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Our locally owned businesses have helped our community become what it

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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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Where the **MUSIC** meets the **MISSION**

**A local student resource officer
inspires Clark Memorial Elementary
School students in unconventional ways.**

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder

AS YOU step out of your car, the atmosphere at Clark Memorial Elementary School seems to beam with positivity. You take a deep breath as you stand outside the school, absorbing the electrifying energy surrounding you. The man by the welcoming sign continues to greet everyone with zeal, setting the tone for what lies beyond. The sense of community is evident, and the joy emanating from the man is infectious. With a friendly smile, he directs you toward the entrance, inviting you to witness the unique environment inside.

This is a place where Arthur Barad, a veteran and school resource officer, dedicates himself to safeguarding and uplifting the children of Clark Memorial. His approach to community policing is nothing short of refreshing.

Every morning, as the doors swing open, he blasts some lively tunes that thrum through the school grounds. With a vintage booming speaker, Barad ensures the day starts on a high note. He greets each student with hugs, high fives, and “I missed



Arthur Barad



you,” turning grumpy faces into smiles and transforming the morning routine into an inspiring and uplifting experience.

Building Community Through Enthusiasm

This enthusiasm earned him the affectionate nickname “dancing deputy” during his time as a deputy in Moore County years ago.

As the upbeat music played, Barad bobbed his head to the beat. His energy was infectious, creating waves of bliss that washed over students and even car passengers who drove by, converting the school entrance into an island of joy.

As a student resource officer, Barad embraces the concept of community policing. His mission is to establish trust and build connections within his community.

“I’m here to protect the kids, and then everything else is just an added blessing.”

A retired military veteran with nearly 23 years in the Air Force, Barad brings a unique perspective to his role as a student resource officer. His own experiences in war-torn regions such as Afghanistan, where he witnessed the lack of academic resources and safety for children, fuel his commitment to providing a fortress of security for the young students at Clark Memorial Elementary School to grow academically, mentally, and socially.

Sharing History and Embracing Diversity

Barad takes pride in sharing his tribal Filipino heritage during events like Asian Pacific Heritage Month. He brings out tribal clothes from his childhood, offering a glimpse into a culture that survived the conquest of the Philippines for 333 years, showing them the beauty in unity and inclusivity.

“I could sit in a room with almost 30 kids from all different backgrounds, and we can enjoy ourselves and learn something new together,” he shared.

“I try to show by example that if you just get to know the person, then you won’t put everyone in a category, whether it’s by their job, race, or religion.”

Through engaging activities, like a thought-provoking exercise with fifth graders, he encourages them to recognize the diversity within their own community. By stepping forward based on their dreams and aspirations rather than societal norms, Barad nudges the children toward resisting negative peer pressure and embracing their individuality. He carefully guides students seeking help with responsible behavior.

“I try to use their experiences as an example,” he said.

The father of six facilitates open discussions with the students, helping them explore how their choices affect others and the world around them.

With Barad’s mentorship, friendship, and inspiration, students learn personal responsibility and critical thinking, empowering them to make informed decisions.

Building Trust Among Students

Understanding the complex emotions some children may harbor due to his background as a law enforcement officer, Barad openly discusses the challenges they face. He recalled a specific incident regarding a young girl.



▲ Carley Henley, Elaina Dodson, Peyton Pendergrass, and Zaniyah Williams

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- Arthur Barad

“She’s experienced so much. Her experience with the police comes from them arriving at her house. Her grandmother explained to me that there’s still court stuff that she’s involved in,” he began.

“I’ve never dealt with the stuff that kids deal with today. I never had access to bad things like these kids do in elementary school. They have so much access to bad things because they have phones and social media.”

By strengthening connections, treating everyone equally, and being a visible and approachable presence, he hopes to instill a sense of trust between the person behind the badge and the students he interacts with daily.

Planting Seeds for a Brighter Future

Barad envisions building bridges, breaking down barriers, and planting seeds of positivity that will hopefully bloom into a future where every child feels safe, valued, and confident in their individuality.

