

BALLANTYNE®

magazine

MONEY I.Q.
GET FIT
FINANCIALLY

HI, NEIGHBOR
NEWCOMERS
♥ 28277

TOO COOL!

**SUIT UP FOR
SUMMER**

**BLOSSOMS
TO BLUEBIRDS**
NURTURING
NATURE
IN THE PARK

IN HER BLOOD
DEVORE
LEADS PREMIER

PLUS

HALF-HOUR HOPS
SEE GARDENS,
BIG GAME

HIDDEN GEM
TRIA TERRA
SPARKLES

*The Club at Longview...
Life Well Played.*



*Currently Offering
a Limited Number of
New Non-Refundable
Golf and Social
Memberships.*

Explore Longview. A balance of family, legacy and a true traditional lifestyle that is respected and shared.

To inquire about becoming part of The Longview family, contact Kimberly Staton, Director of Membership, 704-443-2561 or email at: kstaton@theclubatlongview.com

A Class That Soars Above All Others



You're not the type to blend in. Neither should your car. Stand out in a new Mercedes-Benz from Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte, awarded Best of the Best by Mercedes-Benz USA 3 years in a row and ranked the #1 Mercedes-Benz service department in the USA.* With a fine selection of luxurious models, any new Mercedes-Benz you choose will set you apart. Visit our showroom today and we will cater to your refined tastes.

Felix Sabates
Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte

Powered by Trust | Driven by Value

950 N. Polk Street (South Blvd) Pineville, NC
(888) 804-5090 | mbcharlotte.com

*Rating by National Consumer ratings group.

CHARLOTTE SPINE & PAIN CENTER

We offer state-of-the-art precision interventional needle techniques to diagnose and treat neck or back pain.

- Disc Pain
(Degenerated or Herniated Disc)
- Nerve Root Pain
(Pinched Nerve or Sciatica)
- Facet Pain
(Spine Joint Pain)
- Sacro-iliac Pain
(Back or Buttock Pain)
- Joint Pain
(Hip or Knee)
- Myofascial Pain
(Muscle Pain)
- Headaches
(Migraine or Muscle Tension)
- Trigger Points

We offer Botox for chronic uncontrolled headaches

Daljit S. Buttar M.D.
Interventional Pain Specialist
Board Certified:
Pain Medicine & Neurology



Over 15 Years of Excellent Spine Care

FOR APPOINTMENTS, CALL **704-319-2266**

For additional information on our experience and services, visit:

www.paindoctorbuttar.com

BALLANTYNE AREA OFFICE:
7810 Ballantyne Commons Parkway
Suite 317, Charlotte, NC 2827
704-319-2266

RALEIGH OFFICE:
4201 Lake Boone Trail
Suite 100, Raleigh NC 27607
919-510-0688



BALLANTYNE VILLAGE™ the **crown** of the queen city



The boutiques and restaurants at Ballantyne Village are south Charlotte's destination spot for shopping and entertainment. Enjoy unique clothing and giftware offerings while indulging your taste buds at our award winning restaurants and cafe's. We promise, our exceptional collection of shops and eateries will keep you coming back for more.

DISCOVER THE CROWN JEWELS AT BALLANTYNE VILLAGE:

ABC Store (Meck. Co.)	D'Vine Wine Café	Jade Asian Fusion & Sushi Bar	Panera Bread
BV Dry Cleaners	The Wine Shoppe at D'Vine	Jewelry Artists of Charlotte	Rush espresso
Ballantyne Nail Spa	Edward Jones Investments	Jesse Brown's Adventure	Salutations Fine Stationery & Gifts
Ballantyne Village Regal Theatre	Emerson Joseph	Kilwin's Chocolates & Ice Cream	Smoothie King
Ballantyne Village YMCA	Extreme Pita	Law Avania	Superior School of Real Estate
Brock Moran Home	FedEx Kinko's	Massage Envy	Terrace Café
Carolina Dental Arts of Ballantyne	Forest Hill Church	Modern Salon & Spa	The Blue Taj
Cellular Sales, Verizon Wireless	Her Therapy	Moe's Southwest Grill	The Blushing Bakeshop
Authorized Retailer	I.C. London	Outland Gift & Cigar	Villa Antonio
The Cunnane Group			

14825 BALLANTYNE VILLAGE WAY | CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

www.ballantynevillage.com | STAY CONNECTED



*Shop,
dine &
relax*

Clothing & Jewelry

- A Genuine Life
- Ann Taylor Loft
- B Natural Apparel & Accessories
- Belle Ville
- Cutie Pies Children's Boutique
- Jos. A. Bank
- Leah & Company
- MW Tux
- Stein Mart
- Sugar Plum

Restaurants

- Arooji's Wine Room
- Café Carolina Bakery
- Johnny Brusco's
- Johnny's Red Bowl Restaurant
- Macaroni Grill
- On the Border
- The Q Shack
- Robeks Juice
- Starbucks Coffee
- Sushi 101
- Yoforia

Sports, Games & Fitness

- Beuerleins Pro Fitness Equipment
- Charlotte Running Company
- GameStop
- Golf Galaxy

Services

- Dr. Chris McCain, DMD
- Quail Dry Cleaning
- Sprint

Home Furnishings & Accessories

- Image Arts Etc. Framing & Digital Printing
- Kirkland's Home
- Original Mattress Company
- Pier 1 Imports

Office & School Supplies

- Staples

Home Improvement

- Home Depot
- Win Kitchen & Bath Showcase

Cards & Gifts

- Hallmark

Health & Beauty

- Avalon Spa & Nail
- Beauty Brands
- CVS Pharmacy
- Fresh Salon
- Sport Clips
- Ultratan

Photography

- Portrait Innovations

Banking

- BB&T
- Scottrade

Fuel & Convenience Store

- Exxon On The Run

Groceries

- Lowes Foods
- Total Wine & More

PROMENADE
on Providence



I-485 and Providence Road
www.promenadeonprovidence.com

Leased & Managed by Childress Klein Properties
704.342.9000

Follow us on TWITTER: @ckppromenade

www.cmchealthathome.org



Every day we check Sandra's blood pressure, heart rate and other vital signs from miles away.

As a patient with chronic heart failure, Sandra has a long history of trips to the ER and hospital stays. But instead of a nurse making daily visits to check her vital signs, Sandra connects to a telemonitoring system provided by Carolinas HealthCare.

Her home has an easy-to-use device that measures her vital signs each day and transmits the data instantly across town to Elon Walton, a registered nurse. If Elon detects a problem, she calls Sandra immediately to determine what might have affected her vital signs and recommends what to do next.

Managing her condition at home gives Sandra better care, greater independence and peace of mind. And for the first time in a long time, hope for tomorrow.



Elon Walton, RN

For more information on Healthy@Home from Carolinas HealthCare call 704-512-5550



Healthy@Home

Uncompromising Excellence. Commitment to Care.

Join Prime Club at www.carolinasmedicalcenter.org/prime to receive free 24/7 access to a nurse and discounts to restaurants and stores.

34 In Her Blood

Susan DeVore brings business savvy to Premier.



40 Newcomers to Neighbors

Ballantyne throws out the welcome mat.



76 Money I.Q.

LendingTree Foundation aids financially challenged consumers.



80 'Closing the Loop'

Bissell Land Services adopts eco-friendly practices.



FEATURES



66 Too Cool!
Suit Up for Summer

ON THE COVER: Hanging out at the pool is a summer teen ritual. These young people have fun in style. Photo by Mark Hanson.



Guess Who's Coming to Ballantyne Village.

Hint #1



Hint #2



Hint #3

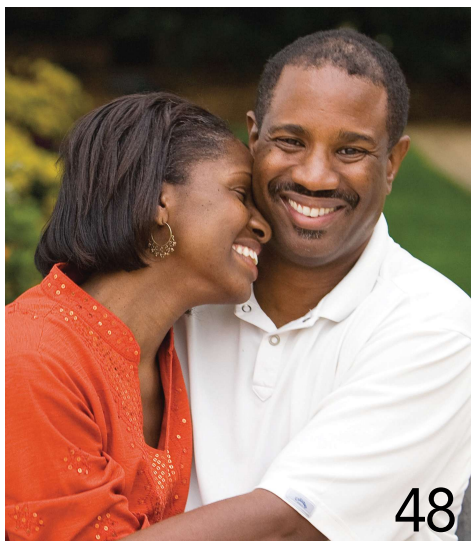


Hint #4



After studying all the enticing clues above, the answer to our question should be obvious. You.

DEPARTMENTS



48

WIRE 13

For the latest happenings in the community, tune here.

FACES 29

Meet a politician who went to West Point, a retailer who savored Pat Conroy's "South of Broad," a resident who dreams of Italy and a golf pro who loves the Red Sox.

DATE NIGHT 48

This Ballantyne couple relished their Parents' Night Out at StoneCrest.

SOCIAL SEEN 53

From the Stiletto Sprint to Spring Fling, see what Ballantyne folks are up to.



59



86

FAB FARE 59

Tria Terra is a hidden gem of Mediterranean cuisine on N.C. 51.

STYLE POINTS 72

See the latest gadgets for patios, picnics and other outdoor fun.

ONE TANK TRIP 86

Mother Nature beckons with gardens and big game only a half hour from your Ballantyne doorstep.

TEE IT UP 93

Pro Marc Lapointe teaches you how to handle those challenging side hill shots.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW 96

See where to pick your own strawberries in Ballantyne.



72

BALLANTYNE[®] magazine

Published by
Bissell Companies Inc.

Publisher
JJ Bissell

Creative Director
Larry Preslar

Ad Design
Tony Cole

Contributors

Shane Baskin
Nan Bauroth
Pam Brackett
Directions USA

Evolution Talent Agency Charlotte

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Mary Gilbert

Mark Hanson

Kim Hummel

Marc Lapointe

Tony Mecia

Museum of York County

Sean O'Connell

Regina Robertson

Ann Saari

Ray Sepesy

Shelly Spencer

Timur Targay

Christina Thigpen

Diane Vachon

Editing and Proofing

Susan Shackelford

Publication Design and Production

SPARK Publications

www.SPARKpublications.com

Distribution

Jo Harashima

Advertising

Marcy Saele

Account Representative

704-248-2155

msaele@ballantynemagazine.com

Please send all editorial items to:

JJ Bissell

Publisher

704-248-2000

jjbissell@ballantynemagazine.com

©2011 The Bissell Companies Inc.

No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form without the express written consent of the copyright owner.

Ballantyne Magazine does not necessarily endorse the views and perceptions of contributors or advertisers.

SUMMER 2011 Vol. 11 No. 2

The Road to Recovery Just Got Shorter



DA VINCI® SURGERY, CLOSE TO HOME

When you or a loved one needs surgery, you want access to leading-edge technology, an experienced team of physicians and staff and a fast recovery. Presbyterian Hospital Matthews offers the da Vinci Si HD® system, the latest in surgical technology designed to assist physicians with even the most complex and delicate procedures. This minimally invasive approach for gynecologic, urologic and prostate surgery can result in less pain and scarring, reduced risk of complications, shorter hospital stays and a faster return to normal daily activities.

Let us shorten your road to recovery after surgery. Ask your doctor if you are a candidate for da Vinci surgery at Presbyterian Hospital Matthews.



Presbyterian HOSPITAL MATTHEWS

Remarkable People. Remarkable Medicine.

To learn more about da Vinci Si HD and the procedures offered, please call 704-384-CARE (2273) or visit www.presbyterian.org/matthews.

Connect with us:  www.twitter.com/presbyhealth  www.facebook.com/presbyterianhealthcare

The Great Outdoors

From Gear to Gardens, We Got You Covered



I'M A BIG BELIEVER THAT SUMMER IS THE TIME to make the most of Mother Nature, so in this issue we kick back with the latest ideas in great outdoor living. Since a big part of keeping cool takes place on the waterfront, we plunge right in with the trendiest swimsuit fashions for everyone in the family. Whether you prefer to just dip in your toes or make a big splash, you'll find these "wow" looks from local retailers perfect for poolside entertaining.

Gearing up for warm weather these days also involves electronics, so we had fun searching out ultra-cool gadgets for porch, patio and picnics, including solar recharging stations for mobile devices, water bottles with a built-in filter, a backpack basket for al fresco dining and waterproof cases for phones, cameras and Kindles.

Although we can stay in touch
virtually anywhere today,
for many of us summer is
the ideal time to disconnect.

Although we can stay in touch virtually anywhere today, for many of us summer is the ideal time to disconnect. In our popular One Tank Trip feature, we suggest two nearby escapes to Mother Nature, starting with Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. This beautiful destination just added Meadowood Walk, a serene naturalist garden path meandering across a grassy knoll and woodlands, leading to a promontory overlooking Lake Wylie. We then take you for a real walk on the wild side to the spectacular Stans African Hall exhibit of big-game specimens in the little-known Museum of York County, which also now boasts a first-class, hands-on Naturalist Center affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution.

For an even closer perspective on nature, we provide a behind-the-scenes look at eco-friendly practices at Bissell Land Services in Ballantyne Corporate Park, including a tree nursery, herb and

cutting gardens and 50 bluebird boxes scattered throughout the park's 535 acres, monitored courtesy of local Boy Scouts.

No summer would be complete without an intriguing restaurant find, so in Fab Fare we introduce you to the Mediterranean mélange of Spanish, Italian and French dishes at Tria Terra, starting with its unbelievable Pimiento Rellenos (stuffed peppers), cooled off with a lively sangria and followed by a dive into Taglioline Neri — yes, that's Italian for black squid ink pasta. Who says our area doesn't offer diversity?

Summertime always brings with it an influx of newcomers hopeful of settling in before the school year begins. Here in Ballantyne, we welcome those who have chosen this area to live, work and play. In "Newcomers to Neighbors," we tell you why newcomers choose to live here and spotlight families that came for different reasons and quickly came to feel at home. We also note a worthwhile program at St. Matthew Catholic Church, "Moving On After Moving In," designed to help new residents transition to the community.

Furthermore, since one of the major companies that recently relocated employees here is Premier health-care alliance, we profile CEO Susan DeVore, whose hardworking roots in Charlotte have come full circle in her career.

Whatever your pleasure, these are the months we deepen family ties, creating memories of a lifetime. We hope you take time to luxuriate in the sweet birdsong of dawn and peaceful dusk of our southern summer.

JJ Bissell
Publisher, Ballantyne Magazine

Correction - At Ballantyne Magazine we are committed to accuracy. In our Spring 2011 issue, we should have made clear that the Banana Crème Pie recipe was not the one used by 131 Main restaurant, only a suggestion if readers wanted to try one themselves.

General Dentistry
John Pinnix, DMD / Christopher Phelps, DMD
Thomas Grimes, DDS / George Betancourt, DMD

ADVANCED DENTISTRY OF BLAKENEY & MATTHEWS

ADVANCED DENTISTRY OF BLAKENEY
8918 Blakeney Prof. Dr. Charlotte, NC

704.323.8730

www.northcarolinasmiles.com

iPad 2™ Giveaways! New patients between now and August 31 will be entered to win a new iPad 2! In addition, there will also be an iPad 2 giveaway for existing patients! Just refer your friends and family before August 31 for your chance to win!

Providing the very latest in dental technology, our new state-of-the-art Blakeney office serves your entire family's oral health care needs. Offering a variety of services at two great locations, our friendly staff is here to make sure your experience exceeds all expectations. Two offices,
**THE CARE YOU NEED,
THE SMILE YOU WANT!**

Plus... plush leather dental chairs, wireless headphones, XM Satellite radio, and flat screen TV/DVD monitors make your visit to our Blakeney office more pleasant!

OUR HARD WORKING TEAM IS HERE TO HELP YOU WITH ALL OF YOUR DENTAL NEEDS



2010

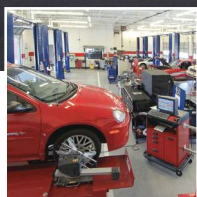
INVISALIGN
PREFERRED
PROVIDER

COMPREHENSIVE CARE DENTISTRY

Now Offering: Migraine Relief and Elimination Therapy
Family and General Dentistry
Zoom Advanced Power (one hour tooth whitening)
Invisalign (The invisible way to straighten your teeth)
Sedation Dentistry (IV, Oral, Laughing Gas)
Wisdom Teeth Extractions
Placement and Restoration of Dental Implants
Cosmetic Dentistry and Smile Design

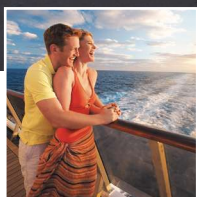
Hello, Ballantyne.

Peace of mind is right around the corner.



We are Car Care.

Our state-of-the-art Car Care facility offers full-service maintenance and repair and AAA members get a 10% discount and 2-year/24,000-mile guarantee. We offer a complimentary shuttle, free wi-fi, coffee bar and kids play area to make your wait worthwhile. Stop by and find out just how much we love your car.



We are Vacations.

From cruises and international travel to weekend drive trips, AAA can help you plan the vacation that fits your lifestyle. Our services are open to the public, but we also offer special discounts and benefits to AAA members. With eight convenient locations in the Greater Charlotte area, we're ready to show you why we're the largest leisure travel agency in North America.



We are Insurance.

With a history of peace of mind, you can trust AAA to provide the auto, home and life insurance that's right for you. We can protect your precious jewelry, exotic and collector cars, fine arts, antiques and other collectibles. We also offer specialty coverage for high-value homes and seasonal/secondary residences. If it's important to you, we can protect it.



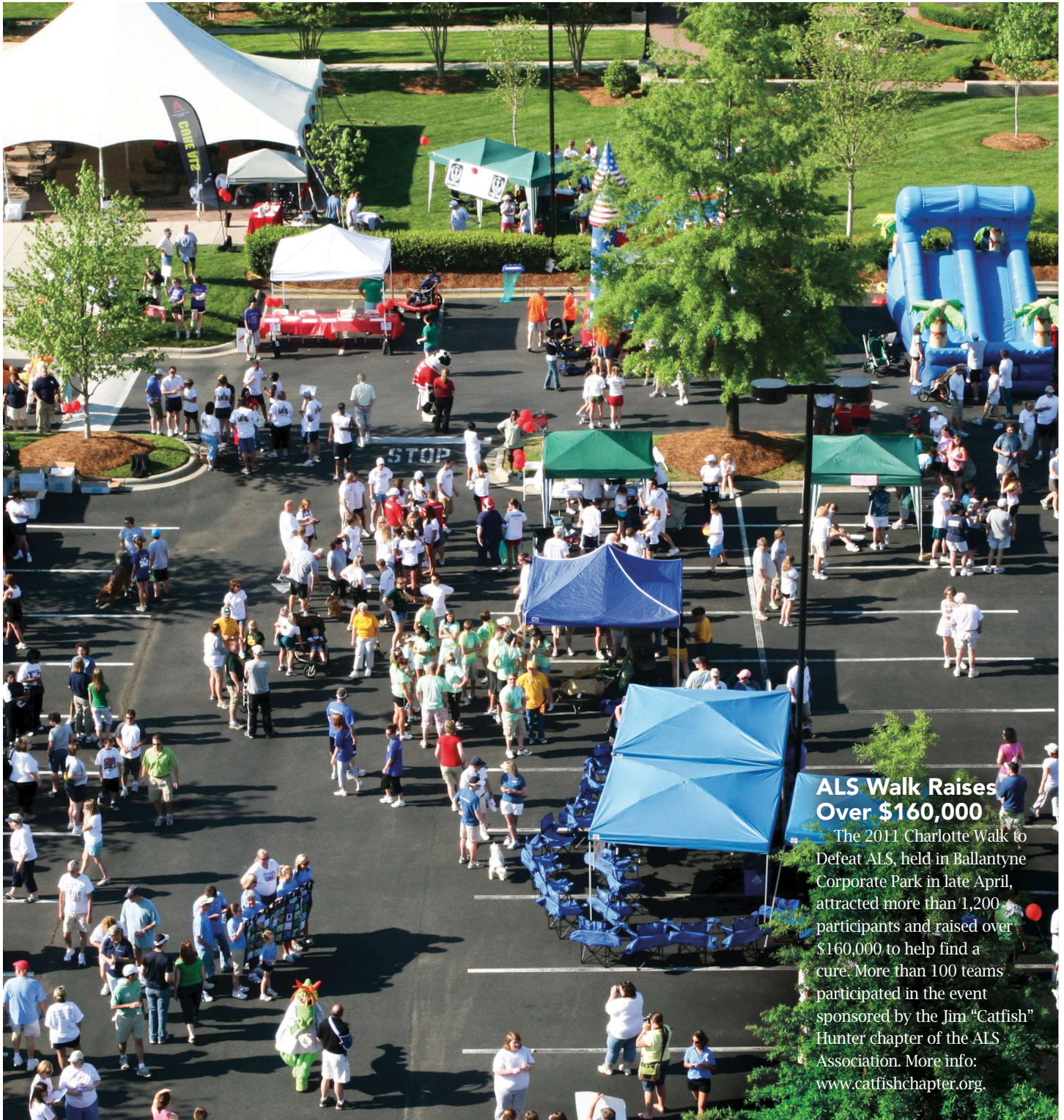
11338 N. Community House Rd.
Located at Ballantyne Commons Pkwy.
& N. Community House Rd.

800-263-0859
AAA.com

Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM–6 PM
Saturday, 8 AM–4 PM

WIRE

What's happening in and around Ballantyne



ALS Walk Raises Over \$160,000

The 2011 Charlotte Walk to Defeat ALS, held in Ballantyne Corporate Park in late April, attracted more than 1,200 participants and raised over \$160,000 to help find a cure. More than 100 teams participated in the event sponsored by the Jim "Catfish" Hunter chapter of the ALS Association. More info: www.catfishchapter.org.

NEWS CUES



Morrison Y Hosts Triathlons, Etc.

The 2nd Annual Ballantyne Triathlon hosted by the Morrison Family YMCA is Saturday, July 16.

The course begins with a 300-yard swim in the outdoor pool, continues with a 12.7-mile bike course through south Charlotte and Union County and finishes with a loop that includes many Ballantyne neighborhoods for a fairly flat 5K run. Registration is \$55 for individuals and \$85 for relay teams before June 16 and \$65 and \$95, respectively, from June 17 to July 16.

The day before the triathlon is the second annual Kids Tri! Ballantyne from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on July 15. Presented by the Y and Earth Fare, the event is for emerging triathletes ages 6-14. Advance race registration is required by July 8.

