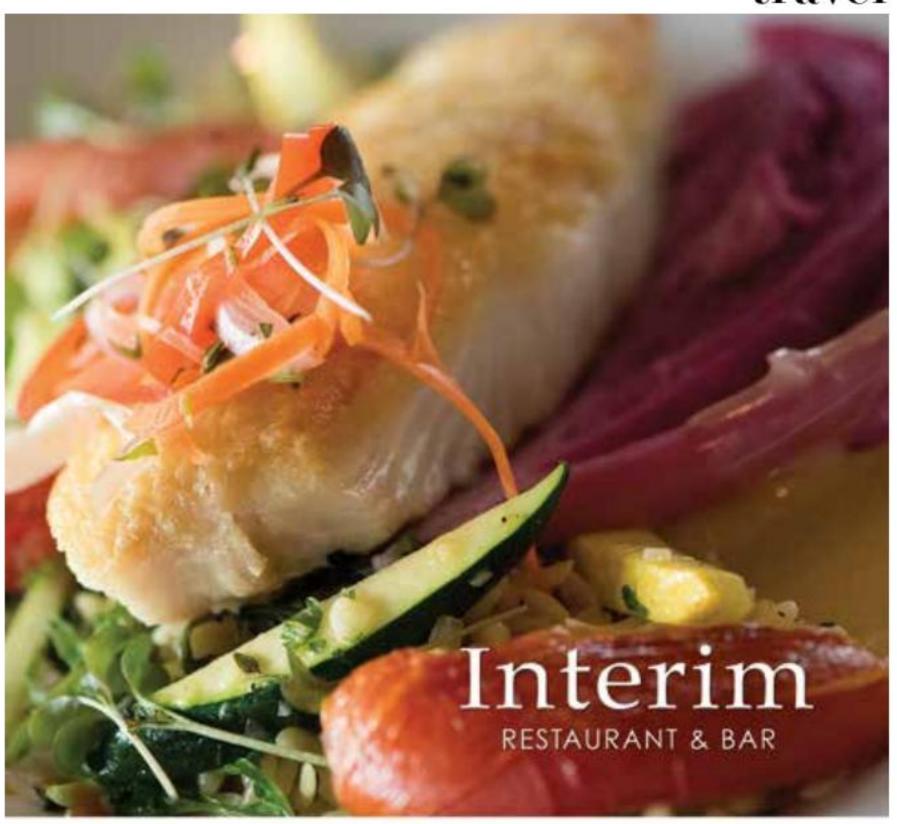
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- What about booking guests from multiple cities?
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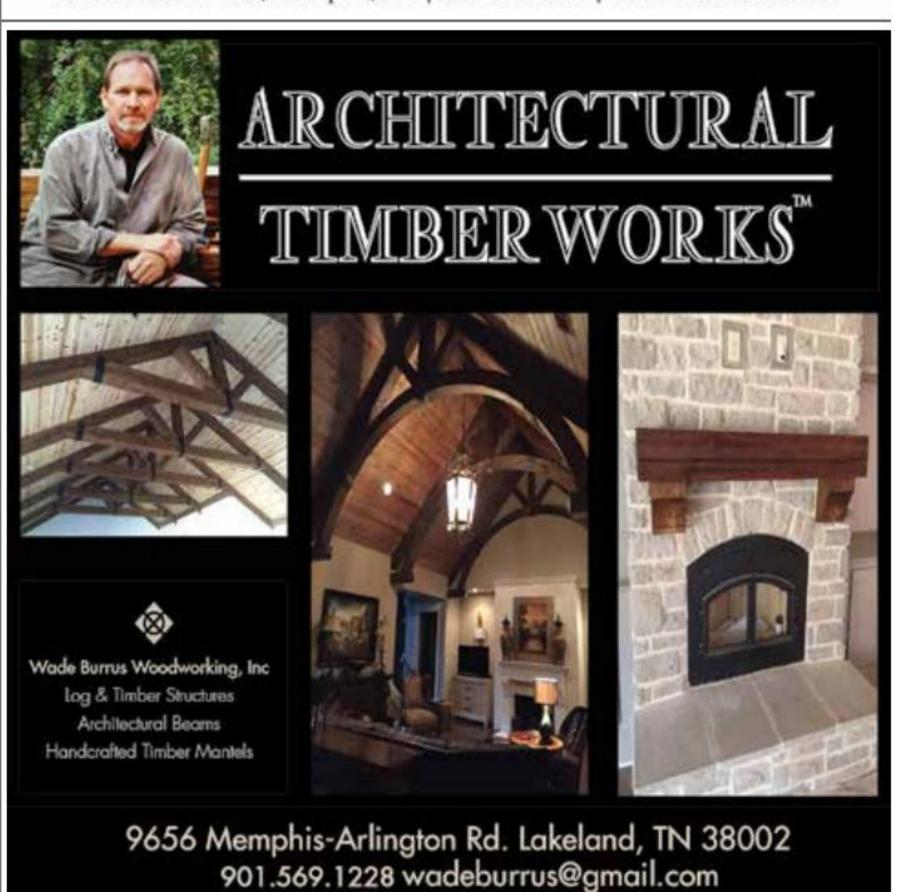
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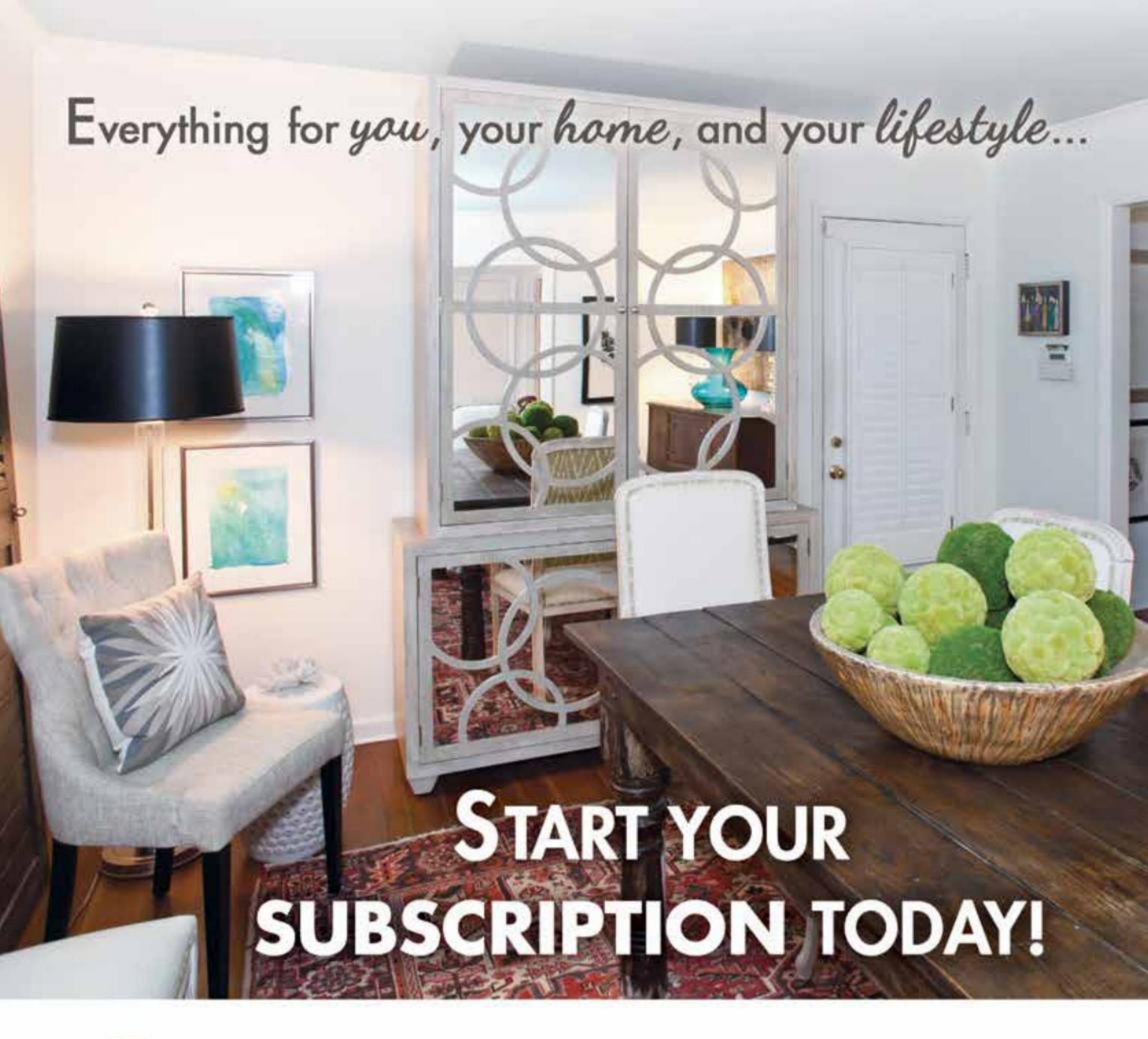
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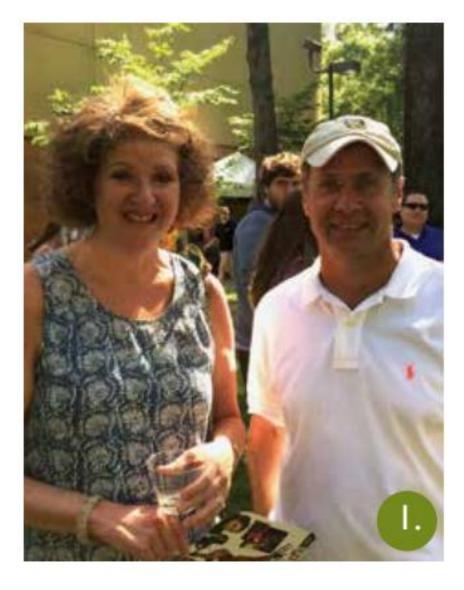
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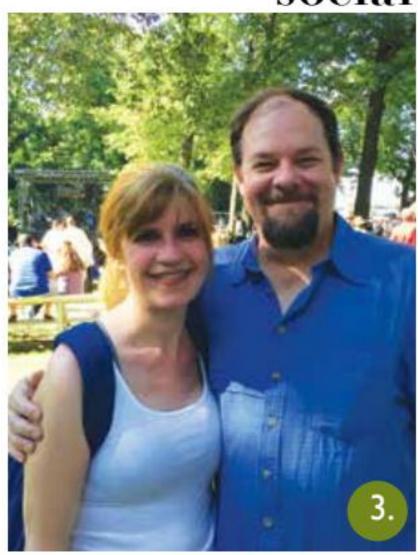
Associated Luxury Hotels International (ALHI) convened in Memphis to showcase their hotels recently at Hedge Farms. Representatives from various hotels in this group came to Memphis for the event. Simply Delicious created a fabulous, upscale southern menu, and Gracie Leathers served as the event planner.



