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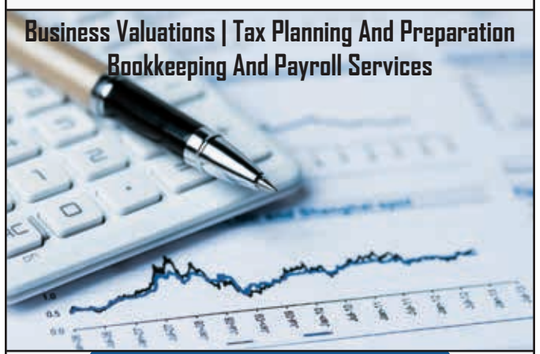
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A Season of Gratitude



Dear Neighbors,

As I write this note, the beautiful fall leaves are putting on a show throughout Glade Springs Village. Their color and the crisp air remind me how much there is to appreciate in this season—and how blessed I am to live in a community where neighbors, local businesses, and shared traditions make this place feel like home. We hope this December issue of *Stroll Glade Springs Village* brings a little warmth as the holidays approach.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to pause and recognize the people and everyday moments that make our lives richer. I'm especially grateful for the kindness, enthusiasm, and support you show this publication. Thank you for welcoming *Stroll* into your homes, for sharing your thoughts about the magazine, and for recommending families and stories for our feature articles. Your ideas help us celebrate the people and experiences that make Glade Springs special.

We are also thankful for the local businesses that support residents and help make this community such a wonderful place to live. Their commitment helps sustain the neighborhood connections we value, and we encourage you to remember them as you shop, plan, and celebrate this holiday season. If there's a local business you believe would serve our community well through the products or services it offers, please let us know. We always appreciate your recommendations.

As Christmas draws near, I hope the weeks ahead bring you time to enjoy favorite traditions, gather with loved ones, and share a little extra kindness with those around you. Whether your celebrations are lively or quiet, may this season offer moments of joy, peace, and connection.

Next month, we'll look back on 2026 with our Year in Review issue, revisiting the feature families and memorable articles we've shared throughout the year. It will be a chance to celebrate the stories, people, and community spirit that made this year meaningful. Until then, thank you for being part of *Stroll Glade Springs Village*. Wishing you and your families a happy Thanksgiving and a joyful Christmas season.



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Tylor, Cooper, and Sydney Tabit!

THE TABITS

YOUNGEST TABIT TAKES UP RESIDENCE IN GLADE

WRITTEN BY ED MCCALL,

While the population of Glade Springs has been growing steadily since the gated community was founded by Slab Fork Coal Company in the late 60s, the Tabit family presence here has proliferated only in Glade's more recent past. The latest influx from the Fayette Plateau includes the youngest Tabit of all, 10-month-old Cooper, son of Doctor Tylor Tabit and his lovely wife Sydney. While their origins go back to the aforementioned Plateau on daddy Tylor's side, they have actually been area residents for the past several years, and their move here took them only from Maxwell Hill to 311 Far Country Drive, just off the fairway of hole #7 on the Stonehaven course.

They will not hold the title of "newest Tabits in town" for long as Tylor's dad George and mom Lori plan on making the move inside the glorious Glade compound sometime in early 2027. For now, Tylor, Sydney, Cooper, and their 3-year-old Yorkie, Beau, have joined George, Sr. and Rhonda and uncle, Dr. John Tabit and Aunt Kate as Springers. The elder Tabits will soon be neighbors when George and Rhonda's new home on Chatham is completed just a stone's throw from John and Kate's lake estate.

Tylor and Sydney met while students on the "campus beautiful" at Concord University through mutual friends in the fall of 2015. Sydney completed her degree at CU and was teaching at Talcott Elementary school in her home county when they reacquainted in 2020. Tylor had gone on to complete his masters in bio-medical science at West Liberty and was attending the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg. They shared a long meal at Pasquale's on their first official date, talking for hours.

The die was cast. The proposal came in August of 2022, and the knot was tied in June of 2023 at Pipestem State Park not far from Sydney's hometown of Hinton where the Summers County HS graduate was a cheerleader and played hoops in the storied Summers County girls' basketball program.

Tylor, then a resident physician at Access Health, and Sydney, shifting career gears as a developmental specialist for Birth to Three, took up residence on Maxwell Hill. Three years later with Tylor settled in as a family medicine physician at Access and Sydney still at B to 3, they made the move to Glade in August 2026.

The young couple is adjusting nicely to life here in the compound, as well as to Cooper's sleep cycle. "He usually just wakes us once per night for a feeding," Tylor says gratefully. Syd agrees because she is an early riser and avid runner who likes to get in a few miles each morning before work, having recently completed her second half marathon.

Tylor jokes that he is fine with transitioning from a 4-sport athlete to being a one-sport guy (golf). He's come to the right place because Glade golfers are a blessed lot. It isn't uncommon to see the good doc out in his backyard after getting home from a long day of seeing patients with Cooper in tow, getting in a few swings and chipping balls about the yard.

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Sydney admits it is wonderful to have so many kin nearby who are willing and eager to help with babysitting should the couple want to steal away for a couple hours and a nice meal, always with their traditional ice cream dessert. Her parents, Kim and Patrick Jordan, often make the short drive up from Hinton to assist. Among their favorite restaurants are Campestre (Fiesta Fridays) and of course Pasquale's for sentimental reasons. Home cooking is shared and usually centers around Sydney's spaghetti or Tylor's skills on the Blackstone.

An occasional weekender getaway or a trip to the family condo at Pelicans Watch in Myrtle Beach are their favorite mini-vacays. One of their favorite travels took them to Puerto Rico. Still, settling into their new digs and adjusting to being new parents consumes most of their time these days, an adventure they are enjoying together and love sharing not only with their immediate families, but with their new Glade family as well.



