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The impact of 'shop local'

Together we can ensure that their legacies continue, our economy is kept stable, and our community continues to thrive.

THE ECONOMIC Policy Institute reports that for every dollar spent at a locally owned business, 68 cents of it stays in the local economy. Compare this to 32 cents staying in a local community when spending money at a chain store. The University of Florida conducted an analysis that showed how local businesses help fight high unemployment rates. When large companies lay off workers, local businesses are able to provide employment opportunities and maintain a consistent workforce. This is critical in sustaining our community and keeping money flowing within it.

Our locally owned businesses have helped our community become what it is today. The long-standing staples in our community have created bridges between the generations. People who were once shoppers at a young age are now the mature employees who always greet you with a smile. And as new decades come and go, their smiles never fade. And the young shoppers they smile to will one day be in their shoes.

We should all continue to make an effort to support our local businesses. Not only does it help create a stronger economy for our town, but it also helps preserve the memories and traditions of generations before us. Together we can ensure that their legacies continue, our economy is kept stable, and our community continues to thrive. GN

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◀ Attendees enjoying a day at Bonnaroo



G. Lamar Wilkie

Navy Veteran G. Lamar Wilkie publishes a book for expectant fathers.

Former U.S. Navy Veteran rediscovers his passion for writing books

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photos submitted by G. Lamar Wilkie

RETIRED NAVY Chief G. Lamar Wilkie is an accomplished writer whose works are inspired by his life experiences. His recent book, "A Man's Guide to Babies," was born from his experience as an expectant father in the 1990s when fewer resources were available to men. He aimed to inform expectant and future expectant fathers on how to better support their partners during pregnancy and childbirth.

The book has been warmly received, with readers laughing through it, learning something new about their bodies, and enjoying Wilkie's casual writing style. Chapter

2, "Nine Months to True Manhood," offers a unique outlook on the "baby gender lottery."

Wilkie said, "Having had one of each, I can tell you they are both joyous and challenging in their own way. Don't get so caught up in what sex the baby will be — just enjoy the moment."

Comical, casual, and informative, the book is a unique guide for expectant and future expectant dads and makes an excellent gift.

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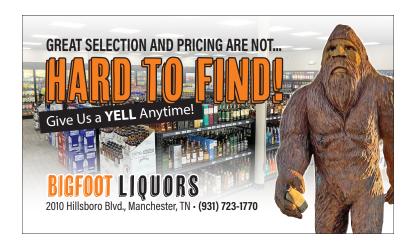
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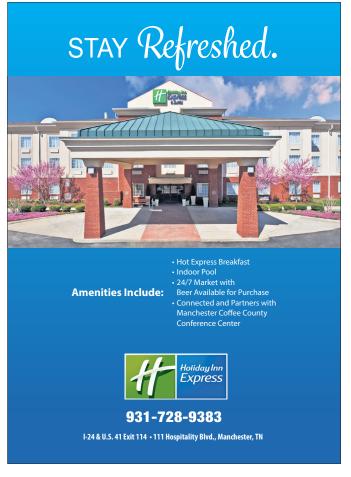
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-G. Lamar Wilkie



After leaving his first ship in San Diego, he received orders to Naples, Italy, as a Satellite Communications Technician. While there, he met his future wife, Donna, who also served in the Navy. They reunited after receiving orders to the Norfolk, VA area separately and married in 1990.

Wilkie's last assignment was in Montgomery, AL, where they raised their daughter and son, who are both adults now

After 21 years in the Navy, Lamar retired in July 2002, and he and his family moved to Fort Walton Beach, FL.

After spending five years in Florida, he and his wife Donna, (originally from Missouri) were unsure where to settle down next, but they knew they wanted a change. One day, the couple opened a map, closed their eyes, prayed, and pointed to a random spot on the map. Their finger landed on none other than the beautiful city of Manchester.

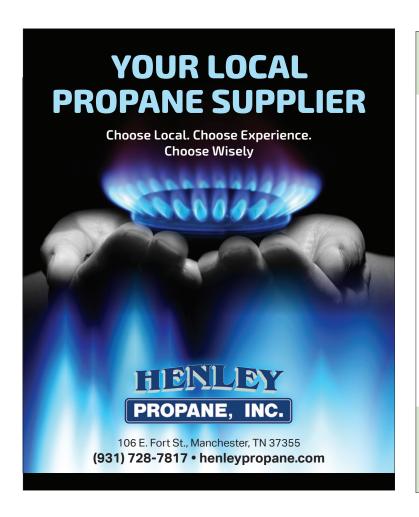
The family made the big move in April 2007 and has been here ever since.

Lamar learned writing skills earlier on. While in elementary school, his substitute teacher, Mrs. Vickers, challenged him to prepare a new and better poem for her to read each time she taught his class. Wilkie said her challenge pushed him.

Aside from "A Man's Guide to Babies," Wilkie has published books inspired by both of his children: "Christopher's Tornado" and "A Puppy For Athena." In the 1990s, he co-authored "Truth or Myth," which is now out of print.

He said his ultimate goal is to wake up daily and serve God, his wife, and others in love.

