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L IKE THE cozy warmth of a heated blanket, Good News and the holidays are in the air once again. The season of festive lights, crackling fireplaces, and familiar carols is upon us, inviting a sense of togetherness that warms the soul. As the vintage Christmas record spins on the player and marshmallows swirl in steaming hot chocolate, it's a time when family and friends gather to create lasting memories.

Home for the holidays is a special feeling. It's the time when loved ones from far and wide journey back home, coming together to share in the glow of holiday decorations. Volunteers wrap gifts for those in need, schools close their doors, and students anticipate a well-deserved break. Whether or not the snow graces our Christmas Day, the spirit of peace and love is ever-present.

Wesley Bryant. MANAGING EDITOR

In this holiday season, we want to celebrate those who elevate the holiday experience for everyone. Our community is filled with stories of love, generosity, and second chances, and Good News is here to share them. As you navigate your own traditions this season, we encourage you to share the love, positivity, and good news with our community. It's the best gift we can give one another. Grab the blanket, start the fire, and pour the hot coffee. It's time to go home for the holidays.

From all of us at Good News Magazine and Exchange Media Group, we extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. May your year conclude with joy, and together, let's spread happiness and goodwill throughout the world. **GN**

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COACH ANDY LYON

THE IMPACT **OF ONE** FIERCELY DEDICATED SOCCER COACH Coach Andy Lyon's remarkable journey.

By Paige Cushman // Photos submitted by Katie Reid and Christian O'Grady

IDDLE TENNESSEE has its very own Ted Lasso of sorts. In the heart of Tul-

lahoma, coach and Englishman Andy Lyon has carved a remarkable path as the head coach of Motlow State Community College's women's soccer program. With seven seasons under his belt, like everyone's favorite mustached soccer coach, Lyon equips his players and staff with life skills and experiences that transcend the field.

Lyon was born into a family of sports fans in Nottingham, England.

"I have played sports all my life, from soccer to tennis, cricket, golf, hockey, and cross-country. I was always an active kid and came from a very sport-loving family," he said. "Soccer was always my true love."

His grandfather took him to his first Nottingham Forest game at just 4 years old. He was instantly hooked.

"I didn't really have much of a choice of who to support since my family was mostly Forest fans, but I have no regrets about always following the highs and lows of the club I love," he said.

MY BIGGEST AIM IS JUST TO SHOW EVERYONE WHAT BRILLIANT PLAYERS WE HAVE...

-Andy Lyon

Even after years of playing soccer and then watching and studying other people play soccer, stepping into the role of Coach wasn't initially on Lyon's radar.

"I didn't think much of coaching once my playing career was over," he admits.

But there was a void in his life, he said. Lyon's search for a livelihood outside of a regular 9-to-5 led him to the U.S. in 2004, where he joined the NY/NJ MetroStars coaching staff in their youth development program.

"I took a chance on a [coaching] job in America," Lyon said. "And while it wasn't perfect, someone made the mistake of telling me I was doing a decent job, so then it became all I wanted to do."

Since beginning Motlow's soccer program in 2017, Lyon has compiled a 69-28-4 overall record, winning four regular-season conference titles and three tournament championships.

"I had been heavily involved in coaching women's teams for years and had always wanted to take that on to the next level," Lyon said. "My biggest aim is just to show everyone what brilliant players we have, how they are great students and, more importantly, good people."

In 2016, someone questioned him about how to start a collegiate soccer program at Motlow. After a presentation to college leadership and a few rounds of interviews, he accepted a head coaching position and the difficult task of creating a brand-new program.

Motlow became the first junior college in Tennessee to have a women's soccer team, so finding games for the team was challenging. Gaining respect for a junior college team is still a challenge.

"But if you ask any player who has seen the level of some of the better teams in junior college, it's a huge eye-opener," Lyon said.

Under his leadership, nearly 20 players have transferred to a four-year school to continue their soccer careers.

"I think overall what we have done is allow players to be themselves and express themselves on the field," Lyon said. "I don't think you can ever really get the best out of a player who doesn't feel that they are valued."

As if coaching junior college players on and off the field was not enough, Lyon is the Camp Forest Football Club (CFFC) director. This organization allows players (both girls and boys) from Manchester, Tullahoma, Shelbyville, Winchester, Fayetteville, and McMinnville to play soccer at a competitive or select level.