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Germantown Performing Arts Center Food Truck & Music Festival

The Germantown Performing Arts Center was the place to be Sunday, June 5, as lots of festivities were held on the GPAC lawn. The weather was picture perfect and guests enjoyed delicious food provided by many local vendors, and live music by School of Rock, Mason Jar Fireflies, The Mighty Souls Brass Band and Jason D. Williams. The afternoon served as a fundraiser for the Germantown Education Foundation and the GPAC Arts Education Fund.









Live! at the Garden

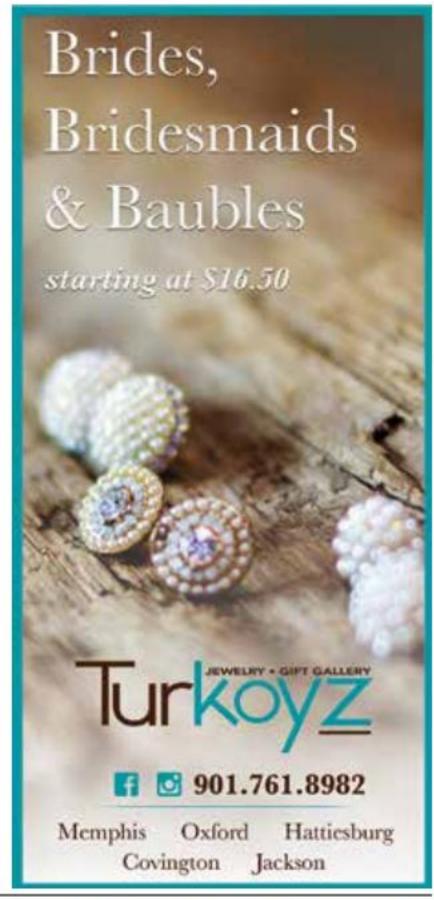
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Live at the Garden 2016 kicked off its summer series June 10 with a fabulous concert by the band Heart. Guests enjoyed the show on the beautiful grounds of the Memphis Botanic Garden in East Memphis.