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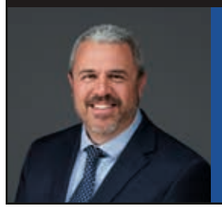
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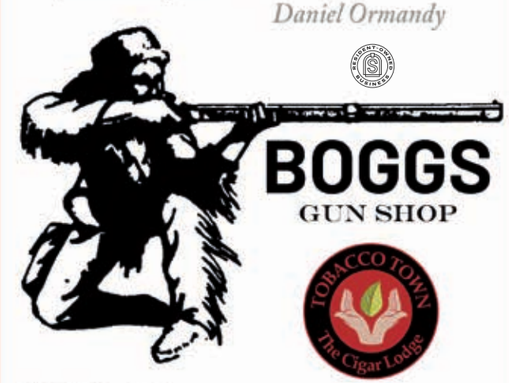
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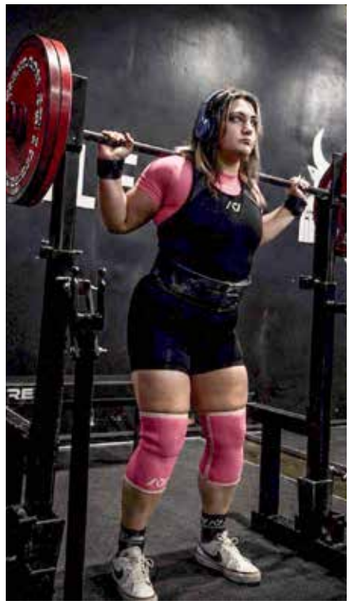
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Eliza Stevens

The excitement of Eliza!

WRITTEN BY LIAM HIENER



Eliza Stevens is a longtime resident of Glade Springs who has one of the most interesting and unique stories to tell. She's been in Glade for around fifteen years, as she has lived in the neighborhood since she was a small child. At the moment, she is residing in Virginia after finishing college at George Mason University. However, in a few years' time she could be one of the most known people Glade Springs has ever seen, as she has some of the most athletic ability and potential of anyone in the area.

Eliza's passion is very unique, and I personally find it stunning because of how good she is at it. Eliza is currently training to be one of the best women powerlifters the state and country has seen. She started her journey back in January because she had been around it for a long time with her college roommate being in club powerlifting. At first, she was reluctant to try it but went on a trip to Alaska and deadlifted for the first time. She learned that it was a lot of fun, and that she was very good at it for a beginner. When she got home, she immediately joined a powerlifting gym and focused on perfecting her form and set a goal of competing at a meet earlier in June. At the time, she had no goals for the meet, however, she had no idea what she would achieve.

Eliza personally described her routine to me before a meet. First, turn on a specialized playlist with her favorite songs that she'll never get bored of, and crack open an energy drink, as registration typically starts between 6 and 7 a.m. At her very first meet, she took three state records, finished first in her weight class, third overall for the meet, and had a good enough score to achieve a regionals qualifying spot. She's currently training on what she's good at but also keeping focus on what needs more work to make sure she is efficient in all categories.

A more recent meet was Southeast regionals last month. One of the two from West Virginia who qualified was Eliza, and it put a whole new level of pressure on her. The goal was to secure a national qualifying total, which is about 815 pounds, which she had trained for and secured a month in advance. However, tragedy unfortunately would strike Eliza. Anaplasmosis from a tick bite put Eliza in the emergency room two and a half weeks out from competing. As a result, she would lose a lot of strength and could not prepare properly for regionals and turned out what was thought to be a guaranteed win to a very unfortunate loss.

Eliza plans to bounce back, though. She will be competing at a meet in D.C. on Halloween where she has practiced and is almost sure she can secure seven new state records, but more importantly, she wants to restore her







confidence after her unfortunate break in regionals. In December, she has the state championship where she has another chance to secure her national qualifying, but she also says that the meet will be good fun to meet some other West Virginia lifters.

Eliza and her story seem almost like it was out of a book or movie. She came out of nowhere and became a superstar in lifting. She even had a point of adversity, which challenged her but made her better. When asked, she responded and said that her ultimate goal for lifting is to motivate more women to get into lifting like she did and attain more equality in the sport. She hopes when her lifting career is over, she makes an impact on not just women lifters, but lifters in general, pushing them to be better. To help interest others to lifting, she also does social media to show all of her results and competitive preparation. So, next time you use the gym or a facility, motivate yourself by remembering Eliza's rise to success and let it inspire you to do the same.



If you know of a great kid in the community, please recommend to Bob Coburn at bob.coburn@n2co.com



Liam Hiener is currently a homeschooled junior in high school who has been a Glade Springs resident all of his life. In his free time, you can find him at one of the three golf courses or serving near the tennis courts. He also enjoys exploring new places and learning new information. He has been writing for Stroll Magazine since Summer 2026



Josh Willson

"Middle" Willson making an impression in two sports!

WRITTEN BY ED MCCALL, PHOTOS BY HEATHER BELCHER



Back in the early 1900's Austrian psychologist Alfred Adler alleged that birth order had some connection to a child's personality and behaviors. To date, no real scientific data has been produced that affirms the old boy's assertions, which remain just theories claiming that middle children are quite often self-reliant and figure things out on their own because first-borns garner attention because they are often high achievers while the youngest get attention just because they are the youngest. Josh Willson checks that box. They (middle children) frequently grow up to be flexible, fair-minded negotiators who get along with others according to the psychiatrist's claims. Little sister Lily readily admits, "Josh gives great advice." Check. Middle kids supposedly build strong connections (friends/teammates) outside the home. Another check.

If one needs to subscribe to such armchair psychology to explain why Brian and Rhonda Willson's middle son is such an outstanding young man, feel free. He checks most of the boxes, which may just be coincidental to his birth order. One could easily argue it is simply the result of good parenting, a tight-knit family unit, and a levelheaded young person making the right choices in a world that often lends itself to crazy.

The grounded 16-year-old Woodrow Wilson junior serves as a confidant and friend to his youngest sibling, the beautiful13-year-old Lily who attends St. Francis. He is also buds with his older brother Jonah who attends Concord University where he is piling up academic honors while being an outstanding golfer for the Mountain Lions.

Josh takes a backseat to neither. While taking honors and AP courses this fall, he excels on the Flying Eagle's JV soccer team as a right back and spells Woodrow's first team all-stater and Max Prep Player of the Year, Ali Farghaly on the varsity. The Eagles are undefeated and the state's top ranked soccer team as they head into tournament play. The Eagles won a state championship in 2024 and were runners-up in 2025. 15-0 at the time of this writing, Josh and his teammates have their sights set on a strong finish to an already successful 2026 season.

In the spring, the speedy Willson will turn his attention to the rubberized oval that surrounds Pete Culicerto Field behind WWHS. There Josh will perform in the 100-meter and 200-meter sprints, as well as the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relays for the Flying Eagle harriers. All the while, he will be maintaining his academics.

Post high school, Josh leaning toward Marshall or Concord with an eye on medical school at either MU or WVSOM when his undergraduate studies are complete. When the dust settles, he hopes his educational journey will eventually lead to a career as an orthopedic surgeon.

Free time for this goal-oriented youngster is usually well spent. He enjoys working out in the Willson's home gym, at the leisure center, or at Woodrow. He has spent many afternoons and evenings jumping on the family golf cart and heading to the golf course to land a largemouth bass in one of Glade's many ponds.