"The inspiration behind CFFC came from a group of people whose sole desire

was to give the kids a better experience," he said of the group behind the inception of CFFC in 2009.

Teams across Middle Tennessee often struggled to find enough players or were beaten consistently. CFFC created a network of over a dozen teams where players could grow in the sport and play athletes at their level.

Now, they've had numerous indoor and outdoor state champions and finalists. People are paying attention to players in the area, and the club has had positive feedback from the community.



Of course, he doesn't do it all alone. He credits his unbelievably supportive spouse, some exceptional players over the years, and his assistant coach at Motlow, Katie Reid.

"There's a saying that you are only as good as your assistant coaches, and that's something I fully believe," Lyon said. "She gives everything to the program and the players, and I can't put a price on having someone who is as invested as I am."

Reid was once playing soccer under Lyon, but he recruited her to join his assistant coach once she was done playing. "I truly hope to be a quarter of the coach/ mentor he is to his players," Reid said. "It's an honor to be able to coach alongside my former coach. The fact he saw potential in me as a coach was the deciding factor in pursuing coaching."

According to Lyon, he hasn't done anything special to deserve any awards. Still, to no one's surprise, he has been named Coach of the Year for the TCCAA regular season, the Region VII Tournament, and the Southeast District.

"I genuinely believe that the coach of the year should be a 'Staff of the Year' or 'Team of the Year' award," he said. But the people who play for him and work with him know his impact can't be dismissed.

"He's far more than just a soccer coach to his players," Reid said. "He's that dependable presence who supports them both on and off the field. He's all about putting Motlow and Camp Forest on the map and making sure they get the attention they're due. But what truly stands out is the way he makes every player feel valued, helping them see their worth and reassuring them that they're never alone." GN

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A safe space to catch your breath

Meet the woman helping other women heal at the Shepherd's House

By Paige Cushman Photography by Brooke Snyder

N TULLAHOMA, the Shepherd's House stands as a beacon of hope for women and children seeking a fresh start. Amy Hill is now at the helm of this transformative organization. She is a compassionate and relatively new executive director who admittedly had an unconventional start and whose heart beats for those in need.

At Shepherd's House, women find more than just shelter. They find a supportive community and a chance for change. Hills leadership shapes the daily operations, allowing women to rebuild their lives with structure, accountability, and care. Shepherd's House operates as a transitional home, focusing on empowering women through responsibility and learning.

"We're not a handout; we're a hand up," Hill said. From a young age, Hill was fascinated with human behavior.

"I was absolutely fascinated with people's processes, the way they thought, and why people choose to do the things in the way they do them," she said. "I always had these inner questions in my mind, and I wanted to earn a degree in clinical psychology."

However, life had other, more affordable plans she began working in cosmetology. And although she wasn't a counselor or a clinical psychologist, she could still touch lives and lend an ear.





"I realized that I was counseling people for years without a degree, but I poured from my heart."

– Amy Hill

"I realized that I was counseling people for years without a degree, but I poured from my heart," she said.

It's evident upon meeting her that Hill has a lot of compassion to spare. Knowing this, people around her suggested she begin volunteering at shelters. Hill's career took a pivotal turn when she crossed paths with Shepherd's House.

Volunteering at the women-only shelter, she realized her true calling: helping women find their footing amid life's challenges.

"What pulled me in was the hurt inside of people that leads them to their breaking point," Amy reflected on her initial conversations with the women at Shepherd's House. "I could have been any of these girls, if I'm going to be honest."



Hill had a son pass away, and she had talked people through affairs, divorces, death, and chronic illness.

"I had something to talk to them about," she said. "And I loved to give them a moment to where they could just breathe."

That, after all, is what Shepherd's House is all about – giving women a safe space to catch their breath.

"It really validated that that is what I wanted to do in life," Hill said. "And I was happy with just doing that. And then one day, I got a phone call and asked if I was interested in taking the directorship."

Before she knew it, she was leaving behind the hair scissors and taking on a houseful of women who needed someone like her. Residents of Shepherd's House embark on a journey of self-improvement, learning valuable life skills, seeking counseling, and participating in mandatory classes. Some participate in Celebrate Recovery to address substance abuse issues. Some are just there to save up enough money to move into the next chapter of their lives. Many of the women have children who live at the shelter with them. Some are in the midst of parenting classes or custody battles.

