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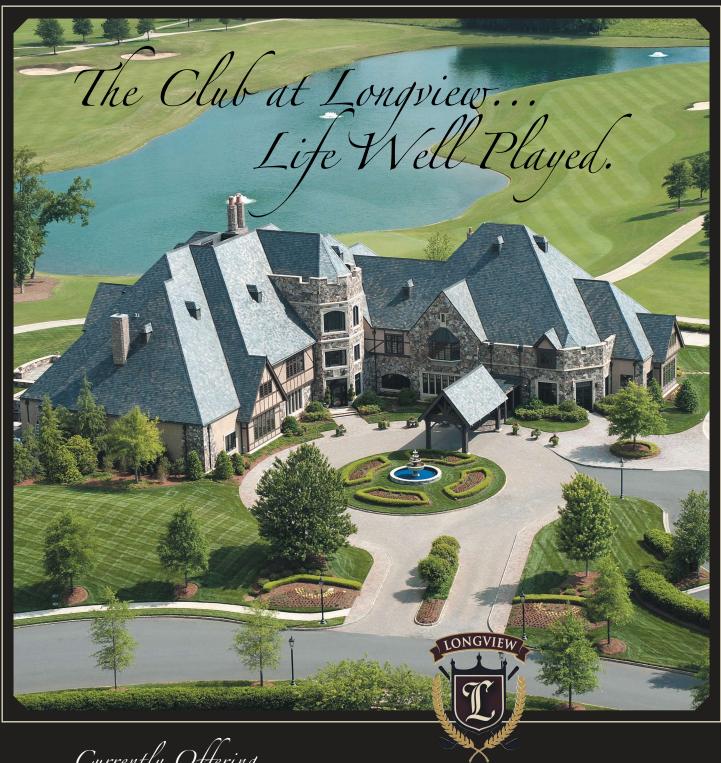
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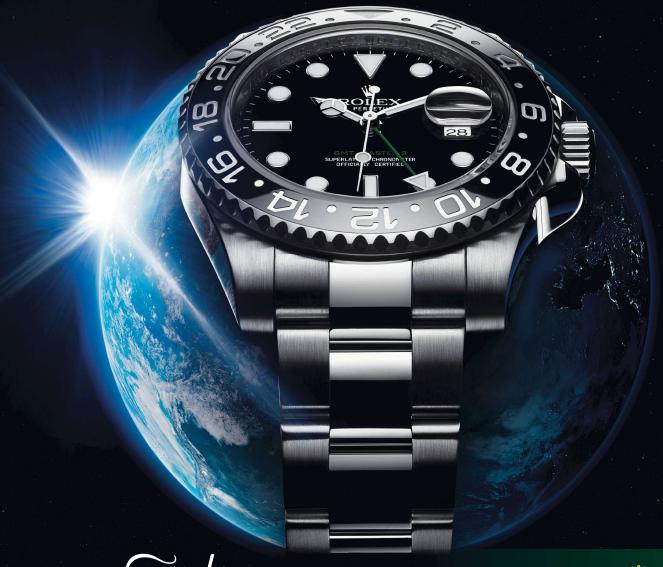
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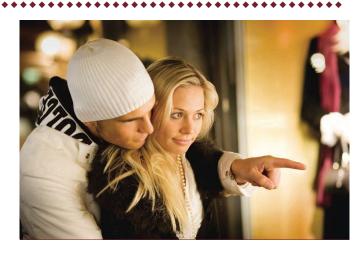






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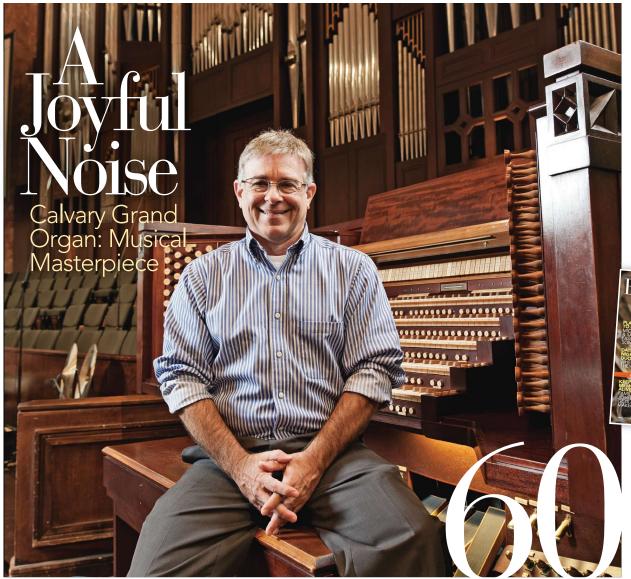
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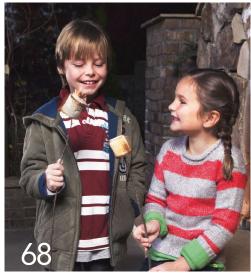
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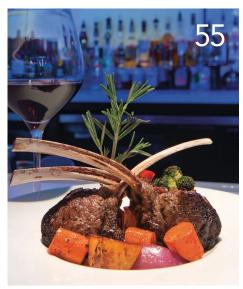


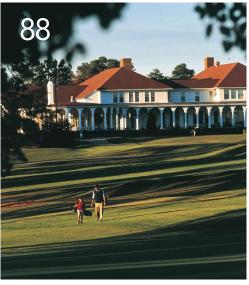


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Winter's Song Glorious Pipe Organ, Much More Carry the Melody



I'VE ALWAYS LOVED WINTER'S SONG — fleeting calls of Canadian geese on the wing, the silence of snowfall at midnight and the peal of church bells in the crystal chill of the morning. In keeping with that feeling, our cover story shares the story behind Calvary Church's Grand Organ, one of the most glorious sounds of the season here in Ballantyne.

Few people realize this instrument is the 13th largest pipe organ in the world, ranking right up there with the Mormon Tabernacle Organ. While we were taking photographs, David Nelms, who shepherds the voicing of the 11,499 pipes, indulged my desire to briefly tinkle the ivories (they're actually made of bone and walnut) so I could experience the awesome vibrations firsthand. For a closet musician like me, it was a genuine thrill. I'd also like to thank

Dr. John Munro, senior pastor at Calvary, for allowing us to celebrate this magnificent instrument with our readership.

Since this time of year brings a sense of closure and new beginnings, in this issue's Date Night we see how our matchmaking the past two years worked out. You'll be happy to know some of our Date Night couples have not only tied the knot but taken the next step in true love by having a child.

For many, winter conjures up thoughts of warmer climes, so in our One Tank Trip we jaunt to North Carolina's sunny Sandhills region for a visit to Pinehurst. Now is the ideal time for links lovers to play the recently restored, legendary Course No. 2 at Pinehurst Resort before the pros arrive for the men's and women's U.S. Open tournaments in 2014. For those who don't golf, the great news is that this area offers an astounding array of things to see and do, making it an ideal trip for everyone in the family.

In another seasonal story, "Putting Pen to Paper," we bone up on the rules of etiquette in a digital society. Holly Bretschneider, president of Salutations in Ballantyne Village, explains why personal thank-you notes today mean more than ever. Rounding out this issue, our Fab Fare shares the hearty "Mustard-Chili Rack of Lamb" dish from The Blue Taj to stoke your fire on chilly days. This sleekly designed restaurant is noted for its cuisine and an unusual insistence on pairing fine wines with Indian cuisine.

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As many of you know, one of my passions is aerial photography, so in this issue's Bird's-Eye View, I experimented with new technology I've acquired to capture the essence of winter's light over Ballantyne at dusk. I think you'll love the lavender and rosy Alpenglow effect from 1,600 feet.

Our emotional landscape alters this season as well. It is a time for counting our blessings, and a time for coming home. As you light a candle in the window for those you love, I wish you the happiest of family gatherings and a bright hope for the year to come.

JJ Bissell

Publisher, Ballantyne Magazine

Correction - At Ballantyne Magazine we are committed to accuracy. In our Fall 2011 issue, the correct telephone number for H2 Laser and Skin should have been 980-213-6996.

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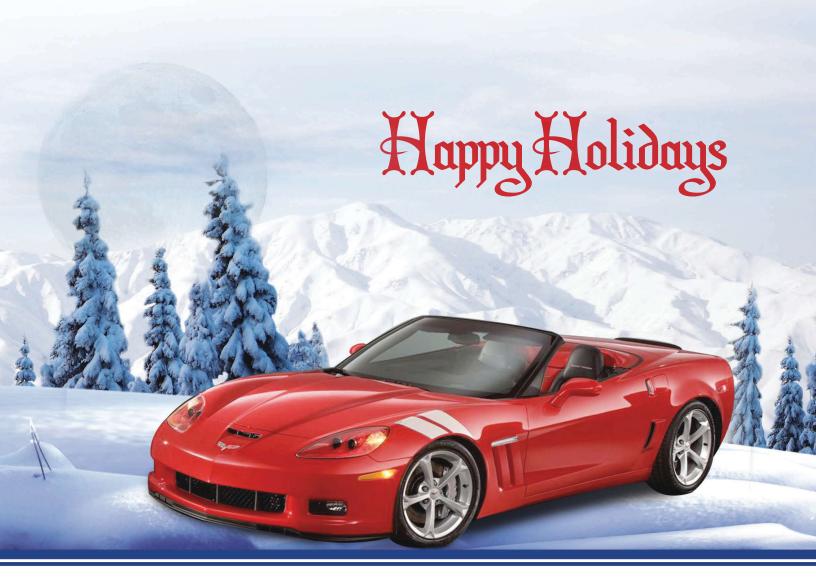
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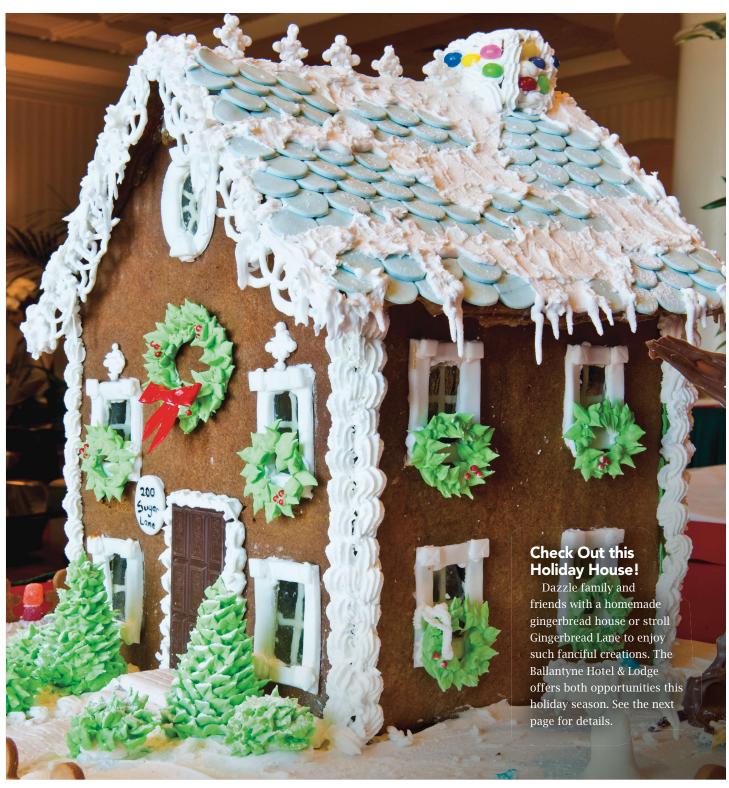
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What's happening in and around Ballantyne



Enjoy Holiday Events at Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge

From the Ultimate Cupcake & Cookie Challenge to traditional Christmas and New Year's events, The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge hosts a wide variety of holiday events and occasions. Check out what's in store:

Making Gingerbread Houses: Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., learn how to make impressive gingerbread

houses at the Cooking School. Cost: \$75 per person. Reservations: 704-248-4100.

Brunching with Santa: Santa

Claus is coming Sunday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can sit on Santa's lap, and everyone enjoys a breakfast buffet that includes a carving station and desserts. There also will be a surprise visit from The Grinch. Cameras welcome. Cost: \$45 for adults and \$20 for children ages 5 to 12 (ages 4 and under are complimentary). Reservations required: 704-248-4100 or www.gallery-restaurant.com.

Competing in the Ultimate Cupcake & Cookie Challenge:

This popular event returns on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost to enter is \$10, which benefits Levine Children's Hospital. The culinary team will select three winners in each category. Grand prize for each category is an overnight stay in a Parlor Suite with breakfast in bed. To enter, complete the entry form at www.theballantynehotel.com. Registrations are due by Friday, Dec. 9. Contact Katie Saunders at 704-248-4007 or ksaunders@ theballantynehotel.com for more information.

Savoring Hot Chocolate, **Toddies on the Veranda:** These beverage delights are available on the Veranda from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday to Sunday throughout December (other than Christmas Day). Hot chocolate also comes with the option to add Godiva liqueurs and a selection of garnishes. Cost: \$5 (\$8 with liqueur). There also will be live entertainment in the Main Lobby.

Sipping Holiday Tea: Have a spot of seasonal afternoon tea



in the Main Lobby throughout December. Choices feature looseleaf blends from Harney & Sons Teas and a selection of savory tea sandwiches, confectionaries and holiday treats. Tea is served Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (other than Christmas Day). Cost: \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, ages 4 to 12 (plus tax and gratuity). Reservations: 704-248-4100.

Strolling Gingerbread Lane:

Enjoy an enchanting collection of gingerbread houses from Saturday, Dec. 10 through Monday, Dec. 26. This traditional, creative display is open daily to the public. Attendees may vote for their favorite gingerbread house with a \$1 minimum

donation per vote. All proceeds benefit Levine Children's Hospital.

Feasting at Christmas Day Brunch: This festive spread returns Sunday, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ballantyne Ballroom. The



dining rooms are available. Reservations required: 704-248-4100 or visit www.gallery-restaurant.com.

Ringing in New Year's at Gallery Restaurant & Bar:

Welcome in 2012 with a live DJ, appetizers and drink specials in the Great Hall beginning at 9 p.m. Enjoy a champagne toast at midnight. There will be a \$25 cover charge for attendees not staying or dining at the hotel.

Spending New Year's Eve Overnight: Celebrate 2012 in





buffet includes salads, cheeses, seafood, breakfast items with an omelet station, a carving station and delectable desserts. There will be live traditional holiday music from the Henry "Buff" Dillard Band. Cost: \$55 per person, \$28 for children, ages 5-12, complimentary for those 4 and under (pricing does not include tax and gratuity). Private style with an overnight package that includes an elegant room, dinner in Gallery Restaurant, complimentary valet parking and a 2 p.m. late checkout. Pricing starts at \$299 for double occupancy. Reserve online at www.theballantynehotel.com or 1-800-325-3589.

Creating Your Own Holiday

Party: The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge offers a variety of space options for social events, with 10 percent off parties hosted Sunday to Thursday, as well as complimentary room rental. Food and beverage minimums apply. More info: 704-248-4035 or email celebrations@ theballantynehotel.com.

NEWS CUES

Ballantyne Breakfast Club Hosts Winter Meetings

The Ballantyne Breakfast Club will close out 2011 on Saturday, Dec. 10 with a recap of area development, including approval of the Bissell Cos.' rezoning request and the status of road improvements for an overpass on North Community House Road.

