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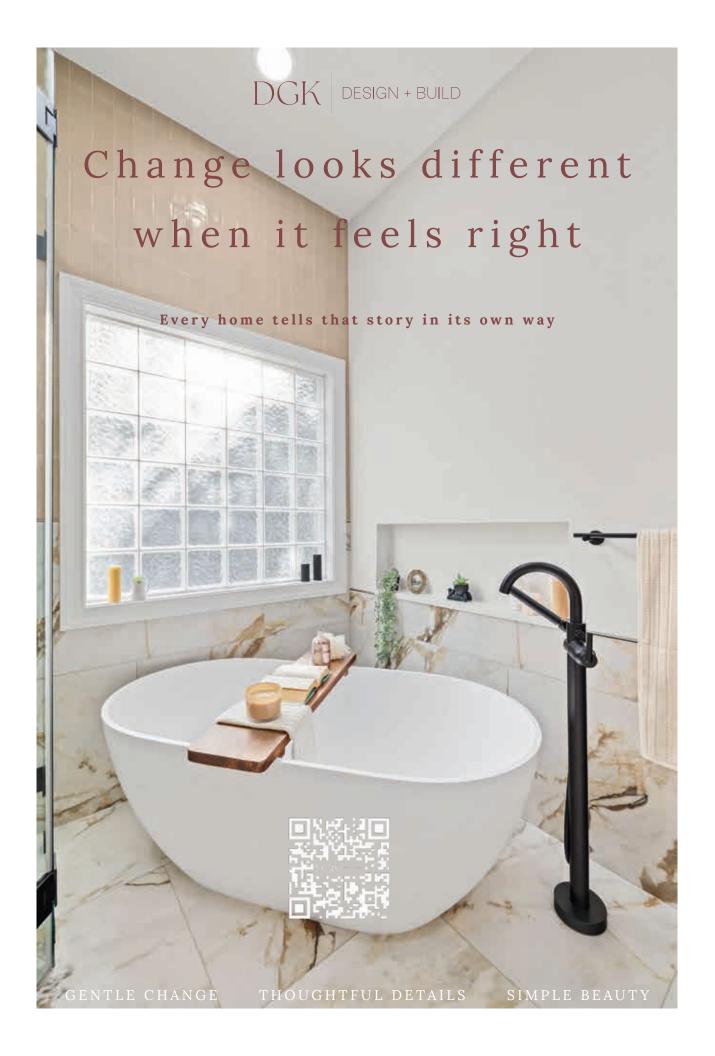
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In my family, those timeless customs anchor us to the past. There's something grounding about the smell of roasting turkey filling the house or the sound of football on in the background. Those rituals remind us that even as the world rushes forward, some moments deserve to slow down.

But Thanksgiving has also changed with the times. Today, we see as many Friendsgivings as family feasts, menus with vegan sides or smoked turkeys and tables that might feature queso dip next to the mashed potatoes. We might toast with craft cocktails, share gratitude lists before dessert and capture the day with group selfies instead of camcorder footage.

Whether your Thanksgiving leans old-school or modern—or a mix of both—it's really about gathering with people who make you feel at home. Maybe it's around a formal table, or maybe it's outdoors around a fire pit with a football game and laughter carrying into the night. The beauty of this holiday is that it adapts, yet it always circles back to gratitude.

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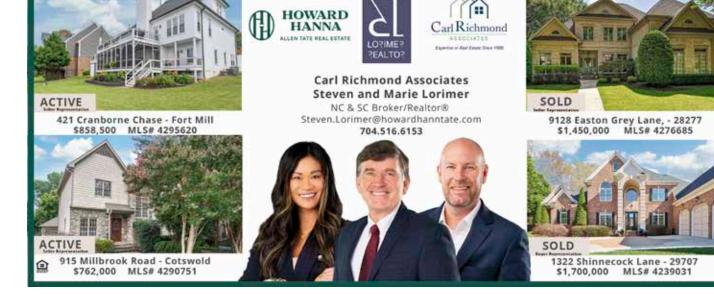
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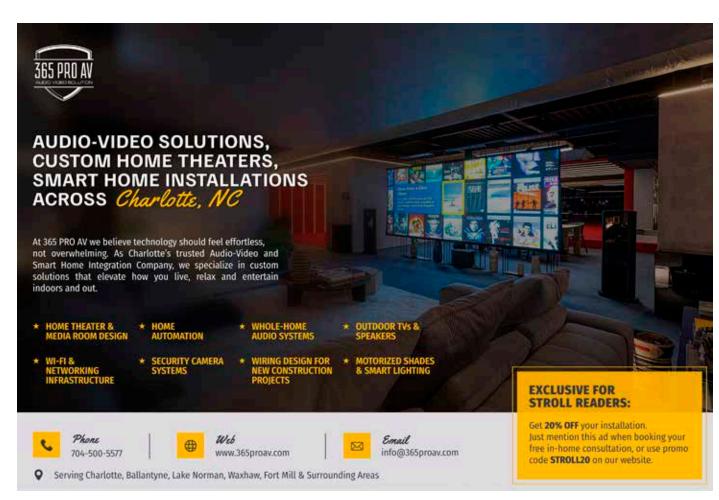
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first met in London when Ashlee was completing her master's degree at the University of Westminster. Ironically, their very first date was at a restaurant called Madison's—a fitting sign of where their story began. After years abroad, the couple decided to make Charlotte their new home, with Ballantyne Country Club offering the perfect blend of community and connection. Rob works in tech for Wells Fargo, and Ashlee works in HR transformation for a law firm based in the U.K.