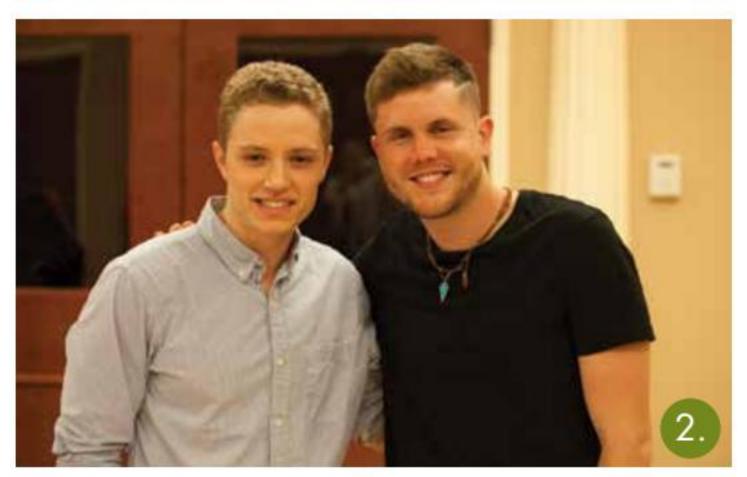












Tupelo Elvis Festival

Photos submitted by Downtown Tupelo Main Street Association

The Tupelo Elvis Festival was held June 2-5 in downtown Tupelo, and Elvis Presley fans from all over the world attended. Presented by the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Tupelo Main Street Association, the festival celebrated the city's native son and music that has been influenced by Elvis. Entertainment headliner June 4 was American Idol Season XV winner Trent Harmon, and on June 5 Brooke Eden opened for headliner A Thousand Horses.



I. Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist contestants: - Greg Burgess, Leo Days, Michael Cullipher, Frank Werth, Cote Deonath, Bobby Hollis, Jimmy Hutchins, Doug Church, Daniel Jenkins & Michael O'Connor

- 2. Isaac Palmer & Trent Harmon
- 3. Aniston Carson with puppy Fallon during the Elvis Pet Parade and Pageant
- 4. Lydia Cox, Mary Pat Van Epps & Gina Dear
- 5. Tayler Bishop, Haisley Coker, Kathleen Couch, Anna Grace Coomer & Macey Thomas
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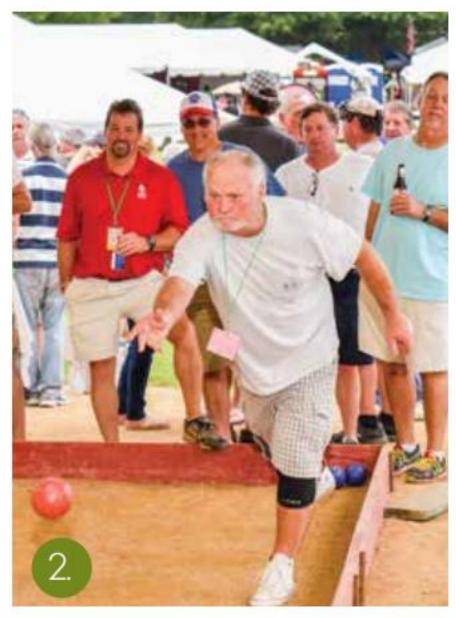
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Memphis Italian Festival

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- 1. 2016 Best Gravy champions, Ciao Y'all
- Cooking teams participate in the Galtelli Cup Bocce Tournament.
- 3. Paul Thorn & Ralph Friedrichsen
- 4. Anna Leppert, Anna Kathryn Adair, Rachel Dickens and Angie Britt
- 5. Carly, the Great Grape Stompin' Champion
- 6. Garibaldi's Pizza Toss
- 7. Lisa Hutton & Rachel Dickens

Memphians celebrated all things Italian the weekend of June 2 - 4. Presented by Holy Rosary Parish, this family-friendly event is held each year at Marquette Park in East Memphis. Italian Festival reflects the values of family, faith and fellowship in an Italian-American tradition. Games, music and delicious food make this truly a festive event to benefit the children of Holy Rosary Parish School.









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Music in Memphis:

Bluff City Soul Collective

Text by Morgan Pruitt
Photography courtesy of Christian Underwood



Memphis is a city known for great people, great food and great local talent. One talented group of musicians, appropriately named Bluff City Soul Collective (BCSC), keeps the Memphis spirit alive with its diverse performers and the members' dedication to their craft.

Originally, the group began at the University of Memphis when Christian Underwood was asked to put together a band for a tribute show to the Bar-Kays. After that show, the band was hired for multiple performances, and the members soon realized that because their popularity had grown they could perform full-time. Thus, BCSC was born.

Though BCSC began as a group of University of Memphis students, the 20-person band now has members from all over the city. Each brings a unique musical background to the band, and the sum of those talents provides for a one-of-a-kind experience for audiences.

Because of the large size of the band, every member rarely performs at the same time. Underwood says, "The goal is to be able to be in multiple locations at one time," adding that the band recently split into two different groups. BCSC originally performed covers and original music. Now, however, one part of the band plays mainly at weddings and corporate events, while the other section writes and performs original music. Underwood states that one of the best parts about the band is that everyone likes each other and appreciates each other's talents.

The members of BCSC sing and play instruments including drums, percussion, keys, guitars, bass, trumpets, saxophones and trombones. The size of the band varies for each booking but can range from a string quartet to a full 20-piece ensemble. BCSC is available for festivals, weddings, corporate functions, birthdays, private parties, award ceremonies, Christmas parties, and TV and film advertisements.

Even though BCSC began as a local band, the dedication and true talent of the performers have made them one of Memphis' most distinctive and diverse musical groups. Regarding the future of BCSC, Christian Underwood says, "I see BCSC being one of the most sought-after bands in the country and possibly the world when it comes to the event industry, with the ability to be in multiple locations at the same time."

> For more information or to book BCSC, visit bluffcitysoulcollective.com.





Springing into Summer with Garden Club Luncheons

Text by Lesley Harris Colvett | Photography by Hal Jaffe



The theme

Each year the River Oaks Garden Club (ROGC) in Memphis hosts a Spring Luncheon which serves several purposes. It is a celebration of the season and all its beauty, and also provides the opportunity to thank the club's outgoing officers and welcome the new leaders. The group introduces their Carnival Memphis Princess during the luncheon. "Our outgoing president, Jeanne Fortney, passed the gavel to incoming president Kathleen Pender. Our Carnival Princess for 2016 is Allison Ann Gusmus, daughter of member Ann Gusmus," says Judy VanSteenberg. This year's Spring Luncheon was held at Chickasaw Country Club in Memphis.





The decor

The committee decided to use a pink and white theme. "We coordinated our efforts from the invitations to the tables, calling on Party Connections for the linens. We adapted the hot air balloon theme for our event, using paper lanterns and a variety of pink and white flowers to give the overall effect of a cheery spring outing," VanSteenberg explains.