As he continues his mission at Clark Memorial Elementary School, Barad shows us the direct impact of simple acts of love and kindness on shaping students’ futures. **GN**

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DELIVERING DIETARY DELIGHTS

Mountain Mobile Meals is on the rise.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder

THE SCENT of simmering garlic and oregano hung heavy in the air, clinging to the worn denim apron tied around his 16-year-old frame. Condensation gathered on the stainless steel counter as he sliced onions, the *chop-chop-chop* echoing through the bustling kitchen. That's it!

Chef Jason Heydweiller ("chef Jay Hey") began his journey to culinary acclaim at his father's restaurant. Starting as a part-time delivery driver at 16, he soon discovered a passion for food, propelling him through kitchens in Boise, Idaho; Nashville, Tennessee; and even Maui, Hawaii. Now, he's back in the Volunteer State, bringing his unique blend of deliciousness and dietary inclusivity to Franklin County with his catering company, Mountain Mobile Meals.

From Father's Kitchen to Full-Service Fire:

Working alongside his father ignited Heydweiller's culinary spark. He rose through the ranks, soaking up knowledge and witnessing the artistry of plating and preparation.

"I worked my way up in his company from being a part-time delivery driver to being his assistant manager," he explained.

This experience laid the foundation for his desire to create tasty and visually stunning dishes. Under his father's tutelage, Heydweiller's culinary journey transcended apprenticeship, kindling a passion that ushered in a new era of artistic expression through food.

"When we got rid of that restaurant, I moved into full-service kitchens. Once I got into full-service kitchens and started seeing how things were made and plated, it sparked my passion for it."



chef Jason Heydweiller



“

You can eat everything you still like. You just need to use different ingredients.

-chef Jason Heydweiller

Island Escape and Culinary Growth:

Beyond his father's kitchen, another culinary influence awaited. In 2014, his older brother, Mike, invited him to show off his culinary skills in his restaurant in Maui. The move to Maui offered stunning scenery and a chance to hone his skills in a bustling kitchen.

Heydweiller quickly became a sous chef, leading a team and mastering the art of running a high-pressure kitchen.

“After six months or so, I became the sous chef of the kitchen we ran together. We worked there for five years and ran a well-known restaurant on the island,” Heydweiller recalled.

The breathtaking scenery refreshed him. The crashing waves inspired his creativity. But the island's isolation fueled a longing for family and friends, ultimately leading him back to the mainland.

Family, Nashville, and a New Focus:

Fueling growth became his forte. Culinary business expansions were soon his domain, with restaurants seeking his expertise to unlock growth through menu innovations.

Once back in Nashville, Heydweiller helped manage Katie's Plates, a gourmet food delivery service specializing in paleo diets. Within the first year, he

successfully doubled the amount of money the restaurant made each month.

His experience at Katie's Plates sparked his interest in catering to diverse dietary needs. He then met his wife, a naturopathic doctor, further solidifying his commitment to healthy and delicious food. Reflecting on his time in restaurants, he emphasizes the importance of a relaxed atmosphere.

“I like to make sure that when I'm in charge, I'm not creating stress just because, you know, I'm making it a stressful environment.”

This realization shaped his future endeavors.

Birth of Mountain Mobile Meals:

With years of experience and a passion for inclusivity, Heydweiller launched Mountain Mobile Meals. This mobile catering company caters to Franklin County and beyond, offering satisfying dishes and catering to various dietary restrictions.

While his wife, Lauren Laurino, runs Mountain Mobile Massage, he runs the kitchen at Walnut Hill Coffee Company in Winchester, both driven by a shared desire to enrich the lives of Franklin County residents through food and wellness.

Overcoming Obstacles:

Trading brick-and-mortar for mobility, Heydweiller relishes the freedom to cater across the county. But without a central location, building community requires strategic thinking. Through social media, Heydweiller actively engages with wedding groups on Facebook, overcoming mobility obstacles while expanding his reach.