Shepherd's House doesn't have the resources to provide childcare, so while some kids stay at the shelter, mothers are responsible for finding care for them during the day.

"That's a hard situation," Hill said of the women who are trying to find support for themselves and their children. "It breaks my heart because some of these women are working all they can, but because of their situation, it limits them."

While the road to recovery is often challenging, Hill's philosophy is clear: "I'm looking for that woman who just needs a moment... just needs someone to understand them, give them a hand up, give them some resources, and be there for them and support them while they can just get back on their feet."

A typical day at Shepherd's House mirrors the rhythm of any other home. Residents have daily chores, prepare meals together, and participate in counseling sessions and classes. Their schedules are built around work and personal development, ensuring each woman gains the tools she needs to succeed.

The shared responsibilities and routines foster community, empowering each resident to contribute meaningfully.

Looking ahead, Shepherd's House has plans to expand its impact. A larger facility is on the horizon, intending to accommodate 20 to 25 women, allowing even more individuals to access the support they need.

"Even for those who come in and leave never meeting their goals or leave without tangible success, my biggest hope for them is while living at Shepherd's House, these women can feel much-needed peace, learn information, obtain resources, and above all, receive healing," Hill said. **GN**



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Mary Kay Counts









By Paige Cushman // Photography by Brooke Snyder

Looking back on a lifetime of Christmas trees and holiday memories honoring Tim Counts.

N TULLAHOMA, Mary Kay and Tim Counts are known for many things: being Jack Daniel's collectors, riding Harley-Davidsons, keeping their lawn immaculately groomed, etc. But one thing separates them from the other Jack Daniel'sloving, lawn-mowing, biker couples in Tennessee: they had a Christmas tree for every single room in their home.

There's a frog-themed tree, a golf tree, a Precious Moments tree, a snowman tree, and a Jack Daniel's tree (of course), among others. Their display even landed them a spot on the Holiday Homes Tour twice.

Mary Kay's fondness for Christmas trees was sparked in 1987 when a co-worker gifted her a Hallmark Christmas ornament that set the wheels in motion. As she puts it, "I got hooked on 'em." But it was a visit to her mother-in-law's home, adorned with a Christmas tree in every room of their centuries-old home, that solidified her plans.

The couple's Christmas collection grew as the years passed, encompassing even more diverse themes. Every corner of her home transformed into a holiday haven, from the

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- MARY KAY COUNTS

jovial peppermint candy tree to the serene lighthouse tree. Year after year, Tim and Mary Kay spent hours together perfecting each room, each tree, each branch, and each ornament.

"We worked our butts off for a week to get everything done," Mary Kay said.

It wasn't easy, but it gave Mary Kay and Tim another thing to do together. And after he passed away in April, it's the quality time that Mary Kay will cherish forever.







A Tim and Mary Kay Counts

"When I look back, it's all good memories," Mary Kay said. "Since he is no longer here, you think about the good times just going out the day after Christmas and trying to find all the ornaments half-price... it was just fun."

Tim was six years into his retirement. Mary Kay said he worked out five days a week and never drank or smoked. One day, he called Mary Kay while she was at the gym and said he thought he had gallstones because his stool was "as white as snow."

"I come home because I know something ain't right, and within two hours, he was jaundiced," Mary Kay remembered. "He had never had surgery in his whole life — even still had his tonsils. Life was good..."

They quickly went to the hospital. Tim was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer that same day. He was initially given six months to live, and at that moment, Mary Kay said, everything changed.

"It was all about him. Whatever he wanted, he was going to get," she said. "You can't give up. You have to keep going. I just kept everything negative away from him from that day on. Having a positive mindset changed everything. It played a huge role in his treatment."

Tim endured 27 months of chemotherapy. Remarkably, he persevered until April 15, over two years from his prognosis.

"Twenty-three months into his diagnosis, Tim was working out in the yard," Mary Kay said. "Looking back, it blows me away."

"A little over a month before he passed, he told me that he thought God had given me a test, and I had surpassed that test and done everything humanly possible for him. And because of that, God would bless me," Mary Kay said. "I was crying and asked him why he wasn't, and he said, 'Because I'm at peace, Mary Kay. Having peace is God's grace."