The neighborhood has been more welcoming than they could have imagined. "Especially when you don't have kids, it can be hard to meet people," Ashlee admits. "But everyone here has been so friendly, and we're so glad we picked this neighborhood." Joining the country club and some of its smaller groups has helped them quickly make friends and put down roots.

Life for Ashlee and Rob revolves around Benji and Bruno, both German shepherds with plenty of energy. Hiking trails, walks and weekend outings are part of their rhythm. When they're not outdoors, the couple loves traveling they've already explored about 50 countries together. Their favorite memories include witnessing the birth of a baby elephant during a South African safari, with the herd trumpeting in celebration. "It's quite rare to see," Ashlee and Rob share, "so we felt really lucky to witness such a special moment." Japan and Argentina also rank among their most memorable adventures.

Food and culture are another big part of their lives. From cooking curries inspired by their travels to Rob's Britishstyle Sunday roasts, the kitchen is a hub of activity. They've also been busy discovering Charlotte's restaurants, with Supperland and Fig Tree topping their list so far. Rob has even set a lighthearted goal to experience quintessentially American dining, ticking off spots like Applebee's, Waffle House and Olive Garden.

Sports are a lively topic in their home. Weekends often revolve around Premier League football, with Ashlee cheering for Arsenal and Rob backing Manchester United—though they come together to support Charlotte FC and Ashlee's beloved Green Bay Packers (the





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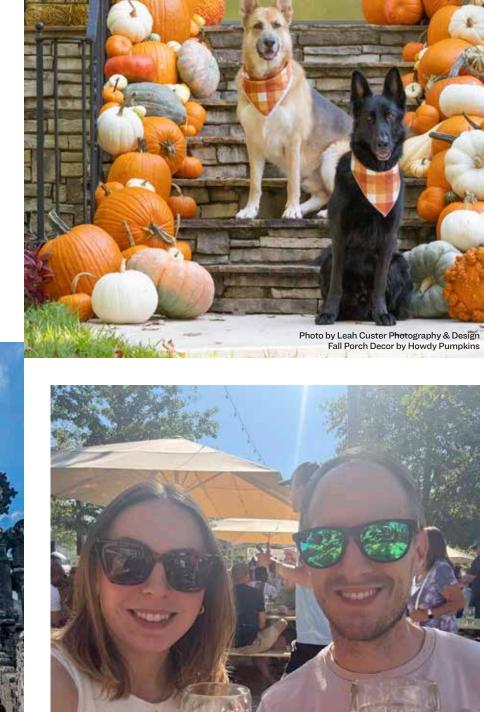


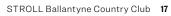
dogs even sport matching jerseys). Golf is another shared passion, though once again, loyalties split when it comes to Ryder Cup teams.

At the end of a busy day, relaxation might mean a glass of wine and a favorite TV series—Succession, Schitt's Creek or Peaky Blinders—or perhaps a well-crafted cocktail, whisky for Rob and a gin and tonic for Ashlee. Their differences in movie tastes usually mean settling on a good horror film, though Ashlee still hopes to convince Rob to finally sit down for a *Harry Potter* marathon—especially since parts were filmed at his old school.

As they celebrate their first year in Ballantyne Country Club, Ashlee and Rob are grateful to be part of such a warm, welcoming neighborhood. "We've been so fortunate to have amazing neighbors," Ashlee says. "It's been a lovely first year."