"I'm not saying I have arrived because we never do. I've got so much accomplishment behind me, so many medals, awards, achievements, and everything else that I take one day at a time to help people the best I can and try to be a blessing for as many people as possible today — in this moment." GN



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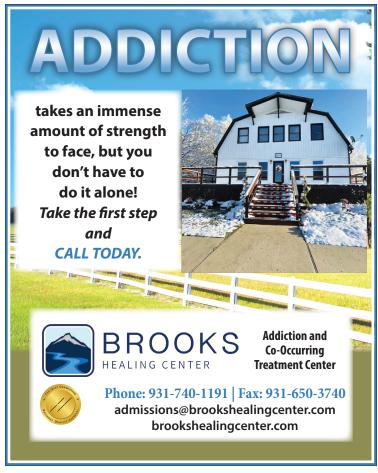
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Bonnaroo's economic impact continues into 2023

Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival is making an impact in ways you may not have expected.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

W E'RE GETTING close to the part of the summer when our favorite musical festivities occur. Ticket sales reach record highs, and families from all over the nation come together to enjoy good music, good food, and good people. With that, the opportunity arises for our most popular events to create a long-standing impact on our community in more ways than we might believe.

The Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival is set for June 15-18, and with it comes substantial sustainable and economic benefits.

The Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival is a time for people to grab a snack and a good drink and enjoy diverse music and musical acts, such as rock, hip-hop, electronic, and more, along with a wide range of art installations and interactive experiences.

Starting in 2002, Bonnaroo has grown into one of the largest music festivals in the United States. Each year, tens of thousands of people worldwide gather on a 700-acre farm to celebrate music and community.

The Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival is not only a celebration of music and art

but also an economic driver for the town of Manchester. Each year, the festival brings in tens of thousands of attendees from all over the world, boosting the local economy.

According to a report by the University of Tennessee's Center for Business and Economic Research, Bonnaroo generated \$97 million in economic activity for Tennessee in 2019. This includes direct spending by attendees on things like lodging, food, and transportation and indirect spending by businesses that benefit from the influx of visitors.

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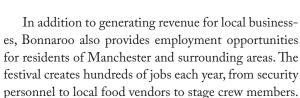
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Bonnaroo has had a significant positive impact on Manchester's economy. As one of Tennessee's largest annual events, it continues to draw people from all over the world and provide economic benefits for years to come.

Another unique aspect of Bonnaroo is its commitment to sustainability, which in turn contributes to its positive economic impact. The festival encourages attendees to reduce their environmental impact by providing recycling stations throughout the grounds and promoting eco-friendly practices.





Individuals are supporting their sustainability efforts on-site by purchasing one ticket to the festival. \$1 from each ticket purchase goes towards initiatives like their permanent compost pad and solar array, community education in Planet Roo, carbon offsets, food recovery efforts, and food bank donations. Bonnaroo welcomes all who are interested to opt-in to the Sustainability Add-On when they purchase their ticket or donate directly to the Bonnaroo Works Fund.

Overall, Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival is an unforgettable experience that combines great music with art and community. It allows attendees to support the community's efforts to create a more sustainable environment. If you're looking for a truly unique festival experience, add Bonnaroo to your list. **GN**

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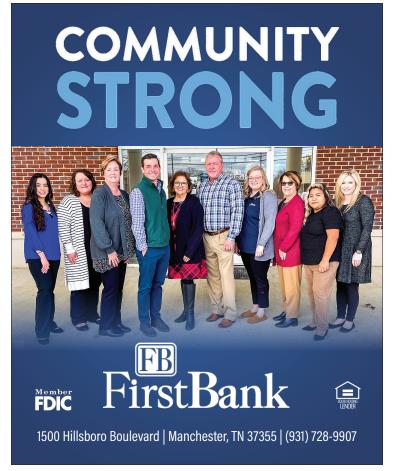


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▲ Ryan Vaughn and David Pillow

David Pillow and Ryan Vaughn recently added a new product line to their business.

The Standard Grooming Lounge product line

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

AVID PILLOW and Ryan Vaughn brought a new level of sophistication to The Standard Grooming Lounge. They opened the barbershop on March 14, 2022. In just a short time, they have already made waves in the community by hiring their third barber, Zayne, and expanding their business to include an exceptional hair and beard product line.

At The Standard Grooming Lounge, they understand that creating a welcoming environment begins with fostering community engagement and connectivity.

Barbershops and salons offering high-quality hair care, skin care, and grooming products add value to the customer experience and help build credibility for their business.

Their new product line consists of beard oils containing organic ingredients such as almond oil, biotin, vitamin E, and essential oils to keep hair strands growing healthy and polished. They also have beard balms and styling products with similar ingredients to keep hair styled to perfection. The styling products include texture pastes, pomades, claymore, hair styling powder, and dry grooming creams.

The co-owners and barbers are passionate about providing an exceptional experi-

ence for each client. They pay special attention to detail when it comes to professional haircuts so that customers can leave feeling confident and looking their best.

Vaughn said, "We are not your average barbershop. We have spent years working on our craft so that our customers leave satisfied with our work. We focus on building friendships with everyone who walks through our doors, and those relationships keep us going inside and out of the barbershop."

Pillow said many factors led to him settling in the great city of Manchester, including the small-town familial feel.

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Vaughn also enjoys the sense of community found in a small town.

He said, "I was born and raised in Tullahoma. I moved to Manchester to be in a smaller town. My family and I enjoy the small quiet community that Manchester provides."