Stargazer lilies and simple white lilies were the "stars" of the show in baskets beneath the balloons. Pink and white carnations and assorted greens along with trailing ivy completed each arrangement. VanSteenberg said the arrangements were simple yet perfect for the event's theme.



The menu

Sparkling lemonade and champagne along with light hors d'oeuvres were passed before the luncheon. A spinach salad with oranges and warm goat cheese was the first course, followed by seafood Newburg in crepes served over rice pilaf. Dessert was a pastry swan with custard filling over crème Anglaise, a fresh raspberry drizzle and raspberry garnish.

Create your own"Attention to detail!" insists Van Steenberg. "From the pink tablecloths to white napkins tied with pale green ribbon and airy table overlays, the scene was set perfectly for a spring event. The hot air balloon centerpieces continued the light and airy theme, allowing attendees to enjoy the drama of the work without the decor overpowering the setting. The party favors were a real WOW. Sue Atchley monogrammed hand towels for each attendee as a wonderful reminder of a lovely time spent together," she adds.

Other ROGC special events

The ROGC has three special events each year. VanSteenberg says the Christmas Luncheon is "a joyous event at which we enjoy local entertainment, as well as donating toys to the Salvation Army Angel Tree program." February, usually around Valentine's Day, brings the group's biggest annual party, a dinner/dance that VanSteenberg describes as a gala event with a wonderful dinner and music to dance the night away. "The husbands look forward to this event every year," she says. The club's other six meetings are usually held in members' homes and include a program followed by lunch.









Le Bonheur Garden Club Luncheon



The theme

The Le Bonheur Garden Club Spring Luncheon was held at the home of Anita Harris. The hostess carried out the event's sunflower theme with table centerpieces that featured real sunflowers from the Fresh Market and nandina from her garden.

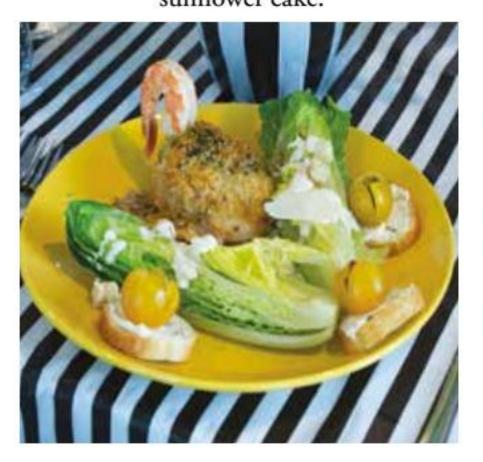
The decor

The decor included black and white stripes and black and white polka dots, with tablecloths, napkins and drinking straws reflecting the motifs. Harris painted the centerpiece vases in black and white stripes and tied a black and white polka dot ribbon around the neck of each one. Silk sunflower pens "planted" in a black and white polka dot muffin holder with sunflower seeds at the base served as party favors. The pens were tied with a tag that read, "Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot see the shadow. It is what the sunflowers do," a quote by Helen Keller.



The menu

Club members enjoyed sparkling spa water enhanced with thinly sliced cucumbers, fresh mint and lemon, baby romaine Caesar salad, oven baked panko breaded chicken breast stuffed with cream cheese and spinach featuring a shrimp swan head, cream cheese basil and tomato topped crostini, sunflower seeds sprinkled on the plate, and lemon sunflower cake.







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Create your own

Harris says that staying organized and doing as much in advance as possible are the keys to entertaining successfully in your home, allowing the hostess to be relaxed and enjoy the fruits of her labor. For example, the spa water was prepared two days in advance. She garnished each glass with a thinly sliced lemon, thinly sliced cucumber and fresh mint at the bottom, then filled the glasses halfway with the water and put them on trays in the freezer. An hour before guests arrived, she added fresh tap water to the frozen glasses. Each plate was adorned with a half of a head of baby romaine and sprinkled with croutons, shaved parmesan cheese and drizzled with bottled Caesar dressing. The panko breaded chicken breasts stuffed with cream cheese and spinach were prepared and baked the day before, and an hour before her guests arrived the hostess drizzled them with olive oil and reheated. She placed a large cocktail shrimp on the chicken as a swan's head.