It seems this young Glade resident has a need for speed. When Josh isn't sprinting across soccer fields or around a track, you can find this young scholar athlete speeding down the slopes at Winterplace or Snowshoe. In addition, the Willson family feeds his passion for skiing with a trip to Vermont each ski season.

He loves listening to music (country, Rap, and R & B) while hanging with friends and is active in his church (Faith Community Church). A lover of fast food, Josh says his favorites are Raising Cane, Taco Bell, and Chipotle. He's no stranger to the kitchen himself, claiming his own beef with rice, veggies, and egg is pretty tasty, especially when he gets adventurous with the spices.

During this past summer the Willson clan made many memories during a trip to Europe. After all the sightseeing, Josh says what impressed him most was the beauty of French architecture in Paris. With another year of high school left, expect this "middle" Willson to continue piling up the good impressions himself.

If you know of or have an athlete in the family, make a recommendation to Bob Coburn at bob.coburn@n2co.com





Lily, Josh, and Jonah







Class on Club Circle

SUBMITTED BY JUSTIN FAIRCHILD

Set on nearly two acres in the original section of Glade Springs, this impressive home offers exceptional space, privacy, and beautiful views overlooking the Glade Creek Gorge. Designed to take full advantage of its setting, many rooms capture the gorge views and open to expansive outdoor living areas. The dramatic great room features 20-foot ceilings, a gas fireplace, and direct access to the veranda. The spacious kitchen is appointed with custom cabinetry, granite countertops, a large center island, and an open connection to the family room, creating an ideal layout for both everyday living and entertaining. Just beyond the family room, a generous sunroom provides another inviting space to relax and enjoy the surroundings. The private primary suite offers veranda access, a large walk-in closet, and a spacious bath with dual vanities and a whirlpool tub. Upstairs, three additional bedrooms are complemented by three full baths and a versatile workout or flex room, complete with its own bath and sauna. Two of the bedrooms feature private balconies overlooking the property and surrounding landscape. A den with a full wall of built-ins and its own private bath adds more flexibility for a home office, library, or guest space. With generously sized rooms throughout, multiple indoor and outdoor living areas, and an abundance of space for family and guests, this is a home that is difficult to replicate. Recent improvements include new HVAC systems and hot water tank. An exceptional opportunity to own a distinctive property in one of Glade Springs' most established settings.

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* At the time of this writing, this beautiful 5,600 square ft., 4 bedroom, 6 bath home is for sale. Please contact Justin Fairchild at Zaferatos Real Estate, 101 Ramey Ct. Beckley, WV (304) 254-0972.

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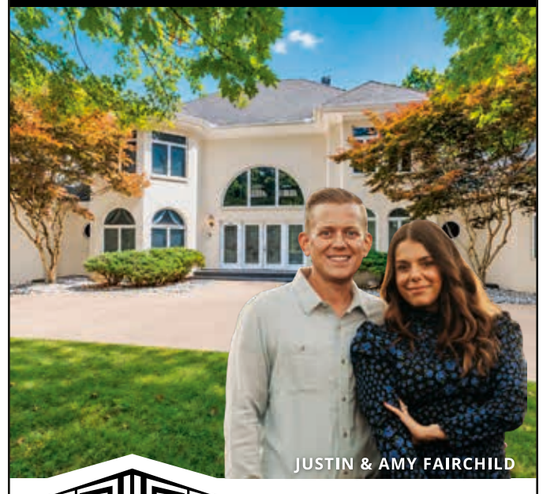
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Around the Hood

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Daniel Richards

Cobb "Super" Just That!

WRITTEN BY ED MCCALL, PHOTOS BY SHEENA PENDLEY







Golfing residents here at Glade Springs are a spoiled lot. We know how good we have it. Three fantastic golf courses that are so appreciated by outsiders that they are constantly in demand for tournaments, fund raisers, and as a destination for golf groups. If you are searching for a reason why, don't look any further than the conditioning and presentation of the courses, and for that you need look no further than the men charged with course upkeep. Having spotlighted two of our course superintendents in previous articles, our third and final salute goes to the "super" at The Cobb, Daniel Richards.

Residents who hold memberships at Cobb know that 2026 was indeed a banner year despite the golf season beginning in drought, then weeks of monsoons, followed by more hot, dry days. The guy who navigated The Resort's championship layout through all of that was superintendent Daniel Richards, completing his 16th year in golf course work. Richards came to Glade as part of the summer crew in 2010 after graduating from Independence High School. "Did a lot of weed eating in those early days," he laughs now.

The next summer he went to Black Knight, again as a summer hand, to assist with the renovation of all their bunkers and to install a new irrigation system. "That was a hands-on learning situation for me, and I use something that I learned that summer almost every day in my current situation," he said recently.

While he was working summers, his winters were being spent pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at WVU Tech, then in Montgomery. An avid outdoorsman, hunter, and fisherman, he loves being outside, working with his hands, and solving the problems presented daily in maintaining a golf course. His graduation in 2016 coincided with the previous superintendent leaving. Supervisor Keith Honaker knew a good man when he saw one and convinced him to stay on and fill the then vacant superintendent's position.

"Keith taught me about chemicals and how grass behaves," he recalled. "We continue to learn daily as new challenges present themselves. We have a good crew of caring men, and I think that is key to any success we have. The men doing the work have to care." They see that reflected in their leader on a daily basis.

Richards is no one trick pony. While he holds a mechanical engineering degree that he says comes in very handy, he also holds a commercial general contractor's license. He puts that to use when golf season winds down, doing site preparation work and will soon begin construction on a home for his family (wife Jessical 9yrs./5-year-old son Rhett/2-year-old daughter Mia) on property that has been in his family for years, but until the weather turns and play slacks off Richard's dedication results in seven day weeks. "I've found it's just easier to come in on Sunday because if something goes sideways, I have to drive in anyway," he concedes with a wry smile.

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Things do go sideways regularly on a course with aging infrastructure and a limited budget for upgrades on both the course and the equipment and chemicals necessary to maintain it. Said budget also requires a skeleton crew, but Richards has developed a team of part-timers who trade golf privileges and a small salary in order to supplement his full-time staff of only 5 men.

The Cobb has 5.5 acres of green surfaces! Compared to Stonehaven's 2.7 acres, one can see the challenge of meeting the man hours and chemicals needed to keep Cobb's greatest assets in supreme shape. It takes The Cobb crew twice as many man-hours to mow greens as the other courses.