Pillow said the co-owners were inspired to open a barbershop to encourage a deeper sense of unity within the community. They aspired to open a barbershop where people could socialize and connect with other community members.



David said one lesson he learned as a business owner is that community is vital and supporting local is key to keeping the community healthy.

The co-owners are living their dream of opening a shop of their own and are grateful for the receptivity and support the community has shown since its opening.

Pillow said, "We are grateful for everyone [who] walks through our door and [those] who travel from surrounding areas. Everyone has been very welcoming and supportive, and we can't thank this community enough." GN

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DILLON TOSH'S TRAP-SHOOTING SUCCESS

BY JERIAH BRUMFIELD

M ANCHESTER'S VERY own trapshooter, Dillon Tosh, is nothing short of a childhood prodigy. He began his career at 11 years old on a local school's trapshooting team, yet it was only the beginning of his incredible path to success. This past summer, he made history when he became the youngest inductee ever into the Tennessee Trapshooting Hall of Fame at just 23 years old. He became the youngest to win the World Doubles Championship at 15 and then again at 20.

Trapshooting is a specialized form of clay target shooting that dates back to the 1800s and requires precision, agility, and split-second timing. Shooters must be able to aim, fire, and break a 4 1/4-inch disc flying at 42 mph—an action replicating the flight path of a bird fleeing from a hunter.

The history of Manchester associated with trapshooting stems from its high achievement in this sport. It all began when local community members collaborated to build trap fields that eventually became home to numerous successful trapshooting teams in the area.

Tosh's middle school coach, Marty Smith, said, "It's challenging, and kids pick it up quickly these days. They've got hand-eye coordination that older people don't have."

Smith coached Tosh while he attended Westwood Middle School, and Tosh later shot with Coffee County Claybusters. He is the youngest of three children, with a sister, Kendra Fox, who is 13 years older, and a brother, AJ Tosh, who is nine years older.

Dillon's mother, Charlene, said Smith positively impacted Dillon's life and that they are proud of who Dillon has become.











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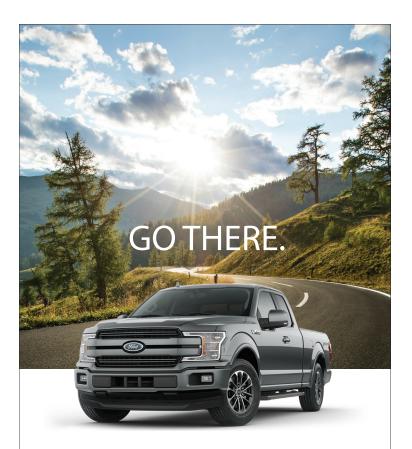
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- Charlene Tosh

 Charlene, Dillon and Jonathan Tosh

"Dillon has always been competitive in everything he does. He pushes himself harder than anyone else does. We feel blessed to have watched him grow into the young man he is today, and we are so proud of his accomplishments in trapshooting."

Dillon has been part of three All-American teams and numerous Tennessee All-State and All-American teams.

To qualify for All-American teams, shooters must compete in four states, winning championships or events at state and national levels. The top 10 individuals with the most points nationwide make the team. These teams then compete in the world championship in Illinois, shooting 300 rounds per day for 10 days.

Smith said, "It's just like being selected for the Super Bowl, so you have to be really good to make the team. He (Dillon) has been on the team three times."

People come from all over the world to compete in and watch the world championships sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources. The property contains 120 trap fields lined three miles long, permanent vendor, manufacturer, and sporting goods buildings, and 1100 campsites. They also have water tower facilities and beautiful lakes for tourists to fish in.

Smith said, "It's like a little city of its own."

Dillon shot his first perfect 100 in his second year of trapshooting when he was 12 years old, and Smith said it has been "uphill from there."

Smith said, "He loves the sport. He'd be out there all day long after practice. We'd have practices twice a week, and we took 200 to 300 rounds every time he'd come. He was just dedicated."

Smith described the trapshooter as "competitive" and said Dillon gets his competitive nature from his grandfather, Vietnam veteran Houston Tosh, who shot for the U.S. Military.

Smith said Dillon was always determined to learn and grow in the sport and spent much time traveling nationwide to compete.

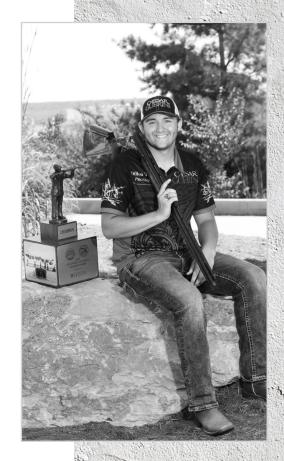


After Dillon won his first world championship, Caesar Guerini, a high-end Italian shotgun manufacturing company, sponsored and included him in their pro staff. They provided him with gear and presented him with a \$15,000 shotgun to use to compete, something once unheard of before Dillon accomplished it at such a young age.

Dillon was born and raised in Coffee County, a place with the people and resources to help him reach new heights. Dillon's accomplishments were made possible through the Academic Integrity and Marksmanship (AIM) program, which develops young Tennessee trapshooters, and his parents' unwavering financial and physical support. Jonathan and Charlene Tosh took countless trips to Illinois to show their support and watch him shoot.