Saturday, Feb. 12, the club will begin the new year with a "Priorities 2012" open forum hosted by elected officials from the city, county, state, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the Charlotte Chamber.

Meetings are at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge starting at 9 a.m. Socializing begins at 8:30 a.m. with



Y Unveils Expansion, Hosts Inspire! Dec. 8

The Morrison Family YMCA's expansion is now open. The \$4 million facility, which was funded by Forest Hill Church to provide space for the congregation to hold its Ballantyne services on Sunday, is available the rest of the week for Y activities.

The space includes an indoor track, two basketball gyms, a 4,000-square-foot exercise room and other activity areas for adults and children.

The Morrison Y is also now offering TRX (total body resistance exercise) classes. TRX Suspension Training is a method of leveraged bodyweight exercise that builds power, strength, flexibility, balance, mobility, and prevents injuries.

On Dec. 8, the Morrison Y will hold its fourth annual Inspire! Ballantyne Gala at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event, which benefits the Y's community support programs, includes entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and a charity auction. VIP table seating is available. Info/reservations: 704-716-4657 or brooke.beddow@ymcacharlotte.org.



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complimentary coffee and refreshments. All meetings are free, and the public is invited. Details: www. ballantynebreakfastclub.com.

Golf School To Build **Short Course**

In concert with the PGA of America and United States Golf Association's "Tee it Forward" initiative — whose aim is to make the game fun, faster and more enjoyable — the Dana Rader Golf School will construct an 18-hole short course to be incorporated into the existing full-length 18-hole Golf Club at Ballantyne.

The par 71 short course, which will measure over 3,800 yards with a mix of par 3's, 4's and 5's ranging in length from 90 yards to 325 yards, is designed for families and junior golfers as well as new golf instruction programs. Anticipated completion date is November 2012. Info: 704-542-7635 or visit www.danarader.com.



Club at Longview Now Debt Free

Last August The Club at Longview celebrated becoming "debt free" by hosting a "Mortgage Burning Celebration Party." Club owners Mel Graham, Jim Little, Bruce Anderson and Pat Welsh have paid off all debt related to the club.

Graham and Little, along

with Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Neal Vohr, were present to "burn" the papers for the \$31 million mortgage. Little said that Longview had gained 34 new members through August, and that 21 homes and properties had been sold. Longview currently has a cap of 395 full golf memberships. More info: 704-443-2561 or www.theclubatlongview.com.

Ballantyne Chamber Sets Meetings

The Ballantyne chapter of the Charlotte Chamber will meet this winter on the following Thursdays: Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2 and March 1. Meetings are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge. Fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, subject to seating availability. To register or get updated information and details, visit www. charlottechamber.com.



BIZ BUZZ



Hess's Spivey Is Top Putter

Bissell Cos. hosted its 8th Annual Knotts Cup putting contest on Knotts Green in Ballantyne Corporate Park on Wednesday, Oct. 5. David Spivey with Hess Corp. won this year's competition. Twenty contestants representing tenants in the Chandler, Simmons and Hixon office buildings competed in the nine-hole putting contest. More than 1,000 tenants enjoyed lunch while watching the competition.



LaRocque Joins Dermatology **Practice**

Dermatology Care of Charlotte, located in the Ballantyne Medical Two Building, welcomes Dr. Jocelyn LaRocque to its staff. A board-certified specialist in dermatology, LaRocque joins Dr. James Seward and Dr. Elizabeth Grattan. LaRocque has many years of experience in dermatology, and is accepting new patients. For info/ appointments, call 704-341-0090 or visit www.dermcarecharlotte.com.



Gov. Perdue Tours Babcock & Wilcox

N.C. Gov. Beverly Perdue visited Babcock & Wilcox's headquarters in Ballantyne Corporate Park in October to learn more about the company's energy technologies. Pictured from left are: Jeff Crater, vice president, government relations, B&W; Brandon Bethards, CEO, B&W; Perdue; Mary Pat Salomone, chief operating officer, B&W; George Dudich, senior vice president, business development, B&W; and J. Keith Crisco, N.C. secretary of commerce. To learn more about the company, visit www.babcock.com.



Bissell Development Appoints Dan Heath

Dan Heath has been named assistant project manager for Bissell Development. In this new position, Heath will assist with managing development projects and act as the liaison for the construction team throughout all building phases. Most recently, Heath was commercial project manager for Andrew

Roby General Contracting. More info: 704-248-2000 or www.bissellcompanies.com.



Stephen D. Jones Joins AXA Advisors

Local resident Stephen D. Jones has joined the Charlotte office of AXA Advisors LLC. Jones works with individuals and business owners to help them define their financial goals and provide strategies, products and services to reach their objectives.

Prior to AXA Advisors, Jones was with Wells Fargo Advisors. Jones is involved in community and professional organizations, including the Safari Club and the Charlotte Rescue Mission. Reach him at the AXA office located at 10840 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Suite 100, or visit www.axa-equitable.com.



Rader Again Named Top 50 Golf Teacher

Dana Rader, founder and owner

of Dana Rader Golf School in Ballantyne, was named once again to the Golf Digest list of 50 Best Teachers. The magazine chose her for 2011-12, both nationally and for the state. Details: 704-542-7635 or visit www.danarader.com.



Peter Grills Promoted to Hotel Manager

Peter Grills has been promoted to the new position of hotel





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manager at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge. Grills will oversee both the food and beverage and rooms divisions at the location.



Clifton Coble, president of Bissell Development (from left); Alex Klatskin, NAIOP chairman; and Ned Curran, president and CEO of Bissell Cos.

Bissell Receives Sustainable **Development Award**

NAIOP, a commercial real estate development association, awarded Bissell Cos. its annual Sustainable Development Award in October at The Annual Meeting for Commercial Real Estate, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Bissell was honored for the Boyle and Harris office project, twin 10-story commercial structures in Ballantyne Corporate Park.



Web Firm Expands In Ballantyne

The firm, eSynergize Online Solutions of Charlotte, a Ballantyne-based website design and social media marketing company, recently celebrated its first anniversary by announcing plans to expand its presence here.

Founders Gary Suess, Jim Johnson and Joan Sommerer are former executives with Wachovia's Direct Lending Group. "We want to assist all types of businesses to realize the same kind of success

Associates Join Allen Tate Co. In Ballantyne

Allen Tate Co. announced the following associates have joined their Ballantyne office: Daly Burrell, Fred Burrell and Mike Eldred. Contact them at 704-543-5806, or visit www.allentate.com.

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Wachovia," says Suess, the CEO.

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Shoe Repair Arrives At Ballantyne Corners

Tay Shoe Repair is now open in Ballantyne Corners. The shop is dedicated to helping people extend the life of shoes, boots, bags, belts and other items. Customers can drop off a pair of shoes early in the morning and pick them up in the evening the same day. Open Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed on Sunday).

Dance Academy

The Dance Academy is now open for classes in the Ballantyne Arts Center at Ballantyne Corners. The academy provides dance training in many genres for children and adults. Classes

available by registration, while adult classes are open.

Classes for both adults and children include ballet, modern, jazz, contemporary, tap, African, Latin, ballroom, hip-hop, Dance for Health, yoga and Zumba Fitness. More info: 704-540-1515 or thedanceacademyof ballantyne.com.



Sports Bar Opens In Ballantyne Quad

Duckworth's Grill & Taphouse is now open in Ballantyne Quad. This is the second Charlotte location for the sports bar, which offers 40 craft beers on tap, one conditioned ale and 100 varieties of bottled beer. Duckworth's features all sports packages on HDTVs, and won first and third place for best wings at the 2011 Carolina

Debuts In Arts Center

for children ages 6 to 18 are



Ballantyne Corners Home to Confectionary Store

Think Chocolate, a confectionary that features sweets made from scratch without any hydrogenated oil, recently opened in Ballantyne

Corners. The store has two bakery cases. The first contains artisan chocolates, truffles and seasonally dipped fruits. The second features chocolate and other flavored cake bites, as well as cookies and bars.

Think Chocolate serves acid-free coffee and chocolate wines, along with owner Ruth Faure's homemade marshmallows and hot chocolate. The store also carries whimsical greeting cards, office items and Charlotte souvenirs. Details: 704-542-1114 or www.thinkchocolate.net.

Wing Festival. In addition to Philly cheesesteaks, the grill is known for fajitas, flatbreads, salads and hand-cut fries. More info: 704-752-7284 or www.duckworths.com.

Domenico's Arrives In Village at Robinson Farms

Domenico's Cucina Italiana is now open in the Village at Robinson Farms. Focused on fresh local ingredients, Domenico's features Italian specialty dishes as well as antipasti, panini's, pastas and wood-fired pizzas. Popular dishes include the Lasagna Domenico with ground veal and the weekend lobster special. The restaurant offers patio seating as well as a children's menu. Details: 980-819-9723 or visit www.domenicos-charlotte.com.



Pet Store Now Open

All Wags Boutique and Express recently opened in the Shoppes at Ardrey Kell (next to P.J. O'Reilly's). The boutique features dog and cat foods, clothing, beds, toys, leashes, dog grooming services and a do-it-yourself dog wash. The store is an extension of All Wags Doggie Daycare and Boarding facility in Pineville. Owners can also now drop their dogs off at the shop from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the doggie daycare and boarding facility, and pick them up from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Details: 704-542-3662 or www. allwagsboutiqueandexpress.com.



Arboretum Welcomes Accessory Store

Versona Accessories is now open next to Michael's in the Arboretum. The new specialty retailer owned by Cato Corp. carries everything needed to complete an outfit, including jewelry, handbags, shoes, belts, scarves, hair accessories, sunglasses and other gift items. Versona features an easy-to-shop format in an upscale environment with merchandise organized by color and trends. Details: 704-541-4105 or visit www.versonaaccessories.com.

Ballantyne Corners Home to Q Cleaners

Q Cleaners, which has provided organic dry cleaning

services since 1992, is now open in Ballantyne Corners in Suite 201. The shop offer a full range of services, from dry and wet cleaning to tailoring, draperies and wedding gown preservation. Q Cleaners uses only non-toxic substances such as water, biodegradable soap and steam. Details: 704-544-3471 or www.qdrycleaners.com.

Deli Comes to Ballantyne Quad

Star Deli recently held its grand opening in Ballantyne Quad at 14027 Conlan Circle. The New York-style deli serves breakfast and lunch and has dinner specials on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Star Deli offers a wide range of appetizers, including lox, whitefish, chopped liver and other offerings. The lunch



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menu features a variety of soups, sandwiches and fresh salads. Dine in, take-out, patio seating and delivery.

Open Monday to Wednesday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details: 980-819-8067.

Ballantyne Corners Adds Nail Salon

Bubbly Nails has opened in Ballantyne Corners in Suite 206. The full-service nail salon offers manicures, pedicures and solar nails as well as lip waxing. Open Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Closed Sunday. More info: 704-542-3112 or email bubblynailsinc@yahoo.com.

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Department Store Opens in Marvin Town Centre

Kohl's Department Stores recently opened in the Marvin Town Centre (Rea Road at Tom Short Road). In this store Kohl's debuts the exclusive Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony collections.

Kohl's also carries Simply Vera Wang, LC Lauren Conrad, Bobby Flay Cookware, ELLE Contemporary Collection, ELLE Decor, Dana Buchman, Candie's, Mudd, Tony Hawk, Apt. 9, Chaps, Jumping Beans and Sonoma life + style. The store prototype received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (best known as "LEED") initial certification at the silver level from the U.S. Green Building Council. More info: 704 841-0201 or visit www.kohls.com.



SWEET CHARITIES

Keller Williams Helps At-Risk Kids

Keller Williams Realty in Ballantyne held an Octoberfest



Scholarship recipient Shantell Kelty (left) and scholarship founder Susan Anderson.

Charlotte-Area Moms Receive College Scholarships

The Answer Scholarship Endowment, a Ballantynebased charitable endeavor founded by Susan Anderson, has awarded college scholarships to seven area mothers for the 2011-12 school year, aiding them in earning a four-year college degree or associate degree in nursing.

Anderson created the fund as a way to strengthen local families. Recipients must be raising school-age children, show demonstrated financial need and be earning their first college degree. Most recipients work either full-time or part-time while attending college.

Recipients this year include Erica Frazier, mother of

three, studying for a management degree from the University of Phoenix; Kanetra Jamison, mother of two, seeking a social work degree from Johnson C. Smith University; Shantell Kelty, mother of one, earning a business administration at Pfeiffer University; and Katrina Mitchell, mother of two, studying to be an elementary school teacher at Belmont Abbey College. Jamille White, mother of two, will graduate soon with a business degree from the University of Phoenix.

Alison Thornburg, who has one daughter, was in the mortgage business but is now re-training to become a registered nurse at Carolinas College of Health Sciences. Racine Totten, mother of three, is studying for an English degree at Johnson C. Smith with plans to attend law school. Totten is Answer's Levine Scholar, an award made possible with a gift from The Leon Levine Foundation.

Since the fund began in 2005, it has given out 30 scholarships. The endowment is housed at Foundation for the Carolinas, which provides financial oversight and administrative support. To learn more or make a contribution, call 704-544-1988 or visit www.answerscholarship.org.



cookout to raise funds for its charitable arm, Keller Williams Cares. According to Shari Marcus, the past two years' monies from KW Cares have supported the Kennedy Charter Public School, run by Elon Homes and Schools for Children. which provides foster care services for children from birth to 21 years of age.

In 2010, KW Cares also supplied playground mulch, planted flowers and shrubs, pulled weeds and debris in the gardens, washed windows, painted the middle school wing and gave 300 library books. In 2011, the group provided plants and flowers again, and brought books, clothes, calculators, games and puzzles, as well as gifts for the school's treasure chest to give children as incentives for good behavior. KW Cares also donated money in 2010 to Camp Cares for children with cancer, Ace & TJ's Grin Kids.

In addition, KW Cares provides assistance for company associates and their immediate families experiencing hardship due to a sudden emergency, such as Katrina. In the past two years the charity gave \$5,000 to several agents to help defray medical costs. Keller Williams Ballantyne fundraising events in 2011 brought in \$8,000 to support KW Cares. More info: 704-614-3270 or www.kw.com.

Cool Beans! Park, **Tenants Win Award**

Ballantyne Corporate Park received the Community Partnership Award from Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in October for its 2011 BCP (Beans, Corn and Potatoes) Food Drive for the organization.

AXA Equitable and Carlisle Cos. were honored for their donations during the drive, which helped double the park's original goal, bringing in 45,000 pounds of food.

Park employees also collected 16,195 packs of markers for Classroom Central. AXA Equitable collected 11,000 markers as part of its third annual Color the Park drive, while the Remi Group collected more than 1,000 markers.



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Canty Foundation Hosts Wine Tasting

The Chris Canty Foundation hosted a Corporate Wine Tasting last October at D'Vine Wine Café in Ballantyne Village. The event served as an opportunity for the foundation to increase its corporate connections and for guests to network with other businesses, foundations, and organizations.

The foundation, founded by Chris Canty, a defensive tackle for the New York Giants, has a primary goal of giving back to the community by providing and supporting programs for youth of all ages and backgrounds. Details: www. chriscantyfoundation.com or Joseph Canty at 704-845-4601.