In addition to the triathlons, the Y is offering several family-oriented activities this summer, including an Outdoor Fitness Series in Ballantyne Corporate Park that continues into October. The series includes boot camps, running clubs and outdoor yoga. For details, call 704-716-4650 or email [morisonevents@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisonevents@ymcacharlotte.org)

Village at Robinson Farm Hosts Farmers Market

The Village at Robinson Farms (Rea Road at Williams Pond Lane) is sponsoring a farmers market every Wednesday during the summer from noon to 6 p.m.

Jason Stone, a farmer from Unity Farms in Denver, N.C. who is organizing the new market, runs the farmers market at Trade and Tryon for Center City, and provides fresh vegetables, fruit, honey and seasonal items for Gateway and Yorkmont sites as well.

In addition to selling their own produce, Jason and his wife, Kristin Stone, work with several local farmers to provide fresh and affordable fruits and vegetables.



Ted Garcia (left), William Revell

Doctors Offer New Surgical Technique, Hospital Grows

Three physicians from Piedmont GYN/OB — which has a Ballantyne location on John J. Delaney Drive — have joined the elite ranks of surgeons trained to perform complex, minimally invasive procedures using the da Vinci Surgical System.

William Revell and Ted Garcia, highly specialized surgeons at Piedmont GYN/OB, performed a hysterectomy using the procedure at CMC-

Pineville in March 2011, marking the first procedure at the medical center using this sophisticated technology. Stephen Bale, another physician at Piedmont GYN/OB, is also extensively trained in this technique and is performing the procedure at CMC-Pineville.

The technique's potential benefits to patients include

smaller incisions, decreased risk of infection, significantly less pain and shorter hospital stays and recovery times.

CMC-Pineville is currently undergoing a \$300 million expansion that will transform it from a community hospital to a full-service, tertiary-care medical center by 2012. The same month the first da Vinci surgery was performed at



Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge: Busy Summer on Tap

Ice Cream Socials at Outdoor Pool: Back by popular demand, The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge offers a refreshing break on Fridays and Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. by the outdoor pool. Choose from a selection of savory ice-cream flavors; cost is \$6.50 per selection. The socials run from May 27 through September 3.

Couple's Friday Night Frenzy: Enjoy nine holes of golf for \$75 per couple on Fridays from June through August, beginning at 5 p.m. Call 704-248-4383 or visit www.golfballantyne.com to reserve a tee time.

Patio Dining at Gallery Restaurant & Bar: Kick off

the weekend in a picturesque setting on Fridays in June at Gallery Restaurant & Bar. There will be live entertainment each Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. To make a reservation, call 704-248-4100.

Wine Tastings: Sample fine wines on Saturdays at 6 p.m. throughout the summer in Gallery Bar, now underway. Cost ranges \$15 to \$20 per person depending on the varietal. Advance reservations are recommended at 704-248-4100.

Flights at Five: Home to North Carolina's celebrated single malt scotch collection and an extensive wine list, Gallery Bar offers an educational and entertaining way to learn about the subtle nuances of fine whiskey and

CMC-Pineville, the hospital introduced a renovated maternity center, including Mecklenburg County's only single-room, Level III neonatal care nurseries.

The expansion also gives Ballantyne residents access to a new operating room, a 30-bed intensive care unit and an expanded emergency department. To learn more,

visit www.piedmontgynob.org or www.cmc-pineville.org.

Greenway Parking Lot Approved

Mecklenburg County planner Gwen Cook says a new parking lot is planned for users of Four Mile Creek Greenway.

The lot will be across the street from Bevington Place and away from The Shops at

Piper Glen. The greenway trail has quickly become a popular spot for Ballantyne area walkers, runners and cyclists.

"The recently approved rezoning allows us to provide up to 40 parking spaces for greenway users of Four Mile Creek Greenway," Cook says.

She notes that although lighting is allowed, there are currently no plans to

provide lighting for this parking lot, similar to other trailhead parking lots within the greenway system. Plans call for construction on the lot to begin this fall.

Car Dealer Offers Free Shuttles Within Uptown

The Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte Sprinter is

wine with informative pairing notes. This program is available every day at Gallery Bar.

Cigar Dave Live Radio

Broadcast: Saturday, June 4, nationally syndicated radio host Cigar Dave will broadcast outside the pavilion at The Golf Club at Ballantyne from noon to 2 p.m. A special a la carte menu will be available, as



well as a selection of beers and cocktails. Arrive early, and bring a favorite cigar and socialize prior to the show.

Father's Day Golf: Sunday, June 19, dads can enjoy a complimentary round with one paid round at the daily rate at The Golf Club at Ballantyne. Mention this offer when booking your tee time at 704-248-4383. Also, demo The Golf Club's new putters and wedges and enjoy a 15 percent discount off any putter and wedge purchases.

Father's Day Brunch:

Celebrate dad's special day at

The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge with an elegant brunch on Sunday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a selection of seasonal entrees, seafood, salads, accompaniments and desserts. Cost is \$39.95 per person, \$19.95 for children, ages 5-12, and complimentary for children 4 and under (pricing does not include tax and gratuity). Advance reservations are required at 704-248-4100 or www.gallery-restaurant.com.

Cooking Schools: The sessions include a continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$75 per person. Reservations required at 704-248-4100. Check out these options:

- "Your Sashimi Grade — A Glance at Modern Day Sushi, Fish and Shellfish Preparations," Saturday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- "Peak Season Local Products" — Experience North Carolina's Bounty Like Never Before," Saturday, August 20.

"Thank You Carolina"

Anniversary Package: In honor of its 10-year anniversary, the hotel would like to thank its Carolina neighbors with a specially priced overnight package. The Thank You Carolina package is \$159, including one night in an elegant room and a \$50 incidental credit per room



per night that can be used for the spa, golf, Dana Rader Golf School, tennis or Gallery Restaurant. This package is available for Friday and Saturday nights July 1 through September 3 (subject to availability). For reservations, call 888-627-8048. Guests must present a valid North/South Carolina ID at check-in.

Junior Chefs Academy: The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge will host the Junior Chefs Academy on Saturday, July 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Under the direction of Chef de Cuisine J. Kelly Morrow and Executive Sous Chef David Moore, the cooking school will offer an engaging, educational and interactive class preparing kid-friendly dishes. Cost is \$40 per person. Space

is limited. Reservations are required at 704-248-4100.

The Spa at Ballantyne Begins Loyalty Program: The Spa at Ballantyne offers Starpoints for services through Starwood's Preferred Guest program. Spa guests can earn bonus points for every dollar spent on spa services. Guests can redeem



points for free nights, room upgrades, free flights, spa services, merchandise awards and more. Guests can enroll at the spa desk or www.spg.com. For more information, call 704-248-4141.

Friday Night Golf Socials:

Dana Rader Golf School is now hosting socials on the first and third Fridays of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The socials go through the summer. Attendees can learn golf tips, socialize and network. Cost is \$40 per person.

providing free shuttle service to and from the NC Music Factory in uptown Charlotte on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. this summer. The shuttle runs every 15 minutes from the following stops: Trade and Church streets, the EpiCentre and the Holiday Inn Uptown. The NC Music Factory features entertainment and music at variety of venues (www.ncmusicfactory.com).



Lecture Series Begins June 12

The Lower Providence Community House 2011 Lecture Series features the following speakers this summer on Sundays at 3 p.m.:

June 12: Artist Dan Nance on the "Revolutionary War at Clem's Branch."

July 10: Birding expert Taylor Piephoff on "Rare Birds in Mecklenburg County."

August 28: Garden center owner Tom Young on "Gardening in the Piedmont."

The community house, known as the "Log Cabin," is a designated historic landmark at 9735 Community House Road across from the middle school. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Proceeds support continued restoration of the facility. More info: 704-905-8334, lowerprovidencecommunityhouse@hotmail.com or www.historiccharlotte.org

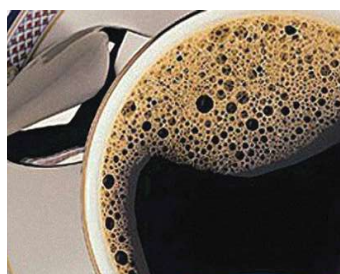


Summer Concert Series Returns to Blakeney

The popular Summer Concert Series at the Village Green is back at Blakeney.

Bands scheduled are: June 3-4, Jes Seda Group; June 10-11, a special event featuring the Loafers; June 17-18, Cookie Trio; June 24-25, Robin Burke Band; July 1-2, Uniq Blend; July 8-9, Flute Praise; July 15-16, Kim Carper Group; July 22-23, Cookie Trio; July 29-30, Robin Burke Band; August 5-6, The Loafers; August 12-13, Jes Seda Group; August 19-20, Kim Carper Group; August 26-27, Uniq Blend.

This year the series will extend through October 1. Details: www.shopblakeney.com.



Curran, Gorman Headline Meetings

The Ballantyne Breakfast Club will host two meetings this summer. On June 11, Ned Curran, president and CEO of Bissell Companies, will speak on the proposed rezoning of Ballantyne Corporate Park and planned road improvements that include the North Community House Road bridge connector to Endhaven Lane.

On August 13, Peter Gorman, superintendent of Charlotte-

Rader Golf School Adds Uptown Site

Dana Rader Golf School has opened an indoor golf center in the Bank of America Plaza in uptown Charlotte.

The venue offers a virtual golf experience using real clubs, regulation golf balls, multiple hitting surfaces and high-resolution visuals. The center has a private simulator room equipped with video-analysis software, a putting green and world championship golf courses. Players can enjoy the sights and sounds of golf in the air-conditioned comfort of a self-contained, modern facility.

Marc Lapointe, senior instructor at the school, is director of instruction at the new location. Golf lessons are available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To book a private individual lesson or a group private lesson for two persons, call 704-371-5600.



Mecklenburg Schools, will review the upcoming school year and issues related to the reduction in the schools' budget.

Meetings are at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge at 9 a.m. Attendees may arrive as early as 8:30 a.m. to enjoy complimentary coffee and refreshments served by the hotel. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Details: www.ballantynebreakfastclub.com.

Preschool Arts Program Debuts for Y Members

The Morrison Family YMCA is partnering with the new Ballantyne Arts Center to offer an arts-based preschool program for Y members.

The program will run from September to May and take place in the Ballantyne Arts Center building on North Community House Road, off Ballantyne Commons Parkway.

The program is open to children 3 to 5 years old and includes dance, drama, music, painting, visual arts and creative movement, along with science and discovery stations, and a learning lab.

All classes are half-day sessions designed to promote cognitive, social, emotional and physical development in a safe, nurturing environment. (This arts-based preschool program is separate from the Preschool Children's Academy at the Morrison Y.)

The cost per child ranges from \$355 to \$565, depending on membership status and whether a child attends three or four times a week. To learn more or to register, call 704-716-4605 or visit www.ymcacharlotte.org/morrison.

YOUR REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST in Ballantyne and South Charlotte

Work Here.
Live Here.
Play Here.

DAVID HUSS
704-543-5892 Office
704-634-9682 Cell
david.huss@allentate.com



BALLANTYNE OFFICE
13526 Johnston Road, Charlotte, NC 28277



Catering and To Go!



~ Enjoy Firebirds ~

Appetizer, Salad, Sandwich and Dessert Platters
Lunch and Dinner "Entrée Travel Trays"
& Boxed Lunches

Ballantyne Corporate Tenant Cards Holders Receive 15% off orders over \$100!

StoneCrest 704-752-7979
SouthPark 704-366-3655
Northlake Mall 704-295-1919

FIREBIRDS
WOOD FIRED GRILL
Fire your desire



www.firebirdsrestaurants.com



StoneCrest Hosts Summer Concerts

StoneCrest shopping center at Piper Glen is offering its Summer Music series again, with artists appearing 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on two stages: The Fountain (near Dean & DeLuca), and The Plaza (between Bonehead's and Flying Biscuit).

Performers at the Fountain are: June 3-4, Leslie & Friends; June 10-11, Mick & The Ultras; June 17-18, Blues Condition; June 24-25, Borderlyne Band; July 1-2, The Roustabouts; July 8-9, Leslie & Friends; July 15-16, Jay Mathey; July 22-23, Mattie Boh; July 29-30, Mick & The Ultras; August 5-6, Doug Burns Trio; August 12-13, The Roustabouts; August 19-20, Cookie Trio; August 26-27, Jay Mathey.

Artists appearing at The Plaza are: June 4, Brad Stockham; June 11, Sabra Callas; June 18, Tony Hayes; June 25, Jeff Brown; July 2, Rayen Belchere; July 9, Sabra Callas; July 16, Tony Hayes; July 23, Shannon MacArthur; July 30, Brad Stockham; August 6, Jeff Brown; August 13, Rayen Belchere; August 20, Sabra Callas; August 27, Tony Hayes. Details: www.shopstonecrest.com.

BIZ BUZZ

Chamber Holds Lunch Meetings

The Ballantyne chapter of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will host luncheon meetings on Thursday, August 4 and Thursday, September 1. The events are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge.

To register, go to www.charlottechamber.com. The fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door if space permits.

brader | greene

brader greene, PLLC

CPAs Expand Services

Brader greene, an accounting firm that serves small to

medium-size companies, has increased its offerings. Located in The Fountains at Ardrey Kell (Suite 202), the company recently expanded beyond basic tax services to offer tax and business advice as well.

Founded in 2010, brader greene combines the expertise of CPAs John Brader and Todd Greene, who together have over 35 years of experience in the industry. To learn



Photo courtesy of Bissell Companies

Jeff Edge (from left), senior vice president, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; Ned Curran, president and CEO, Bissell Companies; David Paul, assistant vice president, American Honda Finance Corp.; Smoky Bissell, chairman, Bissell Companies; Dean Hardesty, regional manager, American Honda Finance Corp.; Warren Cooksey, Charlotte City Council, District 7.

Corporate Park Welcomes American Honda Finance

American Honda Finance Corp. broke ground April 19 for a 25,184-square-foot regional office that will support the company's growing customer base in the Carolinas, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

AHFC will lease the space at 13856 Ballantyne Corporate Place in Ballantyne Corporate Park.

AHFC also announced it will seek certification of the facility by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy Efficient Design standards.

"We look forward to the positive contributions our new facility will make to the further growth and economic success of this area," says AHFC Regional Manager Dean Hardesty.

Charlotte is already home to AHFC's current regional office in east Charlotte. The office's 120 associates are expected to relocate to the new site in 2012. The office currently serves more than 334,000 Honda and Acura automobile customers with vehicle financing and leases.

"We are delighted that American Honda Finance Corp. has chosen Ballantyne Corporate Park for its new home," says Ned Curran, president and CEO for Bissell Companies. Bissell Development will oversee the project, working with architecture firm LS3P Associates and contractor Balfour Beatty Construction.

Network Companies Support Junior Achievement

Steve Zimmerman and Tom Skeels of The Network Companies appeared April 5 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate their donation of 16 document-imaging machines to Junior Achievement of Central Carolina's Biztown.

"We thought it would be a way we could support this worthwhile program and facilitate a more up-to-date experience for the children," says Skeels.

Both men are Ballantyne residents whose children went through BizTown at Endhaven Elementary. The fathers also volunteered at Biztown and noticed that the program had issues maintaining its imaging devices. They also wanted the children to learn on the latest equipment.

In addition to the new



machines, The Network Companies is providing ink, toner and other supplies, along with networking, setup and training services, bringing the organization's total gift to over \$60,000.

This donation also benefits fourth graders throughout the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, all of whom have an opportunity to attend BizTown for half a day. At Biztown, the youngsters have

a job at a mock business, create a budget, print a payroll and engage in experiential learning about the workplace. Biztown relies on grants, donations and volunteers to offer the program free of charge.

To learn more about The Network Companies, visit www.copiernow.com or call 704-588-6891. For more information on BizTown, visit www.jacarolinas.org.

more about the firm, call 704-919-3220 or visit www.bradergreene.com.



PGA Recognizes Nancy Harvey

PGA of America has named Nancy Harvey, senior instructor at Dana Rader Golf School, as one of its Top 100 Performers in 2010. The list gives the PGA an

opportunity to recognize PGA and LPGA professionals for their efforts in using Play Golf America programs to increase interest in the game. Designation is based on the PGA's analysis of the pro's Play Golf America programs.

"Dana Rader Golf School offers a series of Play Golf America programs throughout the year, such as our Women's Only Three-Day Golf School and Women's Introduction to Golf," Harvey says. "These programs make it easy for women to get into the game and out playing golf." More info: www.danarader.com.

Ballantyne Village Restructures Mortgage

BV Retail, owner of

Ballantyne Village Shopping Center, has successfully restructured its mortgage debt, resulting in the availability of funds for new leases, including tenant upfits and lease commissions.

"This step allows Ballantyne Village to continue building upon the unique nature of the shopping center — which combines dining, entertainment, boutique shopping and office space in a village-style setting," says Bob Bruner, manager of BV Retail.

The mixed-use project opened in 2006 and consists of 140,000 square feet of high-end boutique retail and 25,000 square feet of Class A office space. For more information, visit www.ballantynevillage.com.



Party Experts Celebrate First Anniversary

Funkytown Parties, located in The Fountains at Ardrey Kell, celebrated its first anniversary with a FunkFest in May. Funkytown Parties offers its space for birthdays, graduations, bar mitzvahs, fundraisers and classes for ages 4 through adult. Customers can also choose from party packages such as Wii gaming or disco. To learn more, call 704-845-0750 or visit www.funkytownparties.com.



Wealth Management Group Relocates

Ballantyne Wealth Management Group has moved to 3440 Toringdon Way, Suite 208. The organization offers comprehensive financial planning, money management and estate-planning services. More info: 704-927-5884, 1-800-304-9370, www.ballantynewealth.net.



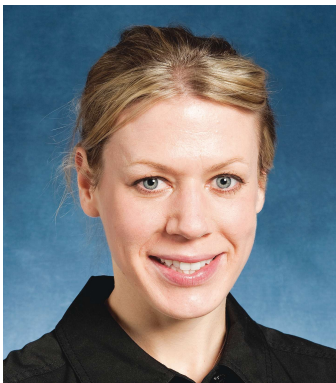
Commercial Realty Firm Chooses Ballantyne

Russell Hughes, managing principal of Hughes Realty Advisors, has opened an office at 7500 British Gardens Lane in the Ballantyne area. The firm is a full-service commercial real estate

office that provides site selection, financial analysis, transaction negotiation, lease analysis/negotiation, investment sales/purchase and development. Contact Hughes at 704-246-8273 or visit www.hughesra.com.



Susan Iadarola



Christine Hall

Golf School Names Sales Team

Susan Iadarola has been appointed director of sales and marketing at Dana Rader Golf School. She will lead all advertising, branding, print collateral, web communication, event planning, public relations, customer service and sales efforts.

Prior to joining the school, Iadarola held senior managerial positions at Sutton Alliance, LaSalle Bank Corp. and European American Bank. During her career, she has been responsible for overseeing complex e-commerce and

marketing initiatives. She holds a master's degree in business from Adelphi University and a bachelor's degree in marketing from Hofstra University.

Christine Hall has joined Dana Rader Golf School as assistant director of sales. Previously, Hall held positions in event planning for Meetings On Point and Financial Research Associates. Hall earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications from N.C. State University. More

info: www.danarader.com.

Home Staging Firm Adds Associates

Mary Pat Nanney and Elizabeth Bumgardner have joined Ballantyne Home Staging.

Nanney has a bachelor's degree in interior design and has worked as an interior designer, visual merchandiser and advertising photo stylist. Bumgardner earned her degree in architecture from Clemson University and worked for a

building design firm in New York City for more than three years.

Ballantyne Home Staging is a licensed and insured company offering staging, redecorating and move-in assistance for residential and commercial properties in the greater Charlotte area. Allen Tate Realtors® recently accepted Ballantyne Home Staging into their Elite Program. More info: www.ballantynestaging.com.



Endhaven Earns Top Math Honors, Displays Art

The Endhaven Math Olympiad team brought home a handful of first-place finishes from the North Carolina MathFest in Greensboro last winter.

Prabuddha Dastidar took first place for the state for first grade, with Subhajit Das winning second. In team competition for Math Bating, the First Grade Team A tied for first in the state. Students on that team were Jace Roberts, Harsh Munagekar, Andrew Suster, Jai Amin and Subhajit Das.

First Grade Team B tied for first in the state. Team members were Prabuddha Dastidar, Mayitreya Pasumarthy, Sreekar Kompella, Hrishika Roychoudhury and Ani Doki.

Second Grade Team A also won first in the state. Students on that team were Anushka Chalmeti, Khaden Watson, Christine Mendoza, Annan Marie Switzer and Trent Lindley.

Last March Sreekar Kompella won first place in first grade individual contests at the Regional MathFest in Atlanta, while Anna Marie Switzer won first place in second grade contests on the regional level.

Also, fifth graders at Endhaven, under the direction of art instructor Katherine Hutchens, used metal and other supplies donated by Ameristeel Corp. in Charlotte to create a metal sculpture, exhibited at Discovery Place in April.

YOUNGER SET



U.S. Kids Golf Honors Marc Lapointe

The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation recognized Marc Lapointe, senior instructor and PGA Class A professional at Dana Rader Golf School, for his talent and commitment to working with junior golfers, naming him as an Honorable Mention to its list of Top 50 Kids Teachers for 2010.

Those selected have demonstrated their ability to organize, administer and teach at a high level and are recognized by their peers and students as role models for the youth in their programs. To contact Marc, call 704-542-7635 or visit www.danarader.com. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.uskidsgolf.com.

School Holds Annual WorldFest

The British American School of Charlotte's annual WorldFest was held in March. Presented by the school's parent group, the international festival featured Scottish country dancing, Indian dancing demonstrations, ballet and performances by students and music instructors.

Participants also could

CUSTOMIZE YOUR APPAREL... TO FIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

Finally, Charlotte...an answer for men and women looking for superior apparel. Red Door Apparel offers 20 years of tailoring experience, image consulting and color coordination for professional, casual and evening attire.