Charlene said, "Dillon was almost like a second family for my husband and me, as his brother and sister were on their own when he was old enough to start shooting trap, so it gave us the opportunity to travel with him."

Dillon is an example for aspiring young trapshooters showing them what they can achieve if they stay focused, motivated, and humbled. **GN**





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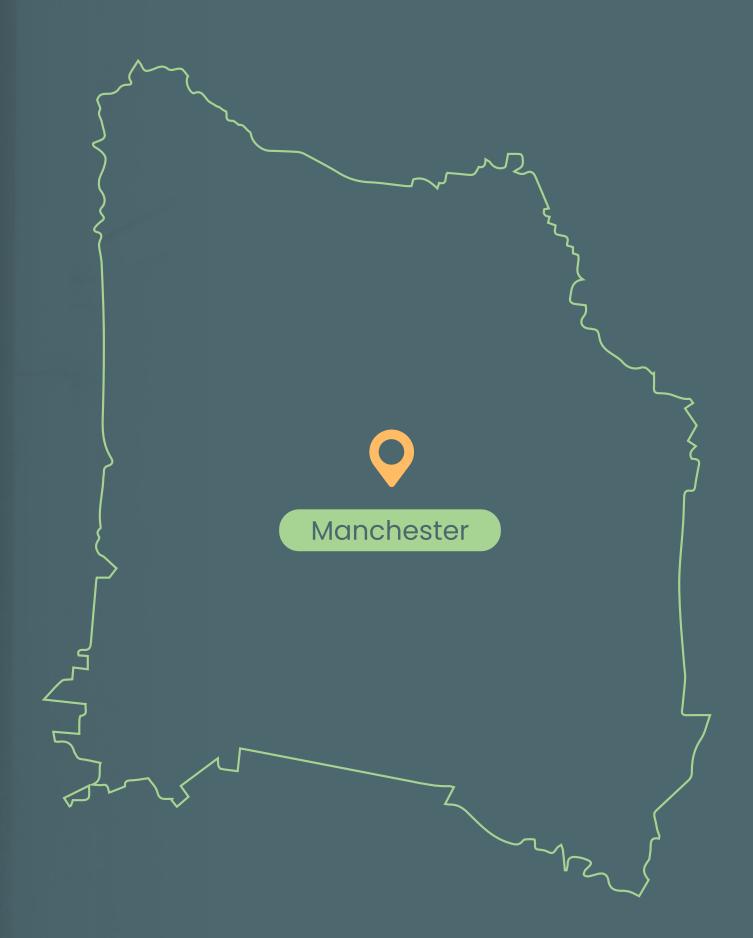
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Meet Ron & Debie Muers

Owners share their Southern charm and hospitality at Eddie's Retreat.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes and Photos submitted to Debbie and Ron Myres

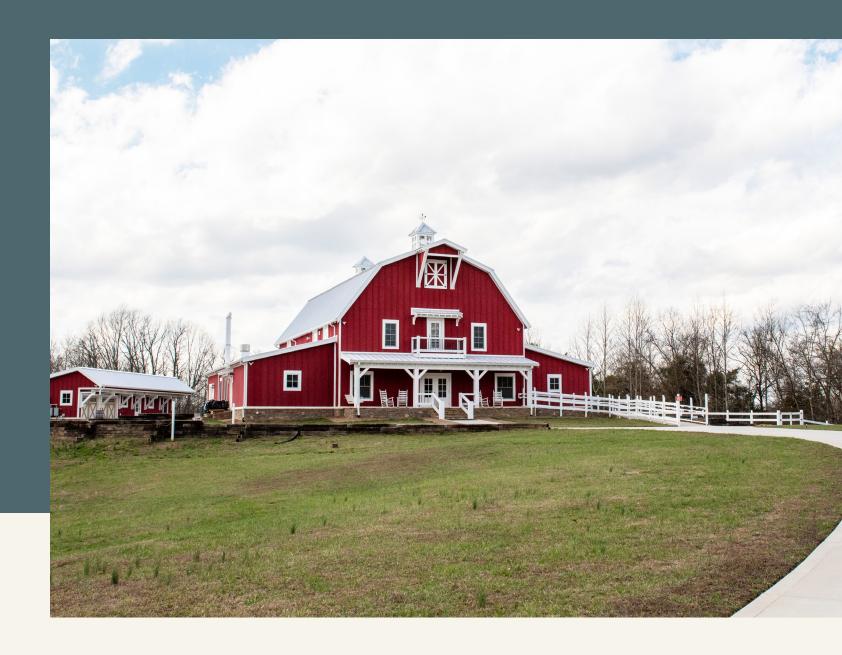


DDIE'S RETREAT, a charming wedding and events venue, sits on a secluded yet convenient 17 1/2 acres of pristine Tennessee farmland just 20 minutes outside Murfreesboro and 10 minutes north of Manchester. Once a part of the Thomas Farm settled in the 1800s, the property features a beautiful 18th-century-style red and white barn event space that provides clients with a private and quaint setting for the most memorable moments in their lives. Owned by Debbie and Ron Myers, the venue offers a personal touch and a sense of home that is hard to find in conventional venues.

Debbie said, "When folks come to our venue, we want them to feel comfortable like they are at home. We live here, so it really is our home, and we invite them to share what God has provided us."