Julie Diamond

Fashion Show Supports A Child's Place

In October, 150 women at Ballantyne Country Club held an evening of Glamour, Fun & Fashion to raise money for A Child's Place in Charlotte.

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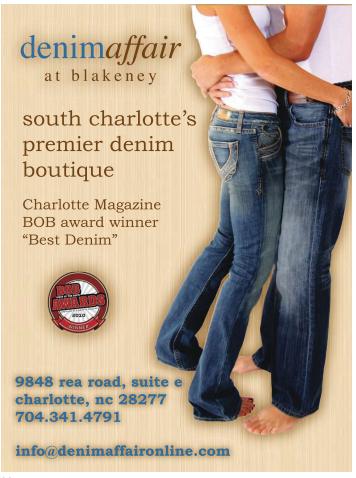
The Burke Communications Team at the Toys for Tots Golf Tournament

Toys for Tots Event Brings in \$30,000

The Fourth Annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament held in September at Cedarwood Country Club in south Charlotte raised \$30,000.

The event featured a captain's choice golf format followed by a silent auction and awards dinner. Sponsors from the Charlotte business community contributed funds, volunteer time, products and toys to make the event a success.

Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' premier community-action program. Last year the golf tournament contributed \$24,000 worth of toys purchased from Learning Express to make the holidays possible for hundreds of Charlotte-area children. Details: call 704-377-2600, e-mail info@toysfortotsgolf.org or visit www.toysfortotsgolf.org.







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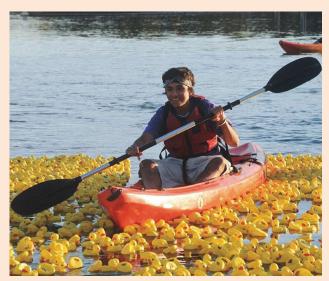
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Dhruv Gupta, an Ardrey Kell Interact student, helps collect ducks at the Ballantyne Rotary event.

Duck Race Fights Polio, Raises Nearly \$60,000

Fifteen Rotary and Interact clubs in the greater Charlotte area held their annual Duck Race in October at Tailrace Marina in Mount Holly, raising funds for the eradication of polio, a primary mission of Rotary International.

Duck Race organizer, Ineke Van der Meulen, a member of the Ballantyne Rotary Club, reports that the event raised nearly \$60,000. Some 7,500 rubber ducks raced in the event, with participants "adopting" a duck for \$10.

Festivities featured a steel-drum band, boat rides, golf and corn-hole contests, free kayak and canoe rentals, a dunking booth, food, drinks and the "purple pinky" for children and grandchildren, the universal sign that a child in a developing country has been immunized for polio. To learn more, visit www.Rotary7680.org.



Ineke Van der Meulen and David Hare "rent ducks" for \$10 each with help from the Rotary Duck.

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All fashions were from Belk SouthPark, and Colleen Odegaard from the TV show, "Charlotte Today" on WCNC NewsChannel 36 was the emcee.

Residents of the community modeled the clothes, and Belk and the Ballantyne Residential Property Owners' Association sponsored the event. To learn more about A Child's Place, visit www.achildsplace.org.



Golf Club Supports Folds of Honor

The Golf Club at Ballantyne recently participated in Patriot Golf Day and raised \$15,040 to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation, an organization that provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving the nation.

The club accepted donations for three days in September in exchange for complimentary buckets of range balls and rounds of golf depending on donation amount. Jointly supported by PGA of America and the United States Golf Association, Patriot Golf Day has allowed the Folds of Honor Foundation to distribute more than 2,000 scholarships internationally. More info or to donate: www.patriotgolfday.com.

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THIS EDITION of
Faces features three
personalities born far
afield of Charlotte but
now happily ensconced in
the Ballantyne area.

Learn what keeps Brannon Cashion, Sandra Naranjo-Deming and Jackie McFee busy in this part of the world.

One thing they all have in common is they are high-level leaders in their respective workplaces. In keeping with such prestige, they answered burning queries such as "What is your guilty pleasure?" and "What would be your theme song for walking into a room?"

We're joshing, of course. Though the questions are real, they're just for fun.

Faces provides a snapshot of fascinating people who live and/or work in the area. They come from all walks of the community and many parts of the globe. You'll find everyone from retailers and professionals of all stripes to homemakers, retirees and former pro athletes.

To meet Brannon, Sandra and Jackie, you're invited to turn the page.



BRANNON CASHION

Birthplace: Princeton, N.J.

Job: President, Addison Whitney, a brand consulting firm.

What do you like most about your job? Being part of a team and working with a group of people that inspire me to go the extra mile every day! Our company gets to work with so many new products and innovations that I can truly say that every day is a new adventure.

What's your guilty pleasure? Milkshakes (all kinds).

Do you live in Ballantyne? Yes, Bridge Hampton.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant? The Cashions are big fans of Lorenzo's Pizza. It's as close to New York pizza as we have found in Charlotte.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? Hiking trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway with my wife and three sons.

Describe your dream vacation. Easy! Las Vegas in the first week of July, with a paid entry into the main event at the World Series of Poker.

What would be your theme song for walking into a room? The University of North Carolina fight song, of course!

What is your favorite news source? www.insidecarolina.com and www.foxnews.com.

I would be rather caught dead than wear_ Anything with the color Pantone 287 (Duke blue — sick).

What charitable organizations are you involved with? March of Dimes: Our first son was born almost seven weeks premature, and my mother-in-law was a longtime employee of the MOD.

The National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable: My mother passed away from cancer in the late '90s. In 2003, I had the opportunity to work with the NCCRT and the American Cancer Society to develop the universal symbol for colorectal cancer awareness. The blue star is used worldwide to symbolize and promote awareness and encourage early screening, much like the pink ribbon

with breast cancer awareness

What is your biggest pet peeve? When people are not aware of their surroundings or act as if they have little, or no consideration, for what is going on around them.

What would someone never guess about you? Hold the onions, please. I hate any and all types of onions.





SANDRA NARANJO-DEMING

Birthplace: Ibarra, Ecuador.

Job: Director, Acceso Strategy, a marketing consultation, design, media-buying and translation firm.

What do you like most about your job? I enjoy connecting Charlotteregion companies with the Spanish-speaking population. It is a wide spectrum; my clients include local companies marketing to customers in Charlotte, businesses developing multicultural strategies and companies reaching Hispanics through social media.

What's your guilty pleasure? Frozen yogurt, and on the rare occasion I am able, sleeping in on weekends.

Do you live in Ballantyne? Yes, I moved here in the spring of 2003. I chose this area because it has great schools and wonderful neighborhoods. I think there is something to be said for living in an area where things are clean, orderly and beautiful.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant? Among my favorites are 131 Main, Firebirds and Miró. Love American cuisine!

What is your favorite outdoor activity? It's a bit of a cliché, but I really like to spend the day lying on the beach with family, reading a good book. Usually in North Carolina or Florida, more rarely in Ecuador.

Describe your dream vacation. I have friends and family in Spain and Belgium, so I've been contemplating a vacation starting in Majorca, with a stint in Paris, and ending in Brussels or Amsterdam. But life is hectic—two teenage daughters, full workload and social time with my friends and husband—so that vacation has been a "dream" for a while now.

What would be your theme song for walking into a room? "My Way."

What is your favorite news source? The Sunday New York Times and The Charlotte Observer.

I would rather be caught dead than wear _____.
Something you've seen before.

What charitable organizations are you involved with?

Slow Food Charlotte: community gardens in food deserts, farmer's markets, good wine, great food, and fabulous people. I am also a Leadership Charlotte participant, Class 33. I am excited about our community project involving Parent University.

What is your biggest pet peeve: Narrow-mindedness — people who are overly sure of their opinions who haven't taken even 10 minutes to consider another perspective or the big picture beyond their immediate interests.

What would someone never guess about you? I am one of the few people on earth with a Galapagos Islands permanent residency card. I lived and worked there for five years.

JACKIE MCFEE

Birthplace: Miami.

Job: Founder of JACK!E Studios, which designs everything from school supplies to athletic apparel. McFee calls herself the "Chief Designer of All Things Luscious."

How do you feel about your job? To this day, I still cannot believe that I do what I love for a living.

What's your guilty pleasure? Watching "The Good Wife" with a glass of wine!

Do you live in Ballantyne? We moved to Providence Downs in Waxhaw in 2006 — a gorgeous neighborhood with great people and an awesome proximity to everything.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant? Gallery Restaurant in The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? The simplest of things with my children — riding bikes, playing with trucks with my son in our driveway, drawing hopscotch with sidewalk chalk with my daughters, hanging at Blakeney Park and going to the water parks at the YMCA in the summer!

Describe your dream vacation.

Vacation? Never heard of it...

What would be your theme song for walking into a room? ANYTHING other than the theme song from Dora the Explorer, the Wiggles, iCarly, So Random and Bob the Builder!

What is your favorite news source?

Disney 365, sad to say!

I would be rather caught dead than wear _

Ten years ago, I would have an answer to this question. Now I'm too busy to care and it's not important to me. I'm happy if I have clean clothes that aren't maternity!

What charitable organizations are you involved with?

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. See my website (www.jackiemcfee.com) for the full story on the Kendall Kollection, which benefits LLS.

What is your biggest pet peeve: Insecure people.

What is a hidden gem in Ballantyne?

Rush Espresso Cafe. I am obsessed with illy coffee!

What would someone never guess about you?

I swear like a sailor!



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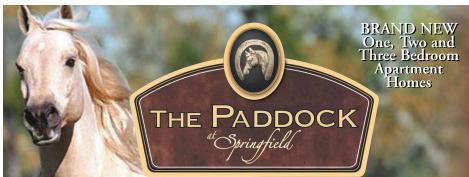
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important. With just a little extra time and effort on your part, the recipient instantly recognizes the sentiment behind your unique expression of gratitude.

"It used to be that the 'thank you' or handwritten note was as common as an email is today, but now it's a rarity. It's something very special," says Holly Bretschneider, president of Salutations, a stationery and gift store in Ballantyne Village.

"That feeling that you get when you open your mailbox and see a handwritten note that's not some computerized pre-printed thing is really becoming more and more rare these days," she says. "It's almost like you've been given a gift back when you receive one."

And taking the time to craft your message by hand might even provide your receiver with the perfect getaway from his or her daily digital monotony. Even if your handwriting is poor, the extra effort doesn't go unnoticed.

Drive Home Your Message

"People are so overrun with emails, texts and Facebook messages now that I think they're realizing, especially for job interviews, the handwritten note or thank-you card is something that is going to send your heartfelt message the best,"

Above: Salutations Store Manager Melanie Meyers recommends notes be personal and specific.

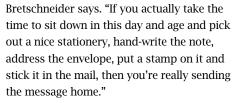
Right: Remember to select note cards appropriate for the occasion.

Below: Salutations is a stationery and gift store in Ballantyne Village.

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— Holly Bretschneider, Salutations





Given the power of putting pen to paper, here are some tips from etiquette experts on crafting memorable thank-you notes.

First, address the giver with a personal greeting. Be sure to include all names associated with the party at hand.

Open your message with an immediate expression of gratitude. And be specific.

"I think when you're trying to convey a 'thank you' for something, it's important

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to acknowledge what that something was," said Melanie Meyers, manager of Salutations. "The more specific and personal that you make it (the note), the more the recipient will feel that sentiment and appreciation."

Think about the person you're writing to and take into account his or her personality and what they've meant to your life, Meyers continues. Thank the giver for his or her generosity and discuss how you plan to utilize their gift

"You need to include something that pertains specifically to the occasion, the situation or the person addressed."

— Savannah Shaw

in your day-to-day life. Be sure to compliment the item specifically and show how it will benefit you in the future.

Note a Gift's Impact

"You need to include something that pertains specifically to the occasion, the situation or the person addressed, so don't just write 'Thank you so much for the gift, and hope to see you soon," says Charlotte etiquette and protocol consultant Savannah Shaw.

"Instead, specifically say, 'Thank you so much for the

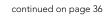


Etiquette consultant Savannah Shaw stresses making a thank-you pertinent to the giver and occasion.

china,' and 'It will go beautifully with so and so,' she continues. "Make someone feel as if the gift really did impact your life somehow. A handwritten thank-you note that's specific gives people a great opportunity to connect with someone on a whole other level nowadays."

In wrapping up the note, acknowledge your relationship with the giver and reiterate your gratitude.

"Make sure you include something that relates to the past or alludes to a time when you might see the giver again in the future to let them know how they fit into your life," Bretschneider says. "For instance, 'It was great seeing you at Jenny's birthday party, and I can't wait to see you again over the holidays.' That way your



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thank-you note doesn't sound so formulaic, or like a fill-in-the-blank kind of thing."

The handwritten thank-you note is simple, but the experts break it down even further.

"It's very simple," Shaw says. "The most important components of an exceptional thank-you note are promptness, sincerity and specifics. Don't get caught up in being nervous about the specific, correct way on how to write a thank-you note. I would much rather see somebody do it promptly, sincerely and with specifics than not to do it at all because they're concerned with format."

When dealing with a single gift, or if you are thanking someone for a one-time interview, many consider it best to send a note within a week, if possible.

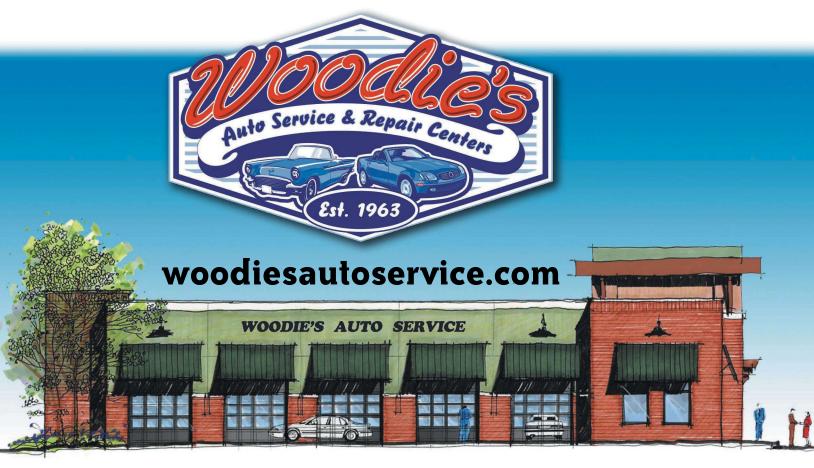
But is it ever too late to send a thank-you note?

"All the time I talk about good, better, best — with "good" meaning it's better to do some good than not to do any at all," Shaw says. "I think to send the note at all shows that you took the time to do something special for someone who had done the same for you. But ultimately I would say the quicker the better, and it's

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never too late."

The sincerity and specificity of your gratitude will shine through when you take the time to properly word your sentiment, experts say.

Consider Your Style, Audience

Select stationery and thank-you notes tailored to your personal style. Choosing or creating them can be fun, especially when taking of advantage of the fun themes and modern trends at stationery shops today.

"I'm seeing a lot of vintage retro stationery here lately," Bretschneider says. "There are some very fun, graphic motifs and fonts out there, and people are definitely starting to get creative with typography and different sizing of fonts so that it's not just a 'thank you' printed on the front of your card."