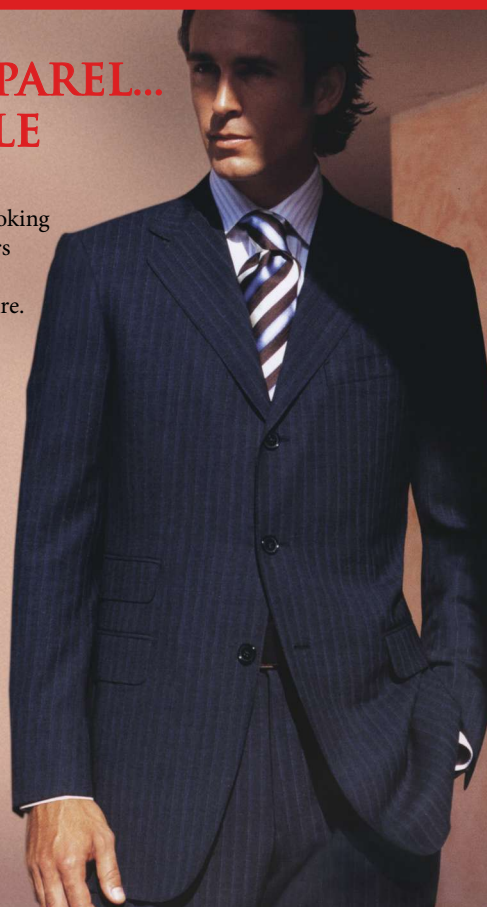


We come directly to your office or home with custom suits, sport jackets, coats, shirts, and pants, all made to fit your body, personal taste and style.

Style, unlike fashion, is a fixed target regardless of season. To master the art of permanent style, one must not compromise on proportion, but take aim at clothing custom-made to fit your body.



Classic Clothing that Fits a Classic Lifestyle
Contact Cedric Bray: Phone: 330-493-0385;
Email: reddoorapparel@neo.rr.com or visit
our website at www.reddoorapparel.com



Creating Smiles That Last A Lifetime



Sonny Long DDS, MS

Member American Association of Orthodontists
Member American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Judy S. Laxer DDS, Cert PEDO

Member American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Matthew F. Savage DDS, MS

Member American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

704-759-0000
www.laxerlongandsavage.com

Colony at Piper Glen

7820 Ballantyne Commons Parkway • Suite 200
Charlotte, North Carolina 28277

We offer complete pediatric dentistry and orthodontic services for children and teens with a commitment to the highest quality treatment and experiences.

- Comfortable and nurturing environment
- Customized orthodontic imaging and treatment forecasting
- Digital X-Rays to reduce radiation exposure
- New patients welcome
- Most insurance accepted
- Conveniently located across from Stonecrest Shopping Center



Laxer, Long & Savage
Specialists In Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics



Ardrey Kell Band Entertains Shoppers

Members of the Ardrey Kell High School Jazz Band entertained shoppers and diners around the fountain at Ballantyne Village on April 12 with two, 40-minute evening performances.

The 27-member band was conducted by the school's band director Larry Shane, who is dedicated to giving the band more presence in the community at public concerts. He and assistant director Patrick McGinty instruct 210 students in seven bands: three concert bands, a marching band, a color guard, a winter guard and a jazz band.

win themed baskets, enter a silent auction and enjoy food from India, France, Italy, Denmark, Spain, Great Britain and the U.S. All funds collected at WorldFest benefit Right Moves for Youth in the United States and Children in Crisis in the UK.

The British American School of Charlotte, located in Ballantyne, welcomes students of international and American backgrounds from ages 3 to 16. To learn more, visit www.britishschoolofcharlotte.org.

NOW OPEN!

Rush espresso

New Cafe Comes to Ballantyne Village

Rush espresso recently opened in the heart of Ballantyne Village. The new coffeehouse serves illy coffee, an Italian espresso brand well known by international connoisseurs; Damman Freres premium teas from France; breakfast, lunch and light dinner items; and a

wide assortment of fresh-baked sweets, pastries and preservative-free breads.

Rush espresso owner, Paul McConachy, and his wife, who recently emigrated from Brisbane, Australia with their children, notes that they designed the cafe with a distinctly European feel, and offer free Wi-Fi and alfresco patio seating. All illy coffees and Damman teas are available iced or for retail sale.

Late-night indulgences include their signature Australian Sticky Date Cake served warm with caramel toffee, and Honeycomb Affogato, an Italian-style coffee-based dessert topped with vanilla ice cream, a double shot of espresso, crumbled honeycomb, milk chocolate drizzled with honey, and served in a martini glass. More info: 704-369-5120, www.rushespressocafe.com.



Performing Arts School Debuts at The Fountains

OnStage School of Performing Arts recently opened two venues in The Fountains at Ardrey Kell. The first space (next to Michael Arthurs Restaurant and Bar) is a private and group lesson studio. The second site (next to Walker Drug's) is where students perform on a stage.

Sonya Gable-Wilson, owner of OnStage School of Performing Arts, has been in business for three years conducting lessons in private homes. Lessons offered for preschoolers up to adults include voice, piano, instruments, guitar, percussion, musical and straight theater, choreography and summer camps.

Gable's students also put

Check out Belgian Liege Waffles

Cast Iron Waffles, featuring the famous Belgian Liege Waffles, recently opened in Cedar Walk at the corner of Ardrey Kell and Marvin roads.



Owners Chris and Krista Duggan, along with their five children, live in the townhouse above the business. Their signature touch is to infuse imported Belgian pearl sugar into the buttery sweet, twice-raised Brioche-style dough and smash it into a 100-pound, cast-iron waffle press to create a caramelized sugar outer shell and soft inside. Diners top it off with maple butter, Belgian chocolate, Nutella, fresh fruit or whipped cream.

The restaurant is also a full-service coffee and espresso bar and offers fruit smoothies and specialty teas. More info: 704-469-4971, www.castironwaffles.com.

on an actual production with costumes and sets in professional venues throughout Charlotte. "We just finished a performance of the Music Man at the Blumenthal," she notes. To learn more, visit www.onstagecharlotte.com.



Brunch Specialist Opens in Torington

Brig's, home of the ultimate brunch and more, just opened in Torington Market near Earth Fare.

Franchisee Johnny Creech, who owns a Brig's in Raleigh, chose Ballantyne as his first site in Charlotte. "I think it's a great market," he says. "We offer an all-day menu, and also do a big catering business with companies like IBM up in the Research Triangle."

Brig's serves a wide array of breakfast creations, salads and hot sandwiches. Popular breakfast dishes include the waffle and pancake combos. Details: www.brigs.com.



Ballantyne Welcomes Men's Clothier

Karen Hund, a professional clothier since 1992, recently expanded her company into the Ballantyne and south Charlotte market. House of Hund specializes in custom menswear,

featuring luxury lines such as Zegna, Dormeuil, Loro Piana and Thomas Mason Shirts.

The company offers made-to-measure suits starting at \$600 and sells sportswear, business-casual and golf attire. Clients are visited in the privacy of their homes or offices. "Time is a precious commodity for my clients" says Hund, who is expert in fitting and in designing lifestyle-appropriate wardrobes. "I am a men's specialty shop on wheels."

For more information or a consultation, call 704-907-4376 or visit www.houseofhund.com.



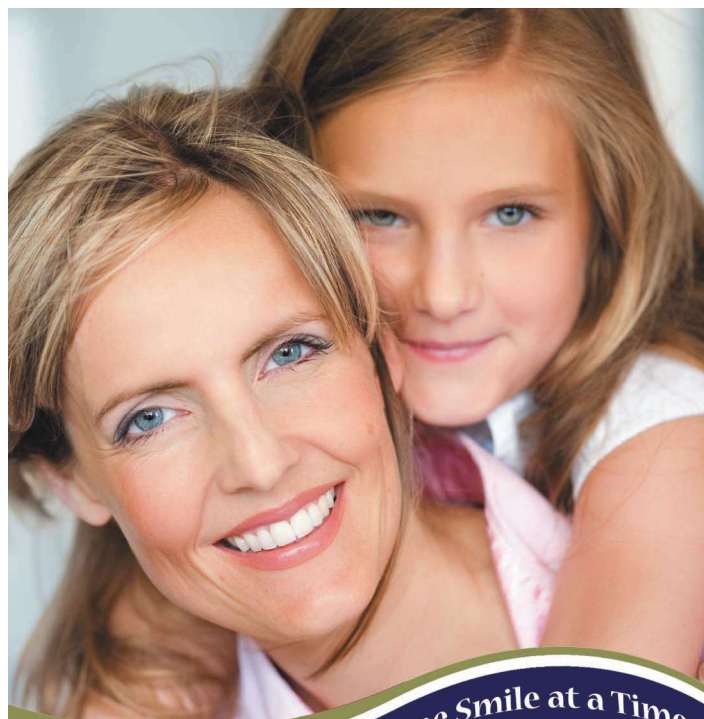
Workout Studio Now Open

Pure Barre has opened in the Village at Robinson Farm. The Pure Barre total body workout fuses elements of ballet, Pilates and weights in a 55-minute intense exercise session. The studio offers a new-client special of unlimited classes for \$100 for 30 days. Any package of classes can be used at either this location or at its Myers Park studio. More info: 704-502-5888, Ballantyne@purebarre.com.

Jewelry Studio Now at Cedar Walk

M&A Jewelry Studio has opened at Cedar Walk (Ardrey Kell at Marvin roads). Formerly known as Southeast Gold Buyers, M&A Jewelry Studio is a family-owned and operated, full-service neighborhood jeweler that offers jewelry repair, made-to-order custom designs, watch repair, battery replacement and watch-band adjustments.

The studio also buys gold,



Changing Lives... One Smile at a Time

Aten

Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

Dedicated to providing cutting edge technology with individual attention and compassion.

Make an appointment today to see how we can enhance your smile. Creating healthy, beautiful smiles is what we do best!

Deborah J. Aten, DDS • (704) 540-4252

Heather R. Dowlin, DMD

Conveniently located in the Ballantyne area at I-485/Johnston Road
3420 Torington Way • Suite 310

www.atendental.com



Pink Bow Rally Gearing Up

Planning for this year's breast cancer fundraiser and its inspiring Pink Bow Campaign are already underway. During October, neighborhoods, schools and businesses tie a vibrant pink bow on mailboxes, trees, desktops, lockers and cubicles to show their support for breast cancer awareness month.

Last year, the Pink Bow Campaign

contributed \$37,500 to the total \$168,000 raised by BCC Rally to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. To find out how your business, neighborhood or school can help the campaign this fall, contact Carol Aaron at pinkbow4rally@gmail.com. For information on volunteering, email Sue Dockstader at suedock@attglobal.net.

sterling silver and platinum, including antique and estate jewelry, watches and coins. Details: 704-341-4868, www.majewelrystudio.com.



Steakhouse New At The Fountains

Michael Arthurs Restaurant and Bar is now open at The Fountains at Ardrey Kell. Owner Rich Oreste designed the concept as an affordable neighborhood steakhouse, with Frank Sinatra and jazz music playing in the background to create an intimate atmosphere.

Although the restaurant is predominantly a steakhouse with all steaks butchered in house, the menu also includes fish, chicken and veal, along with salads and panini sandwiches at lunch. Popular items include the prime rib, grilled veal chop and filet with tomatoes.

Michael Arthurs has only 14 tables so reservations are suggested: 704-443-7080 or www.michaelarthursrestaurant.com.



"Everything for Your Backyard"



SUMMER CLASSICS



Visit
Our Pool
Department
Water Testing
Chemicals & Parts

Today's Outdoor Living

- ◆ BBQ Grills
- ◆ Patio Furniture
- ◆ Swimming Pools
- ◆ Complete Back Yards

704-847-1133

Hrs: Mon - Fri 10-7
Sat 9-7 Sun 11-5

9815 Rea Road
Blakeney Crossing Shopping Ctr
(next to Best Buy)

www.TodaysOutdoorLiving.com

WOW BROWS[™]
THREADING STUDIO

eyebrow Shop New at StoneCrest

WOW Brows, which specializes in eyebrow threading, recently opened in StoneCrest. According to owner Bill Kaufeld, threading is a popular alternative to waxing for eyebrow shaping, with results lasting two to four weeks. More info: 704-540-6463, www.woweyebrows.com.



Piper Glen Welcomes Bird Store

Bird House on the Greenway is now open in the Shops at Piper Glen next to Trader Joe's. The store sells seed, feeders, baths, houses and fountains for birds, as well as other garden accessories. Details: 704-541-1180 or www.greenwaybirdhouse.com.



Barbecue Spot Comes to Arboretum

Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q recently opened in the Arboretum near Harris Teeter. According to Theresa Randall, president of Tricor Inc., owner of the family-friendly restaurant, the Arboretum location features a new design and decor, including a lunch bar with TVs, extended beer list and an outdoor patio.

Popular menu items of classic and baby back ribs have been expanded to include a dry rub rib and beef brisket. More info: www.sonnysbbq.com.



smash. sizzle. savor.®

New Burger Eatery At StoneCrest

Smashburger, a casual restaurant chain known for fresh, 100 percent certified

Angus beef burgers for \$5, is opening in June at StoneCrest near Miró Spanish Grille.

Smashburger's menu includes rosemary and garlic seasoned smashfries, smashchicken sandwiches and signature salads, veggie frites, haystack onions, Häagen-Dazs shakes and bottled beer and wine. Details: www.smashburger.com



Cedar Walk Home to 9Round

9Round is now open in Cedar Walk. The kickboxing and boxing fitness center offers training in a 30-minute, full-body circuit format. The program is designed around a proprietary system of nine challenging workout stations developed by a professional fighter. Details: 704-542-9982, www.9round.com.



LOUNGE AND RESTAURANT



Arboretum Adds Asian Fusion Cuisine

Malaya Kitchen is now open in the Arboretum next to Ben & Jerry's. Asian Fusion cuisine is the focus of the menu, which includes Malaysian, Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese dishes.

Signature items include Curry Lasa, a traditional Asian noodle and vegetable soup with a curry

A WOMAN'S BEST ACCESSORY IS A WELL DRESSED MAN.



MADE TO MEASURE SUITS STARTING AT \$600

Clients are visited in the privacy of home or office.

Wardrobe design & closet management.

Since 1992



704.907.4376

www.houseofhund.com

base, and Roti Canai, an Indian type of pancake. The restaurant has a full bar. Details: 704-541-6668, www.malayakitchen.com.

Community Begins Here.®



CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTERS

Children's Center Coming to Blakeney

Kiddie Academy, an educationally focused child-care center, will open at 9310 Blakeney Center Drive this summer. The accredited curriculum at Kiddie Academy centers on a Life Essentials program, which offers opportunities to learn as well as

develop character through social activities. Kiddie Academy will serve children from 6 weeks to 12 years on a full time, part time, before- and after-school basis. To learn more, call 704-438-8655 or visit www.kiddieacademy.com.



SWEET CHARITIES



Bernie's Tourney Funds ALS Research

ALSTDI Golf and the Martinelli family will present the 2nd Annual Bernie's Tourney Benefiting ALS Research on June 13 at

Antonich Collects Phones for Soldiers

Mark Antonich of Ameriprise Financial heads up an on-going effort to support the troops by collecting used cell phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers, a nonprofit that refurbishes and recycles them. His office in the Ballantyne One Building, 15720 John J. Delaney Drive, Suite 300, is an official collection site.

To date, Cell Phones for Soldiers has collected more than 7.5 million phones and provided military personnel with more than one million pre-paid calling cards and 60 million minutes of calling time to soldiers overseas.



For more details, go to www.ameripriseadvisors.com/mark.x.antonich/ profile and click on the link for Cell Phones for Soldiers.

LUNCH SPECIALS FROM \$4.99

Family Owned and Operated
Fresh Authentic Southern Cuisine made from Scratch
Corporate and Personal Catering Available
Private Room Available for Large Groups or Parties

15105-J John J Delaney Drive | 704.544.5213 | www.creoleskitchen.com

Located in Ballantyne Commons East next to the fountain across from Carolina Health Care Building

Ballantyne Country Club in memory of Bernie Martinelli.

The goal is to raise funds for ALS Research. Also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative condition.

Registration for Bernie's Tourney begins at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Dinner, reception, a raffle and silent auction finish off the day. Money raised goes directly to ALSTDI, a nonprofit lab dedicated exclusively to finding a cure for ALS. For more information, email Todd Slone at berniesourney@yahoo.com, call 803-730-9302, or visit www.berniesourney4als.com.



MOMS Club.

StoneCrest MOMS Aid Crittenton Home

The MOMS Club in StoneCrest collected pacifiers, sippy cups,

books, toys and candy to fill Easter baskets for the children in residence at the Florence Crittenton Home.


Florence Crittenton Services of Charlotte provides comprehensive health, educational and social services for single pregnant and non-pregnant adolescents, women and their families.

The StoneCrest group of at-home mothers residing in 28277 is a chapter of MOMS Club, an international nonprofit for mothers, Moms Offering Moms Support. Courtney Lyons, president of the StoneCrest MOMS chapter, says the group holds a monthly business meeting and fun activities for at-home mothers and their children. To learn more, email stonecrestmomsclub@yahoo.com or visit www.stonecrestmomsclub.webs.com.

Support Melanoma Research at Levine

Kick off your summer with safe, fun-in-the-sun at the Save Your Skin Pool Event & Beach Ball Raffle at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge. The event is Monday, June 6, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Activities include entertainment from Little Dreamer Productions, a silent auction and a beach ball raffle with lots of great prizes for all ages. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids, with a \$15 family max.

The Carolinas Melanoma and Immunotherapy Fund at Levine Cancer Institute will receive 100 percent of the proceeds. To RSVP, please contact Cacky at cacky.allen@carolinas.org or 704-355-4048. 

TRUST TED

*To know the Market • To listen to your Needs
• To work for You •*



Ted Goldsmith

BALLANTYNE OFFICE:

704-576-3637

ted.goldsmith@allentate.com

www.tedgoldsmith.com



Hair By Design Salon

Located at Audrey-Kell
and Longstone Lane



Women's Hair Cut - \$35 and up
Men's Hair Cut - \$25 and up
Children's Hair Cut - \$12 and up
Wash & Set - \$35 and up
Natural Hair - \$45 and up
Relaxers - \$65 and up
Perms - \$55 and up
Full Head Foil Highlights
\$75 and up
Partial Head Foil Highlights
\$55 and up
Hair Extensions - \$125 and up
Brazilian Keratin Treatment
\$275 and up

9620 Longstone Lane
Suite A
Charlotte, NC 28277

704-542-8800

www.hairbydesignsalons.com

10% OFF
ANY SERVICES FOR
FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS

Let's Get To Work!

50 years of experience
in residential real estate
and construction



Top Producer Team
in both North and
South Carolina



Relocation specialists
with personal experience;
domestic & international



24/7 x two
Focused full-time
on being the best



Linda and Stokes Ritchie

www.cchrealtors.com

lritchie@cchrealtors.com 704-408-6918

**GOT SELF
RELIANCE?**



ONE HOUR
PERSONAL
TRAINING
FREE
\$75 VALUE

**COME TO CIARA
FITNESS & REDISCOVER
HOW GREAT YOU ARE!**



PERSONAL TRAINING

BALLANTYNE:
15640 John J. Delaney Drive
Charlotte, NC 28227
704.341.3676

SOUTHPARK:
4735 Sharon Road
Charlotte, NC 28217
704.367.3445

www.ciarlafitness.com



CAROLINA DENTAL ARTS *of Ballantyne Village*

At Carolina Dental Arts we are committed to serving our patients with consideration and understanding in a warm relaxing environment. Our goal is to provide healthy beautiful smiles and convenient appointment times to fit your schedule.



- Complete Dentistry for Adults & Children
- Tooth colored fillings • Teeth whitening
- Digital xrays (less radiation)
- Crowns & Bridges • Complete & Partial Dentures
- Extractions / Wisdom Teeth

Call today to reserve a New Patient appointment!

704.369.5200

We accept most insurance plans

Carolina Dental Arts of Ballantyne Village

Roth & Cox, DDS, PA

14825 Ballantyne Village Way • Suite 280 • Charlotte NC 28277 • www.carolindentalarts.com

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ballantyne Has Many Intriguing Personalities

Photos by Ray Sepesy



WHAT LOCAL POLITICIAN HAS LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1991? Whose favorite outdoor activity is taking her dogs Sydney and Pepper for walks? Whose dream vacation is to travel the globe swinging a golf club? You'll find the scoop on this and more in this edition of Faces, a popular recurring feature.

You'll find everyone from retailers and professionals of all stripes to homemakers, retirees and former pro athletes. Typical of Ballantyne itself, "Faces" hail from the Carolinas and all over the world. The main thing they share is they call Ballantyne home, they work here or both.

Meet Ric Killian, Lisa Nicholas, Molly Gomo Tullar and Brock McLendon our latest Ballantyne Faces.

RIC KILLIAN

Birthplace: Kaukauna, Wis.

Job: N.C. House representative.

Favorite College Team: West Point (his alma mater).

Biggest Pet Peeve: "I have fewer as I get older, but I still don't like a dirty car."

What do you like most about your job? I like a lot about representing the Ballantyne area in the N.C. House, from helping constituents deal with state government, to coming up with, and working on, solutions to problems and challenges facing our state.

Do you live in Ballantyne? I moved to the Ballantyne area in the fall of 1991 because it has enough of everything, but not too much of anything.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? I like all outdoor activities, but in the recent past I have found hiking with my family to be the best. We go all over the state, but Crowder's Mountain is still a favorite.

Describe your dream vacation. An adventure vacation in an exotic location.

What is the title of the last book you read? "Benjamin Franklin" by Walter Isaacson. It provides an understanding of one of our founding fathers and how his personality and views shaped the establishment of our nation.

What news source provides you the daily news? Fox News, WBT Radio, South Charlotte Weekly.

What charitable organizations are you involved with? My favorite charities are veteran oriented, VFW, DAV, AMVETS, etc., because I know they are well run, deserving and I have a personal connection to them.

Tell us what gadget or toy you wouldn't live without. It's probably too cliché, or even outdated and I don't know it, but I have become very dependent upon my BlackBerry.

Name three people you would include in your foursome at The Golf Club at Ballantyne? Living: George W. Bush, Gen. David Petraeus, Defense Secretary Robert Gates. Deceased: Ronald Reagan, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Abraham Lincoln.



LISA NICHOLAS

Birthplace: Culpepper, Va., in the Piedmont region of the state.

Job: Communications professional with a major bank.

Favorite College Team: Virginia Commonwealth University (her alma mater) and the University of Virginia.

Biggest Pet Peeve: Use of improper grammar, smokers throwing cigarette butts on the ground and drivers not using turn signals.

What do you like most about your job? I enjoy the ownership, responsibility and creativity involved with having to develop and execute communications and communication plans for the business I support.