Richards says that during his tenure the three greatest challenges he and his crew have faced are irrigation (keeping the system functional), especially during the summer of 2025 drought. They had to resort to rented water trucks just to keep the grass alive. It also required a lot of evening and night-time watering. Another challenge is keeping aging equipment up and running. Mechanic Jeff Meadows and his own expertise (he is a mechanical engineer after all) are vital in that regard. Finally, he says keeping green surfaces healthy is always a challenge, fully realizing that no matter a course's reputation, no one wants to play on bad greens.

Recent upgrades include a new roof on the pump house and new pump controllers allowing Richards to remain optimistic about the future of Cobb and his and his men's ability to keep one of the best courses in West Virginia and the mid-Atlantic in great shape. One thing is certain. Cobb members are grateful for their 'super' and the privilege of playing a course so well maintained.

If you know someone who is Making a Difference, please contact Bob Coburn at bob.coburn@n2co.com







RESIDENT RECIPE

West Virginia Hot Dogs!

SUBMITTED BY BETH JARRELL













BUILDING a WEST VIRGINIA HOT DOG!

INGREDIENTS

- All beef bun length hotdogs
- Split top hot dog buns
- Homemade Chili
- Homemade Slaw
- Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Mustard & Onions optional

PREPARATIONS

Homemade Chili: 1 lb angus ground beef, 1 package Chili -O mix and a 15 oz can of Contadina sauce. Brown ground beef & drain. Add chili-o mix and sauce to ground beef and simmer for one hour.

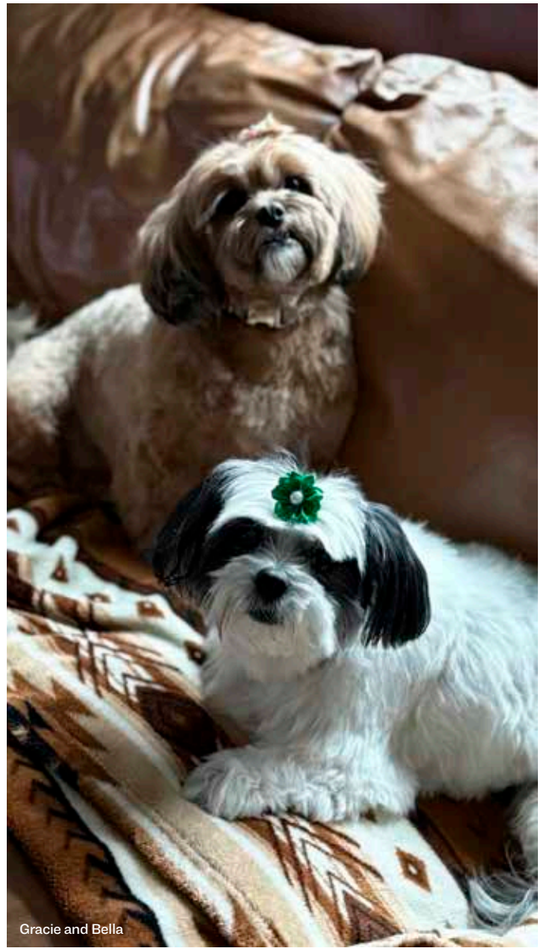
Homemade Slaw: one16 oz bag shredded coleslaw mix and small jar Marzetti coleslaw dressing.

Add about half jar coleslaw dressing to coleslaw mix. I prefer a “drier” coleslaw. Add additional dressing if you like it “soupy” Cook your hotdogs. When dogs are almost ready, butter both sides of the split top hot dog buns and grill each side in a large skillet until golden brown.

Add your hotdog to the bun, top with mustard, chili, coleslaw and cheese. Enjoy!

If you have a favorite recipe in the family that you would like to share, please contact Bob Coburn at bob.coburn@n2co.com

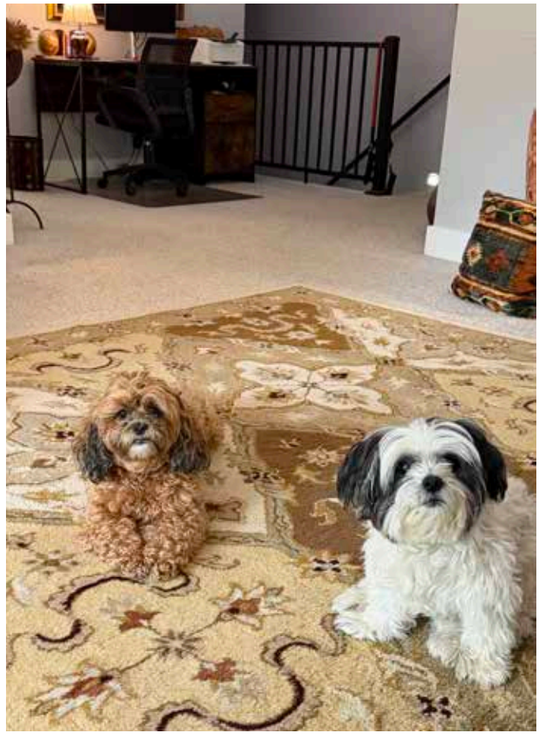




Gracie and Bella

Gracie & Bella!

WRITTEN BY FARRAH MICEK





JAY AND DREAMA OST are the proud owners of Bella and Gracie, two lovable, cheerful, and sociable dogs who live with their family in Royal Oaks in Glade. Bella and Gracie enjoy happy, content lives filled with traveling, relaxing, and spending time close to their family. The two dogs get along wonderfully and are rarely apart, even when they are simply lounging around the house.

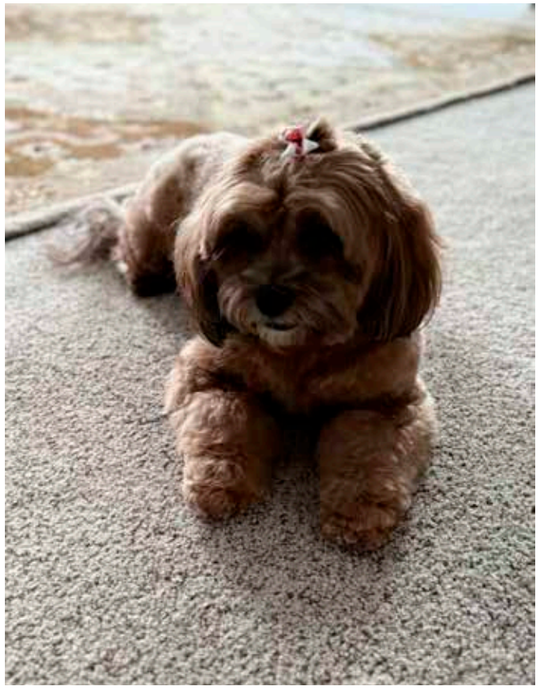
Bella is thirteen years old, while Gracie is five. Gracie is a Shih Tzu-Yorkie, and Bella is a Shih Tzu-Yorkie mix. Gracie has a mostly light brown coat with black around her muzzle and on the tips of her ears. Her fur is curlier than Bella's. Bella's coat is mostly white and straighter in texture, with black ears that resemble Gracie's. The two dogs are also similar in height, adding to their charming resemblance.