Debbie and her husband, Ron, acquired the property from descendants of the Thomas family in 2016.





They spent the past seven years creating an accessible, convenient venue while maintaining the old farm feel. With their residential construction and real estate background, Debbie and Ron built and designed the venue with the help of local workers and subcontractors. Their mission is to provide the community with an affordable venue with high-end amenities.

Eddie's Retreat was named in honor of Debbie's brother, who passed away several years ago from a tragic accident.

The couple, who met while dancing, was looking for a place to dance whenever they

wanted. Their love for people and dancing inspired them to create a place where they could enjoy time with loved ones and provide services for their community.

They host baby showers, bridal and birthday parties, end-of-life celebrations, company Christmas parties, and weddings.

Debbie said, "People love to have baby showers here because our space is not so large that you feel overwhelmed, but you can still have up to 110 attendees."

The couple works with clients to organize events based on their budgetary needs. Wedding parties typically have the venue

for the day, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., allowing them to spend their day on-site preparing for the big event without rushing from another location.

The bride and her bridesmaids can use the upstairs master suite to get dressed, do makeup, and enjoy each moment their special day brings. The groom and his groomsmen can hang out in the accessory building, the "stable," a fully furnished guest quarters with a full bath, couch, big screen TV, and separate bedroom they can dress in.

The main building contains a large kitchen area just off the event space that



the party's caterer can use to plate sit-down meals or serve buffet-style meals on the large counter area. The kitchen features unique 18th-century-style appliances, and a 15-by-4-foot table, a conversation piece that Ron built himself.

Debbie said, "We try to make everybody feel like they're really at home and just having a party with their family and friends."

Debbie was raised in Alabama and moved to Tennessee over 30 years ago. She lived in several different areas around Nashville before moving to Manchester 2 1/2 years ago to open the venue. Her husband, Ron, was raised in Iowa and moved to Nashville over 37 years ago.

Ron and Debbie love hosting family gatherings at the venue with their five children, ages 23 to 42, and 10 grand-children, ages 1 1/2 to 22.

Starting a business comes with its challenges. Debbie and Ron do most everything regarding running the venue, from setting up tables and chairs to parking attendants. They are always readily available during events to ensure their clients enjoy their experience.

As they continue to grow, they plan to give back to the community by offering special pricing for charitable events. Debbie volunteers at the local food pantry and witnessed

firsthand the need to give back.

The team is currently collaborating with a nearby middle school to organize an event that honors the achievements of several students.

Debbie said one of the most fulfilling aspects of running Eddie's Retreat is seeing families enjoy themselves and knowing they made it a pleasant experience. **GN**

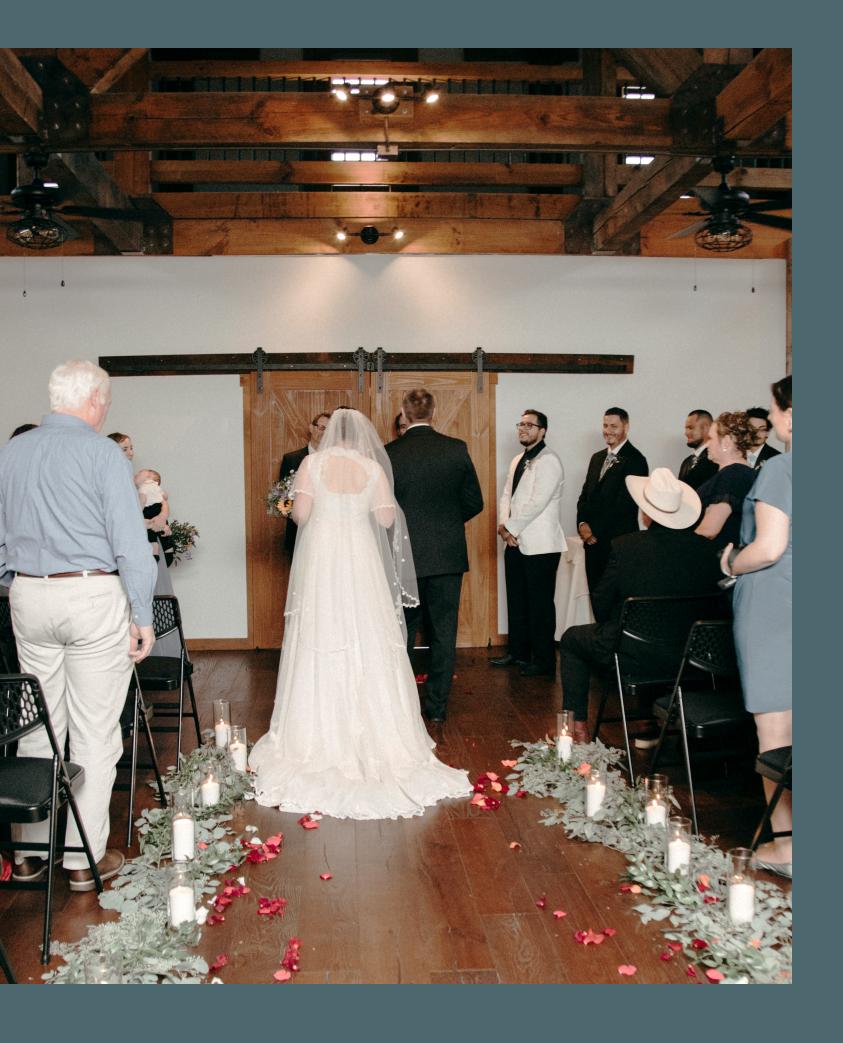
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Meetthe Founders

Elaine Oliver and her family are making their mark on the city of Manchester.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

LAINE AND Bruce Oliver moved their family to Tennessee in 1997, and they have always enjoyed creating and working with their hands. From woodworking to sewing, they've honed their craft over the years and turned it into a thriving business that brings joy to their community.