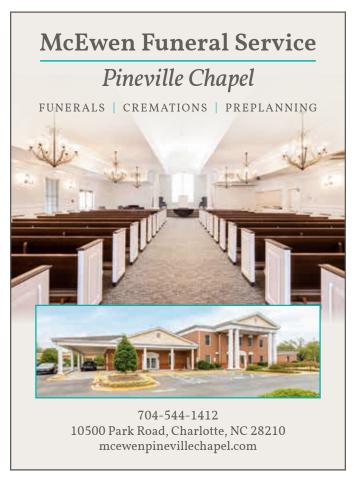
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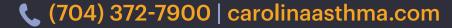
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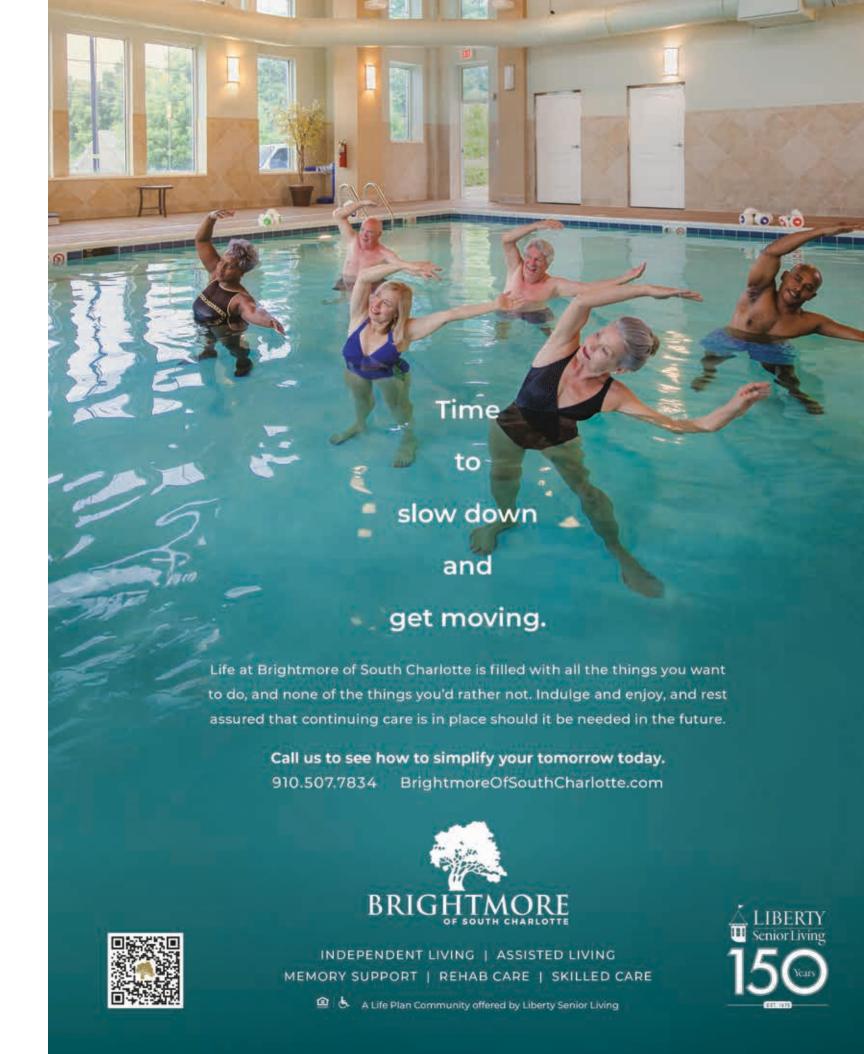
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our family," says Chef Richard. "For us,
food is an act of love."

As the restaurant heads into the holiday season, Zinicola's fall menu brings an enticing mix of comforting classics and elegant new creations. Among the new standouts is the *Funghi Pizza*, layered with a velvety mushroom purée, wild mushrooms, caramelized





"We incorporate the flavors of each season and serve our guests like we would our family. For us, food is an act of love." – Chef Richard Cranmer

onions, goat cheese, truffle and a drizzle of balsamic glaze—a rich, earthy homage to autumn. Another new favorite, *Nonna's Lasagna*, pays tribute to Chef Richard's grandmother with a deeply satisfying blend of Bolognese, béchamel, Parmesan and tomato sauce. And for guests looking to indulge in a hearty entrée, the new *Butcher Cuts* section showcases expertly prepared premium meats—such as a 12-ounce grass-fed ribeye, filet mignon, veal chop or bison NY strip—each accompanied by a Milanese salad and your choice of red wine demi, gorgonzola compound butter or salsa verde.

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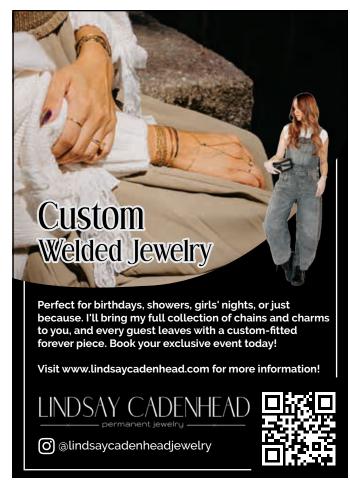
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Melissa shares that the living room is her favorite space in the house. With open views of both the front and back yards and direct connection to the terrace and kitchen, it serves as the hub of family activity. "We're able to keep up with the comings and goings of our boys when they're at home," she explains, noting that it's where daily life and family togetherness naturally come together.

Beyond their home, the Whites appreciate everything BCC has to offer. "We love the location, the quiet calm of the neighborhood, the friendliness of our neighbors and the activities and opportunities BCC provides for us to spend time together as a family," says Melissa.

Their renovations have not only refreshed the home's style but also reinforced its role as the warm, welcoming center of family life—a perfect fit for the community they love.