A couple of months before he passed, Tim wrote out his testimony to share with others, recounting how he came to the church during his treatment:

"We have a back patio that faces the sunrise, so I thought I would watch the sun come up. I tell everyone I didn't hear a voice, but it was like God was sending me a message that he was going to let me see many more sunrises. That was over two years ago. I'm so thankful for this extra time with Mary Kay and my family. The power of prayer is real!"

"If God can find it in His heart to love and forgive a sinner like me, then there is hope for everyone," he wrote.



Mary Kay and Tim went to Navarre Beach every year. This August, Mary Kay went without him.

"It was bittersweet, but it was a good healing time, and he wanted me to go on living," she said. "You still gotta keep living — you have to. I can remember my mama always telling me: 'We're all going to die. We just don't know how and when.""

This year is a year of firsts for Mary Kay — her first birthday since Tim passed, the first time she spent their wedding anniversary on July 4 without him, her first solo vacation, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and his birthday — all reminders of the life and love they shared for 23 years.

Tim and his doctors did everything they could to give him more holidays, more birthdays, and more time. Mary Kay said she's grateful for every second of it. "The first year I know is going to be the hardest," she said. "It ain't going to be easy, but I promised Tim I would be okay. I'm proud of him. He was such a fighter."

The Christmas trees will take a backseat this year, although Mary Kay said she'll put up her favorites. She spent the last two Christmases wondering if each would be Tim's last. Now, she will spend this one making new memories with family and friends. After all, ever since his diagnosis, Mary Kay said she has cherished her time a little differently.

"God blessed us with more time, and time is your most precious commodity. I mean, that's all we got is time," she said. "Nothing else really matters. Make those memories and don't sweat the small stuff. We all get wrapped up in life, but at the end of the day, it's your family that matters, and that's what Christmas is all about." GN





By Paige Cushman // Photography by Brooke Snyder
The tale of Lee Cleveland, Tullahoma's beloved Santa Claus

N THE heart of Tullahoma, one man stands out as a true embodiment of the holiday spirit. Lee Cleveland, a sales engineer by profession, has donned the iconic red suit of Santa Claus for charity and community events for nearly two decades. From helicopters to nursing homes, he's brought joy to people of all ages and walks of life. This is how Lee Cleveland became Tullahoma's very own Saint Nick.

While most of the year Cleveland makes a living selling cutting tools for different types of machining operations for Max Tool, Inc., come December, he has a jolly alter ego whose work is a little less industrial.

It all started with a helicopter ride and Cleveland's long white beard.

"A friend of ours in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, had a helicopter, and another friend had a big Christmas display," Cleveland recalls. "They told me if I would fly in the helicopter and [be] Santa for their Christmas display,

they would buy my suit." It was an offer he couldn't refuse. Approximately 200 elementary school kids

and adults were in attendance for his first appearance as Santa.

"I just like kids, and it's something I can do to give back to the community," Cleveland said. "I don't charge to do it. It's all for fundraising and special events."

It's been almost 20 years since that first helicopter ride as Santa. Cleveland has become a staple at Tullahoma events like the Tullahoma High School AristoCATs annual Breakfast with Santa — a role he inherited from a previous Santa (Louie Baldwin) who recognized Cleveland's potential.





His natural long white beard, infectious smile, and friendly demeanor make him a shoo-in for Santa.

Breakfast with Santa, previously hosted at the First United Methodist Church but moving to a new location this year, is an annual fundraiser for the Tullahoma High School's show choir. At the event,

Cleveland sits for hours posing for photos with kids from 1 to 92 (as Nat King Cole eloquently put it).

Lee has perfected the art of capturing the perfect photo with Santa.

"I think I've done as much as laying down on the floor and singing — it's about anything I can do to try to get a picture or at least a happy picture," he said, laughing. Not all of them are happy pictures, of course. Sometimes, when a child is inconsolable, and the photo shows it, Santa tells parents, "It'll be good to share during the child's high school graduation. It may not put anybody in the holiday spirit right now, but it will make for a funny story."

For years, one of his granddaughters didn't realize the guy in the Santa suit was him.

With a full-time job and a busy family life, one might wonder how Cleveland manages to juggle his commitment to being Santa.

"I try not to manage more than one or two events a week, but sometimes it does happen," he said.

