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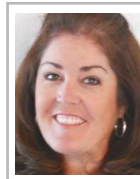
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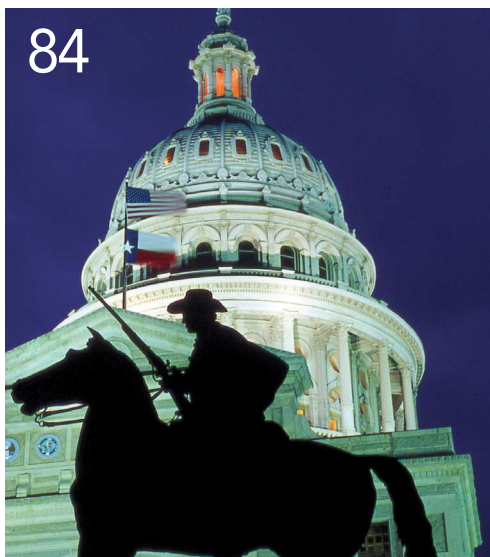
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I NEVER CEASE TO BE AMAZED by the diversity of Ballantyne. The people who live, work and play here possess a wellspring of talent, interests and endeavors that make this community a continuing draw.

We tee off with our cover story spotlighting the most memorable holes at nine golf courses in our area. The realization we are blessed with that many first-rate courses within our footprint illustrates my point. Ballantyne is a lure for top-flight golfers, and those of you who love the links will have fun guessing which hole the pro at each club deemed that course's signature layout.

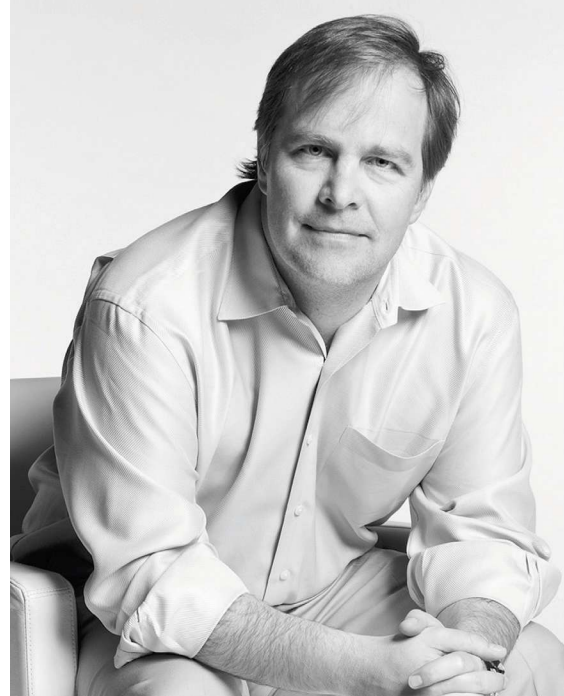
As the seasons change, we think about autumn rites like Oktoberfest, so we decided to delve into the trendiest movement among beer aficionados — home brewing.

Turns out president of the Carolina BrewMasters and the recently named top brewer in the state, Bill Lynch, lives in Ballantyne, so we tapped his brain for tips on getting started. You'll also meet two neighbors who have become brew brothers for the social benefits this hobby confers on those who enjoy cooking their own hops.

Yet another example of Ballantyne's diversity is that in the midst of our suburban landscape we have our very own corn maze. In "Who Knew?" you'll read how Kevin and Lara Hall have gone high tech to create "Pharaoh's Curse," this fall's maize maze at the Hall Family Farm. I challenge you to find your way out at night by flashlight as the ultimate test of non-GPS smarts.

With evenings turning crisp, we seek heartier fare, and we heard great reports about Trattoria Antica near Waxhaw. We discovered that this charming Italian restaurant tucked away in a strip mall is the latest culinary creation of award-winning Charlotte restaurateur Augusto Conte, owner of Toscana, Mezzanotte, Luce and Malabar. The cuisine is inspired by his memories of growing up on the tiny isle of Ischia, a ferry ride away from Naples.

Meanwhile, our Date Night for this issue proved to be serendipitous. The winner of our Reader Experience Contest was



Loretta Cozart. She and her husband Kip are longtime Ballantyne residents and country music fanatics. We treated them to a big night at The Fillmore Charlotte featuring Kellie Pickler and other top female crooners who put on a boot-stomping show.

Fall brings with it homecomings, so in our travel feature we zeroed in on Austin, the live music capital of the world in my book and a decidedly original Texas city. Ballantyne resident Glenda Lanz, a University of Texas at Austin MBA grad and member of the Texas Exes, the Charlotte alum group of Hook 'em Horns fans, gives us her personal picks of the 250 music venues and inventive foodie hangouts, along with tips on chilling out at the Austin City Limits Festival in October.

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Finally, with children heading back to the classroom, we are proud to share the news that Pineville Elementary School is slated to be the first LEED-certified school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools system, a distinction awarded to buildings that meet green standards for construction and operation. Principal Brian Doerer and his students, whose school nickname is The Smilers, have a lot to be happy about this year.

As you can see, the stories in this issue exemplify the endless parade of intriguing people, places and events here in Ballantyne. I hope our coverage inspires you to reach out to your neighbors and explore all the greatness our community has to offer.

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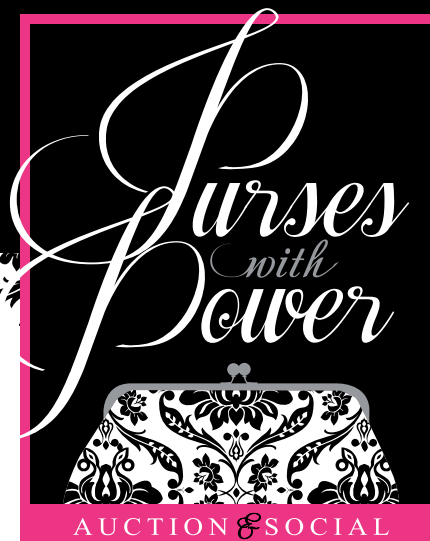
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More than 600 people attended last year's sprint, which raised \$85,000. Women, men and children are invited to join competitive and noncompetitive heats. Spectators are also welcome. Info and registration: www.tealheels.org.

NEWS CUES



When Wingate University announced it was opening a Ballantyne campus, many local leaders attended the event. Among them were Lloyd Wimberly (from left), Travis Teague, Bill Durham, Greg Clemmer, Martha Asti, Robert Supernaw, Cameron Jackson and Mark Bryant, all with Wingate. Also on hand were Bob Morgan, CEO, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and Smoky Bissell, chairman, Bissell Cos.

Wingate Launches Ballantyne Campus

Wingate University President Jerry E. McGee announced June 5 that the school is opening a Ballantyne campus and offering classes for the fall 2013 semester.

Educational offerings include an MBA program, graduate programs in sport management and education, continuing-education programs and an undergraduate program for working adults.

The university's 13,657-square-foot facility consists of 10 classrooms, administrative offices and a computer lab. The address is 13024 Ballantyne Corporate Place, Suite 150 in the Harris Building.

Wingate University, ranked as the sixth "Best Value" in the South by U.S. News & World Report, serves nearly 2,700 students on its three campuses — Wingate, N.C. in Union County, Hendersonville, N.C. in Henderson County and Ballantyne. Previously, the university had a Matthews site, but those classes have been moved to Ballantyne. Learn more: www.wingate.edu/ballantyne.



'To Catch a Thief' Nov. 12

A professional networking group, Ballantyne Briefings, will present "To Catch a Thief: You Don't Have to be a Criminal to Think Like One" at its fourth quarter meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aloft Charlotte Ballantyne.

Claire Rauscher with the law firm Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice is the speaker. The event is targeted to small-business owners and co-hosted by Starrett Law Firm, Ameriprise, McArthur & Co. and Cornerstone Property Advisors. For more information, email events@ballantynebriefings.com.

All-Day Ballantyne Festival Oct. 5

The annual Ballantyne Festival hosted by the Morrison Family YMCA, Ballantyne Breakfast Club and Ballantyne Chapter of the Chamber of Commerce, is Saturday Oct. 5 at the Morrison Y.

The free, family-friendly event kicks off at 9 a.m. with a parade, followed by games, crafts, entertainment, dancing and food vendors. The all-day festival also features the annual Candidates Meet & Greet Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Political candidates running for national, state and local offices will be there to meet the public, with local organizations offering their best take on chili. Judges from Johnson & Wales will select the three winners of the cook-off.

"A community like Ballantyne needs a signature festival event," says Steve Bowers, president of the

Morrison Family Y. "A partnership between the Charlotte Chamber, the Ballantyne Breakfast Club and the YMCA is the best way to achieve this goal."

"Today the Ballantyne Festival provides the residents of the strong and growing South Charlotte/Ballantyne area a unique opportunity to meet with and get to know the candidates and what they stand for," says Ray Eschert, president of the Ballantyne Breakfast Club, which founded the cook-off five years ago.

"It also sends a clear signal to the candidates that the residents of the area want to be engaged and respected for their votes," Eschert notes. Details: www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/morrison.



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Gallery Restaurant & Bar is hosting a Glenlivet Scotch dinner with a four-course menu on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations required: 704-248-4100 or htapper@theballantynehotel.com.

Oktoberfest: Throughout October, celebrate Oktoberfest with a selection of German beer and a bratwurst sandwich lunch special at Gallery Restaurant & Bar.

James Beard House Preview Dinner: The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge has been chosen to host a dinner in November at the legendary James Beard Foundation in New York City. Enjoy a preview of the five-course meal and wine pairings at the Gallery Restaurant & Bar on Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$85 per person, not including tax and service charge.

Reservations:

704-248-4100 or visit www.gallery-restaurant.com.

The Golf Club Honors Veterans: In recognition of Veterans Day Nov. 11, veterans and active military personnel can play for half the regular rate on Sunday, Nov. 10 with valid ID. To reserve a tee time: 704-248-4383.

Thanksgiving Brunch: Join The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge for its traditional Thanksgiving Brunch on Thursday, Nov. 28, from noon to 4 p.m. The sumptuous spread features seasonal salads, decorative displays, carving stations and decadent desserts. There will be live music from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person for adults; \$32 for children, ages 5-12; and complimentary for children ages 4 and under (pricing does not include alcoholic beverages, tax or gratuity). Private dining rooms are available for larger groups. Reservations: 704-248-4100 or visit www.gallery-restaurant.com.



Kellie Scott (left), Barbara Jamison

Ballantyne Artist in Greenway Exhibit

Red Sky Gallery in Charlotte will host an exhibition this fall of 50 works by nine local artists that depict greenways throughout the city.

Artist Barbara Jamison, one of the members of the artists' group "pARTners," and Red Sky Gallery owner Kellie Scott, are both residents of Ballantyne. A reception open to the public is Friday, Oct. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The show will run through Nov. 9.

Paintings are for sale at a variety of prices, with Red Sky Gallery donating a portion of the proceeds to Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation. A selection of the greenway paintings can be viewed at www.pARTnersart.net. Exhibit details: 704-377-6400 or www.redskygallery.com.



Zumbathon Headlines Fall Y Events

The Morrison Y will hold its sixth annual Zumbathon on Friday, Sept. 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ballantyne Corporate Park's Brixham Tent area. The Latin-influenced, full-body dance class under the late summer sky is free. Registration: 704-716-4680.

The YMCA Corporate Wellness Center in the Corporate Park will stage a Yin Yoga Workshop on Oct. 5. Cost: \$45 for members, \$60 for community. Reserve your space at the Members Services Desk.

Tickets for the fifth Inspire! Ballantyne Gala go on sale Oct. 1. The December evening features a silent auction, great food and outstanding music. Proceeds benefit the Y's Carolinas Cancer Wellness Program.



Cabin Hosts Fall Festival, Lectures

The Community House Fall Festival is Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic log cabin, officially known as the Lower Providence Community House.

The event features a petting zoo and 30 vendors selling jewelry, candles, garden art, hand-painted glassware, baskets and birdhouses. Big Bob Gibson will provide barbecue, and seating will be inside the cabin for meals.