Choose stationery that reflects your personal style and the occasion, experts say.

But it's important to remember that different occasions call for different stationery types.

When thanking someone for taking the time to meet with you for a job interview, for example, use stationery that most appropriately corresponds with your audience.

"I think with a job interview you want your personality to come through, but you also want to keep it professional, considering whom you're writing it to," Bretschneider says. "So if you're interviewing at an accounting firm, then you're going to have a much more traditional, sort of classic or austere kind of design and cards than you would if you're interviewing for

It's important to remember that different occasions call for different stationery types.

a marketing or graphic design position. That's when you can cut loose and show your style, but I definitely think you have to consider your audience when following up for a job interview."

On the other hand, to show appreciation for a graduation present or thank someone for a bridal or baby shower gift, feel free to personalize your stationery in a way that best represents you, the writer.

Regardless of how you showcase yourself through stationery and craft your thank-you card, never forget the timelessness of a handwritten note. Your message will take on a higher level of meaning if you simply take the time to write your message, deliver it or just drop it in the mail.



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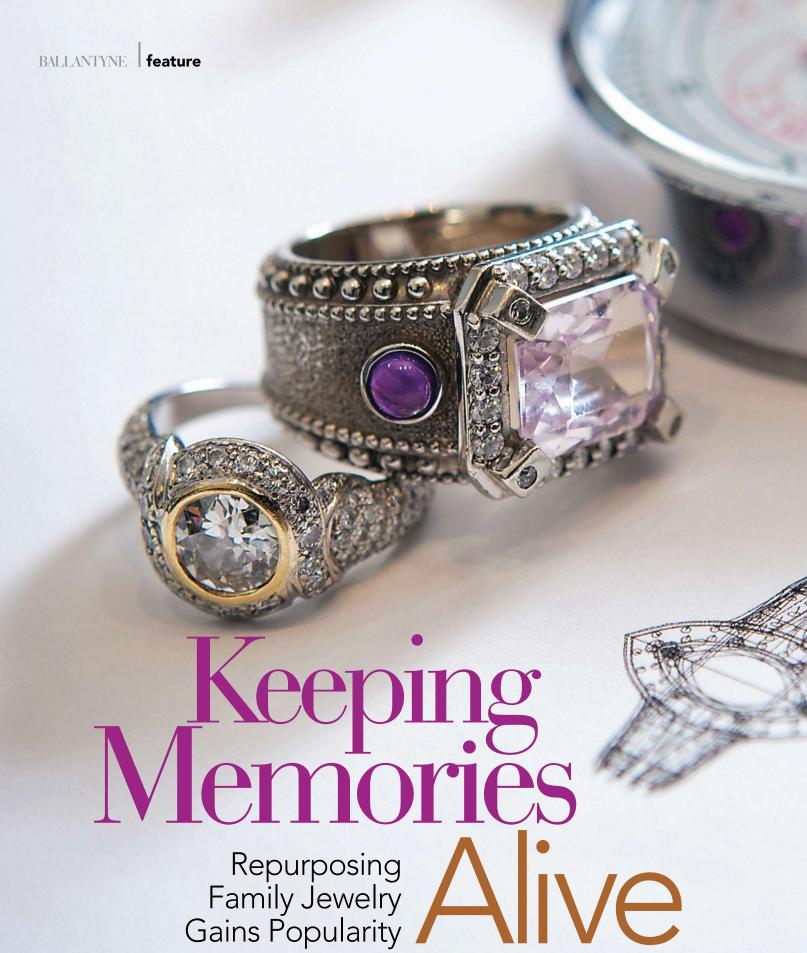
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THE SPARKLING SILVER
TEARDROP Ballantyne resident
Sue Jones wears around her
neck often catches people's
attention. Perhaps it's because
the necklace has a story to tell.

The teardrop came from the silver in a 52nd anniversary ring her father gave to her mother, Miriam Posey, shortly before she passed away in 2007 of degenerative spinal disease. "My dad and I had the idea to melt the ring down to a teardrop for all the tears we cried together," Jones recalls with a tender smile.

Today, inheriting family jewelry can cause an emotional dilemma. Heirloom pieces evoke such deep sentiment that people stash them in a safe deposit box or tuck them in a corner of their jewelry box, uncertain what they could or should do with them, especially since most pieces do not fit current jewelry fashion.

But bequests were not meant to become neglected treasure. Increasingly, the solution is to redesign an inherited piece of jewelry so it's a meaningful memory to wear.

In the case of Jones, she wanted to honor the memory of her beloved mother. "She was the queen of the family, the consummate hostess and the entertainer," Jones says. "She had so much energy and vitality."

When it came time for her parents to celebrate their anniversary even as Miriam lay gravely ill, Jones's father sought his daughter's help to come up with the perfect gift. After searching all over Charlotte, she found an anniversary ring setting she adored at Skatell's Manufacturing Jewelers in Pineville.

It was Christmas week, one of the busiest times for most jewelers, and Jones needed the ring for the anniversary celebration two days later. Skatell's came through, placing one diamond for each of Miriam and Bill's granddaughters into the setting. When presented the gift, her mother couldn't speak well but managed to utter the word "beautiful" after seeing the ring.

Upon her death, the diamonds went to the grandchildren, leaving only the silver setting. Jones returned to Skatell's and had the staff create the beautiful silver teardrop charm placed on a chain, a reminder of her mother that Jones wears each day.

Legacy Jewelry: Key Reminders

Repurposing family jewelry as Jones did is growing in popularity, say area jewelers. Before you do anything with a piece, however, you should first have it appraised so you



Sue Jones enjoys wearing the teardrop necklace that reminds her of her mother.

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know its value in today's dollars. Estate jewelry is usually made of platinum, gold, gemstones and/ or diamonds, which are valuable materials at present, but also make them easy to redesign by a first-rate jewelry designer.

Also be sure to have a jeweler check the integrity of older pieces, as gems can become loose over time. If your antique pieces are worth significant money either in their original or new form, you should purchase a special rider on your homeowner's insurance policy to cover them from loss or damage.

A good jeweler today can take most any heirloom piece and work with you to create something that fits your personal style. For instance, antique brooches can be divided in half and turned into elegant earrings. Men's cuff links make wonderful clasps, and older pearls can be restrung with more modern pearls to create a fashion statement that also has family significance. Antique diamonds can be re-cut into modern faceted styles that give you a new piece of bling with a sense of history.

Something Old, **Something New**

For Louise Parsons, family jewelry is the gift that keeps on giving. Her father David Dixon gave her mother Emily an amethyst ring on her 35th birthday, and after he passed away, her mother bestowed it on her.

Parsons wanted to wear it in memory of her father but felt the

ring's setting needed an updated look. She took it to gemologist and designer Karen Mouillé, owner of MARK Diamond Studio, located on Piper Station Drive in Ballantyne. Mouillé, who has

over 35 years of experience in fine jewelry design, suggested resetting the stone in a white gold band instead of the yellow gold, and surrounding it with diamonds. Mouillé added another







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Above: Sureyya Cam, a master jeweler at Diamonds Direct, examines a customer's ring. Left, Clockwise: Creating a ring is a many-stage process that ends with a refined piece of jewelry. The green ring is a wax form.

distinctive touch by placing two amethyst cabochons of a darker hue on each side of the ring. (A cabochon is a gem that is polished but not faceted.)

Parsons loves her family heirloom so much that she wears it every day. "It reminds me of my father and the love he had for my mother," she says. The ring has also drawn the attention of Parsons's three daughters, who would all like to have it someday. "They admired their grandfather so much," Parsons



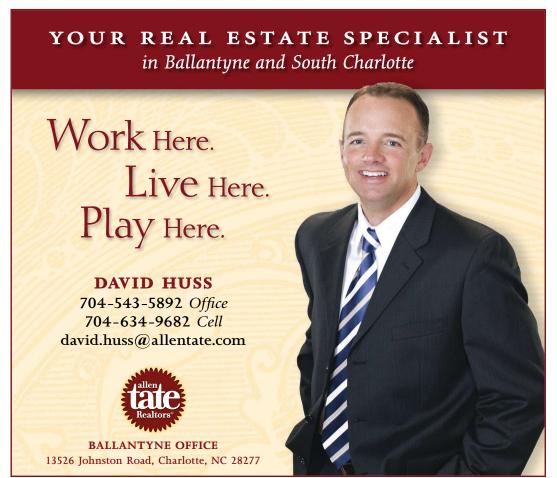
says. "My eldest daughter called him 'Baboo,' and the nickname stuck with her and her sisters until he died. The ring is a sweet reminder of him. I guess one day I'll have a sweet dilemma, about which one of my girls wears it next!"

Mouillé wears her own favorite legacy jewelry — a 100-year-old diamond she inherited from her Aunt Elsie. The diamond carries special sentiment because it has been lost and found twice. The first time, her aunt lost it on the driveway one winter while packing the car for a trip south; after the snow melted the following spring, the diamond surfaced on the payement.

Then, after Mouillé had worn it for 20 years, the diamond did another disappearing act. "I was devastated because it was a real antique piece, and one-of-a-kind, and even though the diamond was not great quality, it had so much sentimental value," she recalls. A year later while she was cleaning out a file cabinet, the treasured diamond magically reappeared at the bottom of the drawer, prompting Mouillé to use her skill and design flair to reset it in such a way that it could never fall out again.

Mouillé, whose studio is open only by appointment, works with many customers like Parsons, who want to restyle a legacy piece while maintaining the sentiment. Many of them also decide to redesign their own engagement and wedding rings in the hopes those pieces will become a legacy for their children.

In Mouillé's view, jewelry carries a lot of emotion because of its beauty. "Jewelry made of metal and precious gems is the one thing that remains for countless generations, long after the loved ones are gone," she observes. "That family member remains in your heart through the jewelry. If you're





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Above: Designer Karen Mouillé (left), owner of MARK Diamond Studio, consults with client Louise Parsons

Right, Middle: Mouillé and Marcelo Makar, a master bench jeweler, review a drawing of a ring. Right, Bottom: Makar programs the vertical lathe that creates the wax model.

fortunate enough to inherit jewels, why not make them wearable, and enjoy them?"

Engagement Ring Makeovers a Trend

Giving new life to a treasured family engagement ring is becoming trendy — especially after Prince William bestowed his mother Diana's sapphire engagement ring to his intended bride, Kate Middleton, a gesture widely viewed as a moving tribute to his late mother. Upon their marriage, he gifted Diana's matching diamond and sapphire studs to Kate. She then had them redesigned into drop earrings, which she was seen

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wearing at Wimbledon and on the first day of their trip to Canada.

Diamonds Direct at SouthPark helps a growing number of couples who want to keep a family engagement ring but in a different form. Amy Neilson received her mother's engagement diamond after her father died two years ago. She decided to combine that diamond with the one her husband gave her, and add a final gem to finish the ring.

Keeping with the family significance, Neilson decided on a sapphire, a reminder of her grandmother's deep blue eyes. "My grandmother was a special person to everyone in the family," she remembers. "She loved her family, and loved to cook. She lived a simple life, and was a deep, good person."

Diamonds Direct provided both the setting and sapphire. Neilson plans to keep the ring in her family, passing it down to her three children. "I feel like I am carrying a piece of my father and my mother on my hand, and my grandmother. It's a reminder of all the wonderful things they did together," she says.





Such jewelry, in other words, takes on a greater meaning than just precious metal and stones. Every time Sue Jones wears the teardrop necklace created from her mother's special ring, she appreciates it for far more than just its sparkling silver. "It isn't just jewelry — it reminds you of the legacy and memories that can be passed down," she says.



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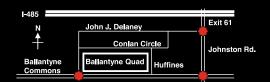
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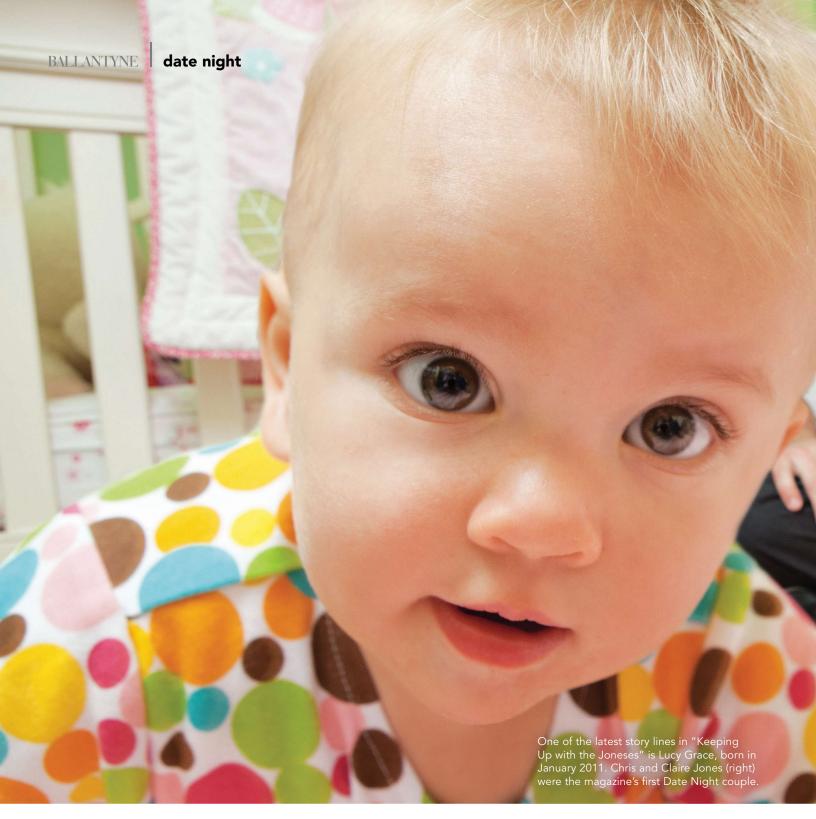




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IT STARTED OUT AS A SOCIAL column, an easy way for Ballantyne couples to share their ideas for an entertaining night on the town. It has grown into something far more personal for both our readers and participants.

Nearly two years ago, Ballantyne Magazine's "Date Night" feature kicked off with Claire and Chris Jones, newlyweds from the Raintree neighborhood who were juggling full-time jobs and learning Charlotte after moving here in 2008. Today, the Joneses are keeping up with their newborn baby, Lucy Grace, who was

born in January 2011.