Do you live in Ballantyne? I moved to Ballantyne seven years ago because I love the aesthetics of the area, the sense of community and because Ballantyne encompasses everything that one could want. It is also very convenient to downtown and a quick ride to my favorite mall, SouthPark.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? Long walks with my dogs, Sydney and Pepper. I also love to ski and play tennis. And, even though I've only been a couple of times, I really like the U.S. National Whitewater Center, where there are tons of outdoor activities.

Describe your dream vacation. I've never been to Italy, and I'm dying to go. A two-week romp through both the major cities and the quaint towns and villages would be a dream.

What is the title of the last book you read? "Dog Walks Man" by John Zeaman. It addresses how much we have to gain and learn from the seemingly simple act of walking our dog.

What are your favorite websites? www.webmd.com, www.cnn.com, www.huffingtonpost.com, www.realsimple.com (from the magazine that I also love), www.foodnetwork.com (I love to cook).

What charitable organizations are you involved with? I have been a member of the Links Inc., Charlotte chapter for almost 11 years. The Links is a national community services organization with each chapter committed to serving its local community as well as contributing to national initiatives. My mother is a Link so I grew up knowing about all of the good work attributed to the organization.

Name the three people you would include in your foursome at The Golf Club at Ballantyne? My eclectic selections would make for a fun and interesting foursome — my mom, Fay Nicholas; President Obama and my awesome, award-winning hair stylist, Aubrey Harley, of Paul Mitchell Systems.

MOLLY GOMO TULLAR

Birthplace: Hanover, N.H.

Job: LPGA teaching professional at the Dana Rader Golf School.

Favorite College Team: None, but would paint her face for the Boston Red Sox.

Biggest Pet Peeve: "When refrigerator doors are left open for any amount of time. I hate it when people open the door and just stand there staring. Staring does not make food magically appear."

What do you like most about your job? I love the opportunity to work with people of all ages from a myriad of backgrounds toward their golf-related goals. I feel so blessed to have a job where I work with individuals who have a desire to be out there learning!

Do you live in Ballantyne? No, I lived in Ballantyne for just a few months when I first moved to the state.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant?

Firebirds. I could eat their shrimp and strawberry salad every day of the week.

Describe your dream vacation. A golf trip around the world with plenty of time for sightseeing. A few places that would be must stops would be Fiji, Brazil, Scotland/Ireland, South Africa and "the rest" of the United States (I have only played on the East Coast).

What is the title of the last book you read? One of my friends has me hooked on Michael Connelly books right now. I just finished "A Darkness More Than Night."

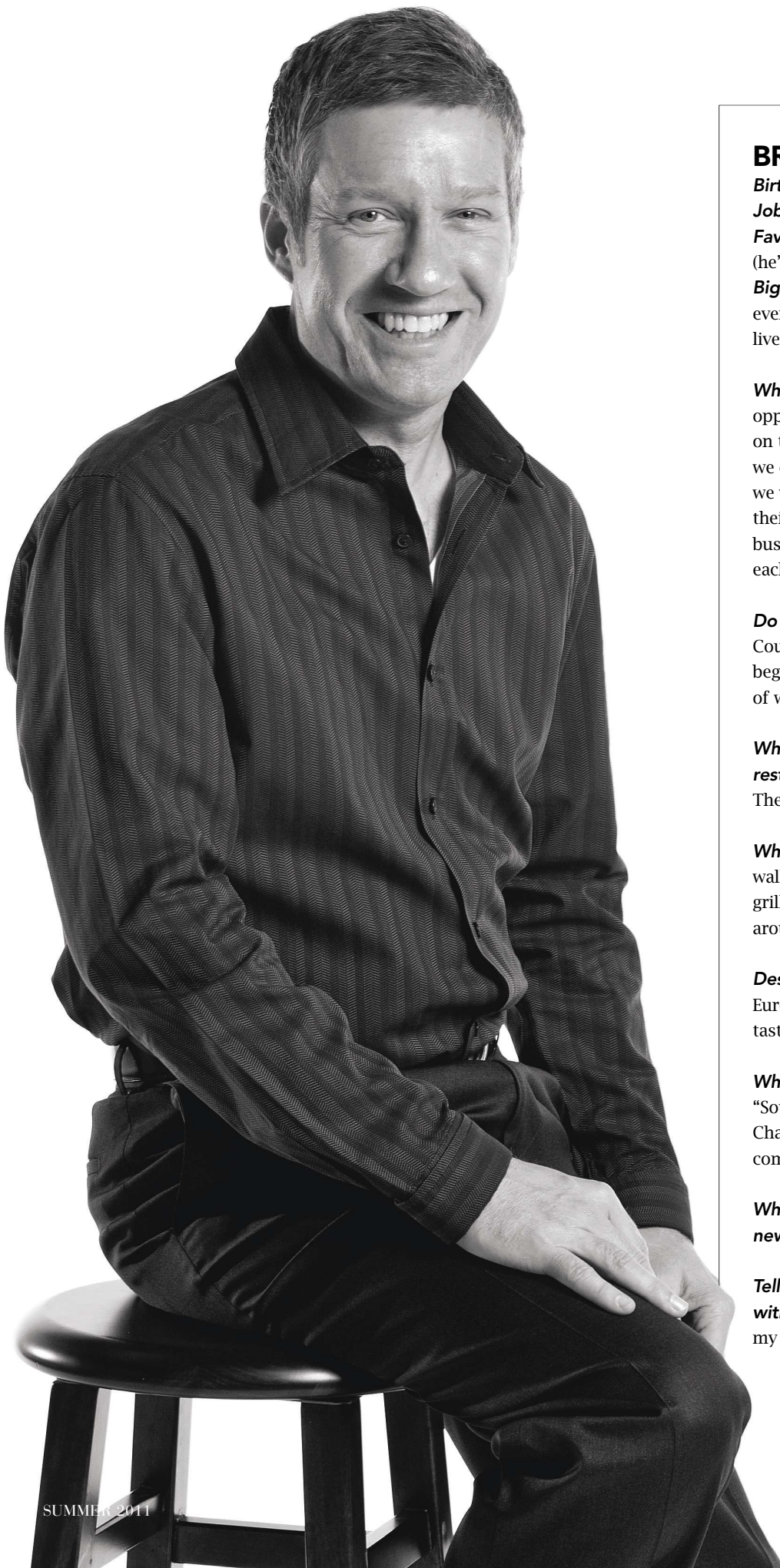
What are your favorite websites? Google and www.intellicast.com. My mom also has me hooked on www.eatingwell.com. The recipes are pretty healthy and simple enough for me to make successfully.

What news source provides you the daily news? The New York Times app on my Droid — save trees, buy apps.

What charitable organizations are you involved with? I am the co-site director for the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Club of Charlotte. This is a great opportunity for girls in Ballantyne and surrounding areas to not just learn how to play the game of golf, but to meet other girls their age and see what types of opportunities are available to them through the game.

Name the three people you would include in your foursome at The Golf Club at Ballantyne. Ernie Els, Payne Stewart (if we could turn back time) and my father. My dad and I make a pretty decent two-ball team. I think we could take them.





BROCK MCLENDON

Birthplace: Wadesboro, N.C.

Job: President, Brock Moran Home.

Favorite College Team: Wake Forest (he's an alum).

Biggest Pet Peeve: Underachievers. "I believe every life has a purpose; find that purpose and live your life according to your destiny."

What do you like most about your job? The opportunity to consult with wonderful clients on their interior design projects. Also, since we offer an online wedding and gift registry, we work with engaged couples on planning their registry. Every day is different with my business, and it is always exciting to see what each day brings.

Do you live in Ballantyne? Yes, Ballantyne Country Club. In 1998, Ballantyne was just beginning to be developed and I liked the vision of what the area would become.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant? My top four are Gallery Restaurant, The Blue Taj, Jade and Firebirds.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? I love walking on the greenway or on a beach and grilling out with friends. I greatly enjoy being around water. I find it relaxing.

Describe your dream vacation. Traveling to Europe and visiting all of the countries while tasting their wonderful food and wine.

What is the title of the last book you read? "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy. I travel to Charleston frequently and enjoy reading Pat's commentary on the city.

What news source provides you the daily news? CNN, Yahoo and The Charlotte Observer.

Tell us what gadget or toy you wouldn't live without. My iPhone. It keeps me connected to my business.



Even in her office, Susan Devore keeps her family close. Her dad, who founded a forerunner of Premier, is pictured in the black-and-white photo.

CEO SUSAN DEVORE BRINGS BUSINESS SAVVY TO PREMIER

Health Care in Her Blood

By Nan Bauroth

WHEN SUSAN DEVORE RECEIVED AN EXPLORATORY PHONE CALL from an Ernst & Young partner about a position with the Premier health-care alliance, she couldn't believe the coincidence. "My father had started one of the companies that eventually merged with two others to become Premier," she recalls, shaking her head at the twist of fate. "I thought it must be destiny. I simply had to go interview. Lo and behold, here I am today."

Now president and CEO of Premier, which recently moved its headquarters from San Diego to Ballantyne Corporate Park, DeVore oversees a company that has developed into a mega health-care alliance serving 2,500 nonprofit hospitals — nearly 40 percent of all the hospitals in America — along with 72,000 other health-care delivery sites.

Yet, Premier's mission remains essentially the same as that of her father's start-up in Charlotte back in 1974 — harnessing the power of collaboration to provide the highest quality, most cost-efficient health care possible.

That national collaboration includes everything from sharing clinical information to leveraging the clout of group contracting for hospital products and services, to providing consulting services and advocacy in Washington, D.C., to assisting with insurance claims experience and risk.

Through sharing best practices, consulting and supply-chain management, Premier achieved \$1.4 billion in savings for its members last year — no small change when health-care entities are striving amid daunting cost increases to transform health care while maintaining high quality patient service.



Photo by Shane Baskin, Blackbox Studios



Photo by Shane Baskin, Blackbox Studios

"I DECIDED THAT WITH EACH CAREER MOVE I WOULD

If anyone understands the critical value of supply-chain expertise in health care, it is DeVore, whose initial charge when she joined Premier in 2003 was to turn around its struggling supply-chain operation.

"Premier had been through an interesting time when they were re-evaluating all their business practices," she explains. "We developed a plan of how we could change the supply-chain process completely in three years, and we did it in two years. Members started to see better performance and returns, so we earned credibility as a result." That led to her appointment as chief of operations two years later, and ultimately, her ascension to president and CEO in 2009.

"Under Susan's leadership, Premier has expanded its presence in the health-care industry both locally and nationally," says Michael C. Tarwater, chief executive officer of the Carolinas HealthCare System. "Her knowledge of health care coupled with her experience and creativity is helping Premier

have a positive effect on its 2,500 member hospitals and the communities we serve."

As CEO of Premier, DeVore still holds a big place in her heart and mind for her late father, Burt Dodson, whose portrait hangs prominently in the conference room beside her office. "It was really cool, because the last six years of his life, he and I talked shop," she remembers, adding that when she was promoted to CEO, her father and mother came to the ceremony. She laughs when she recalls him saying, "You can't get what you expect, but you can only get what you inspect."

'Raised to be Independent'

After retiring from the Air Force in 1974, Dodson brought his wife and seven children to Charlotte and founded a company called SunHealth Alliance. DeVore happily settled into Quail Hollow Middle School. "I distinctly remember thinking soon after I moved here that this was a very friendly place," she says. "I was born in Alaska,

and had lived in Germany and Alabama. Maybe it was the age and stage of my life, but I remember how perfect strangers would say hello." DeVore was also captivated by the four seasons and proximity to both ocean and mountains.

Once at South Mecklenburg High School, though, she had little time for extracurricular activities. "I would describe myself as an academic nerd," she says with a smile, pointing out that other than the honor society and softball, she pursued little of the typical teen social life. She also was a working girl, employed 25 hours a week at the former Ivey's department store. Soon after, she landed a part-time job at Mercy Hospital in the staffing office, where she typed and was responsible for releasing the bodies of patients to funeral homes.

In some ways, DeVore is one of those people who reached maturity as a teen. But she doesn't view that as a negative. "I was raised to be independent and take care of myself," she

says. That attitude propelled her into winning the Bonnie E. Cone full academic scholarship at UNC Charlotte. While in college, she continued to work 25 hours a week at Mercy, and still managed to graduate with a degree in business management in three and a half years.

She immediately went to work for Ernst & Young in its health-care consulting division. "I wanted to go to work. I love to work. I couldn't wait to get started," she remembers. While there, she obtained her CPA license, which she keeps up today. After 10 years, Ernst & Young merged with Capgemini, and DeVore was asked to lead the manufacturing-consulting division.

"They wanted me to take the worst-performing business unit and turn it around," she says. Though DeVore readily admits this move was scary, her team achieved the goal, which led her to leadership positions with other consulting divisions, including high-tech and entertainment, giving her experience in a wide range of business sectors.

DeVore and others from Premier volunteered this spring with LIFESPAN, an organization that helps people who have disabilities.



Photo by Pam Brackett, Blackbox Studios



MAKE IT WORK FOR MY FAMILY AND CAREER."

Premier Beckons

Then came the call about Premier. The connection to her father's company aside, DeVore was intrigued. "This was an alliance of health-care organizations, owned by nonprofit hospitals, and all the profits made by Premier went back to members so they could invest in their communities," she says. "It offered an opportunity to apply business concepts and get all the charge I get out of problem solving but do it for a higher purpose — to improve health care."

Looking back, DeVore says she views her career path, and her leadership at Premier, as fulfilling the ultimate purpose for her life. "It's really interesting, because our board of directors and our customers and our owners are all the same people, so it causes everyone to work together in a different way. It's a new business model — a wonderful combination of a social mission done like a business," she notes. "I don't see that in many other companies. We feel we are making

a meaningful contribution for future generations."

This purpose-driven attitude isn't just lip service. Under DeVore's leadership, Premier has won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and has been named four times as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere. In addition to ties with UNC Charlotte and the leadership group at Queens University's McColl School of Business, she currently serves on the boards of the Healthcare Leadership Council, the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative and American Excess Insurance Exchange. Just before her appointment to CEO of Premier, DeVore earned an International Masters for Health Leadership from McGill University in Canada, where she was the only American in her program.

Integrated Lifestyle

All this time, DeVore has managed to maintain her home in Charlotte, a city she believes is ideal for raising a family. She has juggled parenting three children




Photo by Pam Brackett, Blackbox Studios

by at times working part-time, another time staying home for nine months. "I look at this as having one integrated life full of family, work, friends and co-workers," she says. "You make choices and there are tradeoffs. I decided that with each career move I would make it work for my family and career."

Today, her older son is an attorney in Charlotte, her daughter has just begun a career in stage production in Manhattan and her second son is set to graduate from high school. For DeVore, family is a high priority. With six siblings and 30 nieces and nephews all living close by, she is the "convener," she loves making certain the family

gathers as much as possible, often at her house.

This love of family extends to one ritual that might surprise people who view her only as the quintessential businesswoman. "I sing to my children. Every major holiday, I call each one and they are required to listen to me sing the traditional song. And they have to listen all the way through the entire rendition — they can't say, 'Stop!'" she says with a laugh. And what are her songs? "A Happy Day" for Thanksgiving, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" for Christmas and "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" for Easter.

At Premier? Well, there she croons the tune of business success. 

Greetings from

BALLANTYNE
CORPORATE PARK



Proof that
sometimes the
best option
IS
the closest option



TO: Residents
looking to end
their commute

Ballantyne Corporate Park - For all the times you can't be on vacation.

Visit www.ballantynecorporate.com for leasing information or call 704.248.2071.


Bissell

D'VINE WINE CAFE

Gourmet Casual Restaurant and Wine Bar

Retail Wine Shoppe
with 600 labels &
1500+ bottles

- Voted Charlotte's Best Wine List 2 Years Running
- Live Music Three Days a Week
- No Corkage Fee (House Purchase)

LOCATED IN BALLANTYNE VILLAGE

14815 BALLANTYNE VILLAGE WAY | CHARLOTTE, NC 28277

704.369.5050 | WWW.DVINEWINECAFE.COM

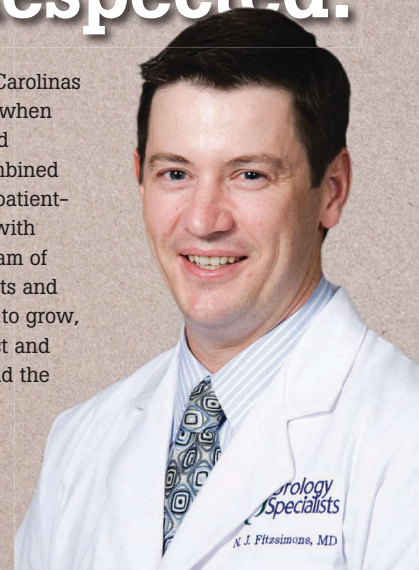
urologyspecialistsnc.com

Well-Known. Well-Respected.

Urology Specialists of the Carolinas was formed a decade ago when our region's two oldest and largest urology groups combined to create one exceptional patient-centered practice. Today, with eight area offices and a team of 12 board-certified urologists and support staff, we continue to grow, innovate and earn the trust and respect of new patients and the local medical community.

Ballantyne Location

Nicholas J. Fitzsimons, MD



PINEVILLE
704-541-8207
CONCORD
704-707-2200
UNIVERSITY
704-547-1495

MATTHEWS
704-841-8877
HUNTERSVILLE
704-892-2949
BALLANTYNE
704-334-4824

CHARLOTTE
Queens Rd
704-372-5180
E Third St
704-370-2076

**Urology
Specialists**
OF THE CAROLINAS, PLLC

BRAND NEW
One, Two and
Three Bedroom
Apartment
Homes

THE PADDOCK
at Springfield

FAR FROM THE CROWDS, YET CLOSE
TO THE CONVENIENCES OF LIFE.



The Paddock at Springfield is an equestrian-inspired apartment community tucked away within the peaceful setting of Springfield in Fort Mill, SC. Strategically located just minutes away from I-77, Ballantyne and Uptown Charlotte.

- Cardio & Strength Training Facility
- Clubhouse w/ Wi-Fi Service
- Resort-Style Saltwater Pool
- Remote Access Garages & Storage
- Fort Mill Schools
- Anne Springs Close Greenway Membership
- Garden Tubs • Ceiling Fans
- Custom Kitchens w/36" Cabinets & Designer Countertops
- Built-In Microwaves
- Spacious Patio/Balconies

From Ballantyne, take Johnston Rd/Hwy 521 south approx. 4 miles. Turn right onto SC-160 and travel 3.7 miles. Turn right onto Springfield Pkwy. The Paddock at Springfield will be approx. 1.5 miles on your right!

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 6pm • Sun 1pm - 6pm

1555 Paddock Club Lane
Fort Mill SC 29715

1-803-548-2212

www.paddockspringfield.com

Neigh

Tom and Sally Golden relocated to Ballantyne from Pittsburgh in 2009.

By Mary S. Gilbert
Photos by Shane Baskin, Blackbox Studios

BALLANTYNE EMBRACES newcomers long before they arrive.

The proof towers some 30 feet high at the intersection of Ballantyne Commons Parkway and Johnston Road. Four imposing Stonehenge-like arches represent the themes of transportation, textiles, commerce and the human spirit. The monument straddling the expanse of land near The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge is dedicated to the human spirit, and attests to the area's welcoming mindset. At ground level lies a plaque with this inscription:

"Charlotte had only modest natural advantages. Much of Charlotte's current prosperity reflects the ambition and talent of its diverse citizenry, many of whom have come from outside the area. The spirit of Charlotte is renewed daily with the arrival of new citizens."

Now that's a heady dose of Southern hospitality.

And it applies particularly to Ballantyne, says Jeff Adams, president of Helen Adams Realty. "Ballantyne barely existed 20 years ago," he says. "Today it is

Newcomers to Boors

**BALLANTYNE
THROWS
OUT THE
WELCOME MAT**



"I said I want that house, the stars aligned, we got it and it's met our dreams."

— Vanessa Hunt

one of the most sought after places to live and work in North and South Carolina. From zero population to 80,000 in 20 years is pretty impressive."

The rise of Ballantyne has paralleled Charlotte's growth over the last two decades, and the south Charlotte community has attracted many of the newcomers relocating to the Queen City. "When people think of coming to Charlotte, one of the things they hear about is Ballantyne," says real estate broker Linda Ritchie.

She and her husband, Stokes, work as a team at Cottingham Chalk Hayes and live in Ballantyne. He calls it "a nexus for newcomers."

Love At First Sight

Consider Vanessa and Greg Hunt. Greg is a lawyer in private practice, and Vanessa is the office's general manager. Transplanted from New York City's Harlem in 2007, the couple actually fell in love with Ballantyne some 10 years prior when they were visiting family in Charlotte.

"We were driving around, made a left turn from Lancaster Highway onto Ballantyne Commons Parkway, and that was it," Vanessa recalls. "We saw ourselves living here. There was a lot of construction going on. We appreciated the landscape, the functional layout and all

Raising their children in Ballantyne appealed to Greg and Vanessa Hunt, who moved from New York City. Their sons are Nicholas (left) and Gregory.

the holiday decorations, and it seemed peaceful."

Back in New York, their lives became more complicated with long hours devoted to their professions. With one child and another on the way, they decided to make their lives easier and raise their children elsewhere.

They remembered Ballantyne.

Their Realtor® gave them materials about the area and they researched it online. A house caught their eye, and they went to the airport to catch a flight south "just to kick its tires," Greg says, only to find the airport closed because of snow. Undaunted, they returned home, grabbed their toothbrushes and drove to the Queen City.

Again, they liked what they saw. "Ballantyne Village was lit up and the grocery stores looked great," Vanessa recalls. "I said I want that house, the stars aligned, we got it and it's met our dreams."

As residents, the Hunts appreciate the ability to live and play in the same area. Self-described foodies, they frequent the many local restaurants. They live an active lifestyle, with walks on the greenway and their children playing sports at the Morrison Y.

They describe their neighbors as diverse, warm and receptive. Many are new to the South, as they are, and many also are young families planting roots outside of where they've grown up.

Moving from Pittsburgh

Tom Golden's job required that he and his wife, Sally, move from her native Pittsburgh to the greater Charlotte area in 2009. Tom is a customer business



Another facet of Ballantyne the Goldens admire is its appearance. "It's well maintained, clean and flowery."

— Sally Golden

manager servicing the Food Lion account in Salisbury for the Campbell's Sales Company.

Knowing that Tom would work from a home office, they entered their search for a house with an open mind and looked at a variety of properties, including ones at Lake Norman, SouthPark, Dilworth and Myers Park. They chose Ballantyne.