The cabin is also home to a fall lecture series on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. Speakers include Robert Whitlow, author of legal suspense novels set in the South, on Oct. 13; and Haskell Eargle featuring "Christmas Decorations," on Dec. 1. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The Lower Providence Community House is at 9735 Community House Road, across from Community House Middle School. Proceeds from the festival and lecture series go toward cabin restoration. Women of the club meet at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of every month, and all in the community are welcome to join. Details: 704-905-8334 or www.lowerprovidencelogcabin.org.

BIZ BUZZ

Ballantyne Chamber Sets Fall Meetings

The Ballantyne Chapter of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will hold Thursday luncheon meetings this fall on Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and Dec. 5 at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door subject to a wait list. Registration: www.charlottechamber.com.

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Global Restaurant Bar & Lounge, located in Toringdon, celebrated its seventh anniversary in August with a special cocktail hour to thank loyal customers. The restaurant's contemporary French/American cuisine is the creation of chef/owner Bernard Brunet, who along with his wife and co-owner Shannon, have traveled the world. Info: 704-248-0866 or www.global-restaurant.com.

Bank Opens in Washington, D.C.

Carolina Premier Bank recently opened a Washington, D.C. branch. It will operate under the name of Premara Bank, a division of Carolina Premier Bank that is headquartered in D.C.



The futuristic design of the new branch features kinetic interactive walls, robotic bankers, sidewalk window screens and the latest in back-office technology. In addition to opening a Washington office, Carolina Premier Bank's parent, Premara Financial Inc., continues to explore acquisitions in the Washington and northern Virginia market and in the Carolinas.

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Bissell Cos. Announce Promotions, Hires

Michael Rayfield has been promoted to banquet chef at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge.

Kelly Morrow, chef de cuisine of Gallery Restaurant, has been appointed executive sous chef of The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge.

David Moore, sous chef of Gallery Restaurant, has been promoted to chef de cuisine of the same restaurant. Garret Merck has been promoted to sous chef at Gallery.



Garret Merck



David Moore



Kelly Morrow



Michael Rayfield



Whitehurst Launches New Service

Wendy Whitehurst, owner of Custom Marketing Solutions, has launched Next Level Advisor to serve as an outsourced marketing department for financial advisors and their firms. Most recently, she has helped market local wealth management firms and advisors, including Cornerstone Financial Partners, Blair Bohle & Whitsitt, Solamere Advisors and Prudential Investments. Info: 704-898-5585.

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Stacy Foley



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This painting by Dan Nance is now part of a Battle of Gettysburg app.

Dan Nance Painting on iPhone App

Hand Held History has launched a new iPhone app, Gettysburg Windows in Time, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The app provides users with visual depictions of key battles through overlays of paintings by renowned historical artists, including Ballantyne resident Dan Nance. The new app is available at the Apple App Store at www.handheldhistory.com.

Weichert, Realtors® Hires Taylor Miller

Realtor® Taylor Miller has joined the sales team at Weichert, Realtors® - Rebhan & Associates. A 15-year resident of the area who lives in Ballantyne, she will assist home buyers and sellers throughout North and South Carolina. Reach her at 704-553-7777.



Taylor Miller

Rotarians Honor Schmoll, Elect Board

Rotary International recently honored Jack Schmoll as a distinguished Rotarian for his service to the Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club and the community. Schmoll, who operates his own accounting firm, has provided expertise with tax accounting and regulations as the club's treasurer.



Jack Schmoll

The Meck-South club, which serves the community by providing assistance to youth, has also elected a new board for 2013-2014: Beth Trotter, president; Seth Marlowe, president-elect; Lisa Sperber, sergeant-at-arms; Ben Swoles, secretary; Jack Schmoll, treasurer; Sally-Jane Busk, membership chair; Steve Baune, community service chair; Frank Henry, past president; Daniel Beckman, president-elect nominee and foundation chair; and Joni Stanley, public relations chair. Info: www.mecksouthrotary.org.

Remi President Wins Award

Brent Howison, president of Remi, an equipment maintenance and asset management company, was awarded the Gold Stevie Award as "Executive of the Year" during the 11th Annual American Business Awards.

Remi also received the Stevie Award in the Company of the Year category. The awards, nicknamed the Stevies, acknowledge exceptional individuals for contributions to an organization and organizations for contributions to their communities.



Remi President Brent Howison (left) accepts the Executive of the Year award from Michael Gallagher, founder of the Stevie Awards.

OPENINGS



Children's Boutique Coming this Fall

Southern Cutie Pies will open early fall in Promenade on Providence. The boutique sells children's clothing, shoes and accessories from brands that include Biscotti, Deux Par Deux, Giggie Moon, Isobella and Chloe, Joyfolie, Kate Mack, Lelli Kelly, Lemon Loves Lime, Little English, Livie and Luca, Mayoral, Mud Pie, Mustard Pie, Paper Wings, Persnickety and Sam and Sydney. Info: 704-845-9380 or southerncutiepies@gmail.com.



Anything but typical.

Pizzeria Opens in Carmel Commons

The Rusty Onion Pizzeria & Pourhouse is open in Carmel Commons Shopping Center. The new casual dining restaurant features handcrafted pizzas and sandwiches for meat eaters and vegetarians, fresh salads and a wide selection of craft beers. Details: www.therustyonion.com.



Dentistry Practice Expands

Bird Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics will open

its new orthodontics office, Braces by Bird, this fall in Cedar Walk. The new site is across the street from the current practice in a recently completed building.

Dentist Suzanne E. Bird established the practice in 2008 and has provided care to over 10,000 patients. The practice is also hiring an additional pediatric dentist to further serve patients. Info: www.bracesbybird.com or danielle.patterson@birddentistry.com.

Women's Clothier Now In Promenade



Tash, a new locally owned women's "lifestyle" boutique, is now open in Promenade on Providence. Tash sells classic and contemporary clothing, handbags and accessories, including Walter and McGinn lines. All individual items are priced at less than \$250. Tash is also the exclusive Charlotte provider of Shira Melody Jewelry. Details: 704-708-4343 or www.tashcharlotte.com.

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Business Center Opens on Elm Lane

Forum Business Center is now open at 11220 Elm Lane near StoneCrest. The facility offers a professionally staffed business center with furnished private, shared and temporary office-space options, virtual business services and meeting facilities — all at fixed monthly rates. Details: 704-900-1390 or www.forumbusinesscenter.com.

Village at Robinson Farm Welcomes Eatery

The restaurant and bar, Bradshaw Social House, recently opened in the Village at Robinson Farm. Its interior features reclaimed furnishings, 20 TVs and roll-up doors that create an al fresco atmosphere. Signature items include grass-fed chipotle bison burgers with white cheddar, fried chicken pot pie and a Bar-B-Cuban Panini. Patio seating, take-out and a children's menu are available. Info: 704-543-7351.



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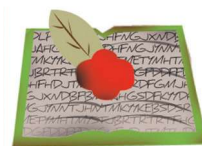
The Tippy Paintbrush, an eclectic BYOB art studio, provides classes for friends, birthday parties, corporate events and other social occasions. It is now open in Matthews. Info: 980-229-5500 or www.thetippypaintbrush.com.



Optometrists Add Sports Vision Care

Blink Eyecare and Eyewear in Cedar Walk will move this fall to a new building across from its current location. Optometrists Tracey MacIntyre and Charlene Henderson, who founded Blink, constructed the new facility in concert with Bird Pediatric Dentistry so both practices could accommodate patient demand.

At the new location, Blink will offer "Sports Vision Carolina," a new program to help athletes improve their performance through visual skills. Info: www.blinkcharlotte.com.



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Local Tutoring Center Expands

The Academic Advantage Center will open in expanded space this fall in the Hixon Building at Ballantyne Corporate Park. The tutoring center, which has been operating in the area for five years, has added a school to help parents teach home-schooled children higher-level courses. The center also helps place students in internships with local businesses to get a sense of a possible career direction before entering college. Info: 704-542-2042 or www.academicadvantagecenter.com.

Panera Opens Drive-Through In Arboretum

A Panera Bread Bakery-Cafe recently opened in the Arboretum. The new site is the second Panera drive-through in Charlotte and will also offer catering. Panera Bread is known for its handcrafted, freshly baked artisan breads, antibiotic-free chicken, select organic and all-natural ingredients and a menu with zero grams of added trans fat.

Cash donations made by customers at the Arboretum location are matched by Panera Bread and distributed to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Panera donated over \$50 million worth of unsold bread and baked goods in 2010 to help people in need. Details: 704-341-8162 or www.panerabread.com.




Ballantyne Village Home To Burger Spot

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Burger 21 is now open in Ballantyne Village. The eatery offers 21 burger creations made of freshly ground certified angus beef, chicken, turkey, shrimp or tuna, along with salads, chicken tenders and franks. Burger 21 also has a sauce bar as well as a shake bar with made-to-order floats, sundaes and milkshakes. Also provided is a gluten-free menu, children's menu, local craft beer on tap, wine by the glass and covered patio seating. Info: 704-900-5645 or www.burger21.com.

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BCC Rally Celebrates 10th Anniversary

This fall the all-volunteer Ballantyne Country Club Rally celebrates its 10th year of raising awareness and funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. In the summer, the BCC Barracudas swim team sold snow cones, cotton candy and pink bows to raise more than \$1,600 for BCC Rally. The team also showed their support by wearing pink swim caps.

In just five years, BCC Rally's home-grown Pink Bow Campaign has netted \$160,000 for the cause. The campaign raised a record \$57,000 in 2012, including donations from England, Germany, Hong Kong, Australia, Switzerland and the Cayman Islands.

Since 2004, BCC Rally has raised \$934,000 and is on track to meet the \$1 million goal for its 10th anniversary. Register for BCC Rally events at www.bccrally.org. Info about the pink bow campaign: pinkbow4rally@gmail.com or visit www.bccrally.org.

Church Holds 'Faith in Action' Sunday

On Sept. 8, Harrison United Methodist Church will forego its Sunday service so volunteers from the congregation and community can spend a day of "Faith in Action" — doing home repairs, landscaping, visits with the elderly and other projects that support local agencies, such as the Charlotte Rescue Mission, Bethlehem Center, Pineville Elementary and Moore Place. The day of service will end with a fellowship dinner at the church. Details: 704-541-3463 or anita.king@harrisonumc.org.



Foundation Hosts Race Sept. 21

The Isabella Santos Foundation's 6th Annual Race for Kids Cancer is scheduled for 8 a.m. Sept. 21 in Ballantyne Corporate Park. Last year the 5K race drew 1,600 participants and raised \$200,000 to help find a cure for pediatric cancer and support local children's charities.

The organization honors Isabella Santos, the daughter of Ballantyne residents Erin and Stuart Santos, who died of neuroblastoma. Registration and details: www.isabellasantosfoundation.com.



Golf Tourney Helps Kidney Patients

The National Kidney Foundation stages its annual local golf tournament, The Cadillac Golf Classic, at Ballantyne Country Club on Monday, Oct. 21. The top three finishers will be eligible to compete in a national championship at Pebble Beach Resorts.

The event concludes with a barbecue dinner, silent auction and raffle. Funds raised benefit kidney patients in North Carolina and elsewhere. To register, email jane.weaver@kidney.org or call 704-519-0020.



Big South Holds 5K Oct. 19

The Big South Conference will host the fourth annual Big South 5K Road Race on Saturday, Oct. 19 in the Ballantyne area. The course begins and ends at Blakeney Shopping Center.

Last year a record 1,200 participants representing 50 local middle schools in Mecklenburg and Union counties helped raise \$17,000 for middle school athletic programs. Businesses interested in supporting this year's race may contact Matt VanSandt at 704-341-7990 or mattv@bigsouth.org.

Individuals, community teams or corporate teams may register at www.bigsouth5k.com. The event's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BigSouth5KRoadRace, includes interactive features and race information, as well as gift cards and prizes from race sponsors.