Signature Flavors and Dietary Delights:

Heydweiller's signature dish, the chicken carbonara casserole, proves his ability to make healthy food taste amazing. This gluten-free and dairy-free dish features shredded chicken, spaghetti squash, bacon, artichoke hearts, and eggs, offering a unique and flavorful twist on a classic comfort food.

His chocolate chip cookies, made with coconut and almond flour, coconut sugar, and coconut oil, are another example of his talent for creating delicious treats without compromising health.

"You can eat everything you still like. You just need to use different ingredients."

Advice for Aspiring Chefs and Food Entrepreneurs:

To aspiring chefs and food entrepreneurs, Heydweiller offers sound advice: "Just go with it."

He believes in taking risks, putting yourself out there, and letting your passion guide you. In the unpredictable world of food, the only way to succeed is to embrace the journey and create something you're truly proud of.

Mountain Mobile Meals is the culmination of Heydweiller's lifelong journey through kitchens and cultures. His dedication to deliciousness, inclusivity, and healthy eating is evident in every dish he creates. So, the next time you're in Franklin County, try Mountain Mobile Meals and experience the culinary magic of chef Jay Hey. **GN**

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Love, inspiration, and early education



A local child care center cultivates imagination and empathy in a cozy bungalow.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder





A BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED Craftsman home, painted in a calming sky blue with crisp white trim, reflects the friendly, bright, and refreshing atmosphere awaiting young scholars. Annette Martinez once shared this home with her husband, Harlow, and grandson, Jerad Dyson. The home, located close to her mother's old house, has become a sanctuary of creativity, learning, and development. The home provides a ray of hope for children throughout the community. Upon entering, the school's pet puppy, adorned in grey and white, warmly greets visitors with enthusiasm. Inside, children are engaged in painting, their faces illuminated with joy and concentration, instantly alleviating the weight of finding a trustworthy child development center.

Scholars Childcare is where care meets compassion, and love nurtures a desire for lifelong learning. Despite its unassuming exterior, Martinez's child care center shines warmth and vibrancy. Her journey to owning the child care center was not a direct path.

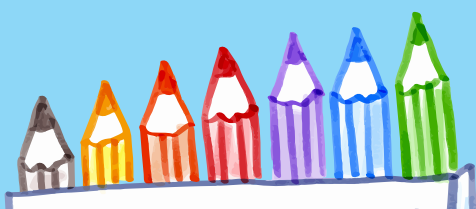
Born in Louisiana, raised in Chicago, and with years of experience working with children, her passion for nurturing young scholars has been her life's purpose. After dedicating passionate years to serving her community as a juvenile detention officer in Michigan and later working with children with disabilities, Martinez was disheartened by the number of children who died in her previous jobs.

Her journey led her to Winchester, where she cared for her mother and formed connections with

local community members. Martinez found strength in her mother's inspiring advice to follow through with her dreams and aspirations. She finally opened her own school in 2018.

However, just as her journey truly began, Martinez found herself grieving the loss of her biggest cheerleader. In 2021, she faced the profound loss of her beloved mother. Despite the challenges, she carries proud memories of her mother's love, guidance, and participation in Scholars Childcare's beginning.

"She opened the school for me, and she used to bring me stuff she found on sale. She would come in, and the kids knew she was my mom," Martinez remembered fondly.





I had one child who would talk, but we couldn't understand her because she had a lot of speech issues. She was with me for a couple of years, but by the time she moved on, that girl could tell you anything. It was so wonderful. She just blossomed.

-Annette Martinez



Holding dear these reminders of her mother's love and support, Martinez created a space infused with the very love and encouragement her mother embodied.

Walking into Martinez's child care center feels like stepping into a cozy home where every corner exudes comfort, love, and a touch of Southern hospitality. Multi-colored toys are neatly arranged in baskets, intentionally designed to create a nurturing environment for children to flourish during their nine-hour days.

What truly sets Martinez's child care center apart is its unique approach to education. Here, children are not just class attendees but scholars, each with the inherent potential to achieve greatness.