Elaine's journey as a small-business owner began with selling Avon products and making gift baskets for special occasions. She even taught herself how to sew and made pillows and blankets for her expecting friends. Her husband was drawn to woodworking early on and started making picture frames, jewelry boxes, toys, and more, selling them to Elaine's friends out of the trunk of her car.

Elaine's friends and family eventually encouraged her to participate in craft shows. Despite the initial cost of setting up booths at these events, she decided to take the plunge with her son, Michael, by her side. They began hosting their own events in September 2020, the first being "Talk Like a Pirate Day," which proved to be a huge success. They continued to host more craft shows amidst the pandemic shutdowns, bringing together local small businesses and providing a fun experience for attendees of all ages.

"We needed to do something to get back out in the community because the spirits were down."

Elaine said she loves how owning a business in a small town unites the community. Her craft shows offer a fun space for locals to support each other and enjoy interactive games, photo booths, costume contests, and themed decorations. Vendors without storefronts also have the opportunity to sell their products and even create items that match the theme.

Some vendors even make items to sell that coordinate with the theme.

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"It's something that the community can get together and enjoy. It's something that people can do by themselves or as a family. And it's really enjoyable to see the community come together."

Despite the challenge of organizing major events with limited crew members, the mother-son duo remains committed to providing enjoyable experiences for vendors and attendees alike.

Some of Elaine's most memorable moments come from her and her son talking with their families about possible theme ideas.

"We sit around talking about our craft show, and [it gives] us some ideas. Some of the names of our themes came from other people in our family."

One of Michael's fondest memories was the "Island of Misfits" craft show during Christmas 2021. It was one of their biggest events with over 100 vendors and helped them realize how much of an impact they have on their community.

The family recently held their third and biggest "Sweet as Candy" craft show on February 11. The event was so huge that they had to use two buildings. Elaine is optimistic that attendance will continue to grow as more people become aware of their incredible events.

"It's coming together, [which] makes us want to do more and make all of them bigger."

Elaine recalled her favorite show, "Heroes and Villains," their first and biggest event, which brought together the community with an exciting costume contest for both children and adults.

"They were willing to dress up and come to our event in the middle of the year. And that was really cool."

The family always looks for crafty people to bring their hand-crafted items to craft shows and for community members to come out and shop.

Elaine said, "You don't have to go to the big-box stores because most of those items you can find right here. It's people letting people know about small businesses in their communities."

Through creativity and hard work, Elaine and Michael have built something extraordinary with Oliver's Wood & Fabric. They've created a successful business and a place where people can come together to celebrate artistry and community spirit.

Michael shared his sentiments: "As soon as one show is over and we have a moment to reflect as we cross that finish line, it's right back to work on the next event. It is demanding, but it is so much fun and rewarding. There is a lot of inspiration from being surrounded by so many different artists with such varied art forms working together and fueling each other's creativity toward newer and greater things to come." GN







A Journey Through Philanthropy

How one simple birthday bash became a charitable community event

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

AVID BRADLEY is a well-rounded business owner who finds ways to unite his skills and passions to serve the community.

Lebron Haggard had remarkable things to say about the philanthropist. David met Lebron before Lebron opened his brewery.

He said, "He's just one of those people. He's a very level-headed person. He's always pushing for people to donate money to charity."

Lebron and his team attended a couple of David's fundraising events, and he compared the events to "hanging out around a campfire."

Bradley grew up all over the country and ended up in Manchester about 16 years ago.

He pursued his passion for understanding how things operate by working in the aerospace engineering department in college, but later decided to work full time.

A few years later, Bradley embarked on an entrepreneurial journey with a college friend, growing their business from a simple computer repair shop to a regional technology company and internet service provider.

Today, Bradley finds joy in helping clients plan and implement solutions that make their businesses





more efficient and capable. Though Bradley has scaled down his business to maintain a work-life balance, his enthusiasm for innovation remains.

Bradley said the same mindset he had while working with clients in the tech industry trickled into his passion for helping others.

He said, "We all benefit from the work being done by all these great groups working very hard to help people. And in turn, that pays dividends for our city, the surrounding towns, and the whole county."

One project he worked on in the past allowed him to provide rural communities with wireless internet connection via towers.

His experience helping his clients with their tech needs led him to begin charitable events unintentionally. One year, instead of receiving presents during a combined birthday party, he and his friends decided to raise funds for a special cause.

The event was a huge success, raising significant amounts for the Coffee County Children's Advocacy Center and R.U.F.F. (Redemption Underground Freedom Fund). The tradition continued through the years as the "Combined Birthday Bash." Each party has unique themes, such as the "Pajama Party," which paid homage to Manchester's World's Largest Pajama Party world record.