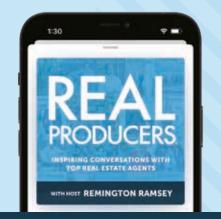
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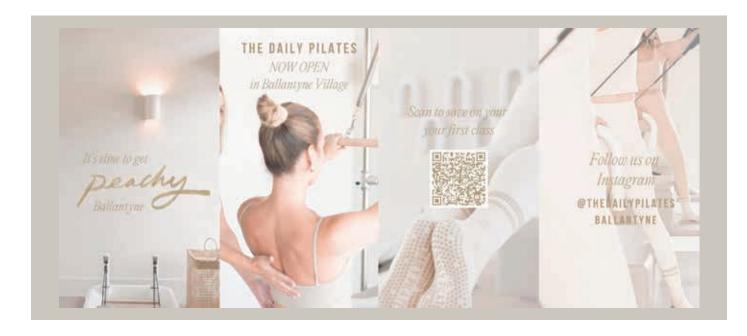
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Santa Paws founder Ashley Horton and family

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Bringing holiday cheer one paw at a time

The holiday spirit is going to the dogs (and cats!) at the 4th Annual Santa Paws Photo Event, taking place Sunday, November 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Back Veranda at Ballantyne Country Club. This beloved community tradition invites families and their furry friends to capture a festive photo with Santa all while giving back to animals in need.

For just a \$10 donation, guests receive a professional holiday photo by Dare Visual Media, with 100% of proceeds benefiting Carolina Boxer Rescue. The event is hosted and sponsored by Ashley Horton of Premier Sotheby's International Realty, who founded Santa Paws to combine her love of animals with her passion for community.

"Santa Paws began with a simple idea: create a joyful moment with our pets and turn it into real help for animals who need it," says Ashley. "Last year, we photographed more than 100 pets, and the energy was incredible. This year, I'm setting a bold goal to double the funds we raise."

Volunteers and adoptable dogs from Carolina Boxer Rescue will be on-site to spread holiday joy, and neighbors are contributing raffle baskets and gifts to make the afternoon extra special. The event is designed to be welcoming for all pets, with volunteers available to assist and a separate entrance for anxious or special-needs animals.

So leash up your pup (or crate your kitty) and join in this heartwarming holiday celebration that truly makes a difference.





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# **Connecting the Gap**

Building hope and healing for grieving children

IN THE UNITED STATES, one in 11 children will experience the death of a parent or sibling before turning 18—a reality that often leaves them vulnerable to academic struggles, mental health challenges and feelings of isolation. Quaneka Falls Edmonds is determined to change that narrative by creating safe spaces for youth to be seen, supported and connected.

Quaneka is the founder of Connecting the Gap, a Charlotte-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers youth and young adults up to age 22 who have lost a parent or guardian. Through intentional programming, mentorship and community partnerships, Connecting the Gap addresses not only the

emotional impact of grief but also the mental, relational and economic challenges that come with it.

Quaneka believes healing is not something that happens in isolation; it requires community. She has made it her mission to remind families that they are not forgotten, while calling on the broader community to step in with support, compassion and resources. Under her leadership, Connecting the Gap has become a safe space where families find hope, belonging and the tools they need to thrive despite life-altering loss.

Some of Connecting the Gap's highlighted partners include United Way of Greater Charlotte, BetterHelp, The Harvest Center, Beds for Kids and Canopy





#### **ABOUT QUANEKA** FALLS EDMONDS

Quaneka Falls Edmonds is a compassionate leader and grief advocate dedicated to bringing awareness to the unique challenges faced by young people grieving the loss of a parent. Her own journey began at 14 when she lost her mother, an experience that ignited her passion to ensure no child has to navigate grief alone. In addition to her nonprofit work, Quaneka is the founder of Harper McKenzie Consulting™, where she coaches and motivates women to rise through adversity. Known for her bold and authentic voice, she encourages others to transform pain into power and to live resilient, purpose-driven lives. A graduate of UNC Wilmington with a degree in community health education and a master's in healthcare administration, Quaneka is also a proud mother of two.

Housing Foundation. These partnerships expand the reach of services and ensure that grieving children and families have access to resources that restore stability, healing and hope.

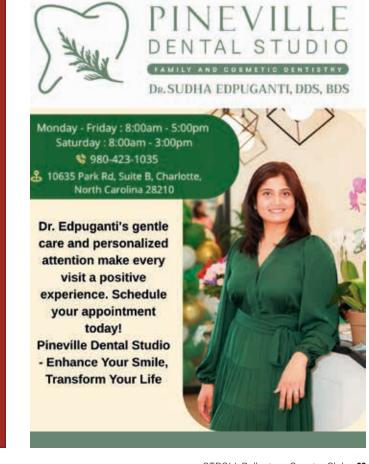
As we honor Youth Grief Awareness Month this November, she invites the community to stand with grieving children and families. Consider supporting Connecting the Gap through your end-of-year giving—because together, we can build a future where no child grieves alone.

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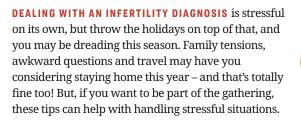


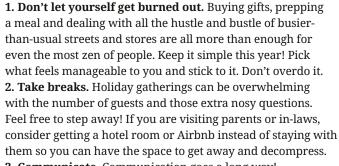
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BY DR. DEIDRE DOWNS





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For husband-and-wife team Alberto and Shelley Benitez, the idea of creating a luxury travel company was first imagined decades ago—over 30 years, to be exact. Life, however, had other plans. While Shelley dedicated herself to raising their family, Alberto built a successful career in professional sales, one that allowed him to travel the world and experience some of the most exclusive destinations imaginable.