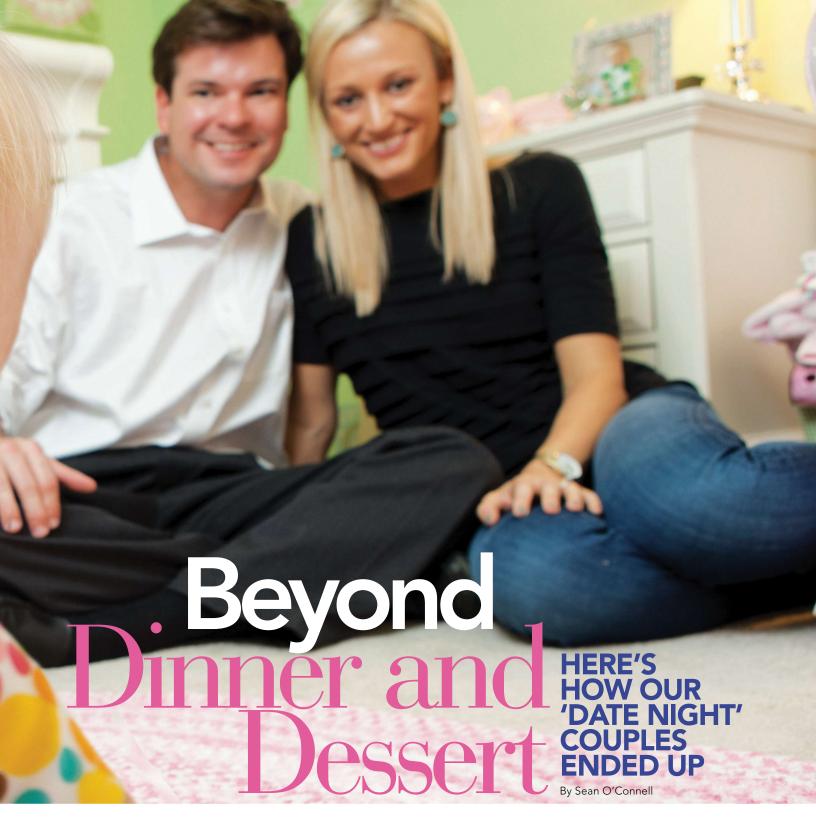
Babies, breakups, engagements, weddings and long-distance relationships — we've seen it all in Date Night. And now that we've logged two years worth of entertainment options in the Ballantyne area, we thought it would be a great time to

check back in with our couples to see how life has changed — and what they consider to be a date two years later.

Good Sports: On, Off the Court

"Almost everywhere we've been, we've had people stop us and say, 'Oh, hey, you

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Alexis and Eric Pattison.

guys are the ones who were in Ballantyne Magazine," says Eric Pattison, who participated with his wife, Alexis, in a tennis-themed date for the magazine in 2010.

Their evening consisted of tennis lessons with Ballantyne Country Club instructor Cliff Menke, followed by drinks at Cosmos. Since then, the couple has found a new hot spot, Pure, in nearby Matthews.

"We go there all of the time," Eric tells us. "It is an absolutely fantastic Mexican place. We like the atmosphere, the menu and just the overall service. It's nice, it's quiet and it has great food."

In addition to great food,

sports have been a running theme in Date Night. When Ellen Christie and Wes Wolters hit the town for Date Night in 2011, it was New Year's Day, and they had a specific goal in mind. Ellen is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and her Badgers were playing in the Rose Bowl. They chose

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a largely "liquid lunch" at the Stadium Sports Tavern, located at the intersection of Tom Short and Ardrey Kell roads in the Fountains Shopping Center. And while Wisconsin lost the game, the couple found a way to make love work.

The trouble for the two. however, was their location —



Ellen Christie and Wes Wolters

or, we should say, locations. Wes, a pilot, was stationed in Charlotte, and Ellen lived and worked in Southern California. One year after their college football-heavy date. Wes tells us they're rectifying that situation.

"It looks like she is going to be moving to Charlotte in (late 2011), "he says, noting they each grew tired of the longdistance relationship. "It's not easy, doing it that way, and the plan always was for her to move here. It has just been a matter of timing and working it out."

From Y & Y To Friendship

Meanwhile, things didn't work out romantically for Erin Wilk and George Delano, who obliged us by going on our first blind date, recounted in the last issue.

Theirs was a themed evening, a "Yoga and Yogurt" experience we devised. They both enjoyed it; even though, neither had tried yoga prior to the lesson we sent them on.



George Delano and Erin Wilk

Months later, George says the two remain good friends, and have mingled their social circles as a result of the date. "We do hang out quite a bit," he says. "Her friends and my friends became friends, as a result of it, and we all continue to hang out here and there. So I think it actually was pretty successful."

And while dates aren't on the agenda, George says Erin and her friends now play fantasy football against George and his friends.

"We're trying to coach the girls up on how to play," he says. "They're doing really

well. They are very intelligent girls who have picked up on the game very quickly."

Newlyweds, **New Parents**

When sparks fly on Date Night, however, it can be part of something special. Just ask Erin Hunter-Watters and Pete Watters, who ended up getting married months after we sent them out on the town in Ballantyne last year. Pete works as a producer for ESPN. He invited Erin to Orlando,





Collin and Debbie Ricks

Fla., on a business trip, and surprised her while they were there by popping the question.

"He had flown my whole family and his whole family down," she says. "They were able to celebrate the weekend with us, so it was just awesome."

Erin and Pete's journey toward wedded bliss continued to take them on the road. Following the Florida engagement, the couple married in Las Vegas.

"We went to the Little

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White Chapel and celebrated at the Mandalay Bay," Erin says. "It was just a wonderful weekend of family members having a great time."

Eventually, though, it was back to Charlotte, and back to work. Erin works at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge, where she ended up working on the wedding of one of our other Date Night couples, Collin and Debbie Ricks.

For those who don't remember, Collin ended up proposing to Debbie days before they were set to attend a dinner at Global Restaurant for our magazine. We captured their engagement as part of our feature, and were eager to see how the newlyweds were faring.



Langston and Whitni Wertz

"We live right by Ballantyne Village, so we walk up there all of the time," Debbie explains. "We'll go to D'Vine or Jade. We love D'Vine Wine. So we'll head to the village at least once or twice a week."

Alas, those evenings out will be rare for the Jones family who, as we mentioned at the top of the story, had a baby girl in January.

But that doesn't mean their own date nights stopped entirely when Chris and Claire became parents. "We were very blessed to have a child who does very well in restaurants," Claire says. "She's quiet, happy and enjoys being out in places where there are a lot of people. ... And we certainly took advantage of the first few months, where she slept all of the time, to go out to eat as much as possible. But now, those moments are a little fewer and farther between."

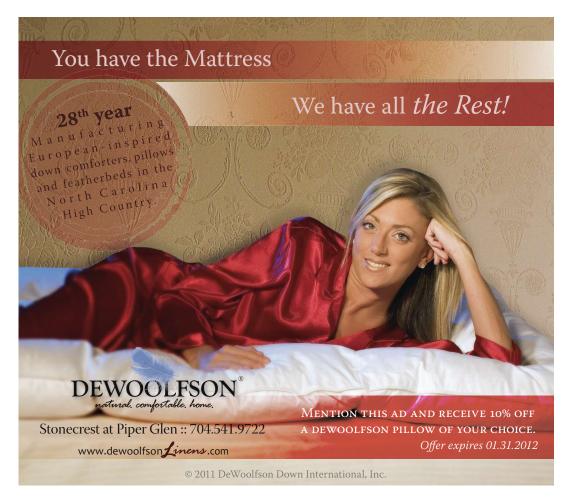
Making Time For Loved Ones

You don't have to tell that to Whitni and Langston Wertz. Another married couple with children who enjoyed a Date Night on us, the Wertzes understand how difficult it can be to put the day-to-day grind aside and make time for the loved ones in your life. But Whitni tells us after their Date Night earlier this year, which consisted of dinner at Miró Spanish Grille in the StoneCrest Shopping Center, they are making a concerted effort to get out more and enjoy each other's company.

"In the last two months we've made changes that allow us to enjoy our children while enjoying each other," Whitni tells us. "It could be a date night or a simple moment of relaxation."

And for our newlyweds about to meet the challenge of finding Date Night time in their future, Whitni has this advice:

"Making time for yourself is critical, so when you grab the equally important couple time, there is more depth. Define what works best for your family," she says. "When our kids were younger, we had a friend in grad school who would come babysitting after they were in bed. They woke up never knowing we were gone, she studied in peace and we had a nice few hours out. Brilliant!"





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SPICE OF LIFE

The Blue Taj Cultivates Following for Indian Cuisine

By Sean O'Connell Photos by Ray Sepesy

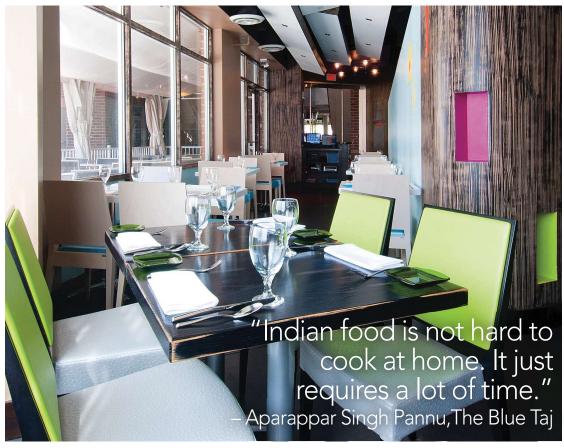


BALLANTYNE | fab fare

The "too spicy" misconception is one that Aparappar Singh Pannu hopes to correct when people visit his Indian restaurant, The Blue Taj, which has been serving the community from its spot in Ballantyne Village since February 2010. The Blue Taj is Pannu's second Indian restaurant in the Charlotte market. He has also operated Copper on East Boulevard in Dilworth since 2005. Pannu noticed a strong call for Indian cuisine in Ballantyne and has received amazing support since bringing his culinary talent to this side of town.

'Taste Platter' To Start

Pannu says the restaurant





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entertains a healthy number of people who are curious about Indian dishes but aren't sure where to start. His servers often start customers off with a Taste Platter, found in the appetizer section of the restaurant's extensive menu. Customers can sample vegetarian options or meat selections consisting of Tandoori Prawns, Chicken Tikka and Lamb Kabobs.

All sauces at The Blue Taj are made from scratch. Meats are seasoned with blends of spices created by the kitchen staff, a nuance that turns newcomers into regulars, Pannu says.

"Indian food is not hard to cook at home," he notes. "It just requires a lot of time. There's just a lot of preparation. To make one dish, you have to have so many ingredients and sauces. It's time consuming, as opposed to being an art."

Kerala Seafood, Frontier Chops

When singling out a can't-miss dish from his menu, Pannu highlights two choices of which he's incredibly proud: the Frontier Lamb Chops and the Kerala Style Seafood.

The latter is a seafood dish cooked in tamarind and a coconut sauce. Tamarind, for Indian food novices, is a fruit known for its giant seed that comes with a sweet and sour flavor. The menu selection "gives you three

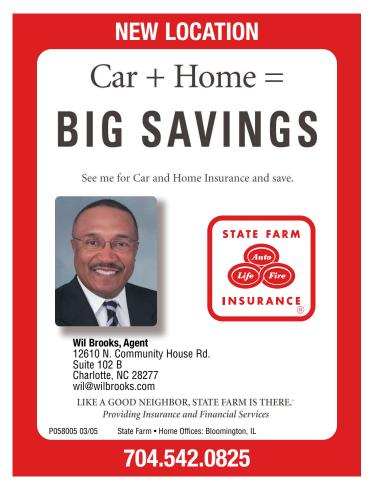
different types of seafood in one dish: the fish, the scallops and the shrimp," Pannu explains. "And its sauce has traces of mustard and Cayenne pepper."

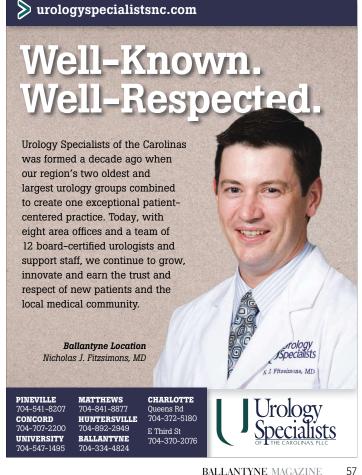
As for the lamb chops, Pannu says they are unique because the spice blend used to flavor the meat — which is marinated in homemade sauces for 10 to 15 hours — would be tough to replicate outside of The Blue Taj. "It's going to be time-consuming if you try to duplicate it at home," he says with a chuckle.

And while he's combating misconceptions about Indian food, Pannu reminds patrons at The Blue Taj not to forget that perfect glass of wine.

"Most people don't think

The Blue Taj is Pannu's second Indian restaurant in the Charlotte market. He has also operated Copper on East Boulevard in Dilworth since 2005.





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about wine with Indian food. but it actually goes really well," Pannu says. "India isn't a region known for its wine. Maybe that's why people think Indian food does not go well with a wine. But I've been in the restaurant business for 18 years now, and we have hosted several wine dinners, and I can tell you, it always goes over really well."



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Recipe by Mel Oza, consultant chef, The Blue Taj Makes four portions

Ingredients

1 frenched rack of lamb: 8 ribs, about 1.5 pounds (cut into 4 double ribs, excess fat trimmed)

Set 1: Base Marinade

- 1 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- Salt to taste (Kosher salt preferred)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons ginger garlic paste*

Set 2: Spice Mix

- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard powder*+
- 3 finely chopped dried red chilis*+
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon Reshampatti chili
- 1 teaspoon garam masala*

Set 3: Final Marinade

- 12 ounces grape seed oil (canola oil can be substituted)
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic

Make a mix of "Set 1" ingredients and rub the rack of lamb with it and set aside for 30-45 minutes.

Mix and lightly toast the "Set 2" ingredients in a heavy-bottomed pan. Cool the mix down in a wide-bottomed container.

Once cold, mix "Set 2" in a mixing bowl with "Set 3" ingredients. Add rack of lamb, massage gently, then transfer to a nonmetallic baking dish. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator overnight or at least 8-12 hours.

When ready to prepare, bring the rack out 15-20 minutes prior to searing.

Heat a heavy-bottomed pan (wide enough to hold 4 double ribs without stacking) on high heat until it smokes. Turn the heat down to medium.

Transfer the ribs one by one with bone side down and sear for 2-3 minutes. Turn over and sear for 2 more minutes. Transfer to a roasting pan, and roast in a preheated, 450-degree oven for 7-10 minutes. Remove from oven and check internal temperature; it must be approximately 135 degrees. Or, continue roasting until desired level of doneness is reached.

Transfer to a wooden cutting board. Let the ribs rest while covered with aluminum foil for about 7-10 minutes. Serve with your choice of grilled or roasted vegetables.

The lamb also may be served with a cassoulet of beans or a mixed green salad with ripe tropical fruits tossed in a piquant vinaigrette, which will stand up to the flavor of the meat and spices.