Bella joined Jay and Dreama's family after they got her from Dreama's sister, a breeder in West Virginia, and she has been a cherished part of their lives ever since. Bella brings playfulness, excitement, and plenty of energy to the family. She especially enjoys chasing deer through the front and back yards. Although she loves the thrill of the chase, she never goes far and always stays within sight before returning home.

Bella also enjoys taking walks around Glade and beyond, although she is just as happy staying close to home. No matter where she is, Bella is happiest when she is with her family.

Gracie shares many of Bella's favorite activities, including taking walks and chasing deer. Like Bella, she knows not to wander too far and always returns. Gracie is originally from Farmville, Virginia, where Jay and Dreama adopted her. Since joining the family, she has brought happiness and enthusiasm into their home.





While Gracie enjoys being active, she also loves to relax. She can often be found basking in the sunlight, napping, or simply spending time with her family. Both Bella and Gracie also enjoy traveling, especially when they visit Jay and Dreama's son, Jace, in Charlotte. The dogs do not mind the trip and seem to enjoy the journey just as much as the destination.

Bella and Gracie have the perfect balance of adventure, playfulness, and relaxation. They love spending time with their family and friends and are equally happy meeting new people while traveling, walking around Glade, or lounging outside. Their favorite activities include playing with toys, chasing deer, going for walks, and enjoying an occasional treat.

Most of all, Bella and Gracie share a close bond and genuinely enjoy being together. Whether they are exploring, relaxing at home, or traveling with their family, the two make a wonderful pair. If you ever see Bella and Gracie around Glade, be sure to give them a friendly greeting!

If you have or know of a Precious Pet in the neighborhood, please contact Bob Coburn at bob.coburn@n2co.com

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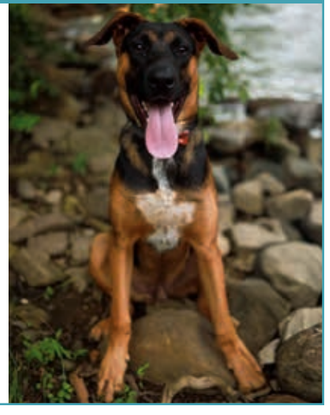
Farrah Micek is a very creative 16 year old in 10th grade at Shady Spring High School. She loves reading, making art, listening to music, running track, and spending time with her two dogs. She's full of energy, very kind to others, and loves trying new things.

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THE UNITED WAY of Southern West Virginia

Wonderland of Trees!

WRITTEN BY TRENA DACAL







It's time to start thinking about Christmas! The United Way of Southern West Virginia is excited to prepare for our 19th annual Wonderland of Trees event which will be highlighted this year at the beautiful Tamarack Marketplace! The Wonderland of Trees display is designed to create a holiday destination for Southern West Virginians and will also be the official drop-off location for letters to Santa! It is our hope to hold fun, family festivities at the Tamarack Marketplace venue throughout the month of November leading up to the LIVE auction on Friday, November 20th.

The Wonderland of Trees event is an opportunity for everyone in the community to get involved and show off their decorating skills for a great cause! Businesses, civic groups, individuals, churches, and schools are invited to participate. All trees will be set up and ready to decorate on Monday, November 2nd and participants will have until Thursday, November 5th at 12:00 pm to complete decorations.

Our amazing community members have often bought a tree and then donated it back to the United Way

The United Way will host a Business after Hours in conjunction with the Beckley - Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, November 5th and our Wonderland of Trees display will open to the public on Friday, November 6th.

Our live auction will be held on the evening of Friday, November 20th. While the trees are on display, visitors will be asked to vote for their favorite. Each vote is a $1 donation to our United Way of Southern West Virginia. During the auction we will announce the "People's Choice Award" for the tree that received the most votes!

We make every effort to provide significant marketing value for each organization that sponsors a tree.

Our amazing community members have often bought a tree and then donated it back to the United Way to be given to families who may need a tree due to a disaster, or poverty. It is a win/win for all involved!

If you are new to our event, give it a try! It's a wonderful way to get involved with our community so MARK YOU CALENDARS for Friday November 20th at 6:00pm at Tamarack!

Thank you for your time and interest in our United Way!

THE RISE OF ALPINE NOSTALGIA

One of this season's most talked-about decorating trends, Alpine Nostalgia, draws on European mountain chalets and cozy ski lodges to make a home feel warm, layered, and lived-in.

BY NICOLE LETTS

Unlike holiday décor that gets packed away in January, its signature elements, such as natural wood, wool throws, vintage landscape artwork, and soft candlelight, carry a home comfortably through the entire winter. Lean into your inner hibernating winter bear and decorate your surrounding den to capture the season's zen.

Much of the trend's appeal lies in its unfussy comfort. Think of a chalet that has weathered decades of snowstorms. Its wooden beams are knotted and worn; its floors creak underfoot, and nothing feels too precious to touch. Bringing that spirit home can be as simple as adding a carved bowl on the coffee table, tossing a chunky throw on the sofa, and sprinkling in a few plaid pillows.

The walls tell the rest of the story. Vintage landscapes of snowy peaks and evergreen forests, often found for a song at thrift stores and estate sales, look best gathered in mismatched frames, as if collected over many winters. During the holidays, pine boughs on the mantel and potted evergreens by the window carry that scenery indoors. Let them linger well beyond New Year's Day for even more warmth and aroma.

Soft light is the finishing touch. Trade bright overhead fixtures for warm lamp light or flickering candles in brass holders. You can use electric candles for longevity, but there's nothing quite like a dripping taper as it burns. The glow of low lighting is golden and flattering.

Pour a mug of cocoa, pull on your thickest socks, and settle in for a long winter's night.