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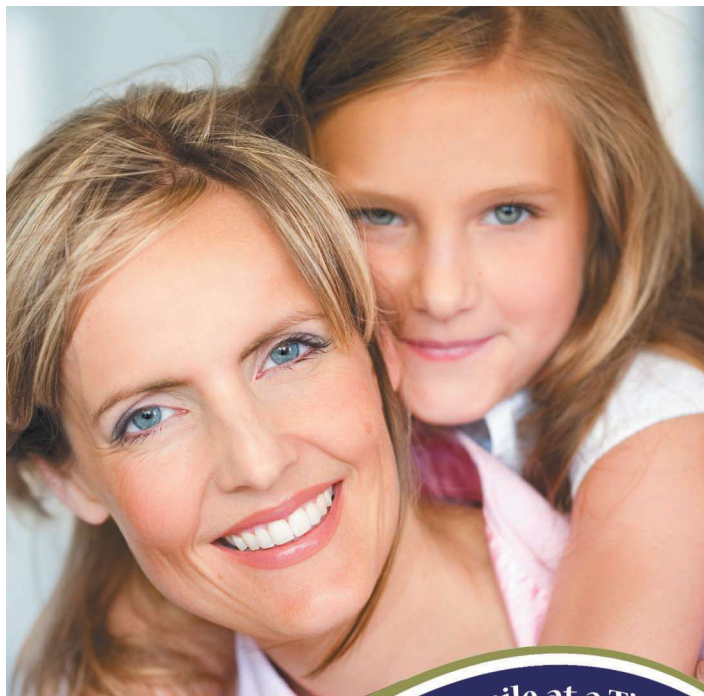
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These leaders were among those who attended the Business Leaders of Charlotte's check presentation at Buona Vita Restaurant & Bar in June (from left): Myra McNeely, BLOC community involvement director; Michael A. Barnes, BLOC president; Susan Andersen, founder, ANSWER Scholarship Endowment.

Business Leaders Raise Scholarship Money

Business Leaders of Charlotte raised \$16,300 at its ninth annual charity golf tournament to benefit the ANSWER Scholarship Endowment. ANSWER, founded by Ballantyne resident Susan Andersen, provides scholarships to mothers in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties seeking their first four-year college degree or associate degree.

More than 130 golfers played in the May tournament at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge in Charlotte. Title sponsor of the tournament was MetLife of the Carolinas. Additional sponsors included Carolina Office Solutions, Hendrix Business Systems, HF Financial, Hibiscus Brand Management and Pruitt Keener Insurance Services. To make a tax-deductible gift to ANSWER, visit www.answerscholarship.org. More info: info@answerscholarship.org or call 704-544-1988.

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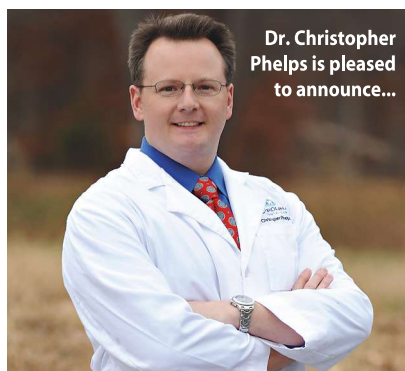
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Bauer finished the race in nine days and 22 hours while sleeping only 17 hours and using the HYPOXI machine for five hours. Learn more: 704-944-3250 or www.hypoxi.com.




Remi collected 3,477 markers for the Color the Park drive.

Corporate Park Supports Classroom Central

Ballantyne Corporate Park achieved impressive results with its sixth annual Color the Park School Supplies Drive this summer.

With Remi and Snyder's-Lance as co-chairs, the Ballantyne community collected 13,591 packs of markers and 1,510 miscellaneous supplies for Classroom Central. The drive ran from July 29 through Aug. 2.

Tenants demonstrated creativity in their collection efforts. Remi gathered its 3,477 markers by competing for paid time off.

Local businesses also participated in the Color the Park drive. Books are Fun hosted a \$6 event, and the mobile food truck Wingzza visited the Corporate Park. Both vendors donated a percentage of proceeds to Classroom Central. 

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FROM ELVIS PRESLEY TO AL GREEN TO ONEREPUBLIC, the “Faces” in this edition exude personality based on the tunes they love — and much more.

One is an artist and university teacher; one ponders personnel as a human resources professional and one is the consummate volunteer in a highly successful local fundraising organization.

They share a love of Ballantyne replete with their favorite restaurants and knowledge of hidden gems. Find out where to buy an eggplant parmesan lunch special so good that you just might purchase an extra order for your spouse that evening. Learn about a coffee proprietor who just might be the best in town. Visit a Middle Eastern restaurant that just might be the most satisfying you’ve had, here or elsewhere.

Born in vastly different locales, our personalities dream of vacations equally divergent. The artist yearns to see more art museums (Surprise!), the volunteer eyes a trip Down Under and the HR pro appears to have Italy and the Greek Isles in a neck-and-neck competition.

What else defines these personalities? You’re invited to turn the page and see. Meet Darren Young, Kshama Jobanputra and Terri Williamson.



DARREN YOUNG

Birthplace: Charlotte.

Job: Artist (painter) and art professor, Wingate University.

What's your guilty pleasure?

A glass of pinot noir.

Do you live in Ballantyne?

Just outside in Indian Land, S.C. I live in a country cottage in the woods.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant?

Miro Spanish Grille.

What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Hiking.

Describe your dream vacation.

To go to all of the great art museums in Europe and Russia that I haven't been to yet.

What would your theme song be for walking into a room?

"A Little Less Conversation" by Elvis Presley.

What is your favorite news source?

A combination of NPR on WFAE 90.7 FM and 1110 WBT Radio.

I would be rather caught dead than wear ____.

Nothing.

What charitable organizations are you involved with? Why?

Autism Speaks. My son has autism.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

People not being on time.

What is a hidden gem in Ballantyne?

Kabob Grill in StoneCrest.

Share something that someone would never guess about you.

My interests vary a great deal from art to politics, music and sports. I'm interested in all kinds of topics.



KSHAMA JOBANPUTRA

Birthplace: Toronto.

Job: Human resources consultant,
Bank of America.

What do you like most about your job?

Being able to take business strategy
and apply it to people.

What's your guilty pleasure?

Red wine and a good romance novel.

**What is your favorite Ballantyne-area
restaurant?**

Firebirds at StoneCrest. I love the
shrimp and strawberry salad.

What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Playing with my kids. I have a 4½-
year old and a 15-month old.

Describe your dream vacation.

Italy and the Greek Isles

**What would your theme song be for walking
into a room?**

It's not a theme song, but one of my absolute
favorite songs is "Let's Stay Together" by
Al Green. I've sung it to my husband, even
to my boys as I put them to sleep!

What is your favorite news source?

CNBC or The New York Times online.

I would be rather caught dead than wear ____.

Booty/Daisy Duke shorts.

**What charitable organizations are you involved
with?**

Team in Training, the Canadian Cancer
Society and the American Cancer Society.
My dad passed away from cancer when I
was 14, and so I support where I can.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

People who chew loudly.

What is a hidden gem in Ballantyne?

I doubt that it's much of a secret, but the eggplant
parmesan lunch special at On the Green Deli is
better than any other I've had. When I used to work
in the Ballantyne Corporate Park, I would get an
extra lunch special to take home to my husband!

**Share something that someone would never
guess about you.**

I was born and raised in Canada.

TERRI WILLIAMSON

Birthplace: Michigan. Lived there briefly and grew up in New England.

Job: Volunteer position, board member and captain of business partnerships, BCC Rally.

What do you like most about your job?

I enjoy working with the all-volunteer team to raise funds and awareness to help end breast cancer.

Do you live in Ballantyne?

Yes — for nearly 10 years.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant?

Hands down: Ilios Noche.

What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Snow skiing — as long as the temperature is above 25 degrees and the sun is shining.

Describe your dream vacation.

A continent I have not been to before (first choice, Australia), or a return to South Africa, where my husband and I got engaged. I would love to experience another safari but this time utilizing high-tech photography.

What would your theme song be for walking into a room?

"Good Life" by OneRepublic.

What is your favorite news source?

Nationally, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. Locally, the CBS 11 p.m. news with Molly Grantham and Paul Cameron.

I would be rather caught dead than wear ____.

Uncomfortable shoes.

What charitable organizations are you involved with? Why?

BCC Rally. It's a nonprofit organization that hosts a week-long series of events at the end of each September that benefit Rally for the Cure and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Our work helps families in the Charlotte area and in 13 surrounding counties.

What is a hidden gem in Ballantyne?

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Share something that someone would never guess about you.

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Prom

You likely will be anticipating this day, particularly as your children become teenagers. There's the dress, the tux, the corsage, the boutonniere, the dinner, perhaps even a limo. And there's your daughter's or son's date!

Carve out a little dress rehearsal time for them (and perhaps their favorite friends) and hire a professional photographer to document the big moment. You'll be the coolest parents on the block!

Weddings

Some say photographing a bride and groom prior to wedding day is a "Southern Thing," but in reality, it should be an "Every Wedding Thing!" Wedding day is chaotic, and often photographers do not have enough time to capture great portraits.

In particular, the bridal portrait is not only the legacy photograph of all legacies, in my opinion, but it is the greatest dress rehearsal of all time. Brides discover everything from how the dress stretches and wears after only a few short hours to changing their minds on hair, makeup, shoes and accessories.

Baby Bump

This is a legacy portrait not to be overlooked. Your wife or daughter's physique is changing. Her mood is up and down.

Partnering with a photographer who makes her feel comfortable and beautiful will lift and enlighten any soon-to-be-mama's spirit. From wearing a beautiful flowing dress to exposing bare-naked skin — her bump is a celebration.

'Just Because'

As humans in a busy world, we live on an emotional roller coaster. We have skinny days, fat days, cold days, hot days (or as my mother-in-law calls them, "Thermal Events"). We all like to feel and look our best. It is in those moments of confidence that you pull out that camera and document that shining spirit — just because!

Birthdays

Five! 10! 13! Sweet 16! 18! 21! 30! 40! 50! 60! You get the picture (I hope). Each birthday is significant but many tell a story and are worthy of documentation. Consider that we often document our child's change and growth each month leading up to his or her first birthday. Let's keep it going and not forget ourselves, too.



A safari theme could be ideal for the family who loves outdoor adventure.

Family

It is easy to dress in coordinating casual outfits, hit the park or beach and snap beautiful photographs. But for your next family portrait, ask yourself: Are you an adventurous family? A cooking family? A gardening family? An athletic family?

Dive into the loves and interests of your family and mark those memories. Dress in


couture and find a castle-like setting, visit your local thrift shop or community theater to round up items for a safari-themed photo or drop by a costume shop for regalia and props from your favorite musical era or movie. Ideas are limitless.

What is your legacy? How do you want to be remembered? Take that answer and couple it with your favorite events, occasions, settings and outfits. Then just snap away, freezing the moments for fun and posterity. 📷

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MEMORABLE HOLE



THAT 9 SHINE



Ballantyne golf courses offer many picturesque scenes, including this one between the 13th and 14th holes at Ballantyne Country Club.

By Chelsea Demers

CAROLINA GOLFERS have long been afforded the luxury of world-class golf courses combined with year-round playable weather conditions. Golf in Ballantyne is no exception.

As the fall temperatures cool and skies turn vibrant blue, golfers flock to the generous collection of public daily-fee and private courses in the Ballantyne area.

We asked nine area golf pros to describe their club's signature hole, and we found each of the nine holes to have a distinctive quality, spectacular view or a particular twist that golfers remember long after they finish their round.

Photo by Ray Sepesy



Photo courtesy of Raintree Country Club

Raintree Country Club's ninth hole on the north course is a long downhill par 3 with an elevated tee box. A plan of attack must focus on the stretch of pond and fountain located between the tee and the target. According to Justin Mathers, assistant professional, the hole is known for both its beauty and challenge and is often used as the finishing hole for club championships.

Meanwhile, at Charlotte Golf Links, what makes the 16th hole so demanding is its overall difficulty. There is no water to deal with, but the test lies within the 15- to 18-foot elevated dome green.

There is a drop of four to five feet from the pinnacle of the green, sloping in all directions. The center of the green is the only flat part, so spin on the

ball is required or be prepared for a long chip shot. "It's a risk or reward hole," says head professional Andrew Ross. "It's one of the hardest par 3's in Charlotte. If you get a par, you're happy. It will either make or break your round."