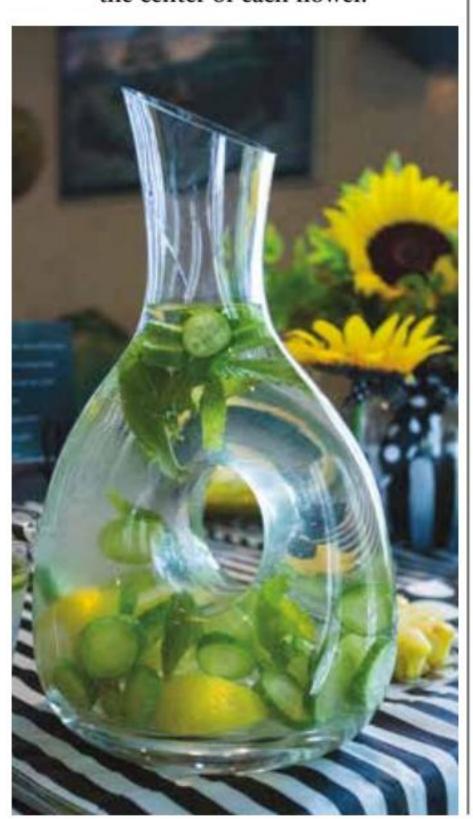




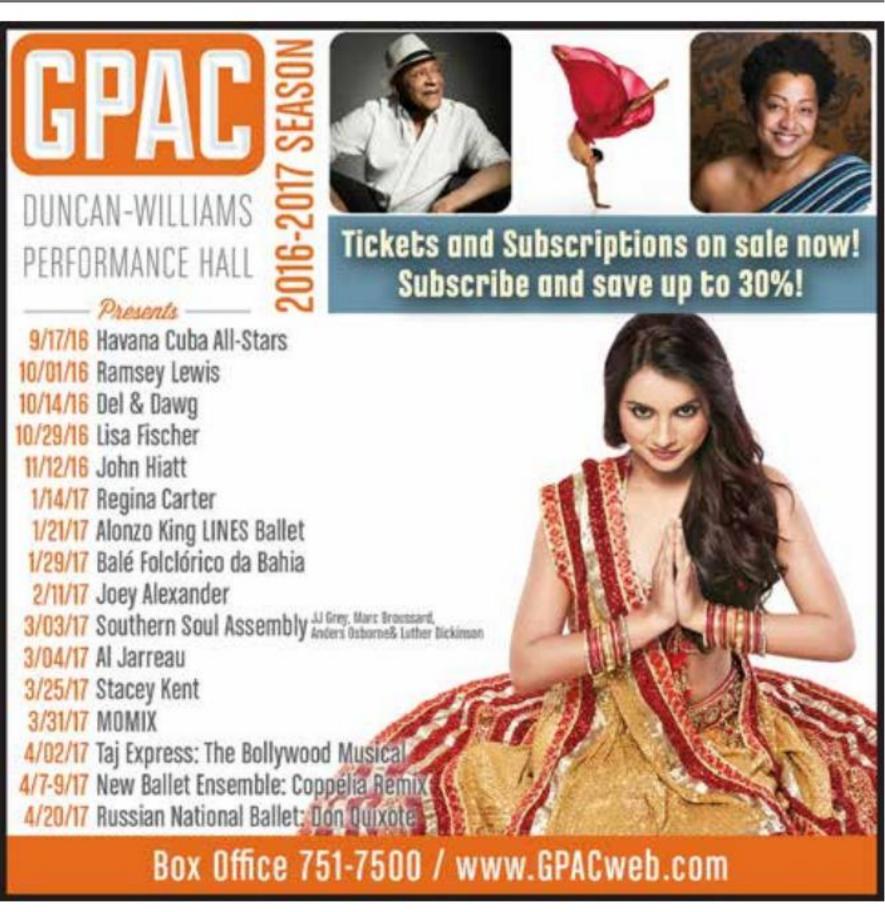
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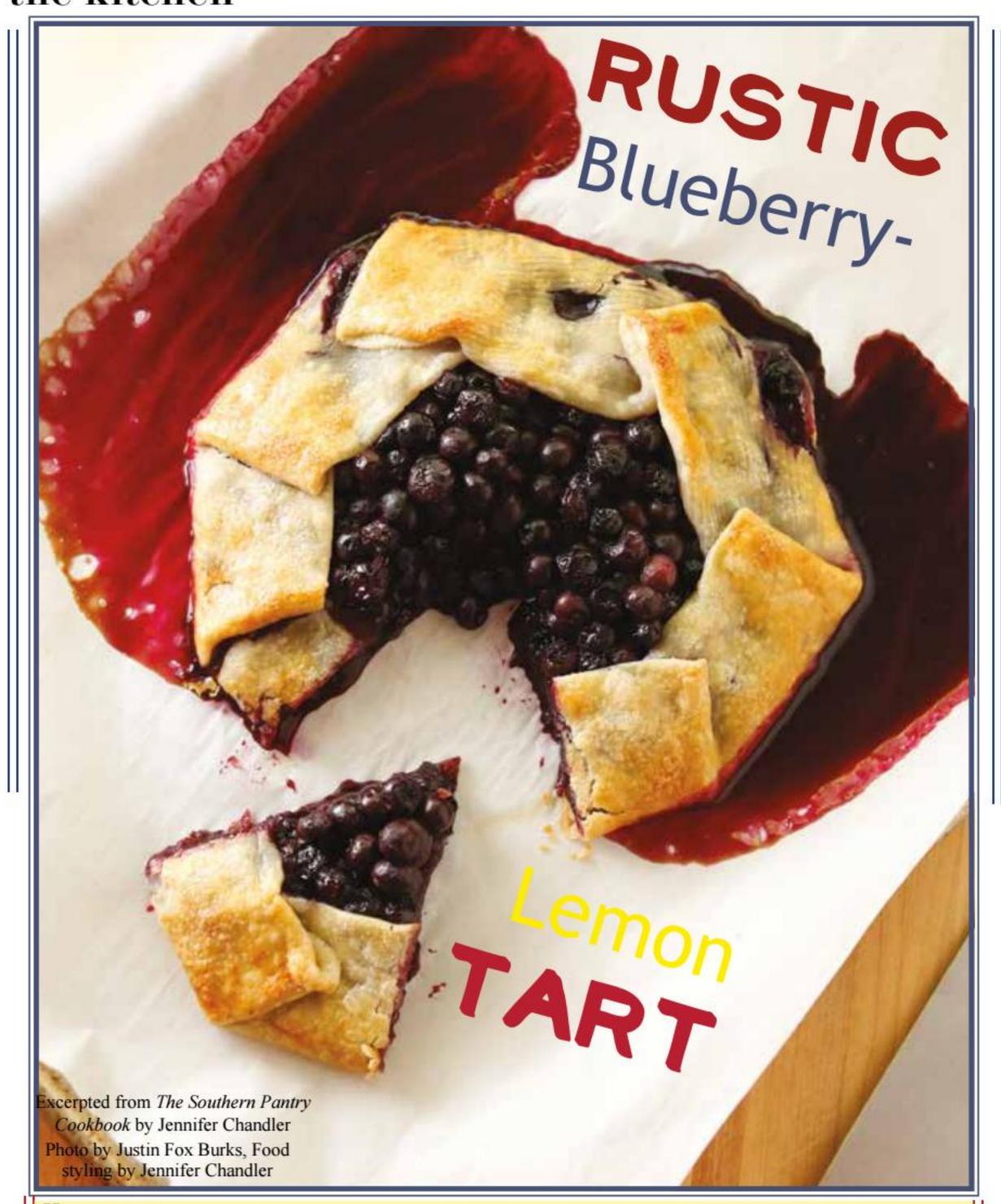
Harris also prepared the cream cheese crostini the day before the luncheon and sprinkled sunflower seeds on each plate to stay with the theme. For dessert, she made boxed lemon cake mix in sheet pans a month in advance, cut the cake with a sunflower cookie cutter, then drizzled each one with canned lemon frosting that she heated in the microwave. A thin Oreo cookie served as the center of each flower.







in the kitchen



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Ingredients

1 unbaked pie crust (9-inch), homemade or store-bought 2½ cups blueberries Juice and zest of ½ lemon ½ cup plus 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar, divided 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour ½ tsp. ground cinnamon ¼ tsp. kosher salt 1 large egg, lightly beaten

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375°.

Roll the dough into a 10-inch round about 1/8-inch thick.