Throughout November and December, he participates in approximately 10 to 12 events, ranging from schools, daycares, nursing homes, and special events.

He's grown his suit collection. One he wears when interacting with animals and pets, one that's lighter weight for hot climates, one that's heavier for cold temperatures, and a new one that's a more traditional-looking Saint Nick.

Cleveland said he expanded his collection after he lost "about 15 pounds in two days" while playing Santa at an event in Florida.

Having spent most of his life in Tullahoma, Cleveland was already a familiar face around town. His involvement as Santa has only opened more doors to various corners

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One of the best parts, honestly, is when you're walking through Walmart, or you're in one of the stores, and the little kids whisper to their parents, 'There's Santa Claus!'

- LEE CLEVELAND







A Oakley Snyder and Lee Cleveland

of the community, fostering connections and making him a local celebrity.

"One of the best parts, honestly, is when you're walking through Walmart, or you're in one of the stores, and the little kids whisper to their parents, 'There's Santa Claus!" Cleveland said.

Like many professional Santas, Cleveland has the difficult job of dissuading skeptics. He playfully tells children they must believe to receive and that the reindeer are only visible to him. "I just enjoy doing it," he said. "And I tell them, if they ask me what my pay is, I say: 'Just a Diet Sundrop and a chocolate chip cookie." **GN**





Flip the Switch

By Paige Cushman // Photos submitted by Lynda Welty



The Tullahoma Community Foundation brings a Hallmark-level treelighting tradition to town.

HETHER YOU head to the farm each year to pick your Christmas tree out from rows of spruces and balsams, pull a pre-lit Aspen fir from a box in the attic, or skip the tree altogether, there's magic in the first tree-lighting of the holiday season.

For the Tullahoma Community Foundation, it's less about the tree and more about the community, the tradition, and the nostalgia of a small-town Christmas celebration. All year, the nonprofit works to honor the area's heritage and celebrate the individuals who have contributed to its rich history. Now, they're trying to create a new Tullahoma holiday tradition with the annual Flip the Switch tree-lighting ceremony.

"Years ago, they used to do an Olde Towne Stroll, and they would stop at different businesses and sing Christmas carols," Tullahoma Community Foundation member and local realtor Lynda Welty said. "And we've gotten away from that, so we just kind of want to bring back some of that nostalgia."

Standing in what's now known as History Park, or Caboose Park, is a tree dedicated to the memory of former Tullahoma Mayor George Orr.

For decades, a lighting ceremony was held at the park, where the city lit up a huge evergreen tree on North Atlantic Street. But eventually, the evergreen died. When Orr passed away in 2012, his wife helped the Tullahoma Community Foundation raise funds to plant a large Norway spruce as a memorial tree and a way to restore the holiday spirit of History Park.

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Last year, Welty decided instead of putting on another poorly attended ceremony, they could try to create a Hallmark-style event. They got Mrs. Claus to come out and help kids write letters to Santa. Local vendors participated and gave out samples. Kids got to enter their names in a drawing to "flip the switch" and turn on the Christmas lights at dusk. The event was free to attend, with vendors selling some local goods.

"Last year was our first year, and we really liked what we did," she said. "We thought, okay, now we'll have to build on this."

This year, for the second annual Flip the Switch, the Tullahoma Community Foundation is still hosting vendors, and Mrs. Claus still plans to help kids write their Christmas lists. They're also bringing in a petting zoo, food trucks, more vendors, and a porta-potty (a necessary evil they learned after last year).

"Mrs. Claus comes in on an old firetruck and gathers the letters. She then takes the letters back to Santa — because Santa's way too busy,"Welty said.

The event isn't stealing any thunder from the Tullahoma Christmas Parade, where Santa makes his annual appearance.

"That way, it doesn't interfere. We're not trying to compete; we're just trying to add to," Welty said of the community Christmas festivities.

Flip the Switch will be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiv-

ing, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the lighting taking place at dusk, around 4 to 4:30 p.m. Like last year, the event will be free to attend, but the nonprofit encourages and accepts donations. Welty said the money always gets fed back into their efforts within the community.

"It's short suspense, it's not very long in the day, and it's just great fun for the family," Welty said. "We don't ever want it to get too big, but we want it to have that nostalgic holiday feeling — that getting back-to-the-basics kind of Christmas. **GN**











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