Through these events, he and his friends have raised funds for various organizations such as the Manchester Art Center, the high school junior ROTC, and the local police department's Angel Tree Christmas Program.

Bradley's favorite fundraiser was last year's event for the Manchester Police Department's Angel Tree Program.

He believes a perfect party requires good people, a great cause, and a fun theme.

Over the years, Bradley's annual themed birthday bashes have increased significantly in participation, and he hopes to serve many more charities in the future.

"It seems like every year I say, 'There's no way we'll be able to match this or outdo it next year... there's no way.' And every year, we find a way."

Living in Manchester, good people and good causes aren't hard to find, and Bradley said he is blessed to be surrounded by so many generous, community-minded people who have helped make his events a success.

For Bradley, three people came to mind: Joyce Prusak, who is a long-time executive director for Coffee County Children's Advocacy Center and has substantially impacted the community; and Tim and Misti Garrett, owners of Transformation Wellness and Martial Arts





(TWMA) and Snap Fitness, who help promote wellness and provide tools for children to build confidence and learn essential self-defense skills.

"I'm very blessed to know so many great people in Manchester and get to call so many of them my friends. They're kind, honorable, and accepting. And knowing each of them uniquely positively impacted my life."

Bradley also serves on the Public Building Authority, which he said is important because he strongly believes in tourism's positive economic impact on the community.

Bradley's future goal is to create a more welcoming community for newcomers. He enjoys meeting and greeting new arrivals in Manchester, helping them integrate into the city's social fabric.

"If 'Manchester Greeter' was an official position, I'd fill out the application. That would be an awesome job to have."

Bradley envisions an organized effort to officially identify and welcome new residents, making them feel at home in the beautiful city.

He encourages all who can to extend a helping hand to their community by volunteering. Consider raising money for a specific cause at your next get-together, big or small.

"We can all leave this world a little better than we found it, and there's no reason we can't have a good time while doing that." GN I'm very blessed to know so many great people in Manchester and get to call so many of them my friends. They're kind, honorable, and accepting.

And knowing each of them uniquely positively impacted my life.

- David Bradley









Good music and authentic food reign supreme at Kubo Grill.

Story and photos by Shellymar Repollet

Good News is coming to dinner!

We will feature a local food critic's thoughts as she dines in Manchester. This month Shellymar Repollet visited Kubo Grill.

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UBO GRILL is a bustling home for what seems to be onefourth of the town's population in mid-afternoon. It was, therefore, a delight to be seated quickly. I maneuvered myself around the stage, where a young woman was singing her soul out, into the four walls around us, to my stool at the bar's edge. The scents of sweet soy sauce and braised meats lingered in the air as a kind bartender handed me a paper menu with dozens of pictures and took my drink order. Everything sounded good, and it took me a long while to decide on the three winners for tonight: pork lumpia, fried sweet and spicy tofu, and pancit bihon. No longer than my palm, the pork lumpia was flavorful in a way that shone through its paper-thin wrapper. A type of Filipino egg roll, it was packed full of ground pork and spices, amazingly crispy, and excruciatingly disappointing when I noticed all I had left were my greasy

fingers and a growing appetite. It wasn't long before the rest of my meal showed up, and when upon my little corner of the bar was placed a bowl of tofu, my excitement began. Tofu can be burdensome to dress, but it is a superb sponge, absorbing almost anything it is paired with. In my case, a subtle hint of spice and a rich dark sauce complemented the thick cubes in a way that I claimed this one of my favorites. If you prefer a truly spicy version, ask them to make it a little hotter. Lastly, a heaping bowl of very thin translucent rice noodles topped with veggies cooked to a perfect bite, tender slices of chicken, and nestled beside a sweet mixture, the pancit bihon could only better be described as warmth in a dish. Its umami-rich components lent an almost sweet aftertaste and the perfect culmination to my meal. Kubo Grill knows where to keep its flavors and when to bring them out until your satisfaction suddenly hits you. The end result: addictive. GN



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Dare to finish the race

Unleashing the power of endurance.

By Jeriah Brumfield

S TAR OLYMPIAN Usain Bolt is known as the fastest man in the world, and his reputation was cemented when he won the gold medal in the 100-meter race at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2012 London Olympics. He set a world record for both races, running 100 meters in 9.69 seconds in Beijing and 9.63 seconds in London, and set a new record at the World Championship in Berlin in 2009, running 100 meters in 9.58 seconds.

Bolt's championship-winning race from Beijing showcased his incredible speed and talent. He got off to a strong start, immediately taking the lead over his competitors, which he maintained for most of the race. With about 25 meters left, Bolt pulled away even more and looked poised to break a new world record (at the time) as he crossed the finish line first within 9.69 seconds. He held his arms out in celebration while slowing his stride after crossing the finish line, knowing he had just achieved greatness.

His record-high performance was remarkable not only because of his speed and prowess but also because of the endurance and mental fortitude it took him to achieve greatness in the face of adversity. His success story didn't come without a cost.

Many people don't know that Usain Bolt was born with scoliosis and has experienced some health issues affecting his performance on his road to beating world records. His right leg is half an inch shorter than his left, and his spine curves to the right, but he adjusted his movements to accommodate the effects of his diagnosis.