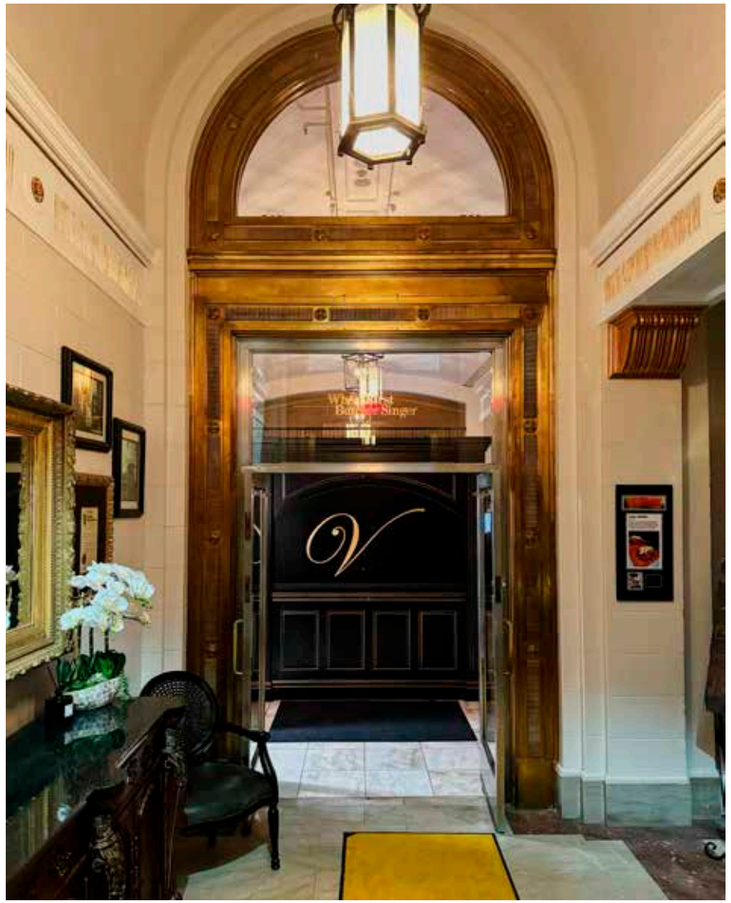




The Vault Downtown

A Taste of History - and What's Next in Bluefield

WRITTEN BY BOB COBURN





For Glade Springs residents looking for a memorable evening out, The Vault Downtown offers an experience that's anything but ordinary. Located at 401 Federal Street in Bluefield, this upscale restaurant pairs fine dining with an inviting atmosphere—and keeps it affordable.

Set inside a meticulously restored 1921 bank building, The Vault is rich in character. Ornate trim, gold leafing, romantic lighting and the original bank vault door lend warmth and historic charm to the dining room. The Cellar Lounge adds another distinctive touch: an on-site cigar bar stocked with rare finds.

Executive Chef Peter J. Zimmer leads the culinary team, bringing an international, high-end background that includes experience with Wolfgang Puck and The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas. Guests can look forward to favorites such as prime rib, fresh seafood, shrimp and grits, and low-country boils, alongside an impressive selection of wines and spirits. The Vault also hosts wine dinners, corporate events and murder mystery dinners—popular occasions that often sell out quickly.

General Manager Michael Pace oversees the restaurant for local entrepreneur and owner

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Bill Cole. For reservations, call (304) 308-6601 or book at thevaultdowntown.com.

The Cole and Pace partnership is also bringing new life to the former Bluefield Country Club and Elks Club at 1501 Whitethorn Street Extension. Now known as Club on the Green, the property is currently open for weddings and corporate events, welcoming gatherings of 20 to 300 guests in an elegant space that blends historic character with modern comfort.

The grounds carry a memorable story. On New Year's morning in 1946, a cargo plane from Washington, D.C., bound for California was forced by bad weather to land safely on the golf course at around 3 a.m. The pilot, three crew members and three passengers were unharmed. Local legend says they then joined the New Year's Eve party that was still underway.

A spring 2027 opening is planned for the golf course, called The Field in honor of that remarkable landing. Plans include an 18-hole practice putting green, a West Virginia-shaped green, a Topgolf-style elevated driving range, varied course layouts and a flight simulator. Two restaurants, The Hangar and Aviators, are also planned.

"We plan to offer a unique and first-class experience with our golf and dining," Cole says. "We're excited about what's coming!"

Learn more at clubonthegreen.com.





Holiday Light Guide

A beautifully lit home is one of the season's great pleasures, but getting there often means tangled strands, burned-out bulbs, and guessing how many lights to buy. This holiday season, we're offering some innovative solutions to making your home shine.

BY NICOLE LETTS



The first step is measuring for the space you're hoping to illuminate. If that's your roofline, doors, and windows, you'll need to measure the length of each area in feet, add those figures together, and then add a few extra feet to reach your outlet or extension cord. For shrubbery, you'll want to plan for about 100 lights for every 2 to 3 square feet of shrub (multiply each bush's height by its width to find its square footage), or opt for net lights to cover a bush quickly and evenly. If you're planning a Clark Griswold spectacle, that's a different story, and those measurements are made with the heart, not a calculator. LED bulbs are best for outdoor use, but it's your choice as to whether you use warm, cool, or colored strands.

Once your materials are gathered, it's time to hang, drape, and secure. Following the shape of your home's exterior is easy enough, but you can really make your landscape burst with light by layering strands. For bushes and small trees, wrap the interior, main trunk of the plant first before stringing strands on the exterior limbs. The layered look will create plants that almost glow from within.

At the end of the season, gently coil the strands and use twist ties or ribbon to keep them neat. For shorter strands of lights, wrapping paper or paper towel tubes come in handy. Cut a small slit on one end of the cardboard tube and place the plug inside the slit so it rests inside the tube. Then, wrap the remaining lights around the outside of the tube before tucking the other end of the lights into the other end of the tube.











Hallmark Holidays

Every year, millions of viewers watch small-town Christmas romances, and a growing number are booking trips to the real places behind them. This holiday season, hop in your sleigh and jingle all the way to these charming destinations.