Beyond teaching ABCs and numbers, Martinez and her team instill values of kindness, respect, and empathy. Interactions with class pets, including dogs, guinea pigs, and even frogs, help children learn to respect and appreciate all living beings. She helps scholars gain essential developmental skills, such as fine motor, gross, and cognitive skills.

Martinez's expertise in child development manifests through her collaboration with parents, providing them with resources and support for their children's success. Homework at Scholars Childcare is a partnership between parents and educators, promoting literacy and learning at home and helping children retain the knowledge and skills learned in school.

"We also assist with potty training and work on their fine motor skills — teaching them how to put on and zip up their own coat, how to put on their shoes, and things like that."

Success stories about Scholars Childcare are endless. Parents beam with pride as they witness their children master basic skills like eating with a fork or overcoming speech and communication challenges, helping them develop into confident individuals.

"I had one child who would talk, but we couldn't understand her because she had a lot of speech issues. She was with me for a couple of years, but by the time she moved on, that girl could tell you anything. It was so wonderful. She just blossomed," enthused Martinez.



Martinez and her dedicated staff affirm each scholar and celebrate small triumphs, like shy kids transforming into social butterflies and learning to make friends.

“We’ve had quite a bit of success. It’s the simple things that really matter.”

Martinez dreams big for the future, aspiring to see her students thrive academically and become compassionate, responsible leaders in the community. Whether they become senators or simply develop a love for learning, Martinez’s ultimate goal is to instill a lifelong appreciation for education.

Martinez credits her dedicated team, including her husband, Harlow, who handles maintenance and cleaning, and co-teachers Megan Hopkins and Amanda Lore, who bring their energy and enthusiasm with them to class every day, for the child care center’s success. Together, they form a supportive community dedicated to the well-being and growth of every scholar in their care.

What may seem like a simple job for many is a special calling and labor of love for Martinez, bringing her immense joy and fulfillment each passing day. As long as there are children who need love and guidance, Martinez will be there as a guiding light in their journey of learning and creativity. GN



Amanda Lore and Megan Hopkins



Make time for

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SAVOR SPRING AND ALL IT BRINGS WITH THESE EASY, DELICIOUS RECIPES.

THE FIRST dogwood blooms unfurl while other trees wake up from their long winter nap. Images of Easter, spring break, and picnics flood our feeds and keep us daydreaming of the warmer days ahead. Whether planning Easter brunch, lunch, or lighter meals to make time for spring's delights, these recipes will give you a head start on getting out of the kitchen. They're as warm and welcoming as a porch swing on a spring afternoon. **GN**



Crunchy Lettuce Salad

Submitted by Lillian Burton

- 1 head lettuce
- 1/2 head cauliflower, sliced
- 1 medium red onion, sliced thin
- 1/2 lb. bacon, cooked or real bacon bits
- 1 1/2 c. mayonnaise
- 3 T. sugar
- Parmesan cheese

Break lettuce into small pieces and place in bottom of 13x9x2 pan. Place cauliflower on top of lettuce. Layer onion on the cauliflower and top with bacon bits. In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise and sugar. Spread mixture over contents of salad. Top with Parmesan cheese. Prepare recipe and refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving.

Spicy Deviled Eggs

Submitted by Betty Ingram

- 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
- 1/2 t. cayenne pepper
- 2 T. sweet pickle relish
- 1/4 c. mayonnaise
- 1/4 c. ranch dressing, pourable
- 1 t. yellow mustard
- 12 eggs, hard boiled, shells removed, sliced lengthwise
- paprika, for dusting

Carefully scoop yolks into bowl; mash with fork until they have a grainy consistency. Stir in salad dressing mix, cayenne pepper and pickle relish; mix well. Add mayonnaise, ranch dressing and mustard. Pipe yolk mixture into egg white halves using pastry bag. Dust with paprika.