The Club at Longview is known for a long par 5 that seems to be all laid out in front of you. Despite testing your length at 596 yards, the sixth hole is elegant and picturesque. Nonetheless, strategically placed fairway bunkers can make for a difficult second shot. The hole finishes with a surprise as the green is bordered with a rock-paved wall and is reached over water that contains a large flowing fountain. Assistant professional Bill DeVore says this isn't a par 5 where you can reach the green in two shots.

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CHARLOTTE GOLF LINKS



Photo courtesy of Charlotte Golf Links

"IT'S A RISK OR REWARD HOLE. IT'S ONE OF THE HARDEST PAR 3'S IN CHARLOTTE."

— Pro Andrew Ross says of Charlotte Golf Links' 16th hole

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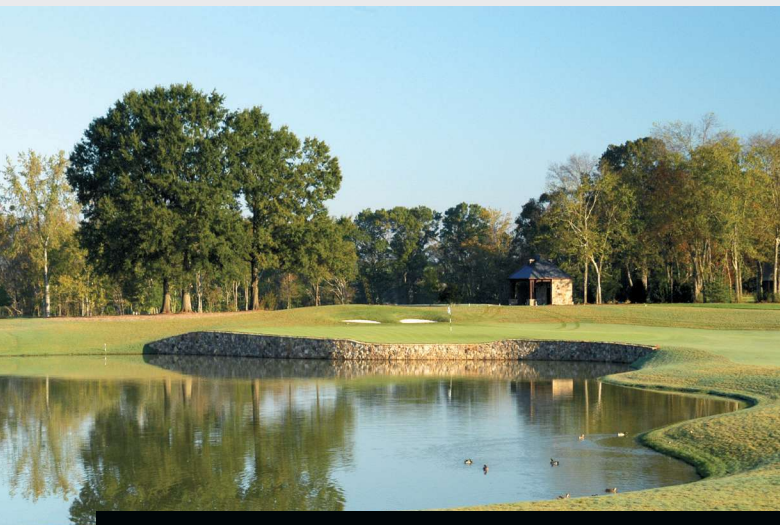


Photo courtesy of Longview Country Club

THE CLUB AT LONGVIEW

TPC PIPER GLEN

At TPC Piper Glen, assistant golf professional Casey Flattery says the par-3 17th is one of the shortest holes on the course.

"It's picturesque because you get to see the 18th tee box as well as the lake, but the undulations dividing the green and the back-to-front slope even out the difficulty of the shorter length," Flattery notes.

Providence Country Club's par-3, 190-yard 16th green is framed by fuchsia-blooming azaleas and is reached by an elevated tee shot that must carry over an intimidating pond.

Providence assistant golf pro Steve Stahl tells this story about a hole-in-one on No. 16 this spring. A few days before playing, Granville Hearn, 94, spoke with his son. He said one of his goals was to score another hole-in-one to go

BALLANTYNE'S SIGNATURE HOLES

Ballantyne Country Club

No. 3, par 3
185 yards

Carolina Lakes Golf Club

No. 16, par 3
205 yards

Charlotte Golf Links

No. 16, par 3
201 yards

Firethorne Golf Club

No. 5, par 4
402 yards

Providence Country Club

No. 16, par 3
190 yards

Raintree Country Club

No. 9, north course, par 3
221 yards

The Club at Longview

No. 6, par 5
596 yards

The Golf Club at Ballantyne

No. 18, par 4
420 yards

TPC Piper Glen

No. 17, par 3
142 yards



Photo by Ray Sepeasy



Photo courtesy of Providence Country Club

PROVIDENCE COUNTRY CLUB

with one he already had. When Hearn came to 16, he selected a 5-iron, didn't second-guess it and much to his delight watched his dream come true.

Firethorne Golf Club is known for having one of the highest slope ratings of any course in the Charlotte area. The par-4, 402-yard 5th hole gives golfers a true test of this difficulty.

A tee shot of 240 to 260 yards that favors the left side of the fairway is generally the best approach to this severe dogleg left. Invisible from the tee box, a lower-tier fairway provides a simple wedge to a shallow, raised green. A water hazard, wide swath of rough and downhill lie await the approach for a tee shot that veers too far

FIRETHORNE GOLF CLUB



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BALLANTYNE COUNTRY CLUB



Photo by Ray Sepesy

FIRETHORNE'S PAR-4, 402-YARD 5TH HOLE GIVES GOLFERS A TRUE TEST.

right. General Manager Scott Simerlink notes that precision off the tee is paramount and could be the difference between a legitimate birdie chance and bringing bogey or worse into play.

Although the par-3, 185-yard No. 3 at Ballantyne Country Club is easy on the eyes, strategy is required from the tee. The green is hard to read because it disguises its undulations.

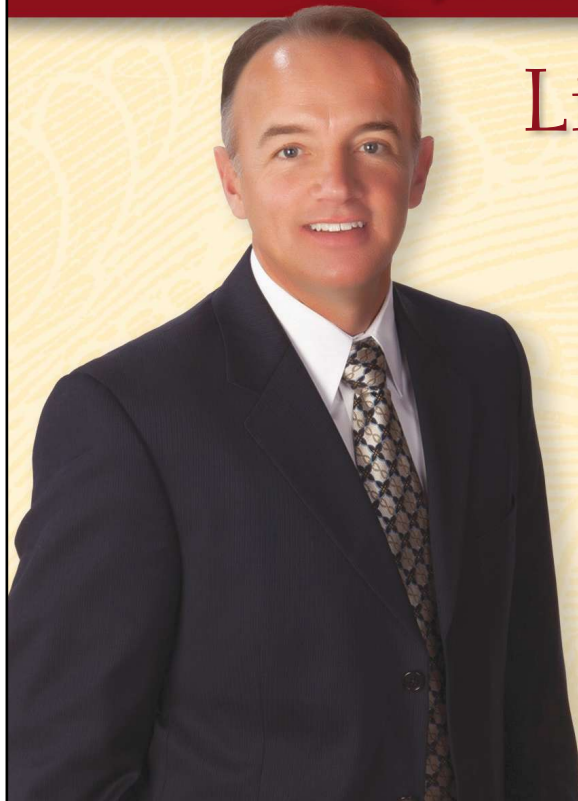
The shelf on the back left of the green and the entire front right slopes down toward a pond. "If you hit it long, it will be a tough shot coming back. If you hit your tee shot short, you're dead," says assistant golf professional Jordan Stelmach. There is hope, however. One of the club's junior golfers, Mason Elmore, scored a hole-in-one hitting his 6-iron from 161 yards.

The long and challenging par-3 No. 16 at Carolina Lakes Golf Club may or may not be something to look forward to down the home stretch. The hole plays at 205 yards from the tips and has water and long, deep bunker obstacles to reach the green.

And, depending on where the pin is located, the two-tiered green can make or break a round in and of itself. The beautiful body of water and bunker that frame the green create a spectacular view. "It's just very picturesque from the tee," says head pro Todd Burrell. "It's often a hole you remember after playing Carolina Lakes."

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THE GOLF CLUB AT BALLANTYNE CAROLINA LAKES GOLF CLUB

420-yard hole offers pure intimidation. This dogleg left par 4 has a bunker straight ahead in the safe landing zone, a creek running along the front of the fairway and continuing along the left side, and a pond at the front right of the green.

Many property amenities can be seen from the tee, including Dana Rader Golf School to the left, The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge's pool to the right, the hotel itself in the distance, the Gallery Bar just behind the green and a beautiful fountain in the center of a pond.


"What makes it so intimidating is that there can sometimes be 40 to 50 people sitting out on the veranda from both the Gallery and hotel bar watching you come in," says pro shop assistant Jonathan Grab. This hole may be breathtaking, but remember to breathe when going for the green in regulation to impress the crowd. 



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THE LONG AND CHALLENGING PAR-3 NO. 16 AT CAROLINA LAKES GOLF CLUB MAY OR MAY NOT BE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO DOWN THE HOME STRETCH.



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Extravaganza**

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THE ONLY THINGS HOTTER THAN THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE CHARLOTTE'S FILLMORE BALLROOM on this mid-July evening were the guitar licks and riffs laid on the adoring crowd at the Girls & Guitars benefit concert. Sitting up front on the rail at a special VIP table was Loretta Cozart, the winner of the "Backstage at The Fillmore — VIP Experience." Happy to be at her side was husband William "Kip" Cozart.

The Cozarts, each 53, are longtime residents of Ballantyne's Landen Meadows neighborhood. Loretta was





"We are big country-western fans, and I was particularly excited when I learned we'd be seeing Kellie Pickler."

— Loretta Cozart

BALLANTYNE | date night



Crystal chandeliers decorate the bar and the hall at The Fillmore Charlotte.



Loretta and Kip Cozart enjoyed VIP passes that included dinner and a stage-side seat.



randomly selected from hundreds of entrants in a contest sponsored by WKKT 96.9 “The Kat” radio station and Ballantyne Magazine.

Featuring an A-list of country and pop singers, the all-girl line-up boasted some of Nashville’s most recognizable stars, including Katie Armiger, Rachel Farley, Maggie Rose, Cassadee Pope,

season three winner of NBC’s “The Voice,” and this year’s winner, Danielle Bradbery, who was celebrating her 17th birthday the evening of the show.

The headliner was none other than Albemarle, N.C. native and “American Idol” and “Dancing with the Stars” sweetheart Kellie Pickler. Her homecoming was greeted

with the evening’s wildest enthusiasm.

“I was absolutely thrilled to learn that I had been selected,” Loretta Cozart said before the concert. “We are big country-western fans, and I was particularly excited when I learned we’d be seeing Kellie Pickler. She represents the South so well, and I’m taken with the way she carries



The event benefited the Levine Children’s Hospital and the Ryan Seacrest Foundation.

herself. We’ve never seen her in person so this is a real treat.”

Benefit for Kids

The evening supported the Levine Children’s Hospital in

partnership with the Ryan Seacrest Foundation. The funds raised went toward the opening of an in-house multi-media broadcast center named "Seacrest Studios," giving kids their own radio studio and a place for closed-circuit shows.

The equipment will enable guest artists and celebrities to provide on-site virtual visits via the hospital's own entertainment system. 96.9 The Kat donated all the proceeds from concert ticket sales to the Ryan Seacrest Foundation.

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As Kip and Loretta entered the fabled dance hall, they stopped to take it all in. "We've never been here before," Kip said. "It is pretty overwhelming."

The Cozarts were impressed with the vast space, tiered ballroom flooring and opulent crystal chandeliers lining the bar and adorning the hall. Walls of deep lipstick-red and black velvet mimic the look of the club in San Francisco that rose to iconic fame in the 1960s.

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Above: Meeting Kellie Pickler was the highlight for the Cozarts.

Left: Cowboy boots were the concert's shoe du jour.



Before the show, the couple enjoyed plenty of excitement and regal treatment. They were escorted to the VIP Section and treated to an Italian buffet that featured bruschetta, spaghetti carbonara, tortellini, mini-grilled cheese with prosciutto, pork tenderloin and cannoli for dessert.

People Watching

As the ballroom filled with fans young and old, the excitement began to build. The Cozarts remarked on the "people watching," and indeed it was fun to see moms with young daughters, couples decked in full-fringed western regalia, cowgirls in leather and lace and everywhere you looked — cowboy boots.

Boots, boots and more boots moved all over the hall, each pair attached to owners just itching to shake it up when their guitar-toting heroines took the stage.

Just before the announced show time, the Cozarts got

Boots, boots and more boots moved all over the hall, each pair attached to owners just itching to shake it up when their guitar-toting heroines took the stage.

word the performers would welcome them backstage where they could meet the stars and snap a photo.

In true Fillmore style, the backstage lounge "Green Room" was the same bold red as in the front of the house. The gal guitarists were eager to meet their fans and provide a personal "hello." As glamorous as they were in advance of performing for 4,000 fans, they



The all-woman show featured top Nashville performers (from left) Cassadee Pope, Danielle Bradbery, Rachel Farley, Maggie Rose, Katie Armiger and Kellie Pickler.

were equally down-to-earth and friendly in taking time to greet each VIP as if they were a special visitor to their home.

When it was Loretta and Kip's turn for a photo op with Kellie Pickler, Loretta turned to the star and told her how proud she

was of the way she represented North Carolina to the world and that the state should give her some special recognition.

Pickler beamed and thanked the Cozarts, telling them she hoped they would enjoy the show.