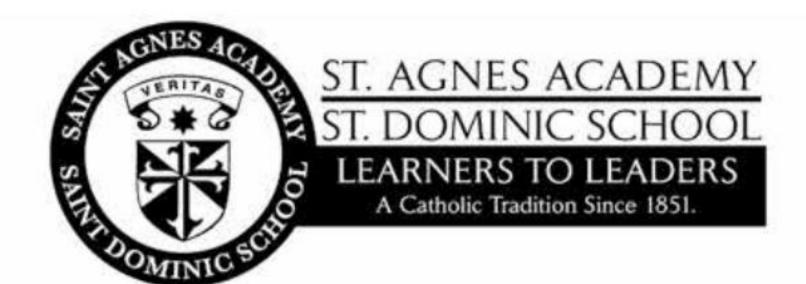
Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl combine the blueberries, lemon juice and zest, ½ cup of the sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt. Toss to coat. Fill the center of the pie crust with the blueberry mixture, leaving a 1½-inch border. Fold the border up and over the blueberries, overlapping every 2 to 3 inches, to make a rim. Brush the rim with the egg wash and evenly sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar over the rim.

Bake until the crust is nicely browned and the blueberries are bubbling, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool on a rack for 15 minutes before serving. Serve warm.

Serves 8.

Variation: Depending on what's in season, you can substitute apples, pears and even peaches for the blueberries.



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Dining with Elegance

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The Capital Grille offers guests outstanding food and beverages as the centerpiece of a memorable dining experience. The East Memphis fine-dining restaurant is known for its dry-aged steaks that are hand cut in-house, and its award-winning wine list.

The menu features classics as well as appetizers and side dishes with a fresh twist, such as Pan-fried Calamari with Hot Cherry Peppers. The atmosphere is skillfully designed to please the senses with comfortable elegance. African mahogany paneling and Art Deco chandeliers provide a warm setting for each masterfully prepared dish and drink.



A Stoli Doli, one of the bar's signature cocktails, is a delightful way to begin an evening at Capital Grille. Made with Stolichnaya Vodka infused with fresh pineapple, the drink is chilled and served straight up. Favorite menu items include the



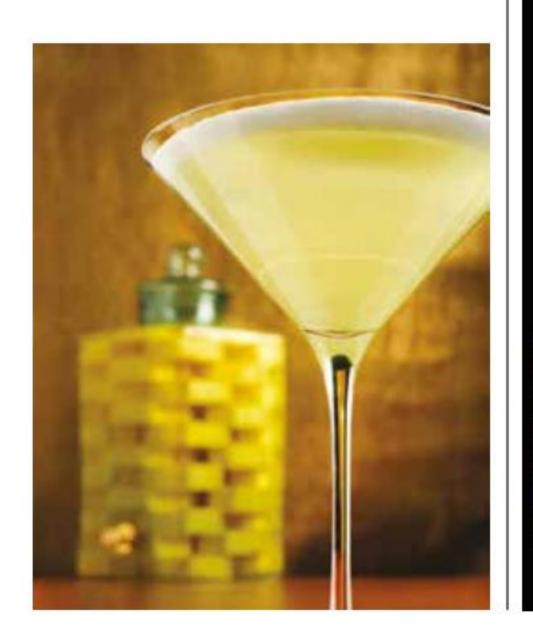
Lobster Mac 'N' Cheese, the Bone-in Kona Crusted Dry Aged NY Strip and the Porcini Rubbed Bone-in Ribeye. This summer's seasonal menu additions are Tuna Tartare with Avacado, Mango and Sriracha, a Sweet Corn Soup with Creme Fraiche, and an Ancho Rubbed Sirloin with Tomato Jam and Summer Potato Salad.

Managing partner Craig Patton says the restaurant goes above and beyond to provide a unique experience. "Our new mobile app gives diners access to up-to-the-minute wine offerings, as well as the ability to explore food and wine pairings from our master sommelier," Patton explains.



The restaurant's steaks, meticulously dry-aged on the premises, also set Capital Grille apart, he adds. "It's a process that takes 18 to 24 days under the careful supervision of our in-house butcher and executive chef. Through dry aging, we are able to intensify flavor and maximize the tenderness of our meat. Via controlled humidity and air flow, we remove moisture from the beef, which provides our meat with flavor and tenderness that we believe are unparalleled."

The Capital Grille will celebrate The Generous Pour Summer Wine Event July 11 through September 4. For \$28 with dinner, guests will have the opportunity to experience benchmark wines from seven visionary winemakers, served in the comfort of the restaurant's relaxed, elegant atmosphere, and accompanied by delectable appetizers, dry-aged steaks and fresh seafood.







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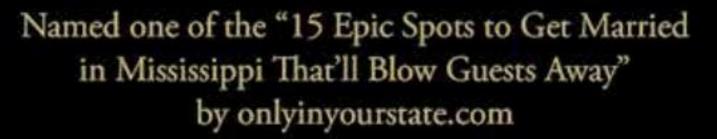
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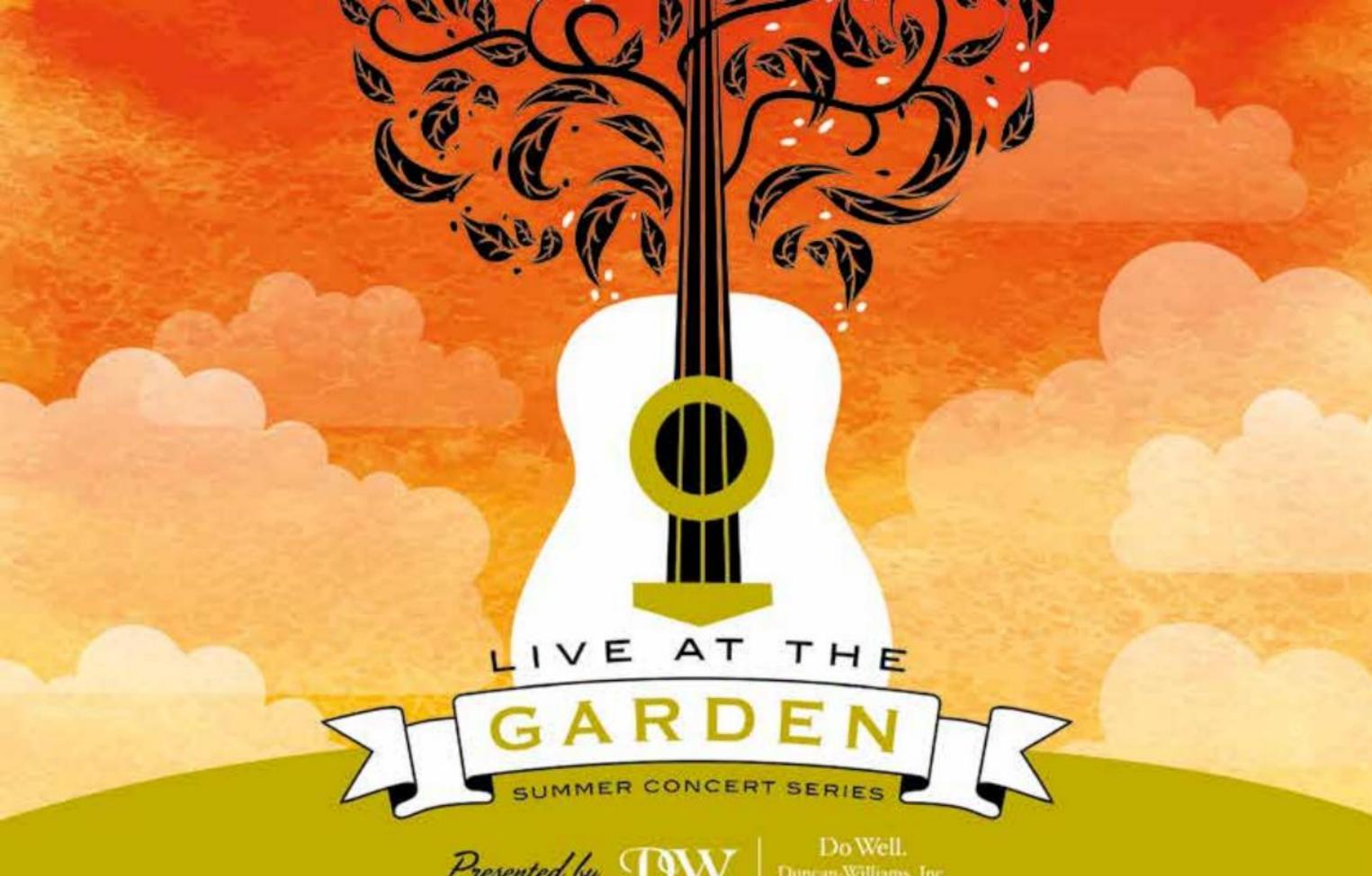




