Farm Fresh Spinach Quiche

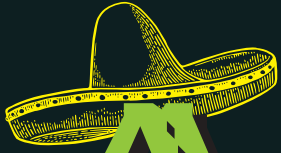
Submitted by Peggy Dunivan

- 8 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled
- 1 pie crust, 9 inches, unbaked
- 2 c. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 1/2 c. milk
- 3 eggs, beaten

Sprinkle half of the bacon into the pie crust. In a medium mixing bowl, combine cheese, spinach, milk, eggs, and flour. Pour over crust. Sprinkle remaining bacon on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until center is set.



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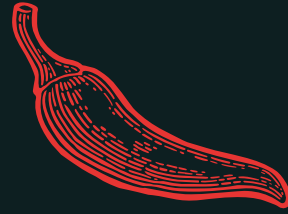
A MEXICAN ODYSSEY

Savor the soul of Mexico,
where authenticity meets innovation!

IN 2018, a new addition to our local culinary scene emerged, bringing with it the authentic flavors of Mexico that have since captivated the taste buds of many. Some say if you blink, you may just miss it. What sets this establishment apart is its unwavering commitment to authenticity from the moment you step through the door. The ambiance transports you to the streets of Mexico with vibrant colors, traditional decor, and an atmosphere that mirrors the country's spirit. It's not just a place to eat; it's a cultural immersion that tantalizes the senses with one notable dish at a time.

I'm an avid street taco junkie. Anywhere that makes them, I order them. Recently, though, I saw a picture of a new menu item that took me by surprise — the birria ramen. I knew I had to try it. It comes with two quesabirria tacos and a bowl of birria ramen, which tastes absolutely amazing. This innovative fusion dish blends the rich, savory flavors of birria — a traditional Mexican stew made with slow-cooked pork — and the comforting warmth of ramen noodles. It's a culinary masterpiece that showcases its dedication to pushing boundaries while staying true to its roots. This was a testament to the chef's expertise in creativity, which offered





a unique twist on traditional Mexican cuisine. The flavors are bold, the broth is rich, and each bite is a symphony of textures that will leave you craving more. It's a standout dish that embodies the commitment to authenticity while embracing culinary innovation.

I have never had a dish I didn't like here. Beyond the exceptional food, the restaurant's success can be attributed to its welcoming atmosphere. The staff exudes warmth and hospitality, creating an inviting space. Whether you're a regular or a first-time visitor, the sense of community is palpable, making every dining experience memorable.

In a county with so many options, this rises above the rest. For those who appreciate culinary journeys that are as heartwarming as they are delicious, Taqueria Los Olivos is a must-visit. **GN**

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getting into a pricey business deal. We're talking about just showing up.

When you walk into a store, and the owner hears the *ding* from the bell above the door, you're giving the gift of love. It's a simple affirmation of a smile and burst of joy that someone walked into this local store, but it's good enough to make someone's day.

That's the statement and investment that can change a life. So visit your local businesses. Your support changes not only you and the owner but the community as a whole. **GN**



Franklin County



A Brush with Destiny

Franklin County's trusted paint expert defies setbacks and builds a community mainstay.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder and submitted by Tony Stone



▲ Chris Clark and Tony Stone

A SHROUD OF pre-dawn darkness blanketed Southern California as Monday morning arrived. As the rest of the world slept, Tony Stone, a soldier turned civilian, sat at his kitchen table, bathed in the soft glow of a dim overhead light, thumbing through the daily newspapers delivered to his door at precisely 4 a.m. His journey had brought him back home after four years of service. A mere 12 hours later, he was ready to re-enter the civilian world.

Tony's gaze fell upon an ad for a driver's position. Little did he know that this simple advertisement would begin an unexpected journey into the realm of paint — a journey that would redefine his destiny and shape the course of his life.

"I didn't have a family history or a burning passion for painting," Tony reflected. "I just got a job, and I fell into the paint business."

Tony's innate work ethic and dedication propelled him forward; humble beginnings as a paperboy instilled in him a strong foundation of hard work and dedication.