BY NICOLE LETTS

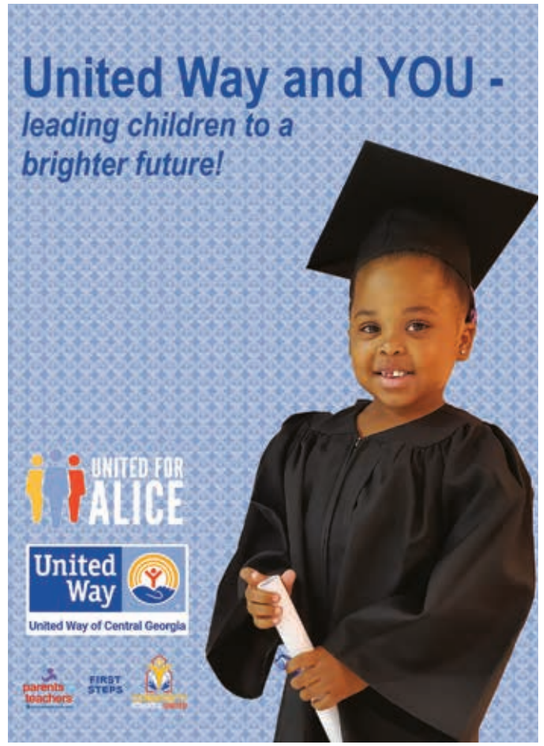
HERMANN, MISSOURI Founded in 1836 by German settlers, Hermann, Missouri, feels like a slice of Germany's Rhineland transplanted to the Midwest. Visitors can sip wine made from local grapes at Stone Hill Winery, and no German town is complete without a brewery like Tin Mill Brewery, which pours German-style lagers inside a century-old mill downtown. Nearby, the 250-acre Hermann Farm offers tram tours, gin crafted from botanicals grown on site, and the chance to see gentle Shire draft horses up close. Come the holidays, horse-drawn surreys, cozy pop-up bars, and hearty bratwurst make this river town a storybook winter escape. Therefore, it's no surprise that the town was the setting for a 2023 holiday film, A Christmas Vintage.

WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT Have a Christmas in Connecticut in this town, which comes alive as a picturesque postcard with grand historic homes lining its village streets. Visitors can shop for ornaments and gifts at The Christmas Barn, a stop along the Connecticut Christmas Movie Trail, the first trail of its kind in the country. At night, have visions of sugarplums during a stay at the Inn at Woodstock Hill. Built in 1816, it welcomes guests to 21 cozy rooms and a fireside library dining room. Bonus: it served as the fictional Kentsbury Inn in Hallmark's One Royal Holiday in 2020.

GEORGETOWN, COLORADO About 45 minutes west of Denver, Georgetown, Colorado, is a Victorian silver-mining town frozen in time. For two weekends each December, its historic streets host a Christmas market with more than 30 traveling artisans, horse-drawn wagon rides, Victorian carolers, and an Alpine Biergarten pouring local craft beer, wine, and wassail. Visitors can board the Georgetown Loop Railroad for an evening ride through a forest glowing with more than 300,000 holiday lights.







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Scents of the Season

Few things make a home feel like the holidays faster than the scent of orange, cinnamon, and pine drifting from the stove.

BY NICOLE LETTS

A SIMMER POT is an easy, meaningful gift the whole family can make (and enjoy!) together. Layer dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise, and rosemary in a mason jar for a sweet, nostalgic gift or family craft.

You'll need:

- 1 to 2 fresh oranges
- cinnamon sticks
- whole cloves
- star anise
- fresh or dried rosemary sprigs
- a pint-size mason jar with lid

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven. Set it to 200°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Slice and blot the oranges. Cut them into thin rounds, about ¼ inch thick, and press each round between paper towels to remove excess liquid. Thinner slices dry faster and more evenly. Arrange them in a single layer on the baking sheet.

3. Dry the oranges. Bake for 2 to 3 hours, flipping the slices every 30 to 45 minutes, until they're dry to the touch and slightly translucent. Let them cool completely.

4. Dry the rosemary (if using fresh). Lay the sprigs on a towel for a few days, or tuck them in the oven during the last 20 to 30 minutes with the oranges.

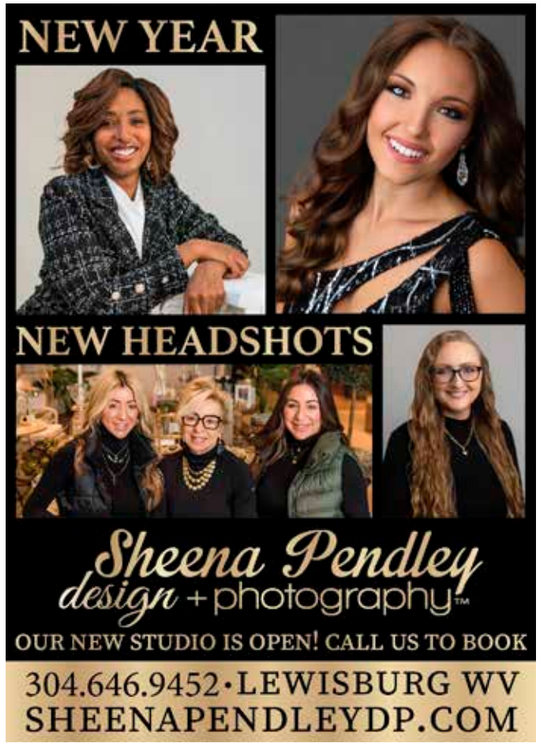
5. Start layering. Place two or three orange slices in the bottom of the jar, standing some upright against the glass so they show from the outside.

6. Add the spices. Drop in two or three cinnamon sticks, a small handful of cloves, and two or three star anise pods, and repeat the layers.

7. Seal and decorate. Screw on the lid, then tie ribbon or twine around the rim and attach a gift tag with directions for use: *Empty the jar into a saucepan, cover with 3 to 4 cups of water, and simmer on low. Add water as needed, and never leave the pot unattended*











Need. Want. Wear. Read.

How to give thoughtful, intentional gifts.

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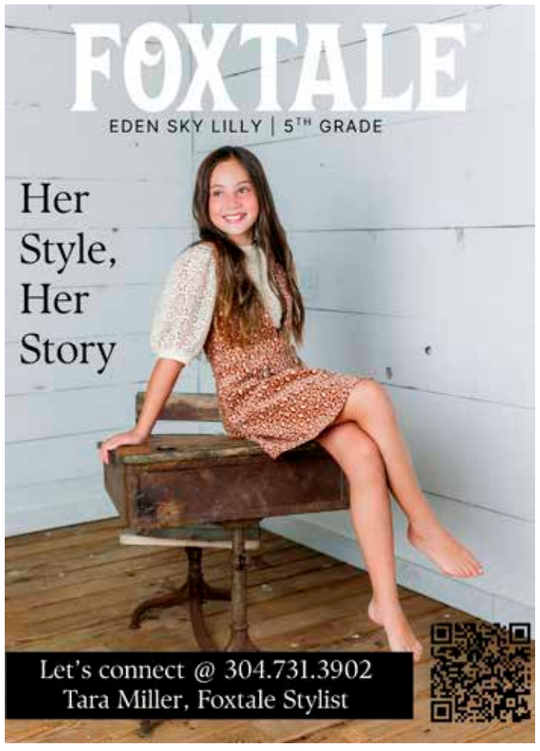
When many children can have almost anything they ask for, the holidays become a natural moment to teach them that thoughtful giving matters more than volume. Enter "want, need, wear, read," a method of gift-giving that provides each child with four meaningful presents, one from each category.