"We were impressed with the neighborhoods," Tom says. "The value of the homes seemed reasonable for what we wanted. We like all the amenities, like shopping and restaurants, and the easy access to downtown, the mountain region and beaches. The people are friendly, outgoing and interesting professionals. A lot are transfers like us, so that makes them welcoming to newcomers."

Sally adds, "We were in the process of downsizing. The size of our home, its location, its well-built construction and its move-in condition were perfect for us."

Another facet of Ballantyne the

Above: The Goldens came to Charlotte because of Tom's job servicing Food Lion.

Right: St. Matthew Catholic Church sponsors a newcomers' group for women.

Goldens admire is its appearance. "It's well maintained, clean and flowery," Sally says, "and just going out the front door to take a walk is uplifting."

Members of Ballantyne Country Club, the Goldens attend St. Matthew Catholic Church and participate in its outreach programs. Sally volunteers with the BCC Rally for the Cure, which raises awareness and funds to fight breast cancer.

Lending a Hand

Aware of how disorienting and overwhelming a move to a new home can be — even to a place as welcoming as Ballantyne — St. Matthew Catholic Church runs a newcomers group for women. Participants need not be church



members.

The Moving On After Moving In program, according to Maureen Regele, broker-in-charge at Bon Maison Properties and the group's instructor, is adopted from a book called "After the Boxes are

Unpacked," by Susan Miller. The fee is \$20 for materials.

Classes for each nine-week session are held mornings and evenings. Activities include book clubs, Bunco games, lunches, evenings out, knitting and

"We start with acknowledging that moving is a struggle, but that it's not all bad and there are things you can do to work into friendships. — Maureen Regele



an annual tailgate party. "We start with acknowledging that moving is a struggle, but that it's not all bad and there are things you can do to work into friendships," Regele says.

Lidia Annunziata, who moved four years ago from Rochester, N.Y., recently took the class as background to become a program facilitator.

"When you move there's always anxiety, even if the move is a positive thing," Annunziata says. Having moved six times herself, she wants to be able to share her experiences with other newcomers. "The program gives so much support, and you feel that there's a home for you in Ballantyne."

Another way newcomers assimilate quickly is through

Above: Maureen Regele runs the "Moving On After Moving In" program.

Above Right: Emi, Richard and Alexandra Lawson spend some "sweet" family time.

Right, Bottom Right: The Lawsons relocated from Philadelphia to Ballantyne with Richard's job at Premier.

their employers. Richard Lawson is a good example.

When Premier decided to move its headquarters to Ballantyne in early 2011, it set up an interactive online portal to provide regular updates on the move. Lawson relocated to Ballantyne last fall with his wife, Emi, and daughter, Alexandra, from the now-closed Philadelphia office.

He and other employees from outside the area also received support through an organized




"You don't feel like you're in a middle of a city, but everything is convenient and geared for families."

— Richard Lawson



tour of Charlotte and the office building, a stay at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge and spousal relocation services.

"We love it here," says Lawson, whose title is "director-Internal Product Owner." "You don't feel like you're in a middle of a city, but everything is

convenient and geared for families. Those of us from the Philadelphia office have a lot to say about the newness and cleanliness. It doesn't feel like I'm living in the South, other than some of the food, because it's eclectic. It's very social, open and outgoing, and we feel welcome." 

Home Stats

March 1, 2009 –
March 31, 2011

Months Supply of
Homes on Market
28277

-13.8%

MLS overall

4.37%

Average Months
Supply of Inventory
28277

10.9

MLS overall

13

Average Median
Home Price
28277

\$296,000

MLS overall

\$157,000

Median Home Price
28277

-1.6%

MLS overall

-2.3%

GREATER BALLANTYNE HOME MARKET

Outperforms MLS Overall

Newcomers choose to live in Ballantyne for many reasons, and the health of the home market is no exception.

The 28277 ZIP code*, which includes the greater Ballantyne area, outperformed the overall Charlotte regional Multiple Listing Service in terms of reducing the supply of inventory over the last two years for the period March 1, 2009, through March 31, 2011, according to Jeff Adams, president of Helen Adams Realty.

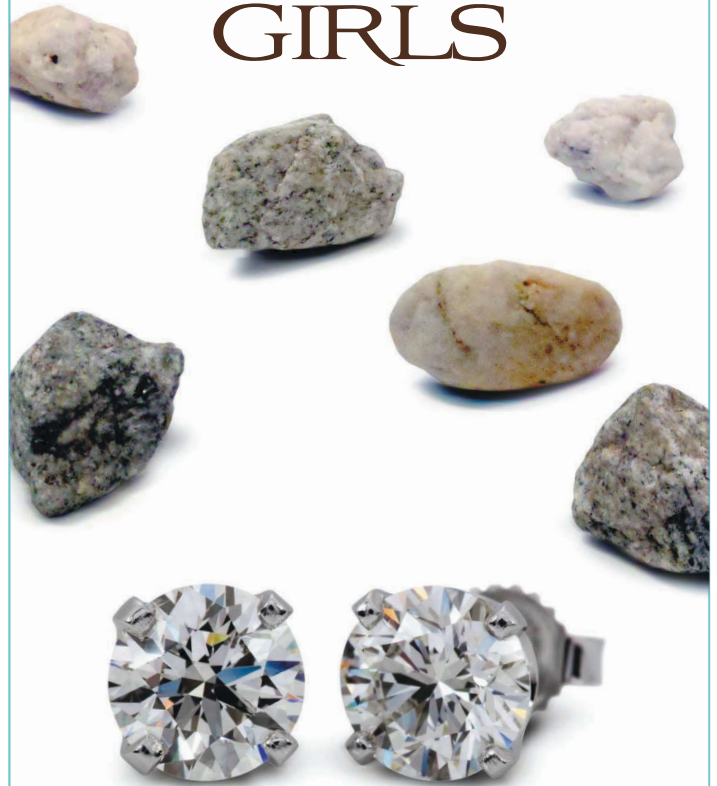
Furthermore, homes in 28277 have held their value better than the Charlotte market average.

Adams notes that the months of supply of homes on the market for the ZIP code has decreased 13.8 percent and averaged 10.9 months supply of inventory since March 2009. The median price in 28277 has fallen 1.6 percent and averaged \$296,000 during this period.

For the MLS overall, supply has increased 4.37 percent and averaged 13 months supply of inventory for the same period. The median price in the entire MLS has fallen 2.3 percent and averaged \$157,000 during the same time frame.

* Roughly, the boundaries for the 28277 ZIP code are: N.C. 51 to the north, Providence Road to the east and U.S. 521 and the state line to the west. The county line makes up most of the southern boundary.

SOMETIMES IT'S OK TO THROW ROCKS AT GIRLS



Guliani's Fine Jewelry

ADD SPARKLE TO YOUR LIFE

704-542-2980

In The Shoppes At Blakeney

9816 Rea Road Suite B . Charlotte, NC 28277

Hours:

Tues. - Sat. 10-6 / Sunday by Appointment



facebook.com/gulianisfinejewelry

WWW.ADDSPARKLE.COM

Ballantyne Quad

Located at the corner of Ballantyne Commons Parkway
and Johnston Road across from the Ballantyne Hotel
and Ballantyne Village

TENANT LIST:

AAA Cleaner and Tailor

Akropolis Kafe

Courtyard Deli

Five Guys Burgers & Fries

Hello Beautiful

Jordanos

On The Roxx

Palm Beach Tan

Posh Nails and Spa

Roosters Men's Grooming

Salsarita's

Tony's Pizza

What's Your Beef



Pizza • Pasta • Eat In • Take Out



704-541-8225

HOURS:
MON-SAT 11AM-9:30PM
SUNDAY 12-8PM



14027 Conlan Circle Charlotte, NC 28277
WWW.TONYSPIZZA.ORG

OPEN:
MONDAY THRU
SUNDAY 4PM - 2AM

on the
ROXX
Martini Bar



DAILY DRINK SPECIALS
LIVE DJ EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT

704.541.0079

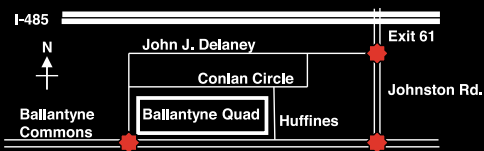
www.ontheroxx.com

BALLANTYNE:

14021 Conlan Circle Suite B6, Charlotte, NC 28277

OTHER LOCATIONS:

LAKE NORMAN: 19712 One Norman Blvd. Cornelius, NC 28031 • 704.896.7601
SOUTH BOULEVARD: 1520 S. Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203 • 704.919.0282



Ballantyne Quad



***All ROOSTERS Men's Precision Hair Cuts** include head massaging shampoo, rinse and style; steam towel for the face; a complete neck shave; and a complimentary beverage and shoe shine! One of the many reasons **ROOSTERS** continues to be recognized as "Best Barber shop in Charlotte".*

- ✂ Precision Hair Cuts
- ✂ Smooth Head Shaves
- ✂ Hot Facial Shaves
- ✂ Camo Hair Color
- ✂ Hand Detailing
- ✂ Foot Detailing
- ✂ Hair Waxing



***ROOSTERS** is the classic American barbershop, reconfigured and updated for 21st century **MEN** and their sons.*

The experience brings you back!

14021 Conlan Circle – B7

704-542-0098

M-F 10a-7p Sat 8a-4p

www.roosterscharlotte.com



Jordanos

Mens and Womens Boutique

Apparel • Shoes • Accessories • Gifts
Personal Shopping • Gift Wrapping

Styling Charlotte since 1999



Voted
Best Men's
Boutique in
Charlotte

14021 Conlan Circle | Charlotte, NC 28277
Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm
Sunday 12pm-6pm
704.543.8800

stay connected  

www.shopjordanos.com



CLEANER & TAILOR

OVER 30 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

DRY CLEANING SERVICE

- Wedding Dresses Cleaned & Boxed
- Leather and Suede Cleaning
- Large Items and Comforters
- Wet Cleaning

ALTERATION SERVICE

- Custom Cushions and Drapery
- Men's and Women's Clothes
- Leather • Wedding Gowns

704-752-3885

14021 CONLAN CIRCLE • SUITE B-2
20 YEARS SERVICE IN CHARLOTTE • SINCE 1991



After dinner, Langston and Whitney Wertz enjoyed music at StoneCrest's fountain stage.



Parents' Night Out

MIRÓ, MUSIC ON MENU FOR THIS LOCAL COUPLE



By Sean O'Connell
Photos by Kim Hummel, Blackbox Studios

DATE NIGHTS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN for Ballantyne couple Whitney and Langston Wertz. For starters, they both work full-time jobs. She's an employee at Otis Elevator, while he's a sports reporter for The Charlotte Observer.

But the couple, who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last June, also are the proud parents of two beautiful boys — Trey and Khamani — and that means

a quiet night on the town often takes a backseat to birthday parties, sporting events, homework, play time and all of the other activities that can eat away at a parent's weekly schedule.

That's precisely why we found the Wertzses to be perfect candidates for Date Night, a popular, recurring feature that explores entertainment and dining options in the Ballantyne area.

"When you guys called and asked us if we'd mind doing this, I was like, 'Would we mind? We would love to do something like this,'" Whitney recalls.

She guesses the couple steals away for some alone time maybe once a month. "And that would be a good month," she says with a laugh. "Most of our dates are in the house. After we put the kids to bed, we'll do a movie night" at home.

Movies were not on the itinerary this time, however. The Wertzses contained their date to the StoneCrest shopping center, opting for dinner at Miró Spanish Grille, followed by live music by the Tony Barnes Band on the center's fountain stage.

Taste of Spain

Located in the heart of StoneCrest, Miró claims to bring flavors of Spain's culinary

Langston and Whitney take turns sampling their desserts.

WHITNI GUESSES THE COUPLE STEALS AWAY FOR SOME ALONE TIME MAYBE ONCE A MONTH. "AND THAT WOULD BE A GOOD MONTH," SHE SAYS WITH A LAUGH.



dishes to south Charlotte. The restaurant's website says there's little difference between "work" and "pleasure" in Spanish culture, and the restaurant tries to mirror that airy feel and casual tone.

"It was busy but quiet," Langston says of the night the Wertzes dined.

"The people at the restaurant were really nice. The food was great, and the service was really good," Whitney adds.

Though Miró is best known for tapas and sangria, the

couple decided to follow the suggestions of their server and try a few dishes that might be considered off-the-beaten-path.

For their appetizer, they shared a mixed green salad with the restaurant's signature Blueberry Balsamic Vinaigrette, as well as an order of fried plantains.

When it came time for dinner, their server, Victor, guided Whitney toward the Mallorquinas, a pasta dish with jumbo shrimp tossed in fresh oregano and tomatoes. "It was really light,

but very good," she says.

Langston, meanwhile, opted for the Pollo al Jerez, a chicken breast topped with mushrooms in a sherry wine sauce that's served with garlic mashed potatoes.

When their server brought out a dessert platter for choosing the meal's finishing touch, "everything was wonderful," Whitney remembers. Langston opted for Red Velvet Cake, but Whitney — who had tried Tres Leche Cake on a visit to Mexico — decided to give Miró's a taste

once she saw it on the menu. She was not disappointed. "It was very moist," she says. "And the waiter went above and beyond by writing the name of the restaurant in the sauce that comes with it.

"The restaurant was full," Whitney notes, "but they do such a nice job with their service, you never really notice how busy they might be. It's a good place for a date."

Best of Both Worlds

The couple sat outside



The Wertz family found their date a relaxing break from family life.

on Miró's porch, which is positioned close to the live music that draws hundreds of families to StoneCrest all spring and summer for a music series. But Langston says the festive atmosphere didn't interfere with their dinner. "It actually enhances it," he observes. "You could see the crowds and

hear the music, but it doesn't overpower your conversation."

Once dinner was through, the Wertz family made their way over to the live music. "The band was great. It was fun interacting with the families that were there," Whitney says.

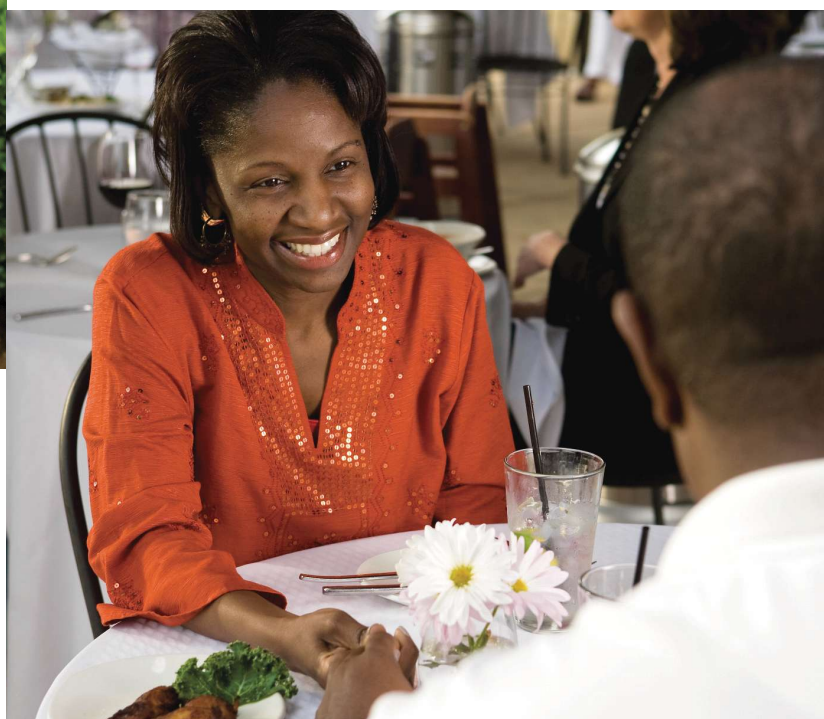
The funny part is that Langston and Whitney left their

children at home for Date Night, only to be surrounded by kids and families. StoneCrest has a reputation as a popular place for parents to bring kids for food and fun, but the Wertz family says you can enjoy the best of both worlds in this hot spot.

"Normally we'll go over there for the music because it is so kid oriented," Whitney says. "They've got an ice cream

parlor there. This was the first time that we've ever actually gone and sat and had a couple's dinner. It was just different."

"I think it can be good for both," Langston says. "It's almost like you can compartmentalize. You can go and do your favorite date thing, or you can do the family thing, and one doesn't need to interfere with the other. It's just really flexible." And fun! 🍷



Enjoying a quiet dinner on the porch put the Ballantyne couple in a romantic mood.



MIRÓ SPANISH GRILLE

StoneCrest Shopping Center
Corner of Rea Road and Ballantyne Commons Parkway
704-540-7374

Hours

Monday-Friday
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday-Thursday
5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Friday-Saturday
5 p.m.-11 p.m.

Website

www.mirospanishgrille.com/home.htm



*Take your game
to another level
NOW!*

HOLIDAY, BIRTHDAY,
& SPECIAL OCCASION
GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

TOP 25 GOLF SCHOOL

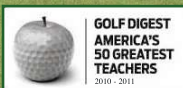
- THREE DAY SCHOOLS
- PRIVATE LESSON SERIES
- ANNUAL PRACTICE & LESSON PROGRAMS
- CORPORATE OUTINGS
- JUNIOR ACADEMY
- ...AND MORE!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TODAY TO ENROLL



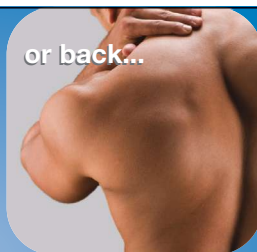
THE BALLANTYNE
A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL

704-542-7635 - Open to the Public
www.danarader.com



Where to
turn when
life is a pain
in the neck...

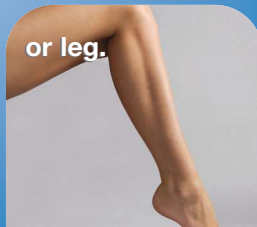
or back...



or hand...



or leg.



No matter where life takes its toll on your body's bones and joints, we can help make the pain go away. The highly skilled physicians, surgeons and clinicians at Carolina Bone & Joint are dedicated to providing centralized **ORTHOPEDIC, RHEUMATOLOGY, PAIN MANAGEMENT, PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CARE.** That means you can visit one healthcare campus and get excellent start-to-finish care through our comprehensive multi-specialty organization.

Feel the difference in our ongoing
dedication to better living.

CAROLINA
BONE & JOINT
ORTHOPEDICS RHEUMATOLOGY PAIN MANAGEMENT

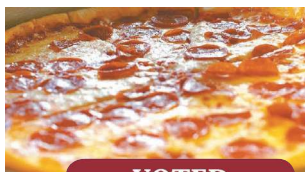
10460 Park Rd. | 701 E. Roosevelt Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28210 | Monroe, NC 28112

Visit us online for our other locations:
Greensboro, NC & Lancaster, SC

bonesrus.org
(704) 541-3055

Lorenzo's Pizzeria

GO TRY THE REST...
THEN COME TRY
THE BEST!



VOTED

*Best Pizzeria in
South Charlotte*

by the Charlotte Observer

Lorenzo's Pizzeria is a family
owned and operated restaurant.
We are committed to serving
authentic homemade Italian food in a
quick-service, casual family atmosphere.
Lorenzo's Pizzeria makes pizza dough
and sauces fresh daily on premise.
Our recipes are taken straight from our
Italian kitchen using the highest quality
and freshest ingredients to provide a
world class dining experience every time!

Dine-In / Take-Out / Catering

704.544.1414

www.lorenzos-pizzeria.com

Cedar Walk Plaza at Ardrey Kell Road & Marvin Road
16721 Orchard Stone Run • Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28277



Hours:
Mon - Thurs 11:00am - 9:00pm
Fri & Sat 11:00am - 10:00pm
Sun 12:00pm - 9:00pm





STILETTO SPRINT DRAWS CROWD

Hundreds of sprinters, spectators and survivors of ovarian cancer kicked up their heels for the first annual Stiletto Sprint on April 9 outside at SouthPark Mall.

Featuring nearly 30 "heats" of groups running a 100-yard dash, the event raised over \$50,000 to support the Carolinas Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at Blumenthal Cancer Center.

Hosted by WBTV's Maureen O'Boyle, the event was inspired by the Teal Magnolias, the ovarian cancer support group at the cancer center. The group wanted to do something lighthearted to raise funds to help find a cure for this serious disease.



1. Men were well represented at the first annual Stiletto Sprint!
2. The "Sweet 100 Style-ettos" were a colorful team.
3. WBTV's Maureen O'Boyle (right) admired one contestant's stilettos.
4. Ovarian cancer survivor Shannon Routh with husband JJ Routh
5. Dr. Robert Higgins (from left), Dr. Jim Hall, Smoky Bissell, Dr. David Tait
6. Maureen O'Boyle interviewed Taghi Mostafavi.
7. Carolinas HealthCare Foundation's Scott Kerr, ovarian cancer survivors Carolyn Finegan and Pamela Boyajian, Dr. David Tait, Maureen O'Boyle, Dr. Jim Hall and Dr. Robert Higgins

GOLF CLUB HOSTS WOMEN'S EVENT

On May 15, The Golf Club at Ballantyne hosted a Women's Beginner Golf Get-Together for Ballantyne Corporate Park tenants. The event featured a fashion show, golf tips, cooking exhibition, stretching exercises, mini-massages, wine and cheese and raffle prizes. This event served as the kickoff to the Women's Beginner Golf League.

1. Ellen Caldwell (from left), Sheena Atkinson, Chris Shoemaker, Kristel Swayze
2. From head to toe, Nicole Tauber sports a traditional look.
3. Jaqueline Fuller, Ellen Caldwell, Faith Bowes
4. Shelly Spencer models jaunty golf apparel.
5. Tracy Moore, Deidre Vanvranken, Kenya Todd, Maggie Will
6. David Morris looks ready for the links.
7. Juilia Groves, Lynne Croghan, Deanna Emmons, Sandi Berry
8. Sandi Berry lines up a putt.
9. Meghan Racek, Jennifer Bower
10. Participants relax with a shoulder and neck massage from Sarah Clark and Natalie Dowdy from The Spa at Ballantyne.



V'BALL TOURNEY BENEFITS SCHOOLS

The Ballantyne Rotary Club hosted the 2nd Annual 2011 Teachers Cup for the Community on March 11. Rotary Club members, along with local teachers and faculty, formed the participating teams for the volleyball tournament.

This event provided great entertainment and raised funds for the participating elementary schools, as well as for the Ardrey Kell High School Interact Service Group.