KEY – If these ingredients aren't available at your usual grocery store, you may find them as noted

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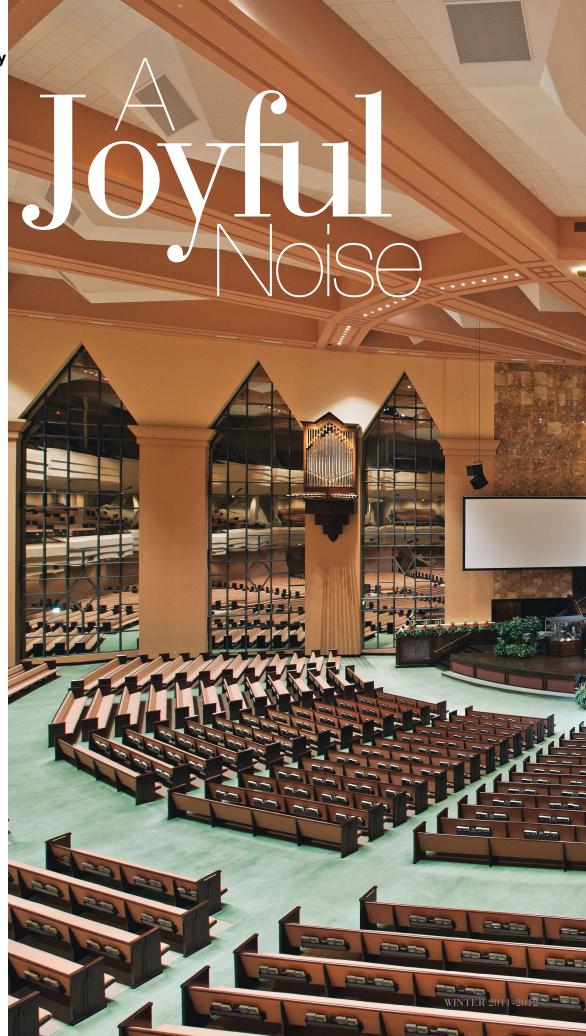
CALVARY'S GRAND ORGAN HITS HIGH REGISTER AS MUSICAL **MASTERPIECE**

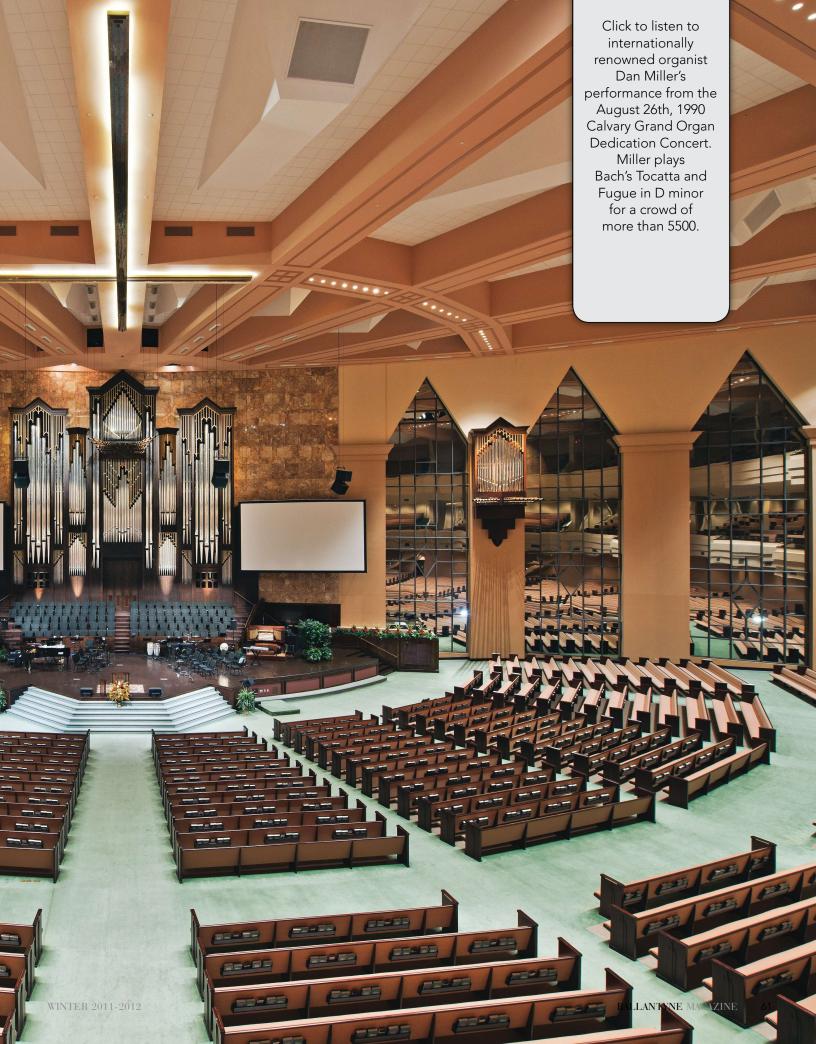
> By Nan Bauroth Photos by Cameron Triggs

AT FULL THROTTLE, the Calvary **Grand Organ reverberates** majestically. Rich, resonant vibrations of its luminous pipes envelop all 2.5 million cubic feet of air space in the soaring Calvary Church sanctuary. The glorious sound of music seems to bear witness to the presence of God, and that is precisely what this magnificent musical instrument was intended to do.

Dedicated in 1990 at an original cost of \$1.4 million (now valued at \$5.25 million), the Calvary Grand Organ — with an astounding 11,499 pipes, ranging from the size of a soda straw to over 40 feet in length - was created as an essential complement to worship services in the cavernous sanctuary located on the edge of Ballantyne.

"The organ was specifically designed to be of heroic proportions to support a congregation of over 3,000," asserts David Nelms, master organ pipe technician and principal owner of Pipe Organ Service of the Carolinas. He has faithfully tuned and maintained the instrument once a week since its creation. "With an eclectic voice palette," he says, "it is capable of playing





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Above: The Calvary Grand Organ can mimic sounds of orchestral instruments. Right: Elizabeth Hildebrand, the organist at Calvary since 2009, revels in the role the instrument plays in worship services.

every style of musical literature." That is no small compliment. Yet, this extraordinary set of pipes cannot sing its own praises, which may explain why few local residents recognize how truly grand the Calvary Grand Organ is. With 205 ranks (sets of pipes that produce five octaves or register of timbre), it qualifies as the 13th largest pipe organ in the world, and the largest all-new church organ ever built. To place it in perspective, the Calvary Grand Organ stands shoulder to shoulder with the Mormon Tabernacle Organ. Given such stature, the Calvary Grand Organ is truly a jewel in

the Queen City's crown, not to mention a national treasure.

"The Calvary Grand Organ is an artwork," stresses Nelms, who feels passionately about its place in Charlotte and the universe of pipe organs. "People around the world come here hoping to see, hear and play it." That includes the organist of the Mormon

Tabernacle. The Calvary Grand Organ has also been featured twice on American Public Media's "Pipedreams" program on Sunday evenings, alongside premier organs from England and Europe.

Physical Specimen

From the standpoint of sheer physical attributes, the Calvary

Grand Organ is not just an awesome musical instrument but a stunning masterpiece. One hundred and fifty-six gleaming zinc Great and Pedal Pipes form its focal point, rising 65 feet from floor to ceiling. Another 11,396 pipes are housed behind the main façade, hidden from view.

High above the façade, as if





descending from heaven, loom three trompeteria of 1,323 polished metal pipes, including 391 bronze pipes "en chamade" that extend horizontally toward the congregation. On the left is Gabriel's Horn; on the right, the Herald Trumpet; in the center, three sets of Millennial Trumpets. These five sets of pipes serve as musical heralds for festive fanfares, exclamatory hallelujahs in hymns and wedding processionals. The pipes also can lead with a solo trumpet melody against a full organ accompaniment.

Such a wealth of pipes, known as "voices," bestows the Calvary Grand Organ with 205 characters or colors of sound, the equivalent capability of an orchestra: the imitative voices of 44 flutes and 22 strings (including 15 celestes, with ranks tuned slightly off pitch to produce a shimmering sound based on the difference in frequencies), 28 principals, 34 reeds and 14 tremolos. Add to that an exquisite zimbelstern (German for cymbal star), whose tiny, tinkling bells rotate in a random pattern to create an ethereal effect.

Breathing life into this 173,000-pound masterpiece of an instrument are seven electrically driven blowers situated two stories below the floor. Another two blowers sit Left: At four stories high, David Nelms tunes the horizonal "en chamade" pipes. Below: Pictured are four of the organ's five manuals. The natural keys are made of bone, while the sharps are walnut.



four stories up to provide wind to the trompeteria. The result is an almost unparalleled voicing that will reverberate in just under three seconds throughout the 5.500-seat sanctuary.

The Console

The Calvary Grand Organ's console, which weighs one ton, is a work of art itself. The Honduras mahogany cabinet contains five, 61-key manuals, ascending from Choir to Great, Swell, Recitiv and Bombarde. The natural keys are fashioned from bone, the sharps from walnut, with 137 pistons of white maple tucked beneath the manuals.

The console doors comprise a mind-boggling 302 stops (drawknobs) and 200 other controls, rendering it the world's largest American-made drawknob console. The organ's command and control center also features solid state, electric console



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action with a digital screen on the left, under the music rack, where the organist can preset 24 memories for each piston.

Fanning out beneath the organist's feet is a pedalboard of keys built of maple and walnut, along with four "shoes" resembling gas pedals — three "expression" and one "crescendo." In addition, the organist can choose from 53 brass toe stubs and eight brass pedal movements. This intricate array of foot controls means that

any music that can be played by hand can be played with the feet as well, freeing the organist to play a melody by foot and separate accompaniment by hand — a talent only highly trained organists possess.

At Calvary Church, that talent is Elizabeth Hildebrand, who earned her master's of music in organ performance from the prestigious Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Ironically, the petite Hildebrand, daughter of a pastor in Michigan, says she minored





in music and majored in math in college because she was uncertain music would be a fulltime vocation.

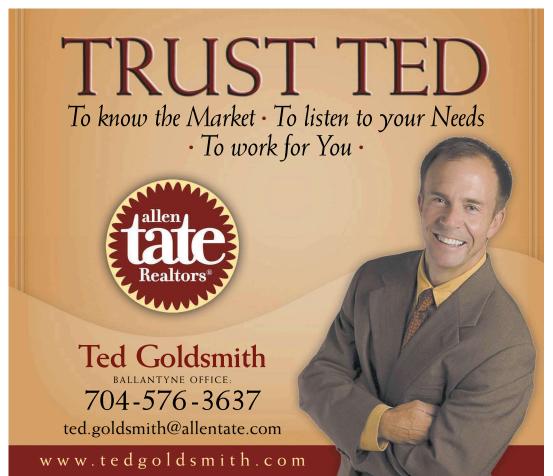
In 2007, when her husband Jason went to work as an attorney for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Organization, the two joined Calvary. She initially served as a substitute pianist and organist, ultimately assuming the mantle of organist in 2009. A performance diva, however, Hildebrand is not. For her, serving as organist is an extension of her faith. "I enjoy playing the organ most for the services when I play with the orchestra or accompanying the choir and congregation as we worship the Lord together," she says.

Wonderful Dilemma

Worship Pastor Tim Hathaway says the church's magnificent organ presents a wonderful dilemma. "Integrating the Grand Organ into all our worship services and the diversity of our congregation is a challenge that requires a lot of prayer," he says. "We have a multi-generational congregation with different backgrounds and musical styles."

For that reason, he might begin services with an imposing traditional hymn such as "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" that utilizes the Grand Organ to its potential, and then blend the instrument in concert with the church members' contemporary 25-piece orchestra for the balance of the service.

But Hildebrand does play preludes by Bach and sacred hymn arrangements prior to worship services on a regular basis. In addition, the Calvary Grand Organ is featured during monthly lunchtime mini recitals on the fourth Thursday of each month, and plays a prominent part in the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and candlelight Christmas Eve services. The services alone drew





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over 10,000 worshippers last year.

"This organ is tremendously loved and respected by this congregation, and was purposely titled the Calvary Grand Organ to bestow grandeur upon worship service," Hathaway notes. "From a musical perspective it is unmatched, and was designed for perpetuity as well. Psalm 66 says to make His praise glorious, so the organ is a function of helping us praise God in that glorious way."

Dr. John Munro, senior pastor of Calvary Church, agrees that the organ plays a highly meaningful role. "In our rapidly changing and uncertain world, we need to be reminded of the unchanging and unchangeable God who is sovereignly in control," he observes. "As part of our worship, the organ aids us as we reaffirm our faith in the great, eternal, triune God — who is so much bigger than any of our problems."





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BCC RALLY BRINGS IN \$175,000

This fall Ballantyne Country Club's Rally for the Cure hosted The Pink Harvest Festival family day, a junior golf tournament, women's tennis event, women's golf event, a luncheon sponsored by Charlotte Radiology, a black-tie gala and, for the first time, a men's golf tournament.

The BCC Rally has been the No. 1 fundraiser in the nation for Rally for the Cure for the past three years. This year, the Rally raised \$175,000. It benefits Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

BCC Rally thanks its business partners: Carolinas HealthCare System (presenting sponsor), Ballantyne Country Club, Bissell Cos., Skatell's Manufacturing Jewelers and Snyder's-Lance.

- 1. Jenny Hackett (from left), Emily Fultz, Roshawn White
- 2. Karen Schneider, Julie Diamond, Julie Jasinski, Isha Sharma
- 3. The women's golf event drew a crowd.
- 4. Rick & Jeanne Puckett
- 5. Ken Jahde, Bob Shrader, Darryle Moore, Tyler Nagle
- 6. Ken & Shana Fox, John & Joanne Melillo, Kevin & Lauren Melillo
- 7. Debra Dickson, Dr. LaSalle Leffall, Elizabeth Kurtz
- 8. Karen Bearss, Bob Rottmann, Mike Bearss, Jean Rottmann

















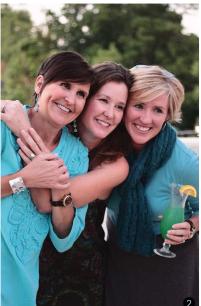














'TEAL NEXT YEAR' RAISES AWARENESS

To support Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Teal Diva and Teal Toes hosted its annual Teal Next Year Spa Mixer at The Spa at Ballantyne on Thursday, Sept. 29 The event featured light food, live entertainment and mini spa services, including teal polish changes.

- 1. Vicky Scott (from left), Pat O'Rourke, Luanne Barker, Patsy Hinson, Carin Ross Johnson
- 2. Carolyn Maxey, Mary Beth McGaugh, Ellen Tarry
- 3. Shannon Routh, founder of Teal Diva (far right), welcomes Mary Beth McGaugh, Ellen Tarry, Beatrice Chambers, Beth Gregg, Terri Powell and Penny Watlkins to the event.
- **4**. Teal Diva partygoers gather at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge pool.
- 5. Lingsky Sugg, Dina Blazek
- 6. Kay Ackerman, Kim Vanderbilt
- 7. Carol King, Carolyn Finnegan, Tonja Padgette, Čarolyn Maxey, Jenny Kammerek

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BALLANTYNE FESTIVAL TOPS 1,000

On Saturday, Oct. 8, over 1,000 people attended the inaugural Ballantyne Festival, a free, fun-filled community event at the Morrison Family YMCA. Sponsored by the Ballantyne Breakfast Club, Morrison Y and Ballantyne chapter of the Charlotte Chamber, the event featured the Ballantyne Area Candidates Forum & Chili Cook-off, activities for the family and live entertainment.

- 1. Heather (from left), Makenzie, Maddox & Darren Earnhardt
- 2. Amy & Lilly Starr, Megan Henderson
- 3. Mecklenburg County Sheriff Chipp Bailey, Fire Captain Jeff Nixon (Station 39), Basil Williams, Sharon Williams and Denise Moses represent the winning chili cook-off teams.
- 4. Gary Spellman, Karen Howell,
- 5. Chase Hawisher, Erin Kierce, Haley Stone, Megan Stedem (lying down), Chyna Locklear, Jimmy Burton
- 6. Purvi & Neeva Patel, Sonalee Trivedi
- 7. Alicia Collins, Felicia McAdoo, Sandra Myers, Rodney Collins
- 8. Iley, Jenny & Evie Alexander

































ADAMFEST FIGHTS CANCER

Ballantyne Corporate Park hosted the fourth annual AdamFest for pediatric cancer on Sept. 17. A carnival in the Corporate Park featured a dunk tank, rides, games and more.