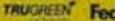
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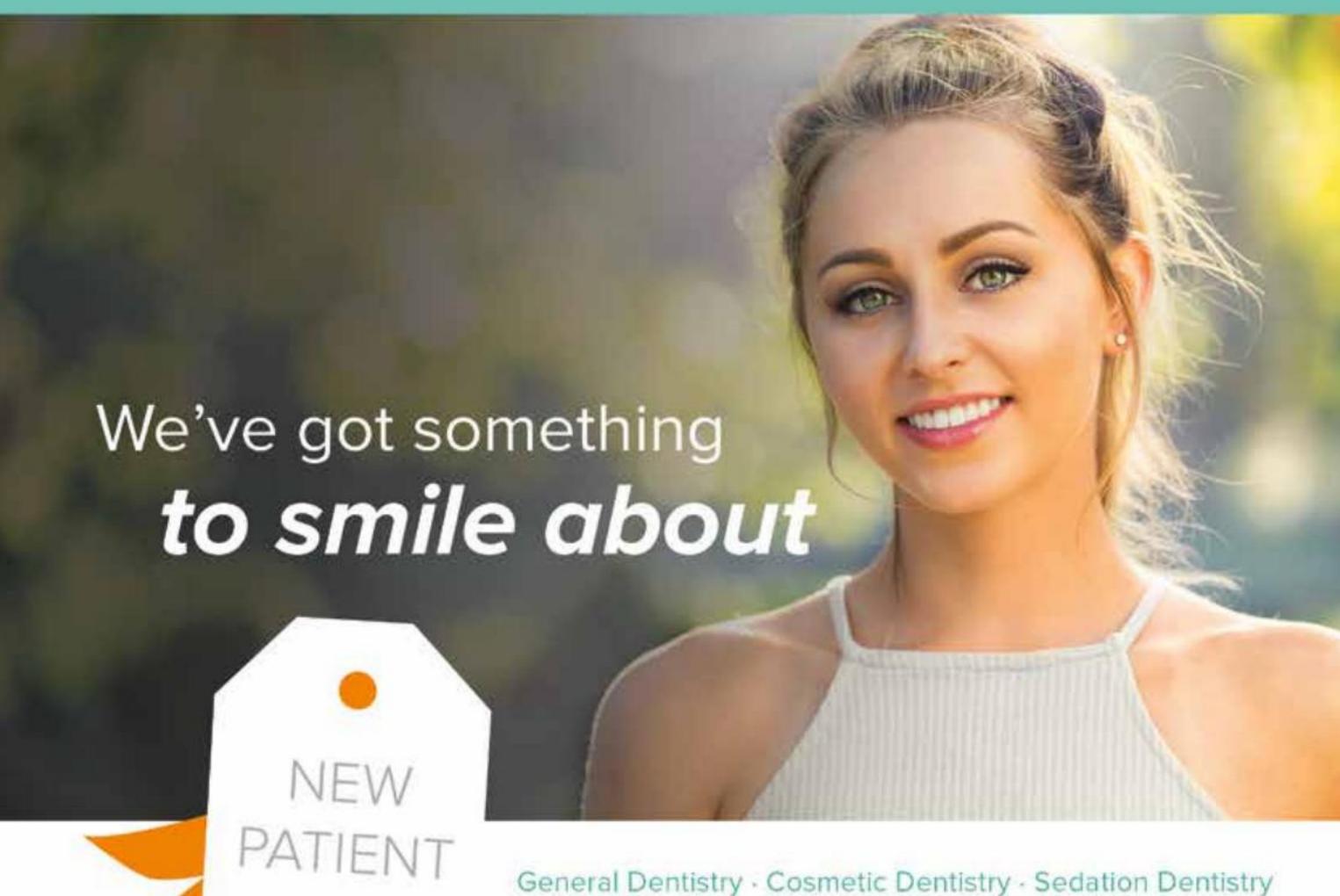