He said, "I was a paperboy when I was 11. By the time I was 16, I had four paper routes. After school, I was a busboy at [Marie Callender's]. Finally, when I turned



Tony Stone



18, I gave up my four paper routes and bus-boy job because I joined the Army.”

His time in the military taught him the value of punctuality and genuine care for others — two qualities that have earned him community-wide recognition, including numerous awards as Franklin County’s finest paint store year after year.

In the midst of building his career, he faced personal setbacks that tested his perseverance. From overcoming addiction and homelessness in his earlier years and finding God to navigating the painful terrain of divorce in 2000, one year after moving

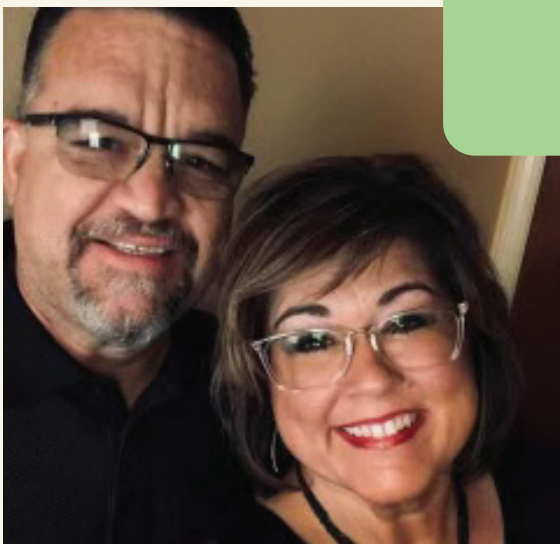
to Franklin County with his family, Tony confronted life’s hurdles with the same determination and strength that guided him throughout his military career.

“One of the biggest hurdles in my life was getting off drugs,” Tony revealed. “I overcame it 90% by myself, with the help of my ex-wife and former stepdaughter.”

Even in the depths of adversity, Tony found strength. The shadows lifted, revealing a man transformed by the trials and triumphs of life, emerging with a profound belief in the power of courage and perseverance.

Two months into his divorce proceedings, Tony’s life took an unexpected turn when he crossed paths with Chanda at Sherwin Williams, the paint store where he worked. Love bloomed in the most unexpected of places. The two embarked on a 15-month courtship, leading to their marriage on May 18.

In 2011, Tony faced the unexpected challenge of job loss. Driven by his entrepreneurial spirit, he saw this adversity as an opportunity. He purchased a local business, Brooks Paint, located at 938 Dinah Shore Blvd., which became his canvas for a new chapter.



▲ Tony with his late wife, Chanda

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of my career
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- Tony Stone

The complexities of life didn't cease. In 2023, the day before her birthday, Chanda died, plunging Tony into a whirlwind of grief.

Despite the overwhelming grief, hope glimmers on the horizon. Tony's ability to adapt and thrive, evident in his journey from military service to paint store owner, encourages him to take life one day at a time.

Tony's store, now known as Franklin County Paint, transformed into a mainstay of the community. Customers leave the store with their paint needs fulfilled and the benefit of his expertise in skillfully matching any color.

“I've had people bring in a coffee after they've stirred in the creamer and say, 'Oh my goodness. That's the color.' I've had people bring in a tree leaf and ask me to match it before it starts wilting,” he said.

“I carry the [Pittsburgh Paints & Stains] line of paint, which is a big national brand. I also carry a second line, which is a regional line from Florida called Richard's, and I carry quite a bit of their products. I also have the largest paint applicator section — rolling covers and paint brushes.”

With his dedicated team, including his valuable employee Chris Clark, Tony continues to serve his community with integrity and compassion. He looks back on his journey from a young soldier seeking purpose to a successful business owner, filled with gratitude for the lessons learned and the people who have walked alongside and supported him.