AdamFest honors Adam Faulk Tanksley who, in 2008, was diagnosed with a stage four childhood kidney cancer with a 30 percent cure rate. The Adam Faulk Tanksley Foundation partners with Levine Children's Hospital to end childhood cancer. Today Adam is 7 and in first grade.

- 1. Adam (from left), Alyssa, Sharon, Austin & Mike Tanksley
- 2. Anna Glynn surrounded by Zak, Tilly & Popsee from Carolina Clowns Inc.
- 3. Avery, Alyssa, Evan & Mike Vassil
- 4. Firefighter Mike Kocienski, Carter Weinke
- 5. Sophia, Paige, Vincent & Joe Carnevale
- 6. Missy, Riley, Reece & Greg Nahrgang
- 7. Carolina Dance Capital's Sarah Trumbore, Allegra Persico, Alexa Weir, Allyson Weir, Jessica Solomon, Carmen Persico
- 8. Caprielle, Angela & Britton Terry

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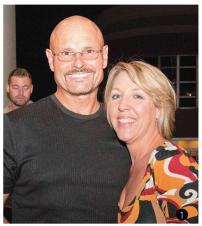
MIX AT SIX FINALE DRAWS HUNDREDS

On Oct. 5, Mix at Six wrapped up its 2011 season as hundreds of attendees enjoyed the tunes of '42 Tribute.

Mix at Six occurred every Wednesday starting Aug. 31 with bands playing for three hours in Ballantyne Village. Jade Asian Fusion and Sushi Bar, D'Vine Wine Café and Terrace Café of Ballantyne sponsored the Mix at Six series.

Proceeds from VIP seating at the events went to Carolina Breast Friends, a Charlotte-based organization that provides support for local breast cancer survivors.

- 1. Steve Shenk, Shelly Stone
- 2. Friends enjoy the music.
- 3. Jordan Stelmach, Andrew Shiflet, Dale Handley
- 4. Jin & Todd Mengert
- 5. Sue Sidzina, Shelby Jenkins
- 6. Jeremy Durbin, Jennifer Williams, Paul Duncan, Bridget Holland
- 7. Tim Estep, Tabitha Hendrix, A.J. Anelli
- 8. Leo Belaunzaran, Inez Docar































ALLEGRO EVENT ATTRACTS 200 ATTENDEES

The Allegro Foundation, a champion for children with disabilities, hosted its second annual Golf Invitational at The Golf Club at Ballantyne on Sept. 13.

Approximately 200 golfers, celebrities and community members enjoyed a round of golf, silent auction and reception that raised money for the foundation's work. Allegro combines movement instruction with educational and medical expertise to teach over 500 children with disabilities each week in the Charlotte area.

- 1 Gary & Cindy LaBrossee (from left), Chip Player, Barbara Pagano
- 2. Dan Forest, Max Musser
- 3. Al Wallace, Jerry Simmons, Rod Smart
- 4. Abe Jacobs, Rene Goulet, Brad Johnson
- **5**. Charles Johnson, Hunter Fleshood, Dan Longshore
- 6. Donnell Woolford, Jeff Conway
- 7. Chip Farmer, Matt Manucy
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We also cater to the comfort and relaxation of our patients with flat-screen TVs, XM satellite radio and back-massaging chairs. We maximize your time with the best technology available. For example, with our dental CT scan technology we can provide a comprehensive, undistorted 3-D evaluation of your teeth, jaws and bone in as little as eight seconds.

In addition to our Blakeney office, Advanced Dentistry has a facility in Matthews. With five general dentists in our group, a doctor is always on call, even on weekends, when you may need us the most. We're open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To set up an appointment, call 704-323-8730 or visit www.northcarolinasmiles.com.



HOLT FAMILY DENTISTRY CREATES SMILES ONE PATIENT AT A TIME

In 2006 Dr. Sheila Gordon-Holt established Holt Family Dentistry, a bilingual (English and Spanish) dental practice in the Ballantyne area. She has built her reputation by surrounding herself with a team of accomplished, caring professionals committed to continuing education and helping patients achieve a lasting and healthy smile.

This dedication, coupled with innovative technology, allows the practice to provide complete dentistry for the entire family.

Holt Family Dentistry puts its patients at ease and earns their trust by delivering high-tech dentistry in a relaxed, family friendly atmosphere. From cozy blankets and scented towelettes to your favorite movies on DVD, the team at Holt Family Dentistry goes above and beyond to surpass patients' expectations.

The practice offers an array of services that range from routine family care to cosmetic procedures such as veneers, implants, Zoom! whitening, Invisalign treatment and more.

Patients appreciate that Holt listens to and addresses their concerns. She works closely with patients to develop an individualized comprehensive treatment plan to meet their needs and help them maintain their teeth for a lifetime.

The practice is currently accepting new patients. The office is located in the Toringdon Shopping Center next to Ruby Tuesday's off Johnston Road. For an appointment or to learn more, call 704-542-2325 or visit www.holtfamilydentistry.com.



THREE MASSAGE ENVY CLINICS SERVE BALLANTYNE AREA

Massage Envy is pleased to serve Ballantyne residents at three convenient locations: Arboretum, Blakeney and the newly expanded spa at Ballantyne Village, which now has 40 percent more space and four additional treatment rooms.

Massage therapy can be a powerful ally in your wellness program, and at Massage Envy, massage is available and affordable for everyone. We provide therapeutic massages by professional therapists as late as 10 p.m., seven days a week.

We offer a variety of techniques, ranging from Swedish and sports massage to prenatal and geriatric massage.

Massage Envy's affordable massages and memberships are often half that of other day spas.

Our professional estheticians will customize individual facials to fit specific needs such as anti-aging, acne concerns or sensitive skin. Our spa features Murad Healthy Skin Facials using the Murad skin-care line, which is designed to repair damaged cell membranes, while attracting water and nutrients to the cells.

By making massage and facials part of your wellness routine, you can decrease effects of stress, increase energy and refresh your outlook. For affordable, convenient massages and facials, Massage Envy is here for you. Start a healthier lifestyle today by going to www.massageenvy.com or visiting one of our convenient locations:

Ballantyne Spa

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Arboretum

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WELLENREITER DENTISTRY TAKES PRIDE IN LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

Dr. Darren Wellenreiter is a general dentist who takes pride in caring for the entire family and building long-term patient relationships. Whether it is a smile makeover or a cleaning, he educates patients about their dental needs, showing them how to care for their teeth to achieve and maintain beautiful, healthy smiles.

Wellenreiter enjoys all aspects of dentistry but is especially passionate about cosmetic restorations that enable individuals to have the smile they have always wanted. He attends continuing-education seminars regularly to stay at the forefront of modern dentistry so that he can provide excellent dental care to his patients.

At Wellenreiter Dentistry, all patients are treated with respect and compassion. On many occasions formerly "terrified" patients have told him that he is now the only dentist they will visit. His patients relax by watching TV or listening to music of their choice while he cares for their smile.

Wellenreiter Dentistry provides a full array of dental services, from cleanings and digital X-rays to root canals and dental implants for patients of all ages.

The practice is located at 8832 Blakeney Professional Drive (near the intersection of Rea and Ardrey Kell roads.) Wellenreiter Dentistry is a PPO provider of Aetna, Cigna, MetLife and Delta and accepts most other insurance as well.

To set up an appointment or learn more, call 704-341-5770 or visit www.darrenwellenreiterdentistry.com.



YMCA SITES IN BALLANTYNE OFFER DIVERSE PROGRAMS

The YMCA in Ballantyne has been an integral part of keeping the community healthy in mind, body and spirit for the past 12 years.

The Morrison Family YMCA and Ballantyne Village YMCA offer programs and services that target everyone from the beginner exerciser to the elite athlete, from the young to the young at heart.

The Ballantyne Village site provides an adult-only fitness experience with 10,000-square-feet of fitness space, personal training, metabolic testing and a variety of group classes. Members also can work out at the YMCA Corporate Wellness Center in Ballantyne Corporate Park (see page 86).

The Morrison Family Y, located on Bryant Farms Road, is a full-service facility that includes a Health and Wellness Institute. It features an expansive fitness center, outdoor track, exercise and cycle rooms and a teaching kitchen for healthy cooking classes.

The Morrison Y recently added a 5,000-square-foot group exercise room, indoor track, functional training area and an Athletic Training Center, which houses TRX suspension training, Youth and Adult Sports Performance and Ballantyne YMCA CrossFit.

In partnership with Carolinas Medical Center, the Morrison Y has a registered nurse on site and offers clinical services as well as health prevention programs to both members and the community.

The Morrison Y also focuses on youth programs, including group exercise classes, fitness training, conditioning classes, dance, sports and healthy cooking classes. For more information, go to www.ymcacharlotte.org.



NUTRISHOP WANTS TO BE YOUR NUTRITION SUPERSTORE

Nutrishop Ballantyne specializes in nutritional supplements for weight loss, sports nutrition, strength, muscle gain and general health.

The trained staff at Nutrishop Ballantyne spends quality time with each customer to ensure optimal results. Their approach is to assist and motivate customers so they can exceed their fitness goals. With more than 100 locations, Nutrishop is one of the fastest growing nutrition stores in the country, offering customers top brands and cuttingedge products.

Owner John Vasquez and Heather Stefanelli have over 20 years of combined health, nutrition and fitness experience, including ownership of several General Nutrition Center franchise locations. Nutrishop has sole rights to many proprietary products. This, combined with the education the staff offers clients, promotes customer satisfaction.

Staff members consult with first-time clients on their long-term goals and offer diet and wellness plans. The staff also educates clients on options to meet their nutritional goals and provides samples of multivitamins, organic greens, super fruits, protein powders and pre-workout routines. Clients are welcome to try different plans to determine which one bests suits their needs.

Additionally, Nutrishop Ballantyne plays a vital role in community health by supporting the Morrison Family YMCA and other organizations.

Visit John, Jay and Irina at 15205 John J Delaney Drive, or call the store at 704-544-0076. For online information, go to www.nutrishopusa.com or www.nutrishopcharlottenc.com.

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WELLNESS CENTER SERVES Y MEMBERS, CORPORATE PARK

The Ballantyne Village YMCA is excited about its new branch in the Ballantyne Corporate Park.

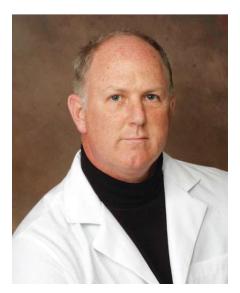
The YMCA Corporate Wellness Center opened in July of this year, and is conveniently located in the Medical Two Building at 15830 John J. Delaney Drive. The vision for the facility is to complement services offered by the Ballantyne Village YMCA.

The center focuses on wellness programs such as health coaching, weight management, metabolic testing and educational seminars for both YMCA members and tenants of the Corporate Park

The facility also includes locker room facilities and offers a spa-like atmosphere where members can take advantage of massage and one-on-one yoga and Pilates Reformer training.

As a benefit to Ballantyne Corporate Park tenants, shower facilities are free of charge. The center also provides corporate wellness programs for companies interested in improving employee health and wellness.

To learn more about the wellness center, go to www.ymcacharlotte. org. To find out about corporate park tenant benefits through the center, email ymcacorporatewellnesscenter@ymcacharlotte.org.



LEGS HURT, VEINS UNSIGHTLY? TALK TO THE VEIN SPECIALISTS

Board certified in general surgery and phlebology, Dr. David Draughn of Vein Specialists of the Carolinas has 24 years of experience with the management of vein disease.

He also has been an active member of the surgical community for 19 years and held numerous appointments and chairs on surgical committees. Vein treatment is not just a part of his practice; it is his sole focus.

Vein problems affect more than 80 million men and women in America. If you suffer from leg pain, itching, swelling, tiredness or are embarrassed by ugly veins, we can help.

At Vein Specialists of the Carolinas, we use the most advanced medical techniques on the market for the treatment of varicose and spider veins.

Patients receive a personalized treatment plan to meet their specific needs, and our staff carefully guides them through every step of the plan. Draughn performs minimally invasive procedures in the office, where he has created a relaxing environment to put patients at ease.

Most insurance plans cover procedures, and as an added convenience, we file your insurance for you. To make care as affordable as possible, we offer financing for deductibles and co-payments.

In Ballantyne, see Vein Specialists of the Carolinas at 15825 John J. Delaney Drive. We will address your vein care needs and get your legs feeling healthy and young again. For more information, call 704-544-5245 or visit www.veinscarolina.com.



'DENISE R.' LAUDS HYPOXI FOR WEIGHT-LOSS HELP

"When I decided to join HYPOXI, I was at the end of the rope with my weight gain," says HYPOXI client Denise R. "At 56 years old, I needed to do something for my health. A colleague had been using HYPOXI for a couple of months and referred me to one of the HYPOXI coaches to check things out for myself. After my initial consultation and consulting with my doctor, I decided to join HYPOXI.

"I was apprehensive starting out because I was unsure if the multiple approach method was going to work for me," she continues. "The workouts are only 30 minutes long, three times a week, but are the easiest workouts I have ever had. HYPOXI targets multiple body parts — tummy, thighs and buttocks. The meal plan recommended is realistic with no special diet to follow, and I never feel hungry or deprived.

"The HYPOXI system has been very easy to apply in my daily life. I committed myself to the three-month program and recently decided to go for six more," she says. "My weight loss has been unbelievable. I am down two sizes, have lost 24 pounds and 22 inches

"You know you have achieved your goal when friends and colleagues notice that you have lost weight and tell you how much younger you look. HYPOXI has helped me feel wonderful!"

HYPOXI is located at 12335 North Community House Road. To schedule a consultation or learn more, call 704-540-2370 or visit www.hypoxistudio-ballantyne.com.

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TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE AT GET IN SHAPE FOR WOMEN

Get In Shape for Women, a complete wellness studio that specializes in small group personal training at an affordable cost, has opened its first Carolina location in Ballantyne Commons East Shopping Center.

Get In Shape for Women offers a body transformation program that empowers women to achieve fitness goals in small groups, working with certified personal trainers in an intimate, supportive environment.

The program combines cardiovascular exercise, strength training, nutritional counseling and accountability for maximum results. Participants are encouraged to stay committed by setting measurable goals and scheduling regular weigh-ins and weekly appointments.

"We limit enrollment so that each member receives the personal coaching and support needed to achieve her goals," says Lisa Sampson, co-owner and operator of the Ballantyne studio. While most women want to lose weight, goals vary from toning and strengthening muscles to improving balance and flexibility.

"Before a prospective member is able to join Get In Shape for Women, we determine if she is truly ready to take on the commitment of a lifestyle change," Sampson continues. "We conduct an extensive interview to ensure potential members are coachable, have measurable goals and will contribute to the culture of transformation created in our studio."

Get in Shape for Women, with 85 locations nationwide, guarantees results with its customized body transformation program. Laura Kaplan, charter member, says, "I have finally found a program with the structure, professional guidance and affordability that I need to achieve my health goals."