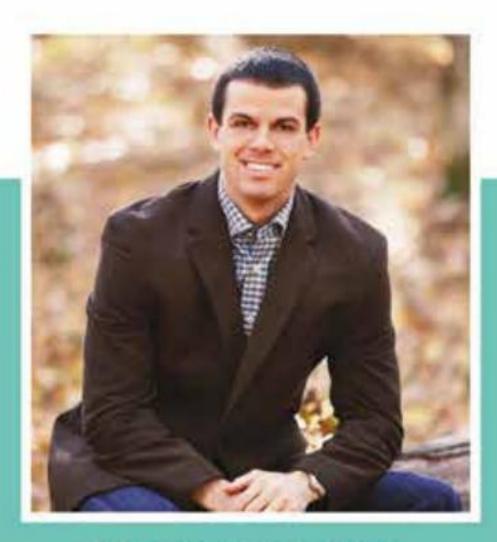




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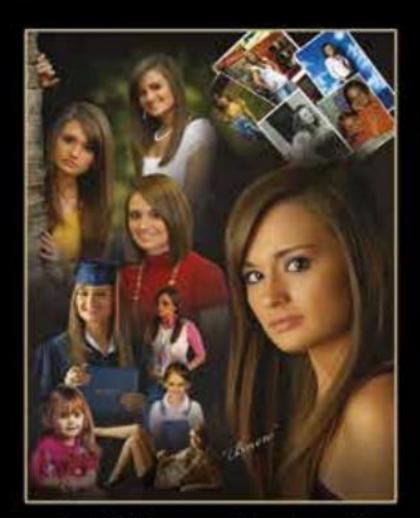
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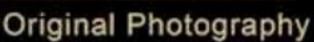
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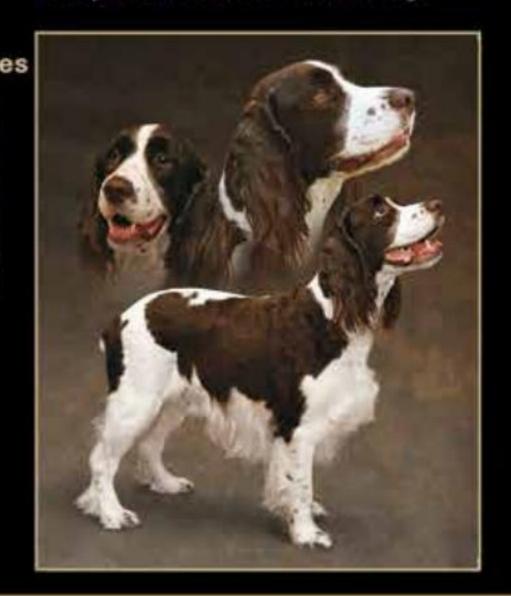


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One Tackle at a Time

Text by Ruthie Hall, photos submitted by Memphis Gridiron Ministries



Memphis Gridiron Ministries (MGM) is making a positive impact on youth in the Binghampton neighborhood through football.

Founder Wade West says that he and several other MGM board members and coaches had been involved with a youth football league through Second Presbyterian Church. After their sons aged out of the program, the men were reluctant to walk away from coaching, having garnered so much joy and seen good results.

"We had built a template for coaching youth football and we were seeing tangible evidence that the template worked. Our goal was, and still is, to provide positive spiritual coaching and mentoring that focuses on teaching the fundamentals of football and teaching essential life lessons, all while defeating the 'win at all costs' mentality that is so pervasive in youth sports today," explains West.

In 2012 the group identified the Binghampton community as a potential site for their new program and West met with community leaders, pastors, outreach ministry leaders, school principals, community center directors and middle/high school coaches in the area. Late that December he told his friends, "I don't truly know the depth of the commitment I am asking you to make, but I am pretty sure it will be the most significant commitment, outside of God, your family and work, that you will ever make." West remembers that he was stunned and humbled when they unanimously agreed to participate and MGM was born.

MGM leadership chose Binghampton because they wanted to offer youth football to a neighborhood that

didn't have similar opportunities and to create a program of which the community could be proud. "We believe that when presented right, tackle football provides a unique environment to mold and shape the character of young men and prepare them to be successful in life." says West. "We have found that tackle football offers a successful platform to present Biblical teachings and life lessons that our players can apply to their daily lives far beyond the goalposts. We find that this is especially true for at-risk kids in a challenging environment."

The program seeks to defeat the "win no matter what" mentality by redefining the concept of a winner, instructing athletes how to honor the game and developing a concept of serving others over self, says West. "We believe that it is imperative that we first and foremost honor God in our pursuit of athletics, and make it our goal to impact our boys' lives in a positive manner; to create a love of the game of football and a desire to play the game with honor, integrity and passion," he adds.

Since its creation, MGM has expanded to include not only third-through fifth-grade teams but also an alumni mentoring program for ages 12 and beyond. Organizers are considering expanding the program to other urban communities in Memphis. MGM is led entirely by volunteers and is engaged in outreach ministry with no paid staff. All fundraising efforts are done through a network of friends, family and local foundations. The group welcomes donations and volunteers.

For more information, go to www.mgmfootball.org.



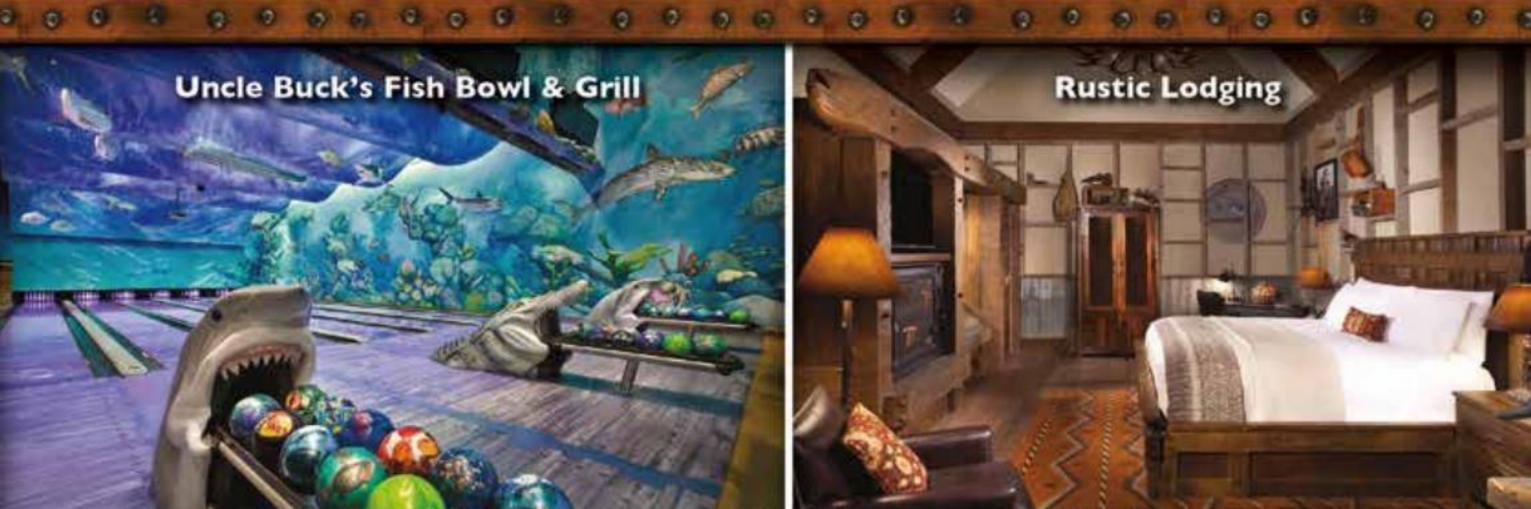


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