1. Abbey Smith (from left), Anders Wilson, A.J. Newlands
2. Garrett Garcia, Drew Hackett, Zach Weston, Zane Sullivan, Jakob Cohn, Dari Steiner, Alyssa Hackett
3. Khaden Watson, Carter Schwiegerath, Jake Daigle
4. Martha Bookout, Cindy Pusanik, Mary Beth Laurie, Ashley Hunter, Marissa Diponio, Deb Roberts
5. Lakin Rutledge, Mia McClory
6. Frank & Garrett Garcia
7. Kaden Moore
8. Polo Ridge staff wore pink armbands in support of fellow staff members battling cancer.
9. Zach Weston participated in the team relay for Endhaven.

BV WINE DINNER AT GALLERY

Gallery Restaurant hosted a Beaulieu Vineyard wine dinner on April 5. Winemaker Jeffrey Stambor educated attendees on how the distinctive flavor and personality of each wine complemented each course.

1. John Glenn (from left), Laura Lawson, Jeffrey Stambor, Gary Oikemus, Jim McClement
2. Michael & Nora Clancy
3. Lindsay Inman, Debbie Inman, Anne Cammer
4. Jeb Bull, Sandi Miller, John Miller
5. David & Jill Slater
6. Ken & Heather Bryson, Kelly & Dave Randazzo
7. Anne & Rick Cammer, Scott & Kelly Clackum
8. Beaulieu Vineyard Wine Dinner



'25 MOST STYLISH' EVENT

Charlotte STYLE Magazine held its annual '25 Most Stylish' event at Mercedes Benz of South Charlotte on April 9. Hosted by Samantha Badger of Fox News Rising and Preston Miles of V101.9, the event recognized people in the fashion, business and nonprofit industries who have made an impact in the community.

MikelleDeFo, Fresh Boutique, Kotani Rae, The Pink Hanger and Revolution showed their Spring 2011 collections in an entertaining fashion show. The event benefited the American Heart Association's Go Red Campaign.



1. Katie Tanko
2. Shawn Michelle Greene (from left), Jonathan Manncce, Bobby Bowers
3. Dexter & Mia Benoit
4. Jami & Sam Svay
5. Summer is perfect for this floral dress and sandals.
6. George Demosthenous, Nicole Haze, Mindy Coats, Justin Combs
7. Ashley Hartis, Darcy Melius, Sarah Mitchell, Michele Matkonch, Andrea Jones, Abby Dunning
8. Anne Owczarzak, Christine White

SPRING FLING AT ALOFT

Aloft Charlotte Ballantyne held its 2nd Annual Spring Fling on April 15. The event featured live entertainment from The Matt Stratford Band and Patrick McFall, as well as good old-fashioned backyard burgers and hot dogs, drink specials and a cornhole tournament.

1. Patrick McFall
2. Will O'Hare (from left), Ben Wolf, James Ross, Kendra Ross
3. Heather Russell, Amy Potvin
4. Kevin Callahan, Renee Callahan, Beth Burke, Marc Evans
5. William Bradley, Phillis Brown, Chris Steele, Rose Guardino, Teresa Kimsey, Debbie Costello
6. Susan Brown, Michael Dutilly
7. Brendan Maginnis, Katerina Litomysska
8. Jim Ballard, Sheryl Spangler, Wendy Whitehurst, Caroline Peek



HIDDEN GEM

Tria Terra Sparkles with Mediterranean Flare

By Sean O'Connell Photos by Ray Sepesy

NO ONE DRIVING DOWN the stretch of Pineville-Matthews Road connecting Johnston and Carmel roads would mistake it for Restaurant Row.

Eateries that dot the landscape serve patrons who are young, on the go or both. The newly constructed McDonald's and its nearest neighbor, Chipotle, cater to Charlotte Catholic High School's hungry student body. A Chuck E. Cheese lures families seeking fast food and a little noisy fun.

Which is part of the reason why Tria Terra, tucked away in the corner of the Carmel

Commons Shopping Center, qualifies as a hidden gem. The restaurant and tapas bar, which opened in 2007, serves authentic Mediterranean cuisine in an intimate, rustic environment.

As the name suggests, three countries are covered by the restaurant's menu. Italian, French and Spanish dishes emerge from the kitchen, and each meal is complemented by a hard-to-find bottle of wine or a glass of the restaurant's homemade sangria.

The majority of the restaurant's menu — from the tapas to the sauces and desserts — is made fresh and on the premises under the supervision of head chef Patricio Campoverde. The culinary artist moved to Charlotte from New York with his brother Fernando a few years back, and both have



Taglioline Neri is Tria Terra's most popular dish.

been contributing to the Queen City's restaurant scene ever since. Fernando is the owner and chef of Fiamma, an Italian restaurant located in the Dilworth area.

Nothing Pre-cooked

"It's authentic food," Campoverde says of Tria Terra's menu. "It is prepared in the moment. We don't have anything that is pre-cooked. Only the

fresh (dishes). You order it, you'll get it. You might wait a little more than you are used to, especially on the weekends or when we are busiest, but that is because we don't have big cooking tables with sauces that already are made. We are making your meal in the moment."

The meal Tria Terra's staff prepares most often has to be its Taglioline Neri, or black pasta,

which is as rare as it is succulent.

"There are only two restaurants in Charlotte that serve the black pasta," Campoverde says. "We make it with squid ink from calamari. The people order this kind of pasta because it's new to them, so they're eager to try. People



Sangria Tria Terra

For 12

- 1 liter Chablis Franzia white wine
- 1 liter Brigandi Franzia red wine
- 5 green apples (diced)
- 5 red apples (diced)
- 10 fresh-squeezed oranges
- 1 cup sugar

Mix ingredients in large container and let sit for eight hours. Serve in chilled glasses and enjoy!

Pimiento Rellenos con Queso de Cabra

(stuffed peppers with warm goat cheese)

For 12

- 2-3 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- ½ red onion (diced)
- 3 celery stalks (diced)
- 1 carrot (diced)
- 1 zucchini (diced)
- 1 yellow squash (diced)
- 1 red bell pepper (diced)
- 1 yellow bell pepper (diced)
- ½ cup white wine
- 4 ounces manchego cheese (Spain)
- 4 ounces goat cheese
- 3 piquillo peppers (roasted peppers)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Heat skillet on medium flame with olive oil. Once oil is heated, add garlic, celery, onion and carrot. Let mixture sauté for about 10 minutes. When tender, add all other ingredients with the exception of the piquillo peppers and cheeses. Let mixture sauté for eight to 10 minutes. Once tender, put the skillet with ingredients in the oven for about 20 minutes.

Take skillet out and let it cool for 15 to 20 minutes. Once cool, put the ingredients, including the cheese, through a food processor. After the ingredients are processed, if the mixture is too watery, bread crumbs can be added. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Put the processed ingredients into the piquillo peppers, top with sauce (see recipe below) and enjoy!

Sauce

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- ½ red onion
- 1 red bell pepper
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Sauté the ingredients for five to eight minutes. Once tender, put ingredients in a blender and blend it to a cream. While still warm, put sauce on top of stuffed pepper. Add salt and pepper to taste.



never have seen this kind of pasta in Charlotte before.

"It has a beautiful taste," he continues. "And we serve it with the spicy Arrabbiata sauce. It's then topped with shrimp and lumps of crab meat. It's a very popular dish."

Pasta Made Daily

Even Tria Terra's pasta is made fresh daily, typically in about 40 minutes. "The busier we are, the more pasta we make," Campoverde says.

Not that everyone who walks through Tria Terra's door orders a full meal. Many patrons are satisfied ordering one of the restaurant's award-winning tapas — or appetizers — and a glass of sangria.

Campoverde singles out the



Tria Terra

Lunch

Monday-Friday

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner

Monday-Thursday

5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday


5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

7707 Pineville-Matthews Road
704-541-2924

www.triaterra.com

Pimientos Rellenos con Queso de Cabra, a stuffed pepper from Spain, as Tria Terra's most popular tapas. Filled with warm goat cheese, the pepper is served in a shallow dish and drizzled with a homemade sauce created with cheeses and roasted vegetables. "That's the one most people order when they come in," he notes.

Why does Campoverde believe Tria Terra has been successful?

"When you cook with your heart, and you give the freshest ingredients to ensure people like your food, they keep coming back," he says. 

TIME TO BUY OR SELL?

These Residential Resources Can Help

WITH THE BALLANTYNE HOME MARKET one of the strongest in the Charlotte region, many people are either looking to buy here or move ahead with selling their home.

To assist buyers and sellers with resources on residential real estate, the magazine is providing this special advertising section. The display allows our advertisers to provide a more in-depth look at their services.

Read on to learn about a new development near Ballantyne as well as many of the Realtors® who serve the area.





David Huss Aims to Make Home Sales Simple

"Home Buying and Selling Made Easy" is what David Huss offers his customers.

"I know people don't buy a home every day, and often there is a

mystery, confusion or lack of knowledge about the process," says the Allen Tate Realtor®. "I strive to be a resource that makes it easy."

In today's market, Huss often takes extra steps to help sellers. "I have to do a lot of counseling with people about what they need to do," he says. "It's hard for sellers to accept that we've had a downturn and they can't just put a sign in the yard and sell it. They also think their home is worth what it was several years ago, which is usually not the case."

"I have to educate them and talk to them more about solutions and answers than in the past," he says.

A Realtor® for 13 years, Huss concentrates on Ballantyne, SouthPark and other areas of south Charlotte. Those areas range from Pineville and Fort Mill to the west, and Matthews, Weddington and Waxhaw to the east.

"Ballantyne is my bread and butter," he notes. "My family and I live in Ballantyne (Kensington); I work in the Corporate Park; and we're active in the community. We love the people here. We're the epitome of the 'Live Here, Work Here, Play Here' concept."

If you would like to contact David for more information, you can reach him at 704-634-9682 or davidhuss@allentate.com.

When Elaine Eschert began selling real estate in the mid-1990s, she knew how she wanted to treat customers. "Like I wanted to be treated — that's extremely important to me," she says.

The broker-owner of Golden Properties Realty, Eschert won't sell buyers just any house. "My philosophy is that if I wouldn't sell a home to a member of my family, then I won't sell it," she says. When I go into a home, I am looking for the positive and negatives. I want to know my buyer is making a good decision."

Such concern for clients helped land Eschert on national TV in April 2010 when the TLC channel's "My First Home" selected her for the show. Elaine has also been awarded the "5 Star Best in Client Satisfaction Award" each year since it began in 2007 as seen in Charlotte Magazine.

Eschert serves buyers and sellers primarily in Ballantyne and nearby areas of south Charlotte and Union County, a territory she knows well. A resident of Thornhill, She has lived in the area since 1978.

Ray Eschert, Elaine's husband and founder of the Ballantyne Breakfast club, also works in the business. Donna Putnam is the closing coordinator. "They are my right and left arm," she says.

For the first 15 years of her practice, Elaine was a top-selling agent for RE/MAX. She opened her own firm in December 2009, naming it after her family's golden retrievers. Her home page at www.goldenproperties.com features her with "Timber," her son's golden. "We call him the face of Golden Properties," she says with a laugh. Reach Elaine at 704-651-9946 or Elaine@goldenproperties.com.

Elaine Eschert Helps Clients Make Good Decisions



Trust is what helps build relationships. We all know that buying and selling a home is one of the biggest financial decisions you make. I believe that in order to fully help my clients, they need to trust me. By understanding their needs, knowing the market and telling the truth, I develop trust.

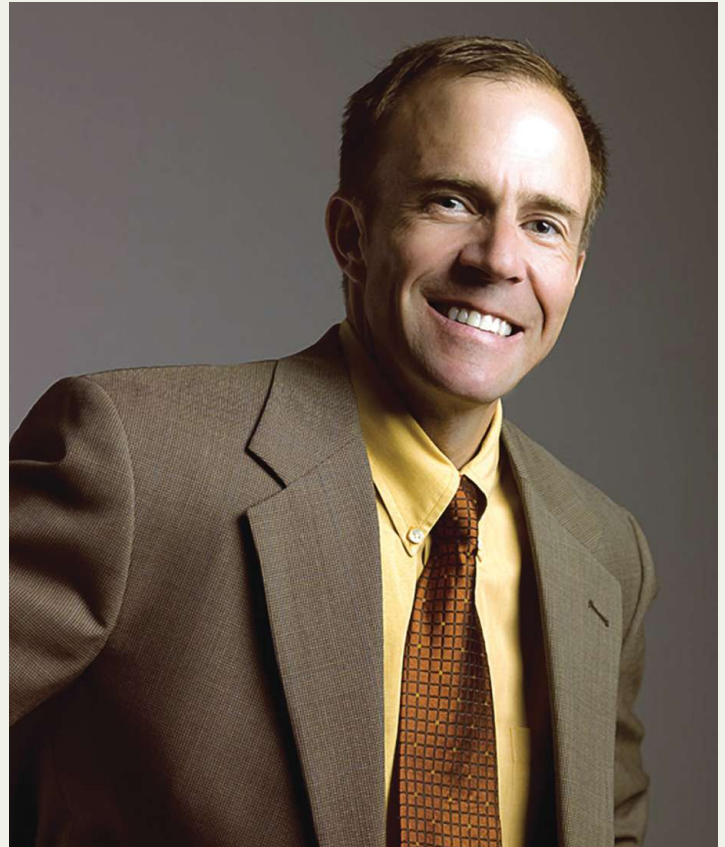
Ted Goldsmith: Trust Critical To Your Transaction

I believe in being honest. One of the biggest challenges that I have these days is talking to clients about listing their home. Pricing and positioning is an important, if not the most important part of a listing. I don't sugar coat what a client's house will sell for just to get the listing. I believe that it's critical to set the proper expectation for both the client and Realtor®.

I run my real estate practice like a business, working hand-in-hand with a home stager and a personal licensed real estate assistant so I can stay focused on my clients' experiences.

A Realtor® for seven years, I concentrate my work on south Charlotte, Ballantyne, Fort Mill and Union County. Although I am originally from New York, I married a Charlottean, so I understand the native culture and enjoy having endless conversations about the advantages of North vs. South.

If you or someone you know seeks a Realtor® who will be honest and can be trusted to provide the best advice in making the decision to buy or sell a home, please contact me for more information at 704-576-3637 or ted.goldsmith@allentate.com. You may also visit my website at www.tedgoldsmith.com.



Katy Bradfield Knows Ballantyne, Beyond; Smooths Relocations

The focus of Katy Bradfield's real estate business is Ballantyne for good reason — it is where her family lives and her children attend award-winning schools.

Katy is impressed by how well the area was planned

and frequently tells her clients that they can enjoy the amenities Ballantyne has to offer and a great lifestyle, whether they purchase a \$200,000 home or a \$2 million home. In her experience, there is something for everyone.

Having grown up in Charlotte, Katy is also familiar with other areas and has sold properties in Myers Park, SouthPark, Quail Hollow, Piper Glen, Matthews, Union County and Lake Norman.

Katy is particularly sensitive to the needs of families who are relocating because she and her husband Craig, a banker, have moved four times in the course of their 18-year marriage. Her goal is to always help newcomers make a smooth transition.

On the seller side of the equation, Katy believes it is critical to provide excellent marketing technology, staging recommendations, current market data, feedback from showings and information on competing properties to help homeowners make intelligent decisions that will sell their houses.

Katy's hard work and passion for real estate yields results. In 2010, she was named the "Overall Office Sales Leader" of the Ballantyne office of Helen Adams Realty and was a Platinum Level Quality Service Award recipient. She invites you to visit her website at www.katybradfield.com or to contact her at 704-965-5968.

The Ritchie Team is a partnership of two highly experienced professionals whose complementary skills directly benefit their clients:

- Linda's 15 years of real estate experience as a top-echelon producer in market share, leading firms in the Carolinas
- Stokes' 36 years of experience in the building products industry with leaders like National Gypsum and Owens Corning

The Ritchies have built their reputation and business on unparalleled service — above and beyond the call. Like their firm, Cottingham Chalk Hayes, they strive to be the very best at everything they do for each client.

Linda and Stokes bring different strengths and styles to their clients, who are diverse in their own needs and objectives. For instance, Linda's ability to create new home environments for their own family during a dozen relocations is invaluable to clients making that difficult transition. Based on his background, Stokes is skilled at working with contractors on inspections and repairs, plus handling information technology that is so important in marketing clients' properties.

Clients have also remarked that the Ritchies provide uniquely experienced judgment in problem solving and in consulting to support decision-making.

Their philosophy is based on building a strong partnership with each client that is grounded in mutual trust. As a result, the Ritchies often enjoy a friendship with their clients that goes beyond the real estate transaction — which is a particular source of enjoyment and pride.

You can reach the Ritchies at 704-364-4400, ext. 203 or 257, or at lritchie@cchrealtors.com.

'Unparalleled Service,' Experience: Hallmarks of the Ritchie Team



The Paddock management and marketing team: Danita White (from left), Sandra Fick, Stephanie McClure

New Apartment Community Offers Host of Amenities, Fort Mill Schools

Nestled among the trees of the Springfield neighborhood in Fort Mill, The Paddock at Springfield Apartments is one of the newest apartment communities near Ballantyne.

The Paddock features one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments with designer kitchens and finishes. Residents enjoy access to a saltwater swimming pool, covered pavilion with outdoor kitchen, fireplace, Wi-Fi and flat-screen televisions, as well as a cardio-fitness and strength-training facility.

In addition to these amenities, residents also have access to 100 acres of walking, biking and horse trails through an "included" membership to the Anne Springs Close Greenway.

The Paddock is owned and professionally managed by Charter Properties Inc. of Charlotte. Founded in 1970, the company has a history of developing and managing properties in the Charlotte region for over 40 years.

"Our commitment to our employees and residents is what our reputation is built upon," says Kim Fallon, vice president and director of residential property management for Charter Properties. "We are dedicated to providing quality apartment communities and outstanding service."

The Paddock's close proximity to Ballantyne provides an alternative to the hustle and bustle of Charlotte. Top-rated Fort Mill schools and access to the host of desirable amenities is a big reason many people choose to make The Paddock at Springfield their new home.

For more information, call 803-548-2212 or visit our website at www.paddockatspringfield.com.



Tammy Manning: It's finally summer, so now is the time to get moving! I'll Help You Get Moving!

Lawns are green, flowers are blooming, pools are sparkling and people are moving. Whether you are upsizing, downsizing, moving across town or moving into town, I'd like to help you find that home of your dreams.

With my top-notch customer service, professional staff and impeccable marketing, there's no reason for you to wait any longer. The weather is getting hotter and so is the real estate market.

- Low interest rates
- An amazing inventory of new homes and resales
- Communities that offer all the amenities you could imagine
- Homes with large parcels for privacy
- Golf courses in every direction
- Shopping, restaurants and entertainment
- Live uptown, downtown or on the outskirts of town
- Charlotte is the happening place

Don't miss out on the best time to sell or buy. Either way, I can offer you help.

For Sellers:

- Pricing strategies
- Intense Internet marketing
- Enhanced virtual tour
- Personal website for each listing

For Buyers:

- Connect you with a lender to get you pre-qualified
- Help you determine location, size, amenities and price
- Negotiate to find you the best home for the best price
- Keep in touch with you about daily searches

I assure you that I will work hard for you, so let's get moving! Contact me today to discuss your goals: Tammy Manning, Realtor®/broker with Helen Adams Realty, office 704-341-0279, cell 704-641-1669 or tmanning@helenadamsrealty.com. To learn about homes I have for sale, visit www.helenadamsrealty.com.

We welcome you to:

Wellenreiter Dentistry at Blakeney



Quality Dentistry by People Who Care

Implant, Cosmetic, and
Comprehensive Dentistry
for the Entire Family

We invite you to come experience our
brand new state-of-the-art office just
off Audrey Kell across from Target.

Darren Wellenreiter, DDS

8832 Blakeney Professional Drive
Suite 201 • Charlotte, NC 28277

704.341.5770

darrenwellenreiterdentistry.com

We accept most insurance plans

- Birthday Girl Banded Halter Bikini Top by Betsey Johnson, Everything But Water, \$88
- Birthday Girl Skirted Bikini Bottom by Betsey Johnson, Everything But Water, \$92

- Open House Tee, Tommy Bahama, \$38
- Plaidison Avenue Camp Shirt, Tommy Bahama, \$98
- Hybrid of Paradise Swim Shorts, Tommy Bahama, \$92

- Geometric Grid Swim Trunks, Old Navy, \$12.50

Too Cool!

Suit Up for Summer



- Xhilaration Swim Floral Sequin Bikini Top, Target, \$14.99
- Xhilaration Swim Board Short, Target, \$14.99

- Xhilaration Swim Multi-stripe Bikini Top, Target, \$14.99
- Xhilaration Swim Bikini Bottom, Target, \$14.99

- Mossimo Volley Trunks, Target, \$19.99

- Mossimo Cowboy Hat, Target, \$12.99
- Mossimo Jean Short in Destructed Wash, Target, \$17.99



- Tunic Aqua Multi Cover-up by Rhonda Sutton, Everything But Water, \$88
- Becca by Rebecca Virtue Bra Bikini Top and Bottom, Everything But Water, \$62 and \$54
- Merona Emeline Braided Flat Sandal, Target, \$15
- Set of Three Gold Bangles, \$7.99
- Brass Cuff Bracelet, Target, \$12.99

- Poly Crinkle Swim Cover, Tommy Bahama, \$98
- Waves & Dots Reversible Halter Bikini Top and Bottom, Tommy Bahama, \$74 and \$51
- Rope Wedge Sandal, Tommy Bahama, \$168
- Red Stone Stretch Bracelet, \$12.99



- Mossimo Athletic Fit Tee, Target, \$7.99
- Vineyard Vines Benson Gingham Tucker Shirt, Belk, \$98.50
- Vineyard Vines Wave and Palm Tree Chappy Trunks, Belk, \$79.50

- Rugby Stripe Swim Trunks, Old Navy, \$12.50

- Birthday Girl Banded Halter Bikini Top and Bottom by Betsey Johnson, Everything But Water, \$88 and \$92
- Echo Design Beach Wrap, Everything But Water, \$38

NEW LOCATION

Car + Home = **BIG SAVINGS**

See me for Car and Home Insurance and save.



Wil Brooks, Agent
12610 N. Community House Rd.
Suite 102 B
Charlotte, NC 28277
wil@wilbrooks.com



LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE.[®]
Providing Insurance and Financial Services

P058005 03/05

State Farm • Home Offices: Bloomington, IL

704.542.0825



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

INVEST IN YOUR PEOPLE

Let the Ballantyne Village and Morrison Family YMCA improve the overall health of your employees and your company.