“More than half of my career has been here in Franklin County. I love this place, and the people have been good to me.” GN

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Michael Danley

A Danley Dynasty

The Danley family has kept homes cozy for 50 years.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder

MICHAEL T. Danley the current owner of Danley Heating and Air, didn't initially plan to follow in his grandfather's (Edward Thomas Danley) and father's (William "Bill" Thomas Danley) footsteps in the family business. As Bill's health declined in 2004, Michael faced a difficult choice. Selling the company built by his father and grandfather over decades felt unthinkable. So, he decided to take the reins of business ownership in 2006.

"He was thinking about selling the business to somebody else. We talked, and I did a lot of praying about it. I just couldn't think about the business being here that long and for it to have somebody else's name on it," Michael expressed.

Under Michael's leadership, Danley Heating and Air thrives, expanding beyond Franklin County and establishing a reputation for trust and excellence in numerous cities.

Michael observed his grandfather and father building the company, which was later renamed Danley Heating and Air, from a young age. Their dedication

and expertise instilled valuable lessons in him, forming a foundation for his future leadership.

"It was a blessing that I got to spend those years with him working and learning about what I needed to do."

Teaching and coaching gave Michael valuable leadership skills. Michael's experience as an educator translated well to leading his team. The communication skills honed in classrooms fostered mutual understanding and collaboration within the company.

"Being a teacher and a coach prepared me to speak in public settings. Being an educator helped in the long run. I've been learning about the business since 2006, and I learn something new every day."

But in 2006, he felt called to fully commit to the family business. This wasn't just a career change; it was the continuation of a legacy.

Taking over a family business isn't easy, and Michael quickly faced the challenge of proving himself beyond his family name. Aware of the high failure rate of third-generation businesses, he tirelessly earned the community's trust through dedication and hard work.

"I had to prove to the community that trusted my dad and my granddad for all those years that the son was willing to go in and do as much — or more — than they've been doing all these years."

For Michael, success goes beyond profit. He prioritizes cultivating a servant's heart within the company and establishing a culture of service and community involvement, similar to his coaching philosophy on the softball field. Danley Heating and Air sponsors local sports teams and national championship trips and supports community events and initiatives, reflecting his values in action.

Danley Heating and Air also attributes its success to its exceptional team. Michael and Bill value the relationships with their employees, some of whom have been with the company for decades. Regina Perry, Tony Rego, and Randall Rollins are key figures who have played vital roles in the company's success.

"Having a servant's heart and hiring people that truly care about their job and do what they do has been the reason Danley Heating and Air has been successful for years. These guys who have worked for me are like brothers and sisters," he said.

He even recruited former students from his teaching days, exemplifying his commitment to building a loyal team.

"I remember my dad had hired people who were sisters and classmates. I've hired guys who were students of mine when I was a school teacher."

Michael shared a story his father told him of a seemingly ordinary moment on a construction site that exemplifies his approach to leadership. On a new construction site, Bill rattled an aspirin bottle like a rattlesnake, sending his cousin and long-time employee, Scottie Pittenger, and another employee scrambling with comical fear.

That moment, along with numerous others, personified camaraderie within a positive work environment— a legacy Michael cherishes and strives to maintain.

Looking ahead, Michael sees Danley Heating and Air continuing its tradition of excellent service with reliable employees. He actively seeks and retains talented individuals to ensure the company's future.

Danley Heating and Air's journey, characterized by transitions, challenges, and community service, continues as a thriving family business. Michael's leadership, built on integrity and trust, ensures that this legacy, spanning over five decades, will endure.

The company remains committed to providing quality service with a dedicated team, earning the continued trust of the Franklin County community and beyond for generations to come. **GN**

Visit danleyheatingandair.com or call (931) 967-3209 for more information.

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▲ Michael Danley and Regina Perry



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- Michael Danley



A Legacy of Family and Community

Winton Auction & Realty has a future rooted in service and collaboration.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder



▲ Bill Anderton and Thomas Ore

FOR OVER seven decades, Winton Auction & Realty has been a cornerstone of Franklin County, its weathered brick facade whispering tales of community spirit and dedication. Founded in 1948 by Bob Winton, the business has witnessed generations grow and evolve, actively participating in their journeys. From helping young farmers secure their first plots of land to hosting cherished annual charity auctions, Winton Auction & Realty has consistently embodied trust, good ethics, and a deep-rooted love for its community.