"Isn't it wonderful that all


of us girls are in a position to do something that has such a positive benefit for children," Pickler said. "It is so nice to be back at home in the Tar Heel state where friends can come out to the show and I get to see so many familiar faces."

'Red High Heels'

Pickler and the other stars didn't disappoint on stage either. Each performer cranked up the crowd with a solo and

then they all played together, bringing their fans to a near frenzy. Pickler had the crowd on its feet rocking and dancing the night away, especially with her huge hit finale, "Red High Heels."

"Meeting Kellie Pickler was clearly the highlight," Loretta said. "It could not have been a more enjoyable evening."

For thousands of fans filing out of the Fillmore that night after the show, they likely were thinking the same thing. 



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On Pace to Become Pineville Elementary

By Tony Mecia
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The Greening of CMS



County's First LEED-Certified Public School

PINEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S NICKNAME IS THE SMILERS, and Principal Brian Doerer has a lot to smile about these days.

Sure, he's happy to be in a brand new building, adjacent to the 45-year-old one off South Polk Street, where he had a windowless office and routinely

battled temperamental heating and air systems and rusty pipes.

But beyond that, Doerer is pleased his school, when it opens for students at the end of August, will be the most environmentally friendly public school in Mecklenburg County. Its construction will serve as a

"When they first come to this new building, students and parents will feel the openness of the school — the warm, inviting space."

— Pineville Principal
Brian Doerer



Greeting parents at the new school will be a principal who is all smiles.

model for future Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, and it's likely to become the first school in the county to be LEED-certified — a nationally recognized distinction

awarded to buildings that meet green standards for construction and operation.

"When they first come to this new building, students and parents will feel the openness of the school — the warm, inviting space," Doerer says. "We've been known as that as a community, but now the building will match the people."

Nationally, interest in environmentally friendly buildings has been taking off. Typically, such buildings cost more to construct initially, but then save their owners money over the long term by reducing utility costs. About 82 percent of K-12 school districts in the country say they have done work on at least some green projects in the last three years, according

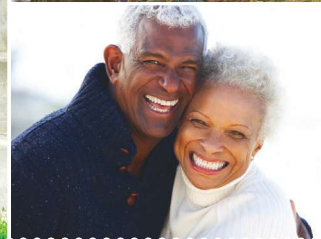
to a recent survey by McGraw-Hill Construction.

Locally, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools has been recognized by Duke Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program for its efforts to reduce energy use. But none of the 159 CMS schools has been designated as LEED-certified.

New School Holds 800

That's expected to change with the \$16.5 million project at Pineville Elementary. The new school accommodates about 800 students, most of whom live south of Interstate 485 between Interstate 77 and Dorman Road. Students

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Walk through the new Pineville Elementary and it doesn't look or feel much different from other new schools in CMS.

Bamboo walls and many other common environmental elements are not part of the school.



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also come from pockets of neighborhoods between Lancaster Highway and the S.C. border, plus neighborhoods north of I-485 that are west of McMullen Creek and south of Pineville-Matthews Road.

Walk through the new Pineville Elementary and it doesn't look or feel much different from other new schools in CMS: There are no solar panels, rooftop vegetation, bamboo walls or other standout features you might expect from a building designed to be certified for its environmental construction. It's brick on the outside, painted white cinder blocks on the inside.

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Walls at Pineville Elementary are made of a traditional material, cinder block.

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If it looks like a typical new CMS school, that's because it mostly is, says Hamilton Cort of Cort Architectural Group, which designed the building. "They haven't implemented anything crazy or flashy," Cort says.

For the last few years, CMS has been designing and building schools with many of the same energy-efficient features as Pineville, but decided that Pineville would be a suitable school to apply for LEED status.

Cort has documented the construction features that earn points toward LEED certification, such as ensuring that 30 percent of construction materials come from within a 500-mile radius. Other CMS schools might have achieved that, but the district does not routinely keep track.

Reflective Roof, Bicycle Storage

However, Pineville does have a few features that not every new CMS school has, such as a white-reflective roof, bicycle storage, changing rooms for employees and more vegetation on its grounds, which cuts down on mowing costs. With those additions, construction costs for Pineville were only about 1 percent higher than those at a similarly constructed school that is not pursuing LEED certification, Stoney Creek Elementary near University City, Cort says.



"I think we've struck a reasonable balance between the measures we employ in these schools and the cost that it takes to employ them."

— CMS Associate Superintendent Guy Chamberlain

The school system would like to build even more environmentally efficient schools, but it has to be mindful of the cost, says Guy Chamberlain, CMS associate superintendent for auxiliary services.

Pineville is shooting for the lowest level of LEED certification, known simply as "LEED-certified." Other local buildings have higher ratings, such as the uptown children's library, *ImaginOn*, which opened as LEED Silver in 2005, and the Duke Energy Center, which is LEED Platinum. CMS eschews sustainable but higher-cost materials such as cork floors and reflective pavement.

"I think we've struck a reasonable balance between the measures we employ in these schools and the cost that it takes to employ them," Chamberlain says. "If you go to a LEED-certified Silver or Gold or Platinum, you do pay a lot of money, and we're not ready to do that."



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At the same time, he says, new schools such as Pineville save on operating costs. Water, sewer, gas and electric costs total about \$0.97 per square foot at new schools, compared with, for instance, the \$1.43 per square foot at old Pineville last year — a savings of more than 30 percent.

Future elementary schools will be built similar to the Pineville prototype, with features such as motion-sensor lights, low-chemical and recycled building materials, water-efficient landscaping and parking spaces for hybrid and electric vehicles.


Still, in the years ahead, Chamberlain doesn't rule out more aggressive green construction, such as building a net-zero energy school — a building that produces as much energy as it consumes. Hoke County is opening a LEED Gold middle school this year south of Fayetteville, complete with

Features at Pineville Elementary that will be part of future CMS schools include motion-sensor lights and low-chemical and recycled building materials.

solar panels and a geothermal heating and cooling system.

There are no concrete plans for such a school here. Financing would be tricky, and CMS does not have money for a school-building spree. Voters will likely be asked to approve bonds for school construction in November's election.

Back at Pineville Elementary, Doerer is busy getting ready for the new school year.

There are boxes to unpack and small construction items to be finished, such as the "enviroscape" — the natural habitat exhibit of native plants in the school's lobby. On the first day of school, there should be lots of reasons for more smiles. 

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Trattoria Antica Serves Flavors from Southern Italy

By Amy Rogers Photos by Ray Sepesy

AT FIRST GLANCE, the tiny island of Ischia, off the coast of Italy, might not appear to have anything in common with the North Carolina town of Waxhaw, just south of Charlotte.

But within a few moments of stepping inside Trattoria Antica, the connection starts to become clear. With rustic décor and an authentic menu, the eatery evokes its founder's home country, something Augusto Conte took great care to put in place. But it also pays tribute to a sensibility



Owner Augusto Conte takes pride in Trattoria Antica's warm, welcoming atmosphere.



The restaurant's cannelloni stuffed with chicken, ricotta and spinach is a popular dish.

With rustic décor and an authentic menu, the eatery evokes its founder's home country.

that feels Southern: warm, welcoming and comfortable.

Trattoria Antica's signature starter is the Antipasto Toscano. Sweet, roasted peppers and smoky, grilled eggplant join fresh mozzarella and cured meats in a flavorful arrangement. Tender mussels — Cozze Napoletana — are sautéed with cherry tomatoes, basil, garlic and white wine in the regional style of Naples, the port city just a short ferry ride from Ischia.

Satisfying Dishes

In Italian cookery, pasta historically has been served as a first course preceding an entree, but this menu offers several dishes so satisfying that a crisp salad is accompaniment enough. Cannelloni stuffed with chicken, ricotta and spinach, and baked until bubbly, is a favorite.

Beef, chicken and fish can be prepared simply, although a hearty scaloppini of Veal Romana with brown gravy, peppers, eggplant and

mozzarella, is always popular, especially as days grow shorter and the season turns chilly.

For a sweet finish, choices range from a light, Sicilian-style cheesecake to a caramelized crème brûlée to a dark, dense Tortino di Cioccolato.

Selected entrees and desserts can be ordered for meetings, catered events or just "family-style" for six.

American palates tend to prefer wines from Tuscany, but Conte predicts wines from Sicily, made from grapes grown in the rich soil near Mount Etna, an active volcano on the east

coast of the island, will be in demand soon.

'Family Atmosphere'

Fine food is only one of the reasons patrons will drive from Weddington, Ballantyne, Blakeney and Lancaster. Over espresso and sparkling water, restaurateur Conte explains. "The concept is a traditional, authentic, family atmosphere. It's what you'd find in Rome." Or in Ischia, where from the age of 10, he began his career by working as a bus boy at a resort during summers. He attended culinary school but left behind

his formal studies to work in European restaurants.

He came to the U.S. in 1985, and by 1995 he and his wife Christine were living in North Carolina. "We decided Charlotte was the right place for us," he recalls. As their family grew so did the Conte Restaurant Group, which also includes Toscana, Mezzanotte, Luce and Malabar. "I have great people behind me," Conte says,

including Trattoria Antica chef David Lopez.

Like countless new Southerners who've put down roots in the growing region, he now considers himself a Charlottean. For his philanthropic work, Conte was awarded the 2013 Patrick McCrory International Entrepreneur Award.

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Maddie and Mark Mills (from left), Dan Forth and Allen Cassell enjoy a garage party as Cassell mixes the malt mixture known as "wort" in a turkey fryer.



ALLIES IN ALE



BALLANTYNE HOME BREWERS
SHARE FRIENDSHIP, LOVE OF BEER

By Nan Bauroth
Photos by Dustin Peck

ONE HAILS FROM JERSEY. THE OTHER FROM ALABAMA, with one of those drawls you can cut with a knife. When the two transplants moved into the same Ballantyne neighborhood, however, they discovered a shared passion that transcended their North-South cultural divide — the taste of a good beer.

“In the beginning we would go to Harris Teeter or Total Wine and read labels on hundreds of bottles to find unique beers, but they were expensive,” says Mark Mills, a partner in Carolina Technical Services, which provides water and wastewater instrumentation to municipalities. “So, one day we decided to try brewing



Hops is a key ingredient in brewing beer.

our own.”

Eight years later, he and neighbor Alan Cassell have become brew brothers, cooking batches of their favorite beers together and fermenting a friendship that transcends the beverage. The two are also among a devoted cadre of home brewers in Ballantyne who not only savor their products but the people they meet along the

way.

“Home brewing is about the beer, but more about socializing with people who like the same thing,” says Cassell, a senior fabricator for Boxman Studios, which transforms used cargo containers into trade show booths and event spaces. “It’s so much fun, and with three kids, I don’t have a chance to play much. But by brewing I get to hang out with the guys. Brewing gives me time with Mark when I normally wouldn’t have it.”

Mills also relishes brew time with Cassell. “Our wives have given us the OK because they know how much we enjoy doing this. The beer gets its time.” By time, he is referring to the process, which takes six weeks.

Cooking the recipe involves several hours, which the men complete in Mills’ garage using his turkey fryer. Cassell’s

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— Ballantyne resident Mark Mills



Above: Mark Mills and Allen Cassell check out the beer-making kit.

Right: Hops becomes part of the process by stirring it into the hot brew.

Below: Letting the hops strain into the mixture is an important step.



13-year-old son, Ben, serves as official timer. "He helps us lay out everything that goes into the recipe because things get added at a certain time," Mills says. "Alan and I jaw around and add ingredients until it is done."

mood when we are looking at the recipe," Mills says.

The two men enjoy their home-brewed beers so much that they parcel them out carefully. "Once a batch is done, we hold it very close to our



During fermentation the beer sits in a five-gallon carboy glass jug perched on Mills' dining room table. The most laborious step is sanitizing the bottles. But with every stage, the men get to spend time together. Each brew results in 50 to 55 bottles, with the all-in-one kit costing \$25 to \$30. Their favorite recipes include Panther's Pride, any IPA (India Pale Ale) and stouts. "It depends on our

breast," Mills says with pride. "We don't mind sharing a few, but these beers are precious to us. We made them. When Alan and I sit down and drink a beer together, we share what we brewed. When company comes, we get the Miller Lites out."