The concept first stormed onto social media in the twenty-teens and was popularized by parenting bloggers who insisted that kids value their gifts more when there are fewer of them. It also encouraged a more worldly view about the holiday season, leveling the gifting playing field a bit for households across all socioeconomic statuses.

Just as importantly, it helps families model gratitude and make deliberate choices about what they bring into their homes. Fewer gifts don't have to mean lesser ones. A "want" might be the one thing they've wished for all year; a "need," ski gear or a bike built to last; a "wear," a new pair of winter boots; and a "read," a beautifully bound classic they'll keep for decades.

One of the most important steps for implementing “want, need, wear, read” is establishing the routine and expectations. For younger children, help them form their Santa lists using each category as a guide. They can add as many specific items as their heart desires, but explain to them that the big guy is going to choose an item especially for them. As kids grow up, use the method to open the door for conversation about the differences between wants and needs, the importance of budgeting for friends and family, and how to select thoughtful presents for loved ones.

Extend the approach to grandparents and relatives by assigning each a category, or suggest a contribution to a 529 college savings plan in place of another toy. The result is a holiday that feels abundant without the excess.





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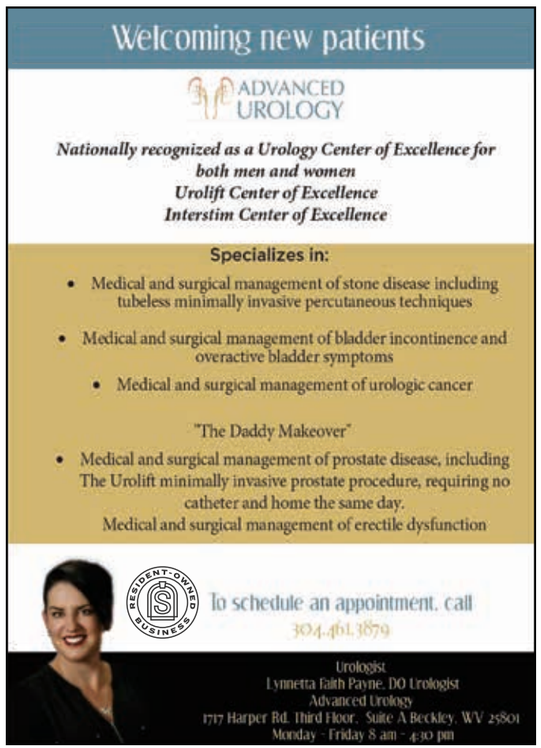




Navigating the Social Season

Between office parties, neighborhood open houses, and family gatherings, the holidays can leave even outgoing people feeling drained. For anyone prone to social anxiety, the calendar alone can overwhelm. Armed with practical tools, however, you can tackle the holiday season with confidence and ease.

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Expand Small Talk

Avoid asking questions that leave respondents reciting their résumé or offering one-word answers, and instead, make more robust inquiries. Ask about favorite holiday movies, what someone is most looking forward to in the new year, or where they'd escape to if they could skip winter entirely. These topics keep the tone conversational and fun.

Ban the Bar

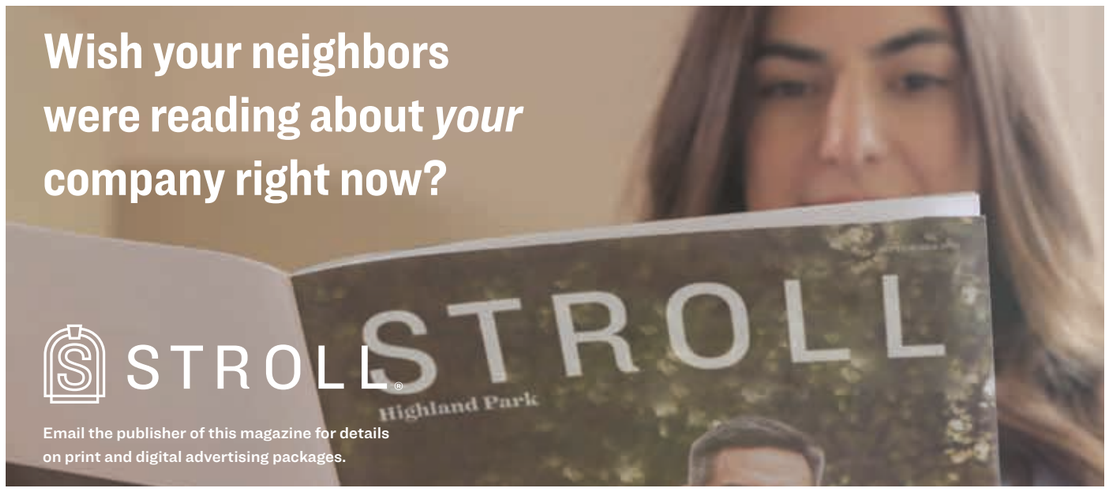
With more people choosing to drink less or not at all, many are also rediscovering what it's like to mingle without a glass in hand as a social buffer. It's okay to ask for a non-alcoholic beverage in the fancy coupe glass, so you still feel festive and included. For gatherings hosted by friends and family, offer to bring a punch to share. Provide one that's spirit-free, giving everyone a chance to sip according to their own preferences.

Decline Without Guilt

Let this be your seasonal sign: it's okay to say no. You can't attend every event you're invited to, or even every one that interests you. There's not enough time in the day to pack in every party. Politely decline with enthusiastic simplicity. It can be as concise as, "Thank you so much for the invitation! I cannot make it." Do not fall into the trap of over explaining. Recharge your social battery by protecting alone time. Light the candle. Snuggle under the cozy blanket. Turn all of the lights off and enjoy the ambiance of the tree's glow. Then return to the festivities later refreshed and ready to enjoy them.







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117 Ludlow Lane	Stonehaven	$315,500	$310,000	05/27/26	3	2.5	2,641	2 Car	$117.38
105 Robert Way	Stonehaven	$545,000	$545,000	10/09/26	4	4	3,314	2 Car	$164.46
571 Barnstaple Drive	Stonehaven	$549,500	$525,000	05/15/26	4	2.5	3,757	2 Car	$139.78







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