Bolt understood the power of endurance firsthand. He didn't allow his diagnosis and the issues it caused to interfere with his dreams. Endurance pushes us to keep going when we want to give up on our dreams and aspirations.

Endurance is like a muscle that grows stronger with use. It's not something we're born with, but rather something developed over time through hard work and dedication.

It's the resilience to bounce back from setbacks and continue the race even when we fall down. Endurance is the fire that burns inside, the drive that propels us forward, even when the road ahead seems dark and uncertain.

Endurance is the courage to keep going, even when the odds are against us, and the faith to believe that victory is within reach, even when it seems impossible. It's the determination to push past our limits, reach new heights, and achieve our goals, no matter how challenging they may be.

The Bible has much to say about endurance, a common theme throughout the Old and New Testaments.

One of the most well-known verses on endurance in the Bible is found in the book of James. "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

Endurance is an essential part of life. It is steadfastness and perseverance in the face of adversity and is often associated with faith and hope. So, the next time you find yourself standing face-to-face with adversity, remember Usain Bolt's testimony — keep the faith and run with endurance, the race set before you. **GN**







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◀ Linda Cunningham and Cread Clifton

Summer fun with READING

Coffee County Manchester Library keeps learning on track with its summer reading program.

By Kali Bradford // Photography by Daphanie Gragg







HE LONG-AWAITED summer months are finally here, and kiddos are ready for fun in the sun. While it's essential to enjoy the time off, it's important to encourage them to keep reading over the summer.

Summer reading is critical for helping kids maintain learning while school is out. It helps to foster social and emotional development, discover the joy of stories, and elevate the importance of lifelong learning.

The Coffee County Manchester Public Library will host its annual summer reading program from May 31-June 28. The four-week program will feature several events that will excite students about reading.

According to the library's Youth Services Librarian, Daphanie Gragg, the theme for the summer reading program is "All Together Now."

"It's about bringing community awareness of all ethnicities and backgrounds and just working together," she explained. "For our kick off to the program, we will have a small get-together at the library. Our first performance will be The Science Guys from Nashville and will get the kids excited about electromagnetism, which plays into our theme of bringing people together. We will also have a local author, local Emergency Management Services members, and more."

Gragg is also organizing a carnival party to round out the program's events. She has recruited several local government officials to appear at the event. They will be the willing and very wet participants in the dunking booth set up at the carnival.

"We have the county mayor, Judd Matheny, on board, along with several other city officials," she said.

She is also looking for additional support and donations from the community. She welcomes the public and local businesses to participate in a program that

local kiddos get excited about. Gragg strives to make their time in the program special and memorable.

"For events attended, they can put in for prizes," she said. "We also have bead necklaces. After they've read for so many minutes, they get a bead and can keep adding to the necklace. We have some children that have necklaces from five and six years ago that they are still adding beads to. The kids love the beads, and they can even trade [them up] from simple beads to more fancy [ones]. It's great to see how excited they get about it."

Reading is something that Gragg loves and enjoys sharing with readers of all ages.

"I feel like the job was made for me because I love working with children," she said. "I love event planning, being creative, and working alongside great people. We have a great team, and we're constantly adding to the programs we offer, such as the summer reading program."

This is Gragg's second year with the Summer Reading Program. She said she hopes to help emphasize the importance of reading year-round while making it fun and memorable for her young patrons.

"Programs such as these are critical because, during the summer, they lose a lot of the knowledge they retain during the school year," said Gragg. "To keep their brains working, reading is a great stimulant. We encourage as much reading as [possible] during the summer, so they have their best foot forward the next school year." GN

The library's reading program is free to attend. For more information, visit online at coffeecountylibrary.org or contact the library at (931) 723-5143.

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Freezin' for a reason!

Photos submitted by David Bradley

Brave individuals showed their support for the athletes of Special Olympics Tennessee by taking a freezing dip into the pool at the Manchester Recreation Center for the Manchester Polar Plunge 2023. Participants received an official Plunge T-shirt and bragging rights for their donation and bravery.





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▲ Bradley Peckinpaugh, Elizabeth Peckinpaugh, David Bradley, Rhonda Holland, Liam Brown, Katherine Brown, Brittany Cupp, Craig Kowalski, and Lisa Diaz-Barriga



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Back:

Thomas Webb, Paul Adams, Mallory Clifton, Kyle Clifton, Shelia Webb, Linda Cunningham, Gary Warren, Cam Conry, Tinera Conry, Tamela Clifton, and Cread Clifton

100 years young! Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

Beloved local Cread Clifton recently marked a pretty significant birthday milestone — the big 100. He celebrated his big birthday with friends and family. He is known for his award-winning Santa Gertrudis cattle, fresh-cut flowers gracing many area hospitals and nursing homes, and owning a most unusual and smelly plant, the corpse plant. Clifton credits God for a longlived life full of family, friends, and blessings.

Cread Clifton

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▼ and Jim Mikitta



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EVENTS CALENDAR

April 23

5:00 pm The Three Musketeers

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For more information on this event visit halfwaytohalloweenfaire. com

May 13

10:00 am Franklin County Kiwanis High on the Hog Steak Cook-Off

Winchester City Park 1561 Phillip Fulmer Pkwy. Winchester

Franklin County Kiwanis High on the Hog Carnival kicks off with a cruise-in, craft fair, and vendors.

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