Peanut Butter Porters

Like many home brewers, Ballantyne resident Jim Boland got into the hobby because

he loves to cook. "I also like experimentation with new things and am intrigued by the chemistry involved in home brewing," explains Boland, who works in sales for the banking industry. He cooks his batches in the garage using his lobster pot.



Above: The men continue to add ingredients to make their brew.

Below: A five-gallon carboy glass jug holds beer while it ferments.



As with Cassell and Mills, home brewing has a definite social component for Boland. "I liken it to guys standing around a car engine while the work is getting done," he says. "Men want to sit around and talk. Many of us have busy jobs and families and don't have

much of an opportunity to get together."

IPAs are Boland's personal favorite, but he enjoys brewing many varieties. Last spring he made a wheat beer and this fall will cook up a heartier recipe for Oktoberfest. "Friends from Louisiana have a crawfish boil every year, and we all bring our home brew. Some created a peanut butter porter, which imparts a nutty taste to the beer. Another friend did a coffee-flavored stout. The fun is trying to figure out a recipe and make it taste better than what you can buy."

The BrewMaster

When it comes to mastering the art and science of home brewing, no one in the state tops Bill Lynch, a Ballantyne resident who is currently president of the Carolina BrewMasters (www.carolinabrewmasters.com), a nonprofit club whose 200 members enjoy making, tasting and sharing beer, mead and



Dan Forth caps bottles as Mark Mills looks on.

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Whether cooking or brewing beer, Jim Boland finds the chemistry involved intriguing.

cider. The group recently won the CBoY (Carolina Brewer of the Year) top club ranking in the state, and Lynch was awarded top brewer and master brewer.

"I started home brewing 22 years ago when I lived in

New Jersey," says Lynch, who is general manager of IT for APM Terminals. "What sets home brewers apart is that we have the liberty to make anything we want and can get very creative because we make them in small batches." Some



Like many home brewers, Ballantyne resident Jim Boland got into the hobby because he loves to cook.

enjoy tinkering with recipes, while others love gadgets and build sophisticated homemade systems. Still others are intrigued by the science of fermentation, known as zymurgy.

Last summer club members poured their Thai Chili Porter, Carrot Cake Ale and Toasted Coconut Chocolate Porter at the annual American Homebrewers Association conference in Philadelphia. The chilies imparted heat and a little flavor to the Thai beer, while the Carrot Cake Ale contained carrots, vanilla,

nutmeg and ginger. Pounds of toasted organic defatted coconut, vanilla beans and cocoa nibs went into the third entry. The club also poured an Imperial IPA, which is a strong, bitter beer, along with a Peach Lambic and Smoked Helles.

This fall Lynch will make a pumpkin ale. Last September a club vegetable challenge inspired beers flavored with squash, potatoes and parsnips. Every November a local home brew store arranges for an orchard to provide members with fresh squeezed cider juice that they take home and



President of the Carolina BrewMasters, Bill Lynch enjoys sampling his award-winning beer.

When it comes to mastering the art and science of home brewing, no one in the state tops Ballantyne resident Bill Lynch.



ferment into hard cider. “Some add brown sugar, raisins or cranberries, and we have a little cider competition,” Lynch says.

In addition to monthly meetings in Dilworth, the Carolina BrewMasters holds a home-brewing session each month at a member’s home. “It’s a very sharing group,” Lynch notes. The club’s current roster contains 37 women. One of their top female brewers, Lisa Johnson, holds a women’s-only brew session every year.

No matter who brews the beer, though, those involved derive tremendous fulfillment from the camaraderie as well as the product. “After all your hard work, when you open the first bottle and hear it hiss, that’s a real beer,” Mills says. “We pour it in a glass, taste it and say to ourselves, we made this and it is really good.”

HOME-BREW TIPS FOR THE BEGINNER

Ready to try your hand at creating your own beer? These tips from experienced DIY brewers will likely save you time and expense.

1. Read about the process on the Internet or in “The Joy of Home Brewing,” the beginner’s bible.
2. Attend at least one meeting of the Carolina BrewMasters and learn from experienced brewers. “If you start on your own, you’ll make a lot of mistakes you don’t need to,” advises Bill Lynch, president of the group. Jim Boland recently joined to learn the all-grain style of brewing. “The only way is passing it from person to person, so it’s better if you know somebody who does it.”
3. Start with an all-in-one kit. Alternative Beverage (www.ebrew.com), located on South Boulevard behind The Sleepy Poet, is the closest home-brew source to Ballantyne. The store has catalogs, ingredients and resources.
4. Sanitize, sanitize, sanitize. “You do a lot of dishwashing,” Mills says, warning that any



Mark Mills and Allen Cassell toast one of their latest home brews.

infection can ruin a batch.

5. Don’t be discouraged by a bad brew. “We’ve had some pretty vile beers,” Cassell admits with a laugh. “But after we let them age, they get better a month or two down the road.”
6. Encourage the social aspect. Brew with a friend, neighbor or spouse. Invite people over and hold a party to share your beer.



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to layering. Although we typically think of “military” as rough and tough, try the trend by mixing motifs — a girly trench with polished buttons, for example, paired with rugged trench boots.

Leopard

If you're a fan of our lady friend — leopard — you'll be happy to hear she's sticking around. Yes, keep last year's cat pieces in your closet. Leopard is one of the hottest trends that's easy for everyone to pull off.

You can never go wrong with classic brown and black, but this season consider playing around with different colors.


Just remember this caveat: Although leopard print is eye catching, don't overdo it. A little leopard goes a long way. The easiest way to incorporate it into your outfit is in your accessories — even tortoise shell can give the look of animal print without being too loud.



Wonderful wearables

Leather

If you took the leather-pant plunge last fall, your risk paid off. Leather pieces (both faux and authentic) are still favorites for this fall. High impact details including studs and spikes are still around too.

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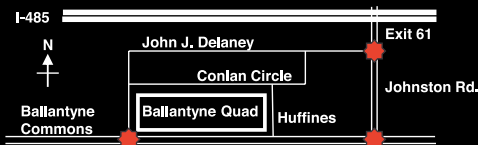
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CORN MAZES GIVE THE TERM "EXIT STRATEGY" A NEW MEANING. The American version of ancient labyrinths and English hedge gardens, these tour puzzles set amid dense rows of leafy corn stalks are rapidly becoming an annual fall fad across the country as a form of "agri-tainment."

Here in Ballantyne, the Hall Family Farm on Providence Road West joined the craze last year with a five-acre corn maze designed around a Carolinas theme. The maze was such a hit that Kevin and Lara Hall, who farm the land owned by their six aunts and uncles, are staging another corn maze during their annual Fall Festival, which runs from mid-September to Oct. 30.

This year's theme, "Pharaoh's Curse," features an Egyptian motif. Like last year, the maze has more than two miles of paths, as well as a bridge over three of the intersecting paths, a configuration that multiplies the complexity of the solution.

Participants receive a map subdivided into nine grid spaces. Hidden in each grid is a mailbox that contains a hint to finding their way out. "Last year 75 percent of people got out properly during the daytime," says Kevin, noting that, on average, those successful located five of the nine mailbox clues. But it isn't necessary to discover any of the mailboxes to find the exit.

The fastest time from start to finish without finding any of the mailboxes is about 20 minutes (about a quarter mile), but last year most people spent about 45 minutes to discover the exit, and some wandered for up to two hours.

To ensure safety and provide an out for those who get so frustrated that they give up, the farm gives each participant a flag they can wave and positions a person on the bridge at all times for help. In addition, the farm has a watchtower with someone who can be reached at a special cellphone number that participants are given when they enter the maze.

To kick the challenge up a notch, the maze is open Friday and Saturday nights until 10. With the corn as high as an elephant's eye, stalks loom like apparitions in the moonlight. "You have to carry a flashlight, and with the corn rows reaching 12- to 16-feet high, it can be a very surreal experience," Kevin says. "We also play eerier music (than daytime), which adds to the experience. Our maze is not haunted, however, because many families with children come through."

Designing by GPS

What makes the Hall Family Farm maze so unusual is that unlike many larger operations, Kevin and Lara design and cut it themselves with a little help from high technology — an expensive piece of equipment that contains a special laptop with a software program that relies on GPS and is fitted into a backpack with an antenna.

The couple begins by using the GPS to map the perimeter of their maze on the laptop. Once that is complete, they print the map on paper, manually design the interior web of the maze and then scan it back into the laptop.

The actual cutting process took the couple eight hours last year. When the corn was knee-high in July, the two headed out into the field with Lara walking, wearing the backpack with its GPS antenna and Kevin following slowly on a large mower. She signaled him by hand the precise points at which he was to turn.


Paths are purposely kept to five-feet wide to prevent congregating, and the maze has no blind alleys because people will follow a beaten path. A maze for small children that's about a fifth of a mile is also incorporated into the larger maze, with easy-to-find clues where kids can get their map stamped.

Cookouts, Bonfires

"People who do well are those with a good sense of direction and memory, because you have to walk over the same spots and remember them," Kevin advises.

Last fall several local companies rented large tents for cookouts and enjoyed bonfires while employees walked the maze. Teens, in particular, flocked to the maze as word of mouth spread from Fort Mill High School students who rated the Hall Family Farm maze the toughest around.

In addition to the corn maze, this year's Fall Festival features the farm's pumpkins and wagon rides, as well as its popular homemade funnel cakes and cider slushies.

The farm's Facebook page now has 3,000 local followers. They receive daily updates from Kevin on conditions during strawberry season and the Fall Festival. Admission to the festival is free, with maze tickets \$8 for ages 9 and up and \$6 for children age 3 through 8. For more information, visit www.hallfamilyfarm.com or call 704-562-4021. 

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BUSINESS BASH DRAWS OVER 500

The Ballantyne Chapter of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce sponsored its sixth annual Ballantyne Business Bash on June 6. More than 500 people enjoyed sponsor giveaways, networking opportunities, delicious food and raffle prizes.

Due to rain, the event moved inside to the Woodward Building, located in the Ballantyne Corporate Park. The Wells Fargo stagecoach greeted guests and provided rides through the Corporate Park.

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Attendees enjoyed live entertainment, a summer fashion show from Tommy Bahama, Smirnoff-based cocktail specials, a seasonal a la carte menu by Gallery Restaurant, raffle prizes and more.

A portion of the proceeds benefited the local JDRF chapter. JDRF is dedicated to finding a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

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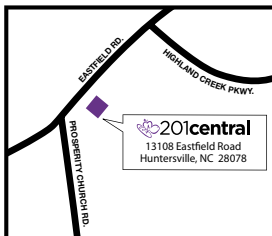
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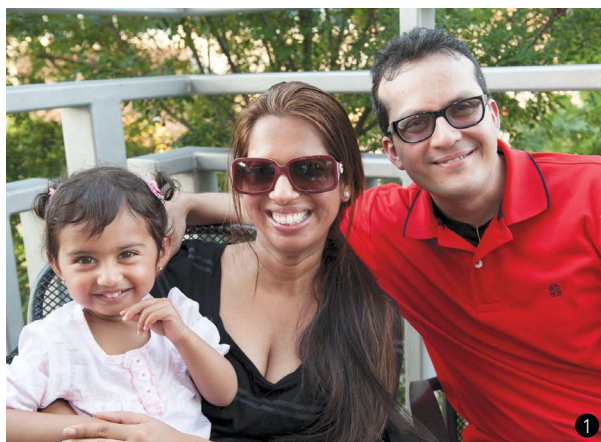
VILLAGE HOSTS AFTER-WORK CONCERTS

Music provided by Hot Sauce entertained Ballantyne Village patrons at the Mix at Six after-work concert June 5.

Mix at Six occurred every Wednesday this spring from April 24 through June 12. Other headlining bands included Java, Yellow Brick Road, The Ben Gatlin Band, Smokin' Hot Mojo, Vanilla Cornbread, Tantrum and Borderlyne.