- Onsite wellness services
- Health Risk Appraisals
- Team building
- Workshops and more!

For more information, contact
corporatehealthpartners@ymcacharlotte.org.

Financial Assistance Available.

BALLANTYNE VILLAGE YMCA | (704) 716-4680
ymcacharlotte.org



YMCA Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Get slim for summer!

In a few weeks it starts all over again: summer, sun, beach ... But is your body ready for this time of the year? Or did winter time leave it's mark on your problem areas? Don't worry: with HYPOXI[®] there is finally a targeted method for those problem areas. The results are significant size reduction in abs, bottom, hips and thighs as well as firming the skin. Without a big effort you can reach your desired figure in only a few weeks.

More information: www.hypoxistudio-ballantyne.com



HYPOXI-STUDIO BALLANTYNE

12335 North Community House Road
Charlotte • NC 28277
Tel.: (704) 540-2370
studio@hypoxistudio-ballantyne.com

HYPOXI[®]
design your body

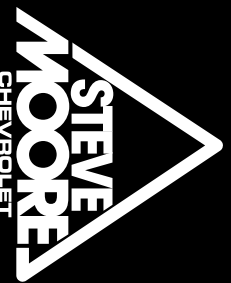
*Bikini-
feeling*

Targeted Body Shaping
made by HYPOXI[®]

a great addition to any collection



a new steve moore chevy



GET **SAVE** **EXPECT**
moore moore moore



authorized
service
provider

SteveMooreChevrolet.com 704-551-6400



Take It Outdoors!

AT BALLANTYNE MAGAZINE, we believe outdoor adventures should have the same stylish savvy as wardrobes and homes.

See how much fun you can have with the latest in outside gear and gadgets featured here and on the next three pages.

WICKET PLEASURE

But keep the ball away from these wire stakes. This Wine Stake Set is sturdy and secures easily in the ground. It comes with holders for one bottle and four glasses (Target, \$14.99).

TORCH SONG

You'll sing the praises of this TIKI Brand 4-in-1 Multi-Use Torch. It can be used in the garden, on a deck or tabletop, or simply as a standing torch (Walmart, \$12.97).



LIGHT SHOW

Add colorful ambiance to your party with these Decorative Lights. The string of 10 clear bulbs have bright covers and can be used outside or inside (Home Depot, \$9.92).



BIG CHILL

This 16-inch Angled Beverage Tub with a built-in bottle opener and the Steel Beverage Stand are the cool way to ice down your drinks (Target, \$14.99, \$9.99).



NAPS ARE GOOD

Rest easy in the ENO SingleNest Hammock by Eagles Nest Outfitters. It holds up to 400 pounds and is easy to transport. It folds to the size of a softball (Jesse Brown's Outdoor, \$54.95).

ALL BUT THE EDIBLES

This environmentally friendly Ascot Eco Picnic Backpack for Four has everything from a waterproof liner to detachable, insulated beverage pouch and fleece blanket (REI, \$99).

TASTY HYDRATION

The Bobble Carbon Water Bottle filters organic contaminants from tap water to give you a better flavor. The carbon-based filter is replaceable (Crate & Barrel, \$9.95).



PLAY IT SAFE

Protect your electronics from moisture with the Seal Line E-Case, which offers waterproof security and touchscreen-compatible windows (Jesse Brown's Outdoors, 4 X 6 inches, \$19.95; 8.5 X 12 inches, \$29.95).



SUN POWER

The Eton Solar Radio offers many features: AM/FM/weather bands, weather alerts, LED flashlight, USB cell-phone charger, alarm clock and AUX input to play external media (Crate & Barrel, \$49.95).



SOUND CONCEPT

Want speakers wherever you go? Check out Fold & Play Recycled Speakers, which come with two speakers and do not require a power source. They can be plugged into any audio device with a headphone jack (Crate & Barrel, \$19.95).



CHARGED UP

Use this Solio Solar Charger Four to keep your devices going. The unit has a multi-function LED light/start button, input and output charging ports, high-efficiency solar cell and long-life lithium ion battery (REI, \$99.95).

MONEY

LENDINGTREE FOUNDATION OFFERS FREE CONSUMER EDUCATION

By Tony Mecia

DAVID AND JANNA JOHN WERE OVERWHELMED AND FRUSTRATED. They were both working, but they found that they had a hard time saving and paying off debts.

They had moved to Charlotte in 2006, with David studying for a master's degree and Janna working part-time at the YMCA. But when Janna was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis two years later, the couple didn't have insurance, and they quickly ran up more than \$10,000 in medical bills. Even after David started working full-time, they found it hard to make a dent in all that debt.

But when they heard last fall about a new program sponsored by the LendingTree Foundation, they jumped at the chance to participate. The program pairs families with money problems with volunteer financial coaches. Families meet with their coach every other week to review topics such as budgeting and saving, and they seek to address each family's specific issues.

The Johns' coach helped them see that little expenses, such as cup of coffee and sodas, really added up. And they developed a plan to pay down the debt and start saving again. Today, the medical debt is gone, and the stress of paying bills has evaporated.

Removing Anxiety

"When we sit down and do our bills together, it really takes

the anxiety and emotion out of it, because we have a plan," David says. "You take that kind of weight off your marriage, and it allows you to focus on the things that really make your marriage a marriage and your home a home. It was huge for us."

The John family is an early success story that the LendingTree Foundation hopes to replicate in Charlotte and eventually extend to other parts of the country. The program, which started last year, is the latest effort by the Ballantyne-based financial company to improve financial education.

LendingTree founded the program because it saw a need. With the economic downturn,

many families have faced financial struggles, yet surveys routinely show that Americans are not taking steps that could help improve their finances. For instance, more than half of U.S. adults say they do not have household budgets, 30 percent say they have no savings and 41 percent say they carry credit-card debt, according to a survey last year by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

Because LendingTree's business gives customers information on selecting the

The John family is an early success story that the foundation wants to replicate.

MANAGING FINANCES BIG CHALLENGE FOR MANY

Of U.S. adults surveyed in 2010...

- 56 percent do not have a household budget
- 33 percent do not save anything for retirement
- 28 percent do not pay their bills on time
- 41 percent carry credit-card debt
- 34 percent give themselves grades of "C," "D," or "F" on their knowledge of personal finance
- 80 percent believe there are times when it's OK to default on a mortgage
- 78 percent say they would benefit from financial advice from a professional

Source: "2010 Consumer Financial Literacy Survey," by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling/Harris Interactive



Photo courtesy of LendingTree Foundation

best mortgage loans and other financial products, the company seemed well positioned to help educate the public about personal finance, says company spokeswoman Nicole Hall. "We've always believed that smart, informed consumers can make better decisions," she says. "That's been core to our mission."

'Financial Fitness Academy'

LendingTree started the foundation in 2009. It enrolled its first families in its "Financial Fitness Academy" in September 2010. The coaches, many of whom are LendingTree employees, meet one-on-one with the families every other week to work through a curriculum and help them make financial decisions.

The foundation has 35 people enrolled in the program. All are connected to the south Charlotte/Ballantyne community.

"The point is to be able to coach them and give them the support they need to move forward so that they can get on their feet and be empowered to manage their finances and to make smarter decisions," says Sharon Fowler, executive director of the LendingTree Foundation.

The foundation works with local YMCA branches — including Morrison, Ballantyne Village, Steele Creek, Harris and McCrorey — to find clients as well as coaches. To take advantage of the program, participants must have a source of income and fill out an application. The


program is free and typically takes between four and six months.

So far, Fowler says, the foundation has had a healthy diversity of participants, including well-educated people with high incomes. "You can have a degree and still not be making great financial decisions," she notes.

The foundation is already thinking about expanding. Fowler says she's talking to potential civic and business partners in other cities, but

that the foundation wants to perfect the program here before taking it elsewhere.

As for the John family, they say they look forward to staying involved — and maybe even helping families who were once in their predicament.

"It's definitely something where I felt like the volunteers were giving of their time and energy," David says. "Everybody who was involved in the program was amazingly helpful." 

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

For more information on LendingTree Foundation's new Financial Fitness Academy — including how to participate, volunteer or donate — go to www.lendingtreefoundation.com.



BALLANTYNE VILLAGE *Specials*

RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY
SHAMPOO & STYLE
WITH ANY MASSAGE OR FACIAL*

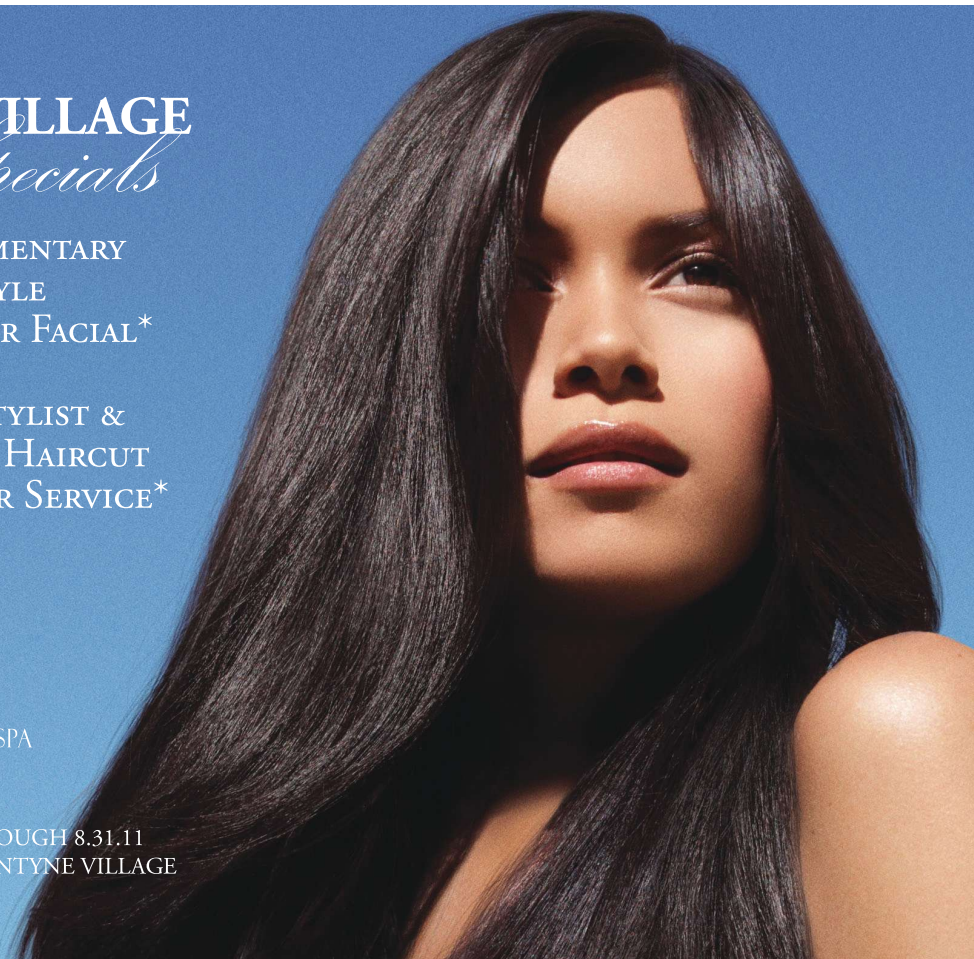
VISIT ANY JUNIOR STYLIST &
RECEIVE \$5 OFF YOUR HAIRCUT
OR \$10 OFF ANY COLOR SERVICE*



MODERN SALON & SPA

AVEDA

*VALID TUESDAY - FRIDAY THROUGH 8.31.11
WITH SELECT STYLISTS AT BALLANTYNE VILLAGE



TWO GREAT HOTELS — IN THE — BALLANTYNE AREA



All Suites

Complimentary Hot Breakfast

Indoor Pool

Full-Service Bar

Meeting Space for up to 200 People

Convenient to Shopping and Dining

All Suites

Fully Equipped Kitchens

Complimentary Hot Breakfast
and Evening Manager Reception

Outdoor Pool

Convenient to
Shopping and Dining



704.817.1500

www.marriott.com/CLTBT



704.319.3900

www.marriott.com/CLTPG

Both hotels brought to you by SREE Hotels, one of the most trusted names in hospitality.
Based in the Ballantyne area and a contributor to our community.

'Closing the Loop'

BISSELL LAND SERVICES ADOPTS ECO-FRIENDLY PRACTICES

By Diane Vachon

THOUGH IT MAY NOT FIT above your mantle, Ballantyne Corporate Park is no doubt a work of art. With 535 growing acres, however, the business community demands more than just brushstrokes.

By working with both Bissell entities and other organizations, Bissell Land Services takes many "green" approaches to maintaining and nurturing what was once an occasional family hunting ground. Environmentally friendly initiatives range from composting and growing trees for replanting in the park to managing stormwater and encouraging conservation of the Eastern Bluebird.

In October 2010 Ryan Newell, landscape

superintendent, talked to Gallery Restaurant's food and beverage director, Peter Grills, about a composting idea in which many raw byproducts of Gallery Restaurant would be turned into fertilizer.

An alternative to landfilling, composting uses air, moisture and old plant material to turn many types of food scraps into organic material.

"It's all about strategic design — a matter of being informed, mixing the right materials and depositing them in a beneficial way," says Rhonda Sherman, co-founder of the North Carolina Composting Council and a solid-waste specialist in the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at N.C. State.

"As sustainability efforts expand globally, the interest in compost has been on a steady increase," she continues. "The general public awareness of how important the environment really is has exponentially increased in the past decade and so business owners are now asking themselves questions like, 'Why are we throwing this food waste away when we could be composting for a profit?'"

Rich in Nutrients

But instead of selling the product, Land Services put the nutrient-rich compost in beds and around plants in the Corporate Park. "It's our way of doing what we can, realistically, with what we have," says the restaurant's Grills. "It's more about giving back to the earth that provided the food for us in the first place. So really if



you think about it, we are using byproducts from a fruit or vegetable that we buy locally here in North Carolina and creating dirt again. In essence, we've closed the loop."

Gallery Restaurant also grows its own herbs in a plot behind The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge. Twice a year, the Land Services team collaborates with the restaurant's chefs



to create a growing plan for the 100-square-foot garden, a scheme to meet the culinary needs of the kitchen while working in tandem with the appropriate growing season.

Within a short walking distance of the herb garden is the Corporate Park's perennial cutting garden, which contains 400 different plants and over 20 plant



It's more about giving back to the earth that provided the food for us in the first place."

— Peter Grills,
Gallery Restaurant

Top: The Homestead purple verbena is part of the Park's cutting garden.

Above Left: The herb garden at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge contains this sage.

Above: Varieties of iris are part of the perennial garden's spring display.



Left: More than 340 trees have been transplanted into the Corporate Park this spring. Will Simpson helps with this one.

Below Left: Humberto Abarca plants one of the Park's many trees.



"The main idea behind the nursery was to grow our own trees. We wanted to take landscaping material from an in-house nursery and plant it throughout the Corporate Park."

— Ryan Newell

species. The garden also features a vibrant display of over 200 flower varieties and showcases Bissell's dedication to the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, a certification focused on environmental education of large-scale businesses and organizations.

To participate in the program, members demonstrate eco-initiatives in four fundamental areas of environmental protection: outreach and education, resource management, water quality and conservation and

wildlife and habitat management.

The perennial cutting garden also plays a key role in the composting effort. In addition to fallen leaves from the golf course and over 18,000 square feet of annual bedding, old plant material from the garden helps provide a sustainable

CREATE A LITTLE WIGGLE ROOM TO ENRICH YOUR PLANTS

Traditional composting can be a bit tricky if you don't have the time or the space. Vermicomposting, or composting with earthworms, offers a fun and unique alternative for the whole family to enjoy.

What you will need:

- A plastic bin no more than eight to 12 inches deep
- Hand-shredded newsprint (one to three inches wide)
- Red worms
- Water
- Soil

Setting up is simple!

- Place the shredded newsprint in the bin
- Add water to the bedding (approximately three times the weight of the newsprint)
- Add one to two handfuls of soil
- Add worms

What to recycle by adding to your worm bin:

- Coffee and tea, including filters
- Fruit and vegetable trimmings
- Egg shells

What now?

After two to three months when the recycled food disappears, add new bedding to one side of the bin. The worms will move to the new bedding. Meanwhile, the finished compost they leave behind, which resembles a fine-textured soil, can be removed and used in house plants or gardens.



way to manage and support cultivation season to season.

Tree Nursery

Cultivation of trees is also important. In 2004, Bissell installed Atkins Tree Nursery, a 2½-acre area dedicated to mitigation of tree removal within the company's development business.

"The main idea behind the nursery was to grow our own trees," landscape superintendent Newell explains. "We wanted to take landscaping material from an in-house nursery and plant it throughout the Corporate Park."

And they have, with notable success. Some 340 oak, maple and crape myrtle trees, ranging anywhere from eight to 15 feet tall, have been transplanted around the park. "We are just trying to give something back to the land that has accommodated us," says Paul Stroman, director of Land Services and a horticulture specialist.

He and his Land Services staff also have established a water management program that supports the land. The park's infrastructure is designed to ensure that runoff from impervious surfaces drains into water-detention ponds located in each building complex.

"The detention ponds allow us to maintain a cycle within our resource use," Stroman notes. The redirected stormwater not only helps to prevent natural erosion but, once captured, it is redistributed for landscape maintenance in the park.

Beyond plants and land use, Land Services has a Bluebird

This Summer - Shape Up for the Best You in Years

"THANKS TO MY TRAINER,
THIS SUMMER I GO SLEEVELESS."

- FT Client Melanie, 43

SEIZE THE SUMMER!
PREPARE NOW

FREE
Personal Training
Session and Fitness
Assessment*

AND \$150 OFF
Any Package of
50+ Sessions

*New clients only.
Limited time offer.

FT
FITNESS TOGETHER

Fitness Together Ballantyne - 704.341.8802
16151 Lancaster Hwy Charlotte, NC 28277
fitnesstogethercharlotte.com

1 Client 1 Trainer 1 Goal
**NO GIMMICKS.
JUST RESULTS.**

HELEN ADAMS REALTY #1 IN QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE.



HELEN ADAMS REALTY

Katy Bradfield
BROKER/REALTOR®
40+ years in Charlotte
704-965-5968
kbradfield@helenadamsrealty.com
www.katybradfield.com

Overall Office Sales Leader, Ballantyne Office - 2010
Platinum Level Quality Service Award - 2010

15235-J JOHN J. DELANEY DRIVE | CHARLOTTE, NC 28277 | 704 341 0279

"We almost lost the Eastern Bluebird due to many factors we have all contributed to in the past."

— Doug Archer,
North Carolina
Bluebird Society



ATTRACT EASTERN BLUEBIRDS WITH PUDDING OF THEIR OWN

Because of its soft beak, the eastern bluebird cannot eat the seeds put in most feeders, so meals don't come easy. Try this bluebird pudding recipe to help get the eastern bluebird out of the woods and into your backyard!

Ingredients

2 quarts water
1 cup margarine
4 cups grits (not instant)
1 cup peanut butter
Raisins and peanut hearts (optional)

In a large saucepan, bring water and margarine to a boil. Slowly add grits, stirring and cooking until mixture begins to thicken. Remove from heat and add peanut butter and, if desired, raisins and peanut hearts. Mix well and place in feeders. Freeze excess for future use.

For more recipes and helpful hints concerning eastern bluebird conservation, contact www.ncbluebird.org.



Above: Land Services' Ryan Newell (dark top) talks to the Boy Scouts about bluebirds.

Left: Grant Paris cleans out a bluebird box. His dad, Todd, looks on.

Archer, Mecklenburg County coordinator for the North Carolina Bluebird Society. "I am both appreciative of what Bissell has already done regarding the program and excited concerning its future, but mainly I am impressed that a company as large as the Bissell organization has taken on this type of environmental project."

50 Bird Boxes

Land Services has installed over 50 Eastern Bluebird nesting boxes throughout the park, with each sponsored by

Box Outreach program that ties with its Audubon commitment. The program is dedicated to the conservation of the Eastern Bluebird, a species whose population has declined greatly in recent years.

"We almost lost the Eastern Bluebird due to many factors we have all contributed to in the past," says Doug

a member of the Ballantyne community. Though the boxes provide a safe nesting environment for the bluebirds, to ensure success, Bissell has teamed up with local Boy Scouts to monitor the boxes.

On a recent day, Newell reminds Scouts and brothers Daniel, Grant and Joseph Paris about their role. "Box maintenance is crucial," he says. "In order for re-nesting to occur, old nesting materials must first be removed." The Paris brothers, along with their father and den leader, Todd Paris, know what to do in performing regular maintenance of the boxes.

Giving his younger brother a boost, Daniel encourages Grant to tap on the box before opening the lid — just to

make sure that there are no surprises inside. "Monitoring the boxes throughout the year gives us the best chance in providing a suitable nesting site and protecting against harmful predators," Archer says. "It's a simple but vital part of the overall plan for a successful program."

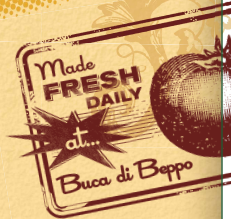
The same could be said for Land Services as well. Though Bissell's ability to function in many areas of business is evident, collective wisdom plays a big role in overall success. "I can't do what I do without the resources and the help that the Bissell organization provides from top to bottom," says Newell, starting to laugh. "I guess you could say we encourage each other to tap on the box." 🐦

Hooray for GIANT meatballs

Half
Pound



Open Daily at 11
Family-Style Dining • Buca To Go
Banquet Packages Available



Buca
di BEPPO
Italian Restaurant

PINEVILLE
10915 CAROLINA PLACE PKWY.
704.542.5146
bucadibepo.com

**Oxi
FRESH**
CARPET CLEANING®

704-780-1998

WWW.OXIFRESH.COM

- ✓ SAFE FOR CHILDREN & PETS
- ✓ Pet Odor & Stain Removal Experts
- ✓ Fast One-Hour Dry Time



GO
GREEN

**THE WORLD'S GREENEST
CARPET CLEANER**

3 ROOMS CLEANED &
PROTECTED

\$99

No Hidden Fees
An \$8 service charge will apply.
Expires: September 1, 2011

7 AREAS CLEANED

\$169

Includes 5 Rooms, Hall & Staircase
No Hidden Fees
An \$8 service charge will apply.
Expires: September 1, 2011

UPHOLSTERY
SPECIAL

\$99

Includes Sofa & Chair
No Hidden Fees
An \$8 service charge will apply.
Expires: September 1, 2011

For These Discounted Rates,
Use Code:

CODE: BM0611



The orchids at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden are a major attraction.