To schedule a free assessment, contact Get In Shape for Women at 704-544-1996. For more information, visit www.getinshapeforwomen.com.

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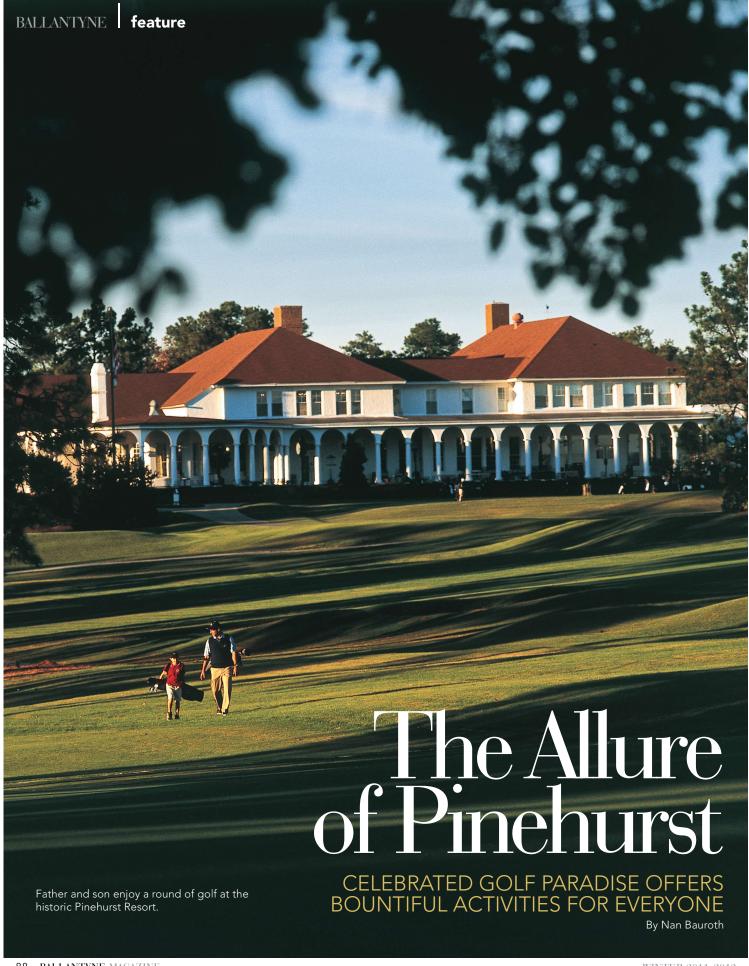
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IT'S THE CRADLE OF GOLF in this country, our native St. Andrews. Storied in golfing legend and lore for over a century, Pinehurst Resort embodies the heart and soul of the game. Situated only 75 miles east of Ballantyne in North Carolina's Sandhills region, this fabled resort is perennially on the vacation wish list of serious duffers.

The good news for those not wedded to a set of clubs, however, is that the



Pinehurst founder James Walker Tufts tries his hand at croquet.

Pinehurst area offers a wide array of attractions, making it an ideal breakaway for one and all (see page 90).

This holds true in winter, which may sound surprising. But Pinehurst began in 1895 as a health spa for wealthy snowbirds. Founder James Walker Tufts, a soda fountain magnate, thought the sunny Sandhills climes, picturesque pines and Carolina blue skies constituted the



Course designer Donald Ross plays out of a rough that was called "a waste area."

COURSE NO. 2: **BACK TO ITS DONALD ROSS** ROOTS

As the world's foremost golf course architect, Scotsman Donald Ross chose to call Course No. 2 his home from 1900 until 1948, refining the layout through the years. He once termed No. 2 "the fairest test of championship golf I ever designed."

But by the late 20th century, the course had morphed into an American-style manicured 18 holes. In 2010, Pinehurst Resort began restoring the course to Ross's original intent, reinstituting the wide fairways with strategic choices he advocated. All rough has been removed, with hardpan, natural bunker edges and native wire grasses re-introduced.

The course is best known for its crowned (high), complex greens that ripple and roll, testing top-rated players to the max. "No. 2 is the ultimate as far as I'm concerned," says pro golfer Curtis Strange. "What they are doing is just fantastic."

To learn more about the restoration and see pictures of each hole, visit www.pinehurstnumber2.com.



perfect winter resort setting. The inventive entrepreneur snapped up sizable holdings of the rolling terrain for about a dollar an acre and built a magnificent hotel.

As he predicted, elite Northeasterners - Rockefellers, DuPonts and Morgans included — flocked to Pinehurst. They also arrived with golf clubs in tow, whiling



The Tufts Archives contain over 150,000 images from early days of Pinehurst.

away warm winter days by whacking a ball around local cow pastures. Legend has it that after a dairy farmer complained this activity was adversely affecting his herd's milk production, Tufts lured Scottish links designer Donald Ross to create a golf course — and the rest is history.

That history is making news again. In anticipation of hosting the first backto-back U.S. Open men's and women's championships in 2014, Pinehurst Resort recently completed a remarkable restoration of legendary Course No. 2, returning it to its original Donald Ross

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Pinehurst is re-instating the character of Course No. 2 from the era of golfers Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Byron Nelson.

DIVERSIONS OFF THE GREENS: THE PINEHURST AREA HAS MANY

The picture-postcard Village of Pinehurst, together with sister towns Southern Pines and Aberdeen, form a triangle of sightseeing, shopping and entertainment within seven miles of each other.

The place to start is a stroll around Pinehurst Resort with its grand dame Carolina Hotel dating to 1901. In addition to indulging at the luxury spa and fitness center, guests can enjoy swimming, tennis, croquet, walking and cycling, or renting a kayak, canoe or paddleboat at the hotel's Beach Club on Pinehurst Lake.

The resort also owns the landmark Holly Inn, where anyone can drink in golfing history at the vintage Tavern Room or dine in the four diamond-rated 1895 Grille. Over the years, celebrities from presidents and war heroes to movie stars have spent time here, so there's no telling whom you might encounter.

Next, take a walking or horsedrawn carriage tour through the Village of Pinehurst, designed by acclaimed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. An extensive walking path and greenway links the village with the old town, which has over 200 structures built prior to 1915.

Along the way, stop at the Tufts Archives with its treasure trove of 150,000 images from the first days of Pinehurst, as well as original drawings by Donald Ross for over 300 courses he designed. Don't miss the "green" made of sand out back — that's how greens were in the beginning — or the gift shop with unusual items for the golf-obsessed. Other notable stores include Green Gate Olive Company, Faded Rose and The Village Fox.

While still in town, visit The Pinehurst Harness Track, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which serves as a winter training ground for the sport. Tip: Early risers can catch breakfast at the track restaurant Monday to Saturday and see the Standardbreds in action.

On Saturdays you can also peek into the historic 1917 Fair Barn with its soaring 2 ½-story-

golf country, enjoying the scenic beauty of the courses on view.

Art lovers and fashionistas will want to head to Southern Pines, where they can wander through studio shops such as Artist Alley





Event-goers enjoy the 1917 Fair Barn at the harness track, while other folks would rather go shopping.





Visitors like the quaint shops of Southern Pines, as well as the colorful stories at Jims, Gems & Gold in Aberdeen. Here, Jim Jones educates local school children.









The Opulence store in Southern Pines (upper left, clockwise), the Pinehurst Harness Track, The Spa at Pinehurst and the 1895 Grille, also in Pinehurst, attract many tourists.

high scissor trusses and skylights, a venue today for weddings, auctions and parties. Once back in the car, cruise down Midland Road through the heart of American or Art Nuts, which are chock full of pottery, paintings and handcrafted items by local artists. Other intriguing stores include the Country Bookshop and trendy clothiers Eve Avery, Morgan Miller, Opulence and Denker Dry Goods.

Southern Pines also serves as the nerve center of local nightlife, with watering holes like Neville's, O'Donnell's Pub and The Bell Tree restaurant, which turns into a nightclub after dark. For family entertainment, see what's on stage at the Sunrise Theater or check into the Rooster's Wife House Concert Series (located in Aberdeen), which showcases local and regional musicians for \$10 per person (children under 12 get in free).

For a fun family outing, make tracks for quaint Aberdeen. Start with a real treasure hunt by panning for gold at Jims, Gems & Gold (the panning shed is winterized). Back in town, spend all those nuggets at specialty boutiques like 111 Main and Old Silk Route. For lunch, chow down on the famous Barcelona Burger at The Bakehouse. run by Austrian master baker Kurt Brunner (sorry, the recipe is a family secret). Or relish a frankfurter at Dog Nation Grill, where children can grab a pole and fish out back in the creek. Finish off with a visit to the Victorian-era Union Station Railroad Museum, housed next to an authentic red caboose.

These diversions are just a few of the endless possibilities to keep everyone entertained while golfers are on the links. The Sandhills region also offers antiquing, history, a horticultural garden, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, sporting clays and even a parachuting center within a short drive. The best place to get a grip on everything available — with golf clubs and without — is the Online Visitor Guide at the Moore County Convention & Visitors Bureau (www.homeofgolf.com). The site also suggests places to stay and dine. For details on the amenities at Pinehurst Resort, go to www.pinehurst.com.

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design (see page 89). Now is the perfect time for all golfers to play the championship course before the pros tee off in 2014.

As if that weren't enough incentive to visit, golfers can play more than 40 toprated courses designed by Ross, Jack Nicklaus and other notable names, within a



Croquet continues to be alive and well in Pinehurst.



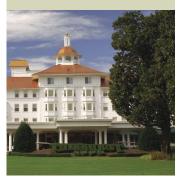
Pinehurst has a variety of golf courses. This is Course No. 7.

15-mile radius of Pinehurst. Expert instruction is also available at the Golf Academy in Pinehurst Resort or three other golf schools at nearby country clubs. Most local courses offer packages year round, with shoulder season

(late winter to mid-March) an optimum time for good deals. See current packages, Golf Digest course ratings and related information at www. homeofgolf.com. For packages at Pinehurst Resort, visit www. pinehurst.com.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Ballantyne, the quickest route is to take Interstate 485 East toward Mint Hill. Get off at the Albemarle Road Exit (N.C. 24/27) and follow it all the way through the Uwharrie National Forest. Turn south on U.S. 220 (also Interstate 73/74), then go east on 211 — which will lead you directly into Pinehurst.

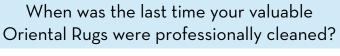


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SQUARE DEAL

Wield a Short Club to Sharpen Your Swing

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

ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT LOSING YOUR GAME OVER THE WINTER? Not interested in starting over with your swing in March? The solution is to use a short club

(two-feet long) with a molded grip. It will prevent you from breaking your TV or chandelier if used indoors, and will help you improve one of the most important elements of good ball striking: a square clubface. Here are three steps to master this winter to have the best spring of your golfing career.

Get a Grip: Practice with a molded grip to hold your club like a pro.

Follow the "V" on the grip and simply put your fingers in the grooves. Without

a proper grip, you won't be able to perform the next two steps.

Square Up Your Takeaway: Start your swing on the right track by keeping your clubface parallel to your left arm (right-handed golfer). Many golfers misunderstand this position and point the toe of the club straight up. As shown in the picture, when the shaft is parallel to my feet, the clubface is angled to match my left arm and slightly outside my hands — which is critical.

SEE THIS TIP IN ACTION.
Click the icon below to watch.

Stay Square: Achieve a picture-perfect backswing by keeping the clubface parallel to your left arm at the top of your backswing (right-handed golfer). As shown in the picture, my hands are also positioned nicely above my right shoulder.

Don't worry about your game lagging this winter; improve it with a mirror and a short club. Use the molded grip to make the necessary changes to the way you hold the

club, and check out the mirror to improve your clubface position. Stay warm and polish your swing in the comfort of your home — and be ready for your next golf outing!

Check out the video version of this tip at www.ballantynemagazine.com and www.danarader.com. Short clubs with molded grips are available at the Dana Rader Golf School, 704-542-7635.

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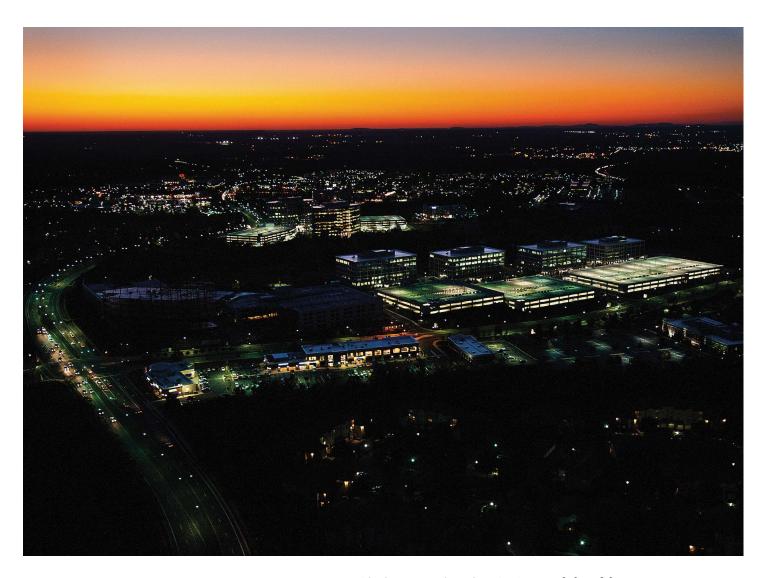


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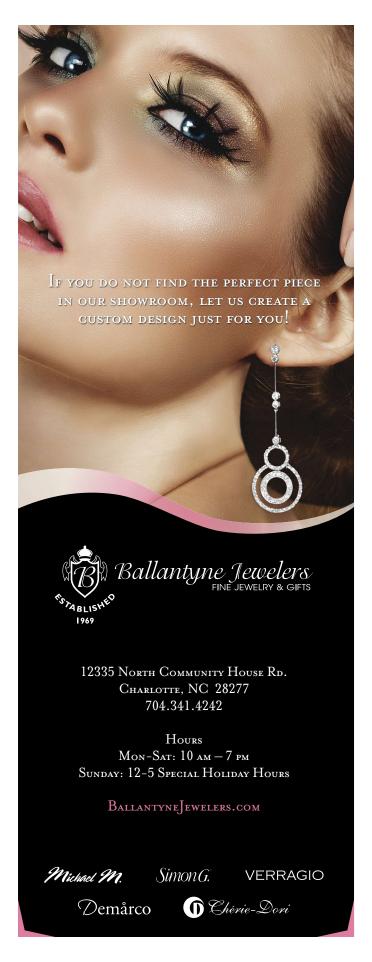
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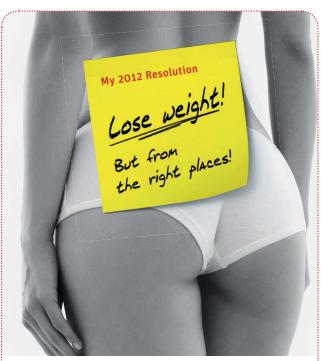
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AS YOU PEER WEST FROM BALLANTYNE, lights of the community sparkle like jewels. Looking closely at the colorful horizon, you can see Henry's Knob (from left), King's Pinnacle, Kings Mountain and Crowder's Mountain.

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