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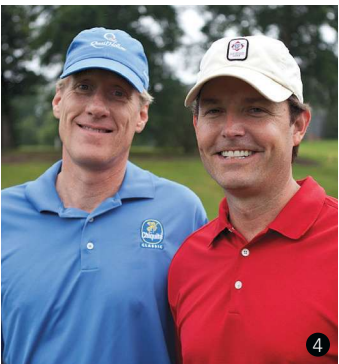


HOOPTEE EVENT AIDS YOUTH

The annual HoopTee Celebrity Golf Classic occurred July 13 at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge. Golf enthusiasts, business leaders and sports and entertainment celebrities teed it up in support of the charity. That evening, HoopTee hosted an awards dinner at the Carolina Room of the hotel.

HoopTee Charities Inc. supports youth-based charitable activities with the mission to make a positive impact on as many lives as possible.

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1. Golfers turned out for the charitable event to support local youth.
2. Lindsey Valentini, Nick Valentini
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WHERE ELSE BUT AUSTIN, TEXAS could you ride in a pedicab driven by a singing driver? “The city’s unofficial motto is ‘Keep Austin Weird,’” says Glenda Lanz, a Ballantyne resident who resided in Austin several years while earning her MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. Now a senior financial analyst with Compass Group in Charlotte, Lanz finds herself drawn back at least once a year. “The people who live in Austin cultivate this quirky culture,” she says. “You just

**LIVE MUSIC, QUIRKY CULTURE,
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By Nan Bauroth

feel it when you’re there.”

Lanz cites the Hula Hut, a waterfront hangout that styles itself “Tikki-Mex,” or Saturday street vendors who hawk funky works fashioned of hubcaps. Austin also boasts the world’s



Photo courtesy of University of Texas at Austin

Above: The Texas State Capitol, opened in 1888, is taller than the nation’s Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Left: Bevo, the mascot for the University of Texas Longhorns, has one eye on the football field and one eye on the camera.



The band Delta Spirit performs at the Austin City Limits Festival. This year's event is in October.

Photo by Dave Mead



Neil Young (far right) and other musicians mix it up at an Austin concert.

Photo by Steve Wubel

Dubbed “The Live Music Capital of the World,” Austin’s addiction to the latest sounds permeates its culture.



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Tourists gather on the Congress Street Bridge to view Mexican free-tailed bats take flight at dusk.

largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats, which makes for a bizarre summer tourist attraction as millions of the eerie creatures take flight at dusk from their home beneath the Congress Street Bridge.

The eclectic culture of Austin is really rooted, however, in the mashup of unlikely population elements: Politicians doing the people’s business at the Texas State Capitol, a flash mob of

venture capitalists and geeks in the “Silicon Valley” of Texas, Round Rock; the University of Texas at Austin campus with 50,000 diehard Longhorn football fans smack in the center of town and a never-ending parade of big- and small-time musicians playing in 250 live music venues, on street corners, in grocery stores — even Austin city council meetings. Add the Tex-Mex influence and you have

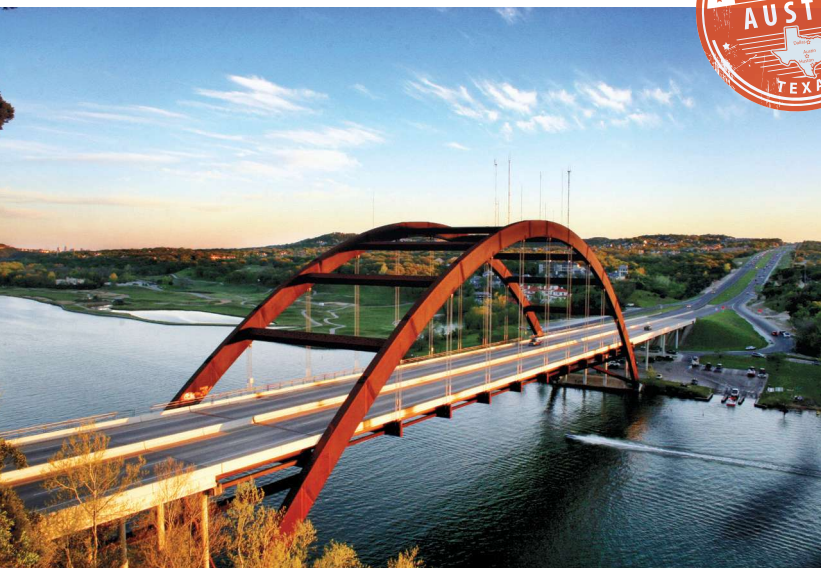
a city with its own brand of style.

A great way to get a feel for the city’s neighborhoods is a historic walking tour. You can also go inside the 1888 state Capitol building — taller than our nation’s own Capitol. Austin’s museums are another reflection of the city’s diversity — from the Blanton Museum of Art, LBJ Library and George Washington Carver Museum to the Bullock Texas State

History Museum, which stages indigenous exhibits like antique Texas furniture.

Music Mania

Dubbed “The Live Music Capital of the World,” Austin’s addiction to the latest sounds permeates its culture. This mania tracks back to legendary blues singer-songwriter Stevie Ray Vaughan, who made good in Austin during the 70s with the



The Austin area's rolling landscape features the Pennybacker Bridge, also known as the 360 Bridge.

band Double Trouble and whose legacy is celebrated with a statue. Janis Joplin is another superstar who cultivated her raspy style at Threadgills, founded by a bootlegger inside his gas station in 1933.

Austin's music claim to fame, though, is really due to "Austin City Limits," a PBS show that first

aired in 1974 and is the longest-running music program in TV history. The program showcases many genres from blues, rock and country to indie rock. Tours of the Moody Theater where the show is performed are available, but tickets for live tapings are available only through a public drawing conducted a week prior



On home game days, the University of Texas Longhorns routinely draw 50,000 fans to their stadium in the center of town.



The presidential library of Lyndon Baines Johnson is located in Austin.

to each show (details at www.acltv.com).

Thirteen years ago, the hit show inspired the Austin City Limits Festival, which every fall

brings in 150 big-name and emerging bands who play on eight stages for approximately 75,000 fans. To meet ticket demand this year, the festival is running two consecutive weekends — Oct. 4-6 and Oct. 11-13. Lanz cautions that it is usually blazing hot, so festival-goers should bring plenty of water and wear cool clothing.

When it comes to bars and music venues, famous haunts include Stubb's, Antone's, Emo's and the Continental Club. Lanz prefers more intimate settings to catch up-and-coming artists.

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GLENDALANZ SAVORS THE CHARMS OF AUSTIN

Ballantyne resident Glenda Lanz currently serves as a senior financial analyst for Compass Group in Charlotte. She and her boyfriend return at least once a year to Austin to indulge in her favorite food and underground music haunts. Their two dogs, Zoe, a Maltese, and Jasper, a Lab mix, are both Longhorn fans.

Lanz belongs to the Charlotte chapter of the UT alumni organization, the Texas Exes (www.texasexes.org — search for Charlotte), and her car has a "HOOK 'EM HORNS" plate, which always attracts honks and the Hook 'Em hand signal from other UT grads in the area.

Airlines

US Airways flies direct. American Airlines has many flights but most connect through Dallas, which means a few hours delay.

Hotels

Splurge: The Driskill, a 1886 showpiece built for cattle baron Jesse Driskill. Lavish amenities and fabulous dining but worth every penny.

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Pubs

Craft Pride and Banger's are favorites among beer drinkers and beer snobs alike. Game days, Scholz Garten is the place for fans without tickets to catch the action.

Fun Eats

Food-truck fare is hot. Try a dog with grilled onions and curry ketchup at The Best Wurst (the owner is a touring musician).

Mementos

Cowboy boots from Allen's Boots, Longhorn merchandise from UT Coop.

Cravings

Breakfast tacos, a real margarita, creamy jalapeno dip at Chuys, Queso Compuesto at Hula Hut.

Tips

To tour Hill Country, you need a car. Otherwise you can get around town on foot or by pedicab.

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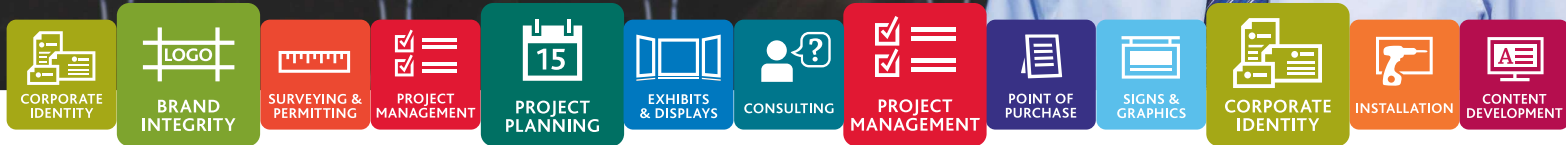
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"West 6th Street (West of Congress Avenue) is home to upscale lounges for those in their late 20s to 40s," she says, citing The Ranch, Key Bar, J. Black's, Star Bar, Molotov Lounge and Little Woodrow's. "But East 6th Street, which closes to traffic at dusk, is where all the action takes place. This part of town is ready to party, featuring great people watching, tourist spots and bars aplenty." Notables include Logan's on Sixth, Maggie Mae's, Cedar Door, Iron Cactus, Pete's Piano Bar, The Blind Pig and The Dizzy Rooster.

Foodie Haunts

A self-described foodie, Lanz says that Austin's endless dining choices run the gamut from food trailers to four-star restaurants. She recommends starting with breakfast tacos, an Austin staple, at Tacodeli (best

Right: The Salt Lick offers outstanding barbecue about 20 minutes from Austin.
Below: The Chicka-Chicka Boom-Boom enchilada at Chuy's is a Tex-Mex favorite.



Photo by Angela Baldrige

location is Spyglass) or at Mi Madre's, known for its Juan in a Million breakfast taco as well as its Café de Olla.

In her view, Austin's reputation for al fresco dining is best experienced with brunch at Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill. For fine dining, the top pick is Uchi or Uchiko, sister restaurants featuring contemporary Japanese



Photo by Josh Brown

cuisine. Lanz orders the Jar-Jar Duck, which arrives literally smoking, but the Wagyu Hot Rock, Avobake, P-38 Roll and Fried Milk are also superb.

Perla's Seafood & Oyster Bar, a recent hot spot, is known for

its fresh lobster rolls. For reliable Tex-Mex, go to Chuy's (it recently opened in SouthPark). Naturally, Austin is not shy on bragging rights for Texas barbecue. Lanz argues The Salt Lick is the best. "It's a 20-minute drive and in a



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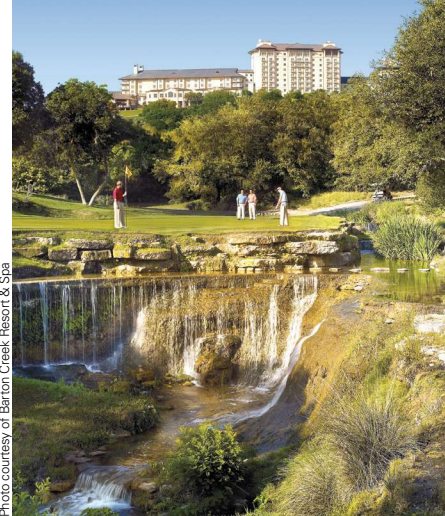
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dry county, so BYOB,” she warns. Her in-town favorite is Franklin, but there’s usually a long wait.

Outdoor Mecca

Citizens within the state refer to Austin as the gem of Texas for its beautiful setting. “Most people visualize Austin as dry, flat desert,” Lanz says. “They’re surprised by its scenic beauty.” Nestled in Texas Hill Country, a swath of rolling hills carpeted in wildflowers and dotted with hardwoods, Austin is bisected by the Colorado River, with a reservoir called Lady Bird Lake, a 416-acre blue oasis in the heart of the city.

Given 300 days of sunshine a year and an average temperature of 68 degrees, it’s no surprise Forbes Magazine rated Austin one of the Top 10 fittest cities. Kayakers ply the lake and river, along with devotees of stand up paddle surfing. Cycling is also huge because of the terrain. Lanz suggests families try the 10-mile Lady Bird Lake Hike & Bike Trail. More intrepid fat-tire bikes can tackle Barton Creek Green Belt or the Rocky Hill or Pace Bend trails just outside of town.

Whatever your interest, the city aims to please. “Austin is a place for everyone,” Lanz observes. “It’s an open town and so different from the rest of Texas. There’s a huge amount of pride for the football and music. It’s like no other city in America.”