It was during these journeys that the foundation of The Elegance of Travel began to take shape. One unforgettable moment occurred at The



St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, California. "It was my first true taste of elegance and exclusivity," Alberto recalls. "Walking through the veranda, seeing the Pacific stretch endlessly before me—it was pure magic." During his stay, NBC was filming the pilot for the show Las Vegas, starring James Caan and Josh Duhamel. Alberto even found himself mingling among the cast and crew. That same evening, his company hosted a private Classic Rockers Concert featuring members of Journey, Toto, The Eagles and Lynyrd Skynyrd—an experience that would leave a lasting impression.

Another defining moment came at Disney's EPCOT, where Alberto attended a private dinner inside The American Pavilion after the park had closed. "It was a surreal experience," he says. Decades later, Shelley had the opportunity to enjoy that same VIP experience herself—front and center for EPCOT's fireworks spectacular, in a section closed to the general public.

Yet, as exclusive as those experiences were, something was missing. "My wife," Alberto explains. "Many of those events didn't allow spouses, and no matter how incredible the setting, it never felt complete."

That realization inspired The Elegance of Travel—a company designed

to create not just luxury getaways, but deeply personal experiences meant to be shared. "We understand how important it is to create moments together," says Shelley. "That's the foundation of everything we do."

Today, The Elegance of Travel curates bespoke journeys for discerning clients, working only with 4- and 5-star vetted partners who meet their exacting standards. "If we wouldn't stay there ourselves, we won't send our clients there," Alberto emphasizes. "No matter how much a property offers to pay us, we refuse to compromise our clients' trust. That's what sets us apart from a Google search or a travel website."

Their clients enjoy once-in-alifetime experiences—whether it's a sunrise hot air balloon ride over Tuscany, a private candlelit dinner on a secluded beach, a personal chef and butler in a private villa or driving a Ferrari through the European Alps.

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Marketing Company owner, even offered to visit the Benitez home to host a private cooking class for their top clients this coming February—shipping ingredients from his own garden and wines from his private cellar. "That's not something you'll ever find online," Alberto smiles. "It's about who you know—and the trust you build."

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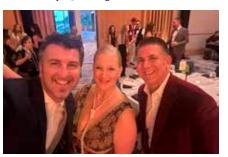


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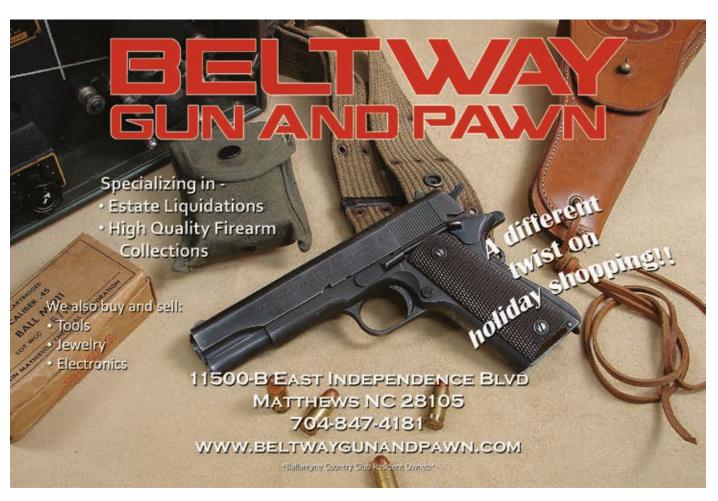


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rdrey Kell senior Katie Leonard has spent much of her life leading from the sidelines and competing on the field. An athlete with both spirit and strength, Katie has built a reputation as a dedicated teammate, a good friend and someone who always brings fun to her teams.

As the youngest of Beth and Rob Leonard's four children, Katie is following in the footsteps of her siblings—Connor, Emma and Matthew.

Katie's athletic journey began as a toddler in dance and soccer. In kindergarten she joined competitive cheer with Cheer Extreme and later Cheer Athletics. Her years of training paid off in 8th grade when her level 6 team captured the prestigious Worlds title—a memory that remains one of her proudest moments. At Ardrey Kell, she has cheered for both varsity football and basketball throughout all four years of high school, proudly taking the position of flyer. In addition, Katie has loved playing lacrosse, starting on junior varsity before earning her spot on the varsity defense line during her junior and senior years.

For Katie, sports have always been about more than competition. Getting ready with her friends before games is one of her favorite traditions, reflecting her love of team camaraderie. That same spirit is what her coaches and peers admire most. And as her mom Beth says, "What I admire most about Katie is not just her drive, but the joy and teamwork she brings. She works hard, loves her teammates and has fun while doing it!"