Bob Winton's legacy lives on through Bill Anderton, who started at Winton Auction & Realty in 1971. Anderton learned the intricacies of the auction business from the charismatic founder himself, witnessing firsthand the emotional weight of selling family heirlooms and the thrill of unearthing hidden treasures. Anderton's dedication earned him Winton's trust, paving the way for his future leadership.



Bill Anderton

In 2013, Thomas Ore, a land surveyor who had known Anderton through professional collaborations, entered the picture. Impressed by Winton's values and legacy, he partnered with Anderton, eventually purchasing the business in 2021.

"We did a lot of surveying work for Mr. Anderton. And then that's how I got to know him and got my foot in the door to work with him in the real estate business," explained Ore.

But for both Anderton and Ore, the focus remains not on individual ownership but on preserving the Winton legacy.

"It's about Winton Auction & Realty. I want to make it last another 75 years," Ore said.

Winton Auction & Realty's involvement in the community extends beyond the auction block. The business provides valuable educational resources to local farmers, navigating land sales with sensitivity and expertise, and to those seeking to sell their estates.

"A big share of the work that we do is for estates. We do a lot of work with people who are grieving the loss of loved ones, and they are trying to take care of business and move on with their lives. They have assets that they need to maximize the value of, and we help them with that. The lion's share of our business is working with attorneys and accountants to help these people maximize their family inheritance," he continued.

Their community involvement lies in lending a helping hand to organizations around the county. Every year, Anderton fulfills childhood dreams by supporting the Kiwanis Club's bicycle program. Their generous donations put smiles on countless faces, allowing children in the community to experience the joy of freedom on two wheels.



Anderton understands that investing in our youth is investing in the future and remains committed to programs that empower and enrich the lives of those around them.

"I think it's really important that we maintain an attitude of community involvement and support," Ore said.

Their annual consignment auction serves as a platform for residents to declutter, connect, and revel in shared history. It's a thriving community event where laughter collides with the thrill of the gavel, promoting belonging and shared experiences.

Winton Auction & Realty plays a proactive role in shaping the future of Franklin County. By staying ahead of the curve in technologies like online auctions and drone photography, it offers its clients innovative ways to navigate the ever-changing real estate landscape.

As the business approaches its 75th anniversary, Anderton reflects on the key to its longevity, saying, "Just be fair with everybody. Do the right thing."

Even when navigating economic shifts and the ebbs and flows of interest rates, Ore and Anderton steer the company toward a bright future.

The duo plans to remain a cornerstone of the community, offering essential

services with unwavering reliability. They strive to continue collaboration, fueled by trust and cutting-edge technology — all working in harmony to deliver the highest quality service to our neighbors.

"It's about being fair, honest, and providing excellent service," said Ore

Looking ahead, Ore envisions a future where Winton Auction & Realty continues to be a pillar of the community, providing valuable services while nurturing a culture of trust and collaboration.

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- Thomas Ore



part of something bigger than themselves,” said Ore.

As Winton Auction & Realty embarks on its next chapter, one thing is certain: Commitment to service and deep-rooted connection with the people of Franklin County will continue to guide the business every step of the way. **GN**

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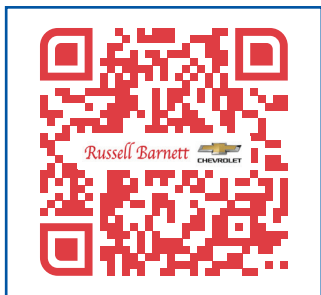
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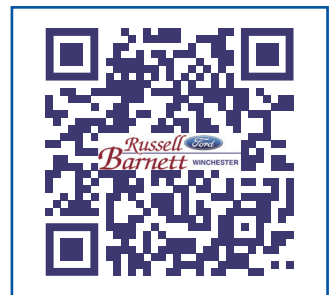
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