Nature Beckons

CHECK OUT MEADOWOOD IN GASTON, BIG GAME IN YORK

By Nan Bauroth

Garden photos by JJ Bissell

Museum images courtesy of Museum of York County



WITHIN A HALF HOUR OF BALLANTYNE, you can experience a pair of Mother Nature's most fascinating worlds: gardens and wild animals.

Southeastern Gaston County is home to formal and informal plant arrays at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, while Rock

Hill offers everything from aardvarks to zebras at the Museum of York County.

Both venues can be visited easily in a single day. For a look at the museum's Stans African Hall and new Naturalist Center, see 88. To learn more about the garden and its newest feature, you're invited to read on.



Gloria Best (left) and Darlene Sinto enjoy the verdant view at Daniel Stowe.

Naturalist Garden, One-Mile Trail

Gardening may be civilization's attempt to improve on Mother Nature, but people today want to experience an outdoor environment untouched by human design. With that mind, Stowe Botanical Garden has opened Meadowood Walk.

The naturalist garden has a one-mile trail that ambles through an open meadow and adjoining woodlands, culminating in a forest promontory overlooking Lake Wylie. The one-mile round trip wanders through both sun and shade, with benches throughout to take in the serenity of the pristine setting, or simply to rest.

According to the garden's director of education, Cynthia D. Klemmer, parents are concerned that their children are becoming disconnected from nature. "We have taken that issue to heart and are offering guests a totally different type of nature experience in Meadowood Walk," says Klemmer, who has a doctorate in horticulture. "It showcases plants in a more natural setting, in contrast to the existing formal display gardens."

Meadowood Walk is an interpretive garden experience with the goal of educating and inspiring. "People see the roadside landscape and assume everything growing there belongs, but that



is not necessarily the case,” Klemmer explains, noting that landscapes like Meadowood Walk could be overtaken by aggressive non-native plants like kudzu. Such invasive plants disrupt the native habitat and leave it less suitable for wildlife.

Removing Invasives, Adding Plants

At present, the garden has removed many invasives from Meadowood and added plants such as milkweed and purple coneflower that will eventually merge into the natural landscape. Meadowood will also feature butterfly gardening, a bird-watching area and sites developed

Above: Garden-goers enjoy the mist from fountains.

Right: Teacher Julie Hudson shows her Union Academy first-graders the greenhouse.

Below: The pathways at Daniel Stowe lure Amy Ford to take a jaunt.



DON'T MISS THIS SIDE TRIP FOR THE KIDS

with partners like the American Chestnut Foundation, which has planted new species of saplings in an attempt to restore this native tree, nearly eradicated along the Eastern Seaboard years ago by blight.

"Meadowood Walk is a landscape restoration project that will evolve over a few years," Klemmer says. "The environmental stewardship practices used are part of the interpretive message and will provide guests with strategies they can apply in their home gardens and landscapes."

In addition to enjoying Meadowood Walk, summer guests can delight in the blooms on display in eight formal outdoor garden "rooms," set amid a succession of soothing fountains. You can also drink in the tropical atmosphere inside the enchanting Orchid Conservatory. Perhaps

best of all, the garden offers extended hours until 9 p.m. on "Garden Nights" every Thursday evening during June, July, and August. Catered food and drink is for sale so you can stroll through the flowers with a glass of wine until dusk.

The garden's popular "Wild about Summer" series also returns this June. These programs teach visitors about birds and plant life and are once a month on Saturday morning. They are free with admission from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fee-based, continuing-education classes and garden adventure summer camps for children are available as well, including workshops on basic gardening and photography, along with art classes on botanical illustration and nature sketching. To learn more, visit www.dsbg.org.

HOW TO GET THERE, WHERE TO EAT

From south Charlotte, there are main two ways to reach Stowe Botanical Garden:

Southbound on I-77: Take I-77 South to Exit 2, continuing a short distance to I-485 West. Take Exit 1 left onto N.C. 49 (South Tryon Street). Follow N.C. 49, crossing Buster Boyd Bridge, for 10.8 miles. Turn right on S.C. 274 for one mile. Turn right at the "To 279" marker. The garden is 3.2 miles on the left.

Southbound on I-85: Travel I-85 South to Exit 26 (Belmont-Belmont Abbey). Turn right onto N.C. 7 (Main Street). Travel five miles through Belmont. Turn left onto N.C. 279 (South New Hope Road). The garden will be three miles on your right.

The garden allows picnics anywhere on the grounds, so bring a basket and blanket. The gift shop also sells drinks, candy, ice cream and snacks.

You also can head into the charming town of Belmont 15 minutes away (if you wish to return to the garden, keep your admission wristband). Best bets include a host of restaurants on the main drag: String Bean Fresh Market and Deli, 106 N. Main St.; Cherub's Café, 23 N. Main St. (profits support nearby Holy Angels home for children with disabilities); Sammy's Neighborhood Pub, 25 S. Main St.; Old Stone Steakhouse, 23 S. Main St.; or Caravan Coffee & Dessert Bar, 7 S. Main St.

Walk on the Wild Side

VISIT NATURALIST CENTER,
STANS AFRICAN HALL

IF YOU'VE EVER DREAMED of getting up close and personal with a Bengal tiger, make tracks for the Museum of York County. Located in a modest building near Rock Hill, this 60-year-old museum rightly boasts an affiliation with the prestigious Smithsonian Institution.

In addition to housing the spectacular Stans African Hall collection of big-game specimens staged in dramatic dioramas, the museum recently opened an impressive Naturalist Center that offers visitors the ability to get "hands on" with skeletons and skins of the wildest living things on earth.

Modeled after a similar center at the National Museum of Natural History, the Naturalist Center features exotic mounted animals from the Stans collection, as well as specimens from Asia, New Zealand and North America donated by local residents Jim and Lynne Crane. Examples include Kirk's long-snouted dik-dik, a melanistic jaguar and an albino porcupine, along with Lichtenstein's wildebeest, cape buffalo, Barbary sheep and an unsightly warthog.

Skulls, Skins, Fossils, Etc.

Visitors also can explore drawers full of mounted skulls,



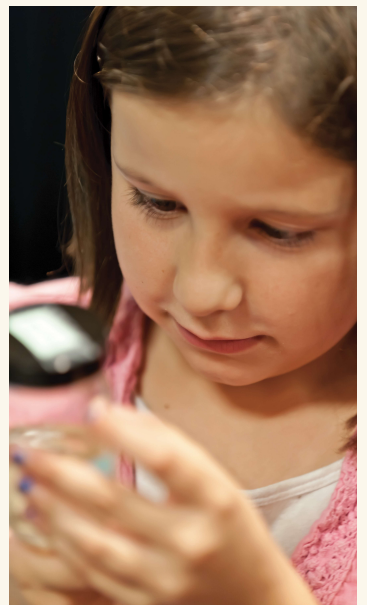
This cat is part of the new Naturalist Center.

skins, rocks, fossils, nests, shells, insects and pressed plants (an interpreter is always present to supervise). Amid all this, as if on sentry duty, stand an ostrich, camel, and giraffe — all 20, eye-boggling feet high of it.

"We always wanted to have a learning center with interactive opportunities," says the museum's curator of natural history, Steven E. Fields, who has a doctorate in integrative biology. "The public can now see the value of our collections and how they can be used. Every specimen has a story to tell." Each weekend the center holds a family-oriented presentation focusing on one aspect of animal, bird and



Left: The Stans African Hall is home to this amazing pachyderm.
Below: This giraffe is a towering presence at the museum.



Above: Checking out even the tiniest creatures is a favorite museum activity.
Left: The museum's Naturalist Center gives youngsters the chance to see exhibits of many types.

mammal life, such as nocturnal predators.

Just outside the door of the center, a Bengal tiger prowls in the bamboo rainforest, setting the stage for the Stans African Hall, where visitors can imagine themselves on a safari.

Maurice Stans Family Donated Specimens

The family of former U.S. Commerce Secretary Maurice H.



Stans donated these magnificent specimens so others can share the animal wonders of the African continent. In one diorama, hyenas confront a pride of lions feeding on an antelope. Another depicts action at a watering hole as a bull elephant and baby zebra warily eye a partially submerged hippopotamus. The wonders of the wild kingdom are authentically portrayed. Even an armadillo makes an appearance.

The museum also has two other new natural history exhibits. "The Piedmont 600 Years Ago and Today" offers a glimpse into life here before civilization encroached. "The



"The Piedmont 600 Years Ago and Today" features this buffalo.


Catawba River Gallery" explains the value of waterways in development of this region, and encourages youngsters to determine how they would cross a covered wagon or canoe through the currents.

Also tucked away in the museum is the Settlemyre



These youngsters revel in natural wonders at The Catawba River Gallery.

Planetarium, an ideal place to escape the summer heat by attending a weekend show in the domed theater that recreates the seasonal Carolina night sky.

Another treat are illustrations by the late Vernon Grant, famous for his cartoon icons for the Snap! Crackle! Pop! ad campaign (see right). For more information, visit www.chmuseums.org/myco/. 

SNAP! CRACKLE! POP!

When Vernon Grant was four, his grandfather gave him crayons and watercolors. Times were so tough in Nebraska in the early 1900s that his mother saved cracker-box wrappings to supplement as drawing paper. Grant went on to become America's leading commercial illustrator during the 1930s. His most famous creation was the Snap! Crackle! Pop! cartoon mascots for Kellogg's Rice Krispies, which still serve as the cereal's advertising icons.

Grant lived in Rock Hill, and upon his death, his family bequeathed his work to the Museum of York County. Several of his charming illustrations are on display, including "Friday Night's Dream," which contains a signature Grant element — a boy in drop-drawer jammies, teddy bear in tow.

That depiction is autobiographical. As a child, Grant received a teddy bear, but when his family moved away, the treasured toy disappeared. Thirty years later Grant returned to his former house in Nebraska, and there in a nearby ravine sat his beloved bear, as if loyally waiting for him to return. The bear is now on display at "Tinker Tim the Toy-maker," a children's exhibit at the museum — fitting tribute to a man who remained a child at heart.



This young mate enjoys the "Tinker Tim the Toymaker" exhibit.



This display in the Vernon Grant Gallery is for children and the young at heart.

HOW TO GET THERE, WHERE TO EAT

From the Ballantyne area, go south on I-77 to Exit 82B. Turn right on Celanese Road (S.C. 161). At the first light, turn right on Mt. Gallant Road and follow it for seven miles. The museum is on the left at 4621 Mt. Gallant Road.

If you're visiting the museum after Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, follow these directions: Turn right out of the garden on

New Hope Road. At the "Y" intersection, turn left on S.C. 274 (Hands Mill Road) and follow it south about 15 miles. Turn left on Mt. Gallant Road. The museum is on the right at 4621 Mt. Gallant Road.

The museum is in an out of the way spot, so plan ahead about food. Possibilities other than fast food are Passion8 Bistro, a farm-to-table hotspot whose Chef Luca has

been featured on the "Today" show, 3415 Highway 51N; Concord Cove Restaurant, good American fare halfway between the museum and Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, 5303 Concord Road (off S.C. 274, Hands Mill Road); and Burke's BBQ, a local dive in Love's Plaza, a Rock Hill strip mall, (take Mt. Gallant Road north of Celanese Road a few blocks to 2012 Cherry Road).



BALLANTYNE BUSINESS CENTER

Office Suites and Conference Center



SMARTER, SIMPLER SOLUTIONS

Access Big Company Resources without the Expense!

Ballantyne Business Center's Services Include:

- Furnished Offices, Ready to Use with Flexible Lease Terms
- Versatile Meeting Space & Conference Center
- Affordable Virtual Office Programs
- Extensive Business Services & Administrative Support
- Leading Edge Technology

Visit our newly enhanced website at www.ballantynebusinesscenter.com!



WILLS | TRUSTS | ESTATES | BUSINESS



ALLEN R. STARRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW

704.887.4944

ars@allenstarrettlaw.com
allenstarrettlaw.com



Wang's Acupuncture & Herbal Clinic

Acupuncture & Herbal Experts From China
With 29 Years Clinical Experience

704-968-0351

- Pain Management
- Infertility
- Menopause
- Fibromyalgia
- Stress/Depression
- Insomnia
- Sciatica/Arthritis
- High Cholesterol
- Stroke
- Headache/Migraine
- Acne/IBS
- Over-Weight
- Sports Injury
- Whiplash from Auto Accident

www.ballantyneacupuncture.com



Dr. Jeffery (JiFei) Wang
(OMD; L.Ac. & CH)

Dr. Mary (Qing) Ren
(OMD; L.Ac. & CH)

7810 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy. • Suite 300 • Charlotte, NC 28277
1430 Ebenezer Road • Suite 101 • Rock Hill, SC 29732

TRY CHICKEN FOR BREAKFAST.



Chick-fil-A

704-540-9690
ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE

www.chick-fil-a.com/stonecrestatpiper Glen
Like us on Facebook: Facebook.com/ChickfilaStonecrestatPiperGlen

STONECREST
AT PIPER GLEN
7910 Rea Road
Charlotte, NC 28277



- Home Staging
- Redecorating
- Color Consultations
- New Home Stylings
- And More

980-322-5825

www.ballantynehomestaging.com



www.debbiestaffing.com



With all that you have to manage
during the day, why not
leave the hiring to us?!



Experts in
Clerical, Technical,
Temporary and
Long-Term
Staffing Solutions!

9115 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 280, Charlotte, NC 28269 Phone: 704-494-4378

Elaine Eschert Broker/Owner
REALTOR®, ABR, CSP

Golden Properties

"5-Star Best In Client
Satisfaction Award"

13850 Ballantyne Corporate Place
Suite 500 • Charlotte, NC 28277

Mobile: 704.651.9946

Office: 704.887.5220

elaine@goldenproperties.com

www.goldenproperties.com



Off the Wall
designs & events

Tillie Kerna

designer & party planner extraordinaire

803.981.4397

offthewalldesigns@carolina.rr.com

Designer Decor
Sculpted Cakes
Dessert Buffets
Luxurious Invitations
Gourmet Catering



Robert Yatko, CLTC
Financial Services Professional

New York Life Insurance Company

Licensed Agent
6100 Fairview Road
Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28210
Bus. 704 371 8575
rayatko@ft.newyorklife.com

The Company You Keep®

Registered Representative
NYLIFE Securities LLC, member FINRA/SIPC
A licensed insurance agency



The Company You Keep®

COPE WITH SLOPE

Learn the New Rule of Side Hill Shots

By Marc Lapointe, Senior Instructor, Dana Rader Golf School, Photos by Ray Sepesy

IF YOU EVER PLAYED THE GOLF CLUB AT BALLANTYNE, you know that the only level shot you will hit is the tee shot. It is hard enough to hit the ball straight when your feet are even with the ball, but even harder when the ball is several inches above or below your feet. In this article, I will teach you the new rule of side hill shots.

First, let me briefly explain why a side hill slope will affect the trajectory of your shot. The

slope will influence your swing path, promoting your clubface to stay open or to close too quickly, and therefore, curving the ball in the same direction of the slope. Also, the slope affects the lie angle of the club, changing the clubface angle at impact.

Most of you have learned over the years, just like I did, to let the ball curve on a side hill lie. For example, when the slope is right to left, you probably have been told to aim right since the


slope will tend to curve the ball to the left. But what happens when you can't let the ball curve because of trees or other obstructions?

From now on, I want you to follow these two simple steps for a better side hill shot. As shown on the pictures:

When your ball is above your feet, grip down on the club and stand tall and close to the ball.

When the ball is below your feet, use a wider stance, more

knee flex and grip the club at the end.

This change in your set-up will affect the lie angle and clubface angle of your club and therefore minimize the effect of the slope. No more need to aim away from the target and hope for your ball to curve just the right amount. Play smart, change your address position and start aiming for the flag! 

Check out the video version of the tip at www.danarader.com/news_tips.cfm.



Ball above your feet



Ball below your feet



This is the face of self-sufficiency. It's also the face of developmental disability.

My name is Elizabeth. I love to dance, write poetry and swim. I am powerful, reliable and devoted to my family. I am an advocate and a friend, and I have goals just like you. I also have a developmental disability, which influences how I do what I do in my life, but doesn't keep me from realizing my dreams.

People tend to separate themselves from everyone by focusing on differences. But I am here to help them see how we are all equal, and we all have rights. As I go through life, I am going to want and need to take care of myself. I deserve a job and an opportunity for independence. So, hire me. I want to contribute to the community. I am as unique as you are. I can do great things and move people with my life.

I am able.

MeckLINK
Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health



Advertiser	Page Number	Advertiser	Page Number	Advertiser	Page Number
AAA	12	Creole's Louisiana Kitchen	26	Modern Salon & Spa	78
Advanced Dentistry of Blakeney & Matthews	11	Dana Rader Golf School	52	Off the Wall Designs and Events	92
Allen Starrett, Charlotte Wills, Estates and Business Attorney	92	David Huss, Realtor®	17	Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning	85
Aten Family & Cosmetic Dentistry	23	Debbie's Staffing	92	Presbyterian Hospital Matthews	9
Ballantyne Acupuncture	92	Diamonds Direct	BC	Promenade on Providence	4
Ballantyne Business Center	91	Doug Rivlin, Merrill Lynch	IBC	Red Door Apparel	21
Ballantyne Corporate Park/The Bissell Companies ..	38	D'Vine Wine Cafe	39	Robert Yatko - New York Life Insurance	92
Ballantyne Home Staging	92	Firebirds Wood Fired Grill	17	Staybridge Suites Ballantyne	95
Ballantyne Magazine	95	Fitness Together	83	Steve Moore Chevrolet	71
Ballantyne Quad	46, 47	Golden Properties	92	Stokes and Linda Richie, Realtors®	28
Ballantyne Village Management	3	Guliani's Fine Jewelry	45	Tammy Manning, Realtor®	95
Ballantyne Village YMCA	70	Hair By Design Salon	27	Ted Goldsmith, Realtor®	27
Buca Di Beppo Italian Restaurant	85	House of Hund	25	Terrace Café	7
Carolina Bone and Joint	52	Hypoxi	70	The Club at Longview	IFC
Carolina Dental Arts	28	Katy Bradfield, Realtor®	83	The Paddock at Springfield Apartments	39
Carolinas HealthCare System	5	Laxer, Long & Savage	21	Today's Outdoor Living	24
Charlotte Spine & Pain Center	2	Lorenzo's Pizzeria	52	Urology Specialists of the Carolinas	39
Chick-fil-A at Stonecrest at Piper Glen	92	Marriott Hotels	79	Wellenreiter Dentistry	65
Ciarla Fitness, Inc.	28	Mecklenburg County	94	Wil Brooks - State Farm	70
		Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte	1		

World's Best Staybridge Suites Charlotte - Ballantyne

**3 Suite Options with
Fully Equipped Kitchens
Pet Friendly (fees apply)**

* Mention this ad for your "Suite Treat"
when you make your reservation.



Complimentary Amenities:

- Breakfast & Sundowner Reception
- Hi-Speed Wired & Wireless Internet
- Corporate Park Shuttle
- Laundry (washers/dryers)
- Indoor Heated Pool & Spa
- Courtyard with BBQ grills & Putting Green

RANKED #1
overall
Guest Satisfaction
& Quality Assurance



15735 John J. Delaney Drive | Charlotte,
NC | 28277 | P. 704.248.5000
www.staybridge.com/clt-ballantyne
Find us on facebook at
Staybridge Suites Ballantyne.



Dedicated to the Highest Level of Customer Service

TAMMY MANNING
Realtor/Broker
704. 641. 1669

Conveniently
Located at the
corner of
Ballantyne
Commons &
Johnston Road!



tmanning@helenadamsrealty.com
www.helenadamsrealty.com



BALLANTYNE

magazine



For Advertising information
in Ballantyne Magazine
call or email:

Marcy Saele

704-248-2155

msaele@ballantynemagazine.com
www.ballantynemagazine.com

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Strawberries, Anyone?

Photo by JJ Bissell



HALL FAMILY FARM IS A POPULAR DESTINATION to pick strawberries through June. Family owned and operated for over 70 years, the farm is at 10713 Providence Road West.



help2achieve



Home financing solutions to help you unlock your financial potential

The right mortgage can be key to your wealth management strategy. Merrill Lynch Home Loans™ offers you unique financing options, a broad range of flexible mortgages and home equity lines of credit. You can benefit from:

- Decades of experience integrating home financing into our clients' overall financial pictures
- Customized solutions and innovative strategies that complement your goals
- The advice and insight of your dedicated Financial Advisor
- Preferred pricing discounts if you qualify

Contact us today to find out more about home financing solutions to fit your needs.



Douglas Rivlin

Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor

(704) 341-5115

13850 Ballantyne Corporate Place

Hixon Building Suite 100

Charlotte, NC 28277

www.fa.ml.com/douglas_rivlin



Merrill Lynch
Wealth Management®

Bank of America Corporation

All residential mortgage programs are offered and funded by Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation, 4804 Deer Lake Drive East, Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484; toll-free telephone: 1.800.854.7154. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 4 World Financial Center, New York, NY 10080, toll-free telephone: 1.800.338.2814, Member, Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), does not make commitments for or fund loans. Residential mortgage programs, options and property types are not available in all states and jurisdictions and are subject to change without notice. Loans are offered on properties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Additional terms, conditions, restrictions and costs may apply. Merrill Lynch, its affiliated entities and their employees may receive compensation for its products and services. Merrill Lynch Wealth Management makes available products and services offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer and member SIPC, and other subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation.

Banking products are provided by Bank of America, N.A. and affiliated banks, Members FDIC and wholly owned subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation.

Investment products:

Are Not FDIC Insured

Are Not Bank Guaranteed

May Lose Value

The bull icon, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management and Merrill Lynch Home Loans are trademarks or registered trademarks of Bank of America Corporation.

© 2011 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved.

*Coast*TM
DIAMOND



CHARISMA

Diamonds Direct

S O U T H P A R K



The Official Jeweler of the Carolina Panthers

4521 Sharon Road, Charlotte NC 28211 • 704.532.9041 or 888.400.4447

(Located across from SouthPark Mall)

Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-7:00, Saturday 10:00-6:00

www.Diamonds-Direct.com

Diamonds Direct Birmingham | Mountain Brook, AL | 205-201-7400 • Diamonds Direct Crabtree | Raleigh, NC | 919-571-2881