Outside of athletics, Katie balances academics, babysitting, volunteering at Piedmont Overlook Assisted Living and spending time with friends. She encourages







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## Napa **Bistro &** Wine Bar

Bringing California flavor to Stonecrest

BY CONTENT COORDINATOR DELIA MCMULLEN

or Jeff and Paula Conway, food has always been more than a meal it's a way to connect, celebrate and build community. After moving to Charlotte in 2005, the couple quickly fell in love with the Carolinas' warmth and hospitality. In 2012, they opened their first restaurant, Napa on Providence, inspired by a life-changing trip to California's wine country. More than a decade later, their newest concept - Napa Bistro & Wine Bar at Stonecrest – brings that same passion for fresh, seasonal cuisine and relaxed sophistication to Ballantyne. Open for lunch and dinner, the new restaurant is located at Stonecrest, near the Regal Theatres.

"Ballantyne feels like home," shares Paula. "It's where we've raised our family, made friends and truly become part of the community. Opening here feels like a full-circle moment."

Drawing inspiration from Napa Valley's easy elegance, the Conways have created a dining experience that blends California freshness with Southern hospitality. The bistro's menu changes with the seasons, offering chefdriven dishes that highlight the best local ingredients. Guests can expect a mix of comforting classics and creative new favorites—all designed to pair beautifully with an ever-evolving wine list curated by their expert team.

What truly sets Napa Bistro apart is its atmosphere: sophisticated yet approachable, where guests can celebrate milestones or simply unwind after a long day. "We wanted to create

a space that feels special but never stuffy," says Jeff. "You can enjoy a fantastic meal and a great glass of wine without any pretense."

The Conways' belief in genuine hospitality extends beyond the restaurant's walls. "Slow down, share a meal and make time for the people who matter," Paula advises. "That's where real connection happens." Their approach to business—and to life—is rooted in care, quality and consistency.

As they open their doors to the Ballantyne community, Jeff and Paula hope Napa Bistro & Wine Bar becomes a gathering place for neighbors—a spot where friendships are forged, milestones celebrated and memories made. "Every detail, from the food to the music to the greeting at the door, is meant to make you feel like you're coming home," Paula says.

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#### A TASTE OF NAPA

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At Napa Bistro & Wine Bar, every detail is designed to evoke the warmth and ease of California wine country. The menu highlights seasonal ingredients with dishes like pan-roasted salmon, woodfired flatbreads topped with local produce, butternut squash ravioli and indulgent beef bourguignon. The rotating wine list offers a journey for every palate-from crisp Sauvignon Blancs and velvety Pinot Noirs to bold Cabernets sourced from both California and beyond. Each selection is handpicked to complement the menu and elevate the dining experience.

"It's about creating a moment. Whether you're celebrating or just catching up with friends, we want every guest to feel cared for."

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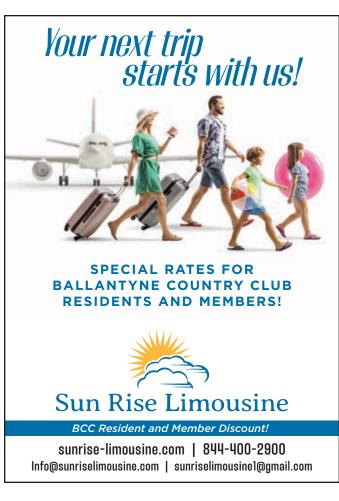
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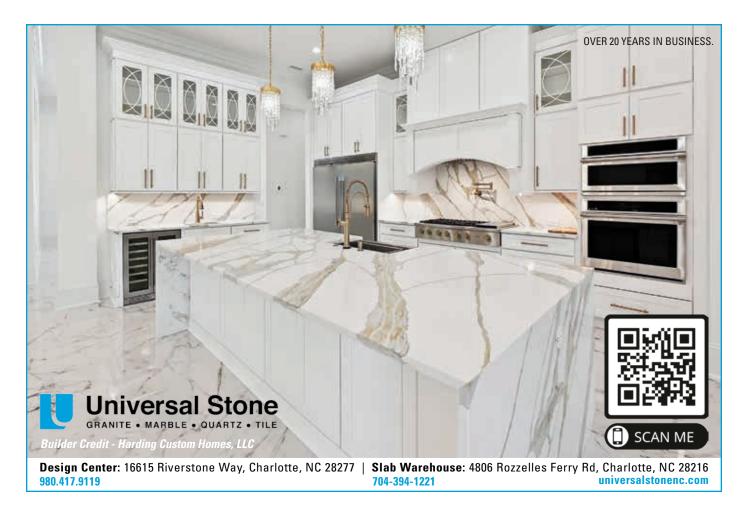