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Elevate Your Game

Here's How to Turn a Slice into a Draw

By Andrew Kiger, Staff Instructor, Dana Rader Golf School

Photos by Ray Sepesy

FOR A RIGHT-HANDED GOLFER, a slice is a shot that starts left of the target and then curves well to the right. A draw is a shot that starts right of the target and then curves



Andrew Kiger

left toward the hole. For most amateur golfers a slice ruins their game, and they would give anything to learn how to

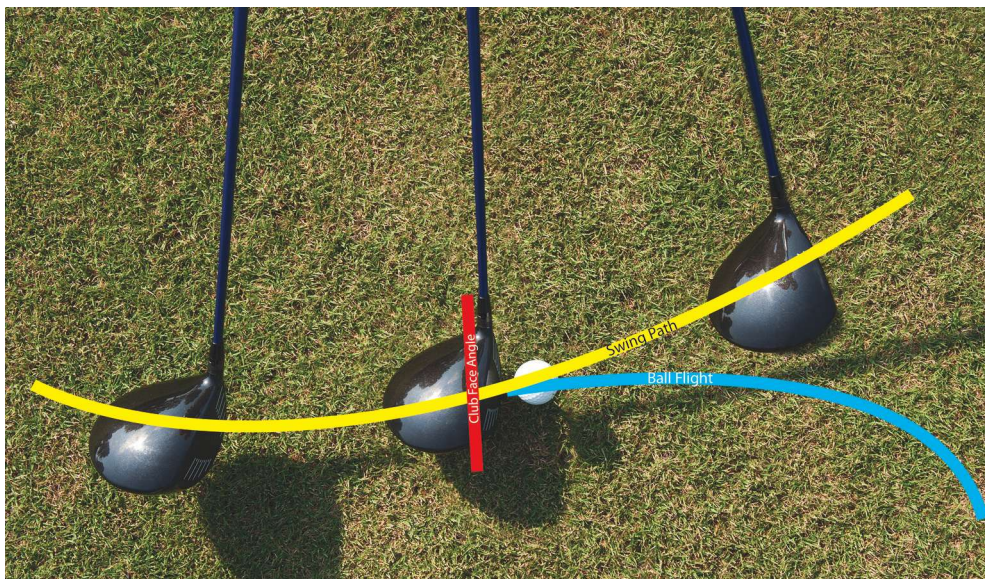
hit a draw for more distance and accuracy. How can a slicer learn how to hit a draw?

Let's start with the question that every player and every instructor should know the answer to. Why does the golf ball fly the way that it does?

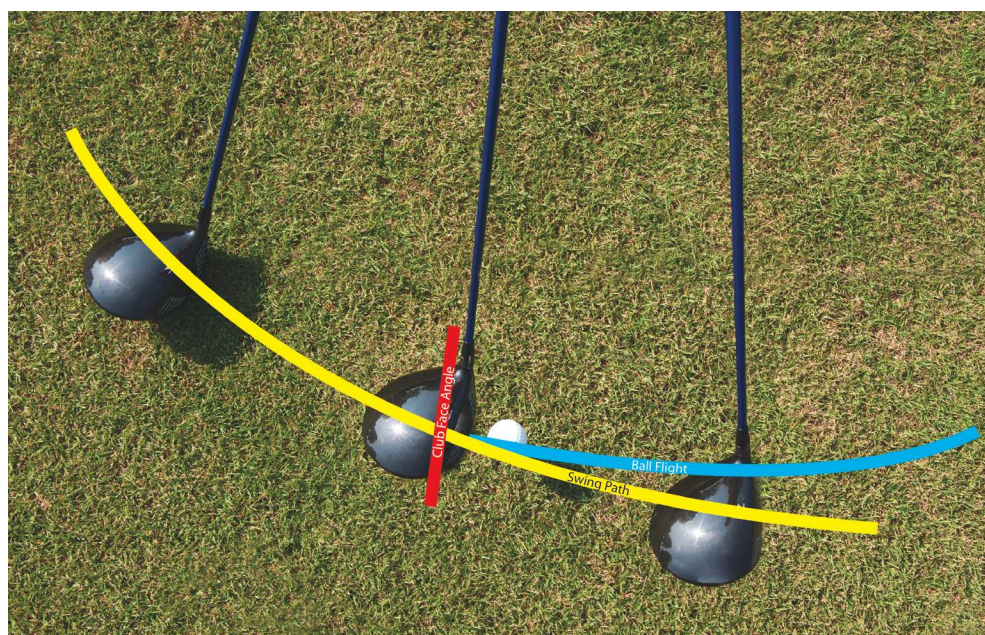
The two biggest myths in golf are that the path the golf club travels on is responsible for where the ball starts and that the clubface is responsible for the curve. Thanks to recent advancements in 3D golf radar technology and slow-motion video, we now have indisputable science that says exactly the opposite.

Trackman and FlightScope, the two leading radars in golf, help explain that the ball actually starts much closer to where the clubface angle is pointing at impact. The curve is then produced by the relationship of the club path to the face angle. In layman's terms, the ball will start on line with where

In the diagrams below, compare the slicer's club path and clubface (top picture) and the drawer's club path and clubface (bottom).



With a slice, the path is extremely left of the clubface angle. The ball will curve severely to the right.



With a draw, the path is more right of the clubface angle. The ball will curve left.

the clubface is pointing and then will curve away from the club's path.

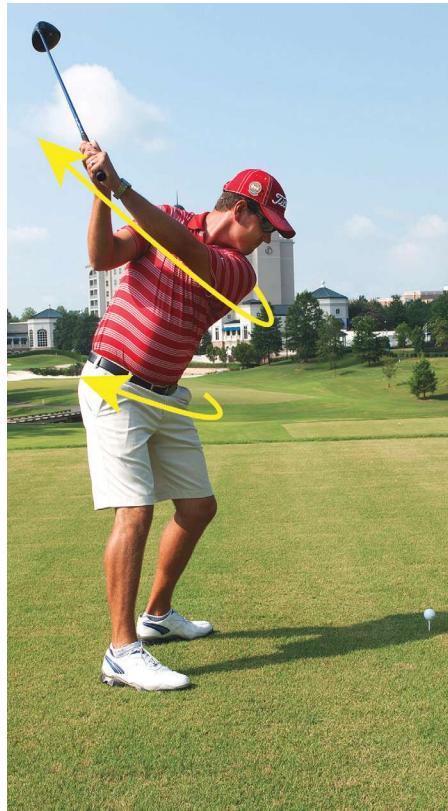
Take a look at the diagrams and photos. Observe how the slicer swings the club left of where the clubface is pointing, and the drawer swings right of where the clubface is pointing. Basically, the more your path goes left the more your ball curves away to the right. Conversely, the more you swing the club's path to the right the more your ball will curve to the left.

Another interesting thing to note is that the drawer has his clubface pointing to the right of the target and the slicer has his pointing to the left. The myth that you might have heard is that the clubface should be closed to the target to hit a draw. It is actually the slicer who has the clubface closed (left of) the target and the drawer's clubface is pointing right (open to the target). Remember: All it takes to curve the ball left is that the path must be to the right of the clubface angle.

Three Steps to Hitting a Draw



1. Aim the body more to the right by dropping the right foot back from the target line.



2. With a big hip turn (more than 45 degrees) and shoulder turn (more than 90 degrees), move the clubhead and your hands in an inward arc around your body behind your right shoulder.



3. On the downswing, shift your hips toward the target and keep your shoulders closed (pointing well right of the target) or held back for as long as possible. When the shoulders are aligned more right of the target at impact, the path the club travels on will be more to the right.

Practicing these tips and understanding what the club should be doing through the ball will help you draw the ball consistently and accurately — and most importantly, lower your score. 🏌️

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Widening Project

Expanding Ardrey Kell/Community House Intersection Expected to Start in September

WIDENING THE INTERSECTION of Ardrey Kell and Community House roads is expected to begin in September. Completion is projected for the fall of 2014.

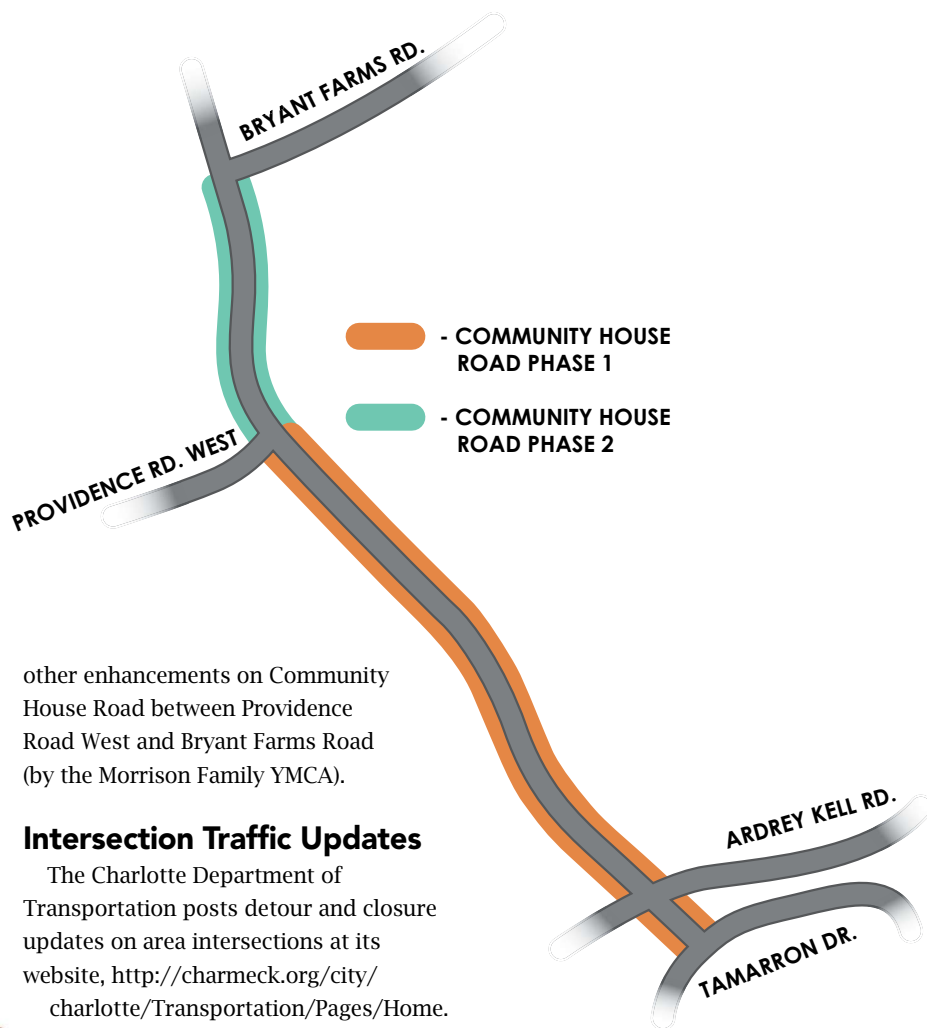
The first phase of the Community House Road "Farm-to-Market" Project focuses on widening and enhancing the intersection. This corner is heavily trafficked with cars, pedestrians and bicycles because of its proximity to Ardrey Kell High School and Community House Middle School.

To alleviate congestion and increase safety, design improvements include the addition of dedicated left and right turn lanes, additional street lights, end-to-end uninterrupted sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaped medians.

The project also features improved pedestrian crossings with raised concrete islands that have pathways cut through them to serve as "refuges" between dedicated lanes.

The first phase on Community House Road extends to Providence Road West. The second phase is slated to begin in 2016. It will create two roundabouts and

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other enhancements on Community House Road between Providence Road West and Bryant Farms Road (by the Morrison Family YMCA).

Intersection Traffic Updates

The Charlotte Department of Transportation posts detour and closure updates on area intersections at its website, <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Transportation/Pages/Home.aspx>. Commuters can also request to be added to CDOT's "Notify Me" list (found at the same website at top right of the page) to automatically receive updates as they are posted.


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Obtain information about detours and closures by visiting www.ncdot.gov/projects/CharlotteOuterLoop or signing up on Twitter at www.ncdot.gov/travel/twitter (tweets generally

go to the department's N.C. Department of Transportation and Charlotte feeds).

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