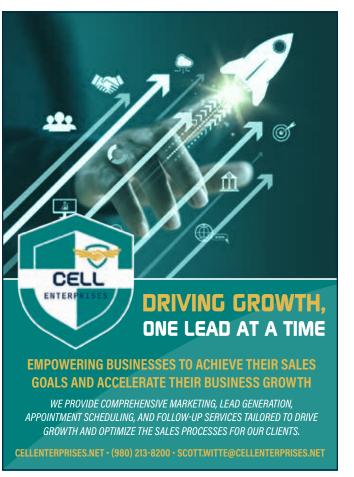


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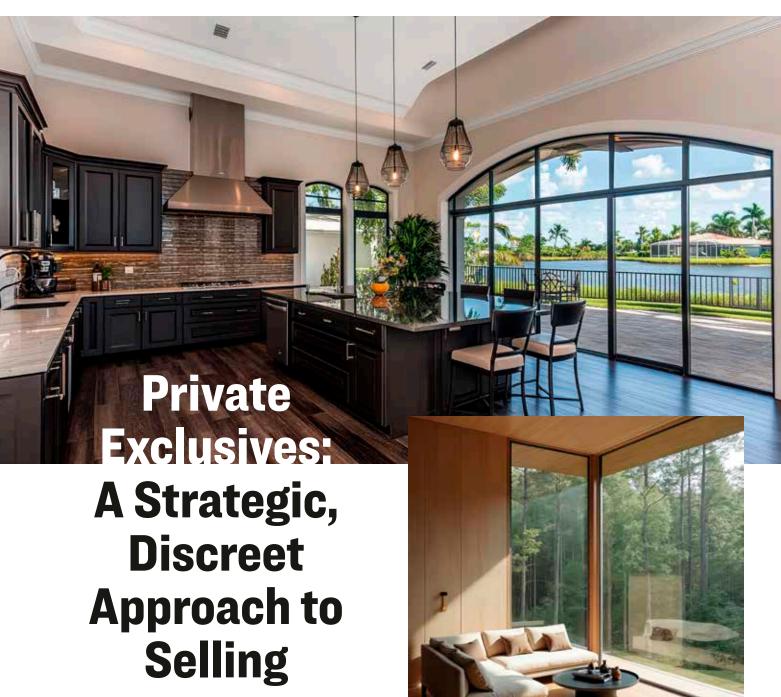


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Advice from Tom Brennan, Realtor, Compass



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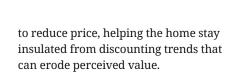
a meaningful difference. "Private Exclusives" are designed to give sellers more control over their listing process by facilitating a "soft launch" of their property before going fully public.

#### What Are Private Exclusives?

A Private Exclusive is essentially an offmarket or semi-off-market listing that's initially shared only with prequalified buyers, rather than publicly listed on MLS or major real estate sites. During this phase, the home is not fully exposed to the wider public, protecting its market positioning and giving the seller breathing room for final touches, corrections or pricing adjustments. The goal is to validate pricing, generate interest quietly and build momentum in a controlled environment before transitioning to broader marketing phases.

#### **Advantages & Benefits**

Price Validation without Public Pressure: Because the listing isn't on public sites or tracked with "days on market," the seller avoids early stigma or pressure



#### **Privacy & Discretion:**

For sellers who want to control the timing or restrict exposure—for example, during home renovations or while coordinating logistics—the Private Exclusive stage allows showings by invitation only, rather than open house crowds.

#### **Early Demand Generation:**

By leveraging an extensive network of agents and vetted buyers, a property

can attract serious interest even before it's public.

#### **Proven Performance Metrics:**

Homes pre-marketed via Private Exclusive and similar "Coming Soon" programs tend to sell at higher prices (about 2.9% on average) compared to homes listed directly to the public, as well as contracting faster and being less likely to require price drops.

#### The 3-Phase Strategy

Private Exclusives are often embedded into a structured three-phase marketing strategy:

- Phase 1 Private Exclusive:
   Quiet validation, early interest,
   zero public days on market
- Phase 2 Coming Soon: A controlled partial preview to generate anticipation
- Phase 3 Public Listing: Full exposure on public sites when the home is market-ready, backed by pricing insights and buyer data from earlier phases

Sellers can tailor which phases they use based on their tolerance for time, exposure and risk.

#### **Considerations & Caveats**

While there's clear upside, Private Exclusives aren't appropriate for every home or market. Because the exposure is limited in the initial phase, there's some risk of missing out on broader buyer interest early on. Also, the reported performance advantages (like 2.9% higher closing price) are based on internal data and may not fully generalize to all markets or conditions.

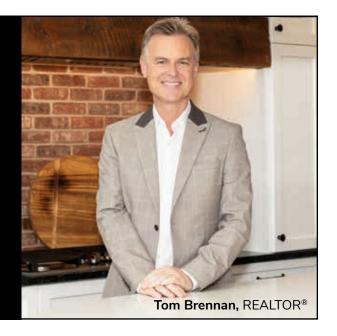
Ultimately, Private Exclusives represent a flexible, strategic tool for sellers who want to manage risk, test pricing and ease into the full listing process. When used judiciously, they can preserve value, reduce pressure and help stage a property's market debut more confidently. Compass offers this approach for sellers seeking a more controlled, discreet way to market their home.

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ADHD is characterized by patterns of inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity that interfere with daily functioning. These behaviors can manifest differently across individuals and may evolve over time. While often diagnosed in childhood, ADHD can persist into adulthood, sometimes remaining undiagnosed until later in life.

#### **RECOGNIZING ADHD SYMPTOMS**

In Children:

- Difficulty remaining seated or quiet
- Excessive talking or fidgeting
- Impulsiveness and risktaking behaviors
- Challenges in completing tasks or following instructions

In Adults:

- Chronic disorganization and forgetfulness
- Procrastination and poor time management
- · Impulsivity in decision-making
- Difficulty maintaining focus during conversations or meetings

Symptoms can vary based on age and individual circumstances.

#### **ADHD PREVALENCE: BY THE NUMBERS**

Understanding the prevalence of ADHD can help contextualize its impact:

- Children: Approximately 11.4% (7.1 million) of US children aged 3 to 17 have been diagnosed with ADHD.
- Adults: An estimated 6.0% (15.5 million) of US adults have a current diagnosis of ADHD.
- Gender Differences: Boys are more likely to be diagnosed than girls, with a prevalence of 14.5% compared to 8.0% among girls.
- Age Variations: Children aged 12 to 17 years have a higher

those aged 5 to 11 years (8.6%).

#### TREATMENT APPROACHES

Treatment plans are personalized, integrating evidence-based strategies:

- Medication Management: Prescribing and monitoring medications to help manage symptoms
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Coffee with a Cop creates space for open dialogue in

a relaxed setting, where residents can ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers who help keep our community safe. Events aren't on a fixed schedule, but updates are regularly shared via Stroll, CMPD Facebook page, the City of Charlotte website and the official Coffee with a Cop page.

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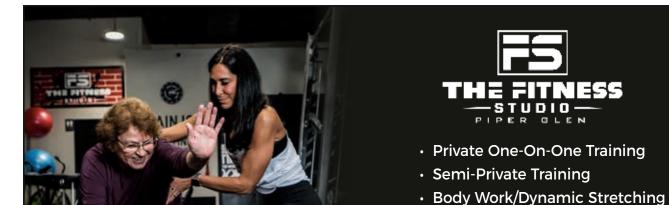
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A flavorful blend of sweet, savory and crunchy this festive side adds color and warmth to any Thanksgiving table.

BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER JOHN MCMULLEN

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 1/2 lb (700g) Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup chopped dried cranberries
- ¼ cup (60ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- · Kosher salt and fresh cracked black pepper
- 1/4 cup (60ml) honey
- 1/3 cup (80ml) balsamic vinegar
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- · Fresh rosemary, for garnish

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Preheat your oven to 450°. Toss Brussels sprouts and oil in a large bowl; season with salt and black pepper. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Arrange Brussels sprouts cut side down on one side of the baking sheet. Roast until softened and deeply browned, approximately 20 to 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, bring honey to a simmer over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring often with a wooden spoon, until honey is a deep amber color but not burned, 3 to 4 minutes.



Remove honey from heat and add balsamic vinegar and red pepper flakes (if using) and whisk until smooth. Be careful - it can make bubbles when you add balsamic. Return the saucepan to medium heat, add butter and a pinch of salt. Cook, whisking constantly, until the balsamic honey glaze is glossy, bubbling and slightly thickened, about 3 to 4 minutes.

Transfer roasted Brussels sprouts to a large bowl. Add glaze, pecans and dried cranberries and toss to combine. Transfer to a platter or a serving bowl and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs. Enjoy!

> To share a recipe, please email Delia at ballantyne@strollmag.com

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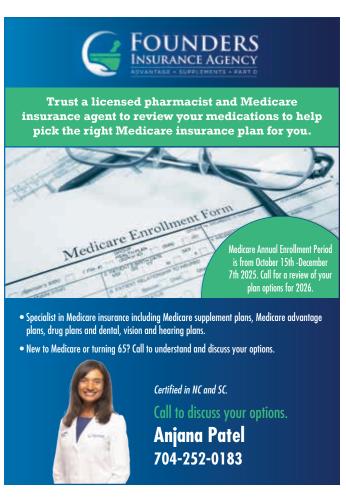
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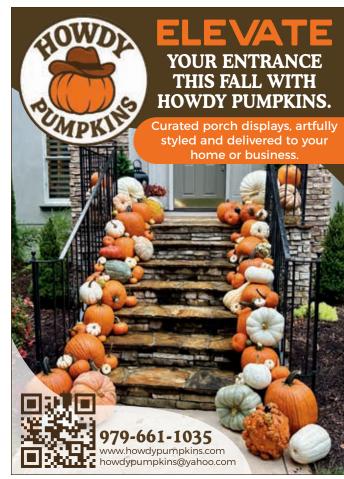
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Stroll Ballantyne Country Club is your neighborhood publication. Break out your cameras and share your pictures with us for our December 2025 issue. Please send pictures to Delia at ballantyne@strollmag.com for our next issue (November 5 deadline for the December issue, December 5 deadline for the January issue). Pictures need to be 1 MB or larger to be of good print quality.

Attention Students - We are looking for Resident Reporters for Stroll BCC! Build a stronger resume and gain experience writing by joining our staff! We need students to take photos around the neighborhood and write articles on the people, places and events in our community. Please email ballantyne@strollmag. com for more info!

#### Here are a few suggestions for photo submissions:

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