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The Spring Hill Chamber celebrates Spring Hill Haven with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 8. Learn more about this short-term rental at **springhillhaven.com**.





SCOTT BERNARD LIVE WITH KENNY LOGGINS

Spring Hill resident Scott Bernard (featured in our March edition) (https://springhilllocal.com/favorite-features) is on the road with Kenny Loggins for the "Kenny Loggins: This Is It! His Final Tour 2023". The tour is making a stop at the FirstBank Amphitheater on May 11. Tickets are available now on Ticketmaster.



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LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED BY UT COLLEGE OF NURSING

The University of Tennessee, College of Nursing is wrapping up a yearlong celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. Within the centerpiece of this momentous anniversary was the College of Nursing's 50th Anniversary Gala, where they recognized and honored 50 Vol Nurses.

Vicki Bechet, a Spring Hill resident and 1978 College of Nursing graduate, received one of the awards during the 50th Anniversary Gala on February 25 in Knoxville.

A lifelong community volunteer, primarily with the 132-year-old GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs), she is a 4th-generation member, following in the footsteps of her great-grandmother, grandmother, and mother, joining her first club in 1980. She served in multiple leadership positions at all levels, including TN Director of Junior Clubs 1994-96, and recently completed her term as President of the GFWC of TN during 2020-2022. During Bechet's state leadership positions, she represented Tennessee while serving on the GFWC International Board of Directors.

Bechet founded the local GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club in 2010, serving as the club's first President, formed the GFWC Maury County Women's Club in 2019, and reactivated the GFWC Clarksville Woman's Club in 2021.

On a more personal note, she is married and has four children and five grandchildren in a blended family. Now retired, she and her husband Frank enjoy traveling by cruising and "glamping" in their RV.



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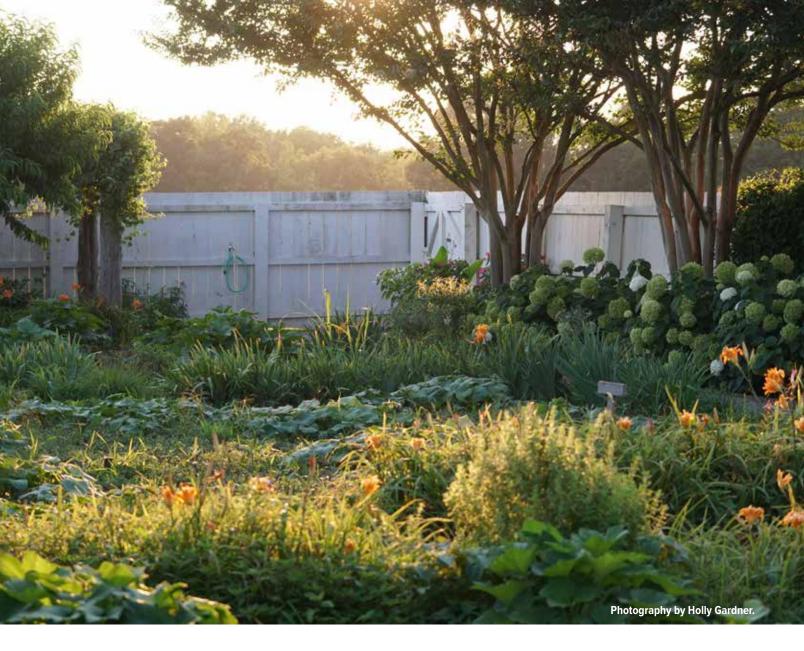
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Like so many communities across the country, Williamson County has a dedicated group of Master Gardeners with a passion for gardening and an interest in sharing what they know with others.

"The goal is primarily education for the public," says Matt Bergstrom, President of the Williamson County Master Gardener Association. "So, a lot of what we do is volunteer at and help maintain public gardens. The Master Gardeners in our area are involved in Carnton Plantation and the period garden they have there, at the Carter House, and the Giving Garden at Franklin United Methodist Church."

While each gardener may have varied interests, some with just a small garden at home, others with more extensive, more beautiful gardens, nearly all volunteer at one of those public gardens.

"It's definitely a labor of love," Bergstrom explains. "It's something we want people to know about because we've all experienced the benefits of gardening and being outside and the importance of nature. And it helps the public see and learn about the importance of sustainability and things like that."

The term "master gardener" can be a little intimidating, but anyone can apply to take the class. Offered through universities,

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"It's all through the UT Extension office, so it's all university-level information," Bergstrom says. "It's all been vetted and tested, so you're getting the best, true-for-Tennessee gardening information which is something we have to work against a little bit with the internet these days. You'll read a gardening article online not realizing it's from somebody in Oregon or somewhere else,

which is completely different than growing something in Middle Tennessee."

Master Gardner Jack Melnick agrees.

"I'm from Ohio, and gardening down here is quite a bit different than it is in Ohio. The time period's different; it's longer than up north. The weather is different; you're in a different time zone."

People become Master Gardeners at different points in their lives. For Melnick, it came after retirement. He enjoys the opportunity to share his knowledge, but continues to learn by working in public gardens like the one at Carnton Plantation in Franklin.

"The Carnton Plantation has a huge garden that was main-

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tained back in the day, and that's where I started. Then, a couple of years later, they wanted to recreate the Slave Garden down where the slave quarters were because they had their own garden, so I kind of took that over. People come and visit, and they're always asking questions and are surprised by what we're growing. We grow tomatoes, the same tomatoes they grew back then, okra, and we've even planted cotton there. It's pretty interesting."

Williamson County's Master Gardeners stay busy with a host of different projects, and since they're all volunteers, they need to raise the funds to support those projects.

How do I become a Master Gardener in Williamson County?

Being certified as a Master Gardener in Tennessee requires completion of the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener course (for a fee of \$150, which includes the Tennessee Master Gardener Handbook) and 40 hours of volunteerism. In subsequent years, 25 hours of volunteer service, \$20 in membership dues and 8 hours of continued education are required in order to remain in "good standing." The course is organized around weekly lectures, with some workshops, field trips and projects. It takes place over 15 weeks beginning in January of each year. Evening classes are offered in odd numbered years (2021, 2023), and day classes are offered in even numbered years (2022, 2024). Visit wcmga.net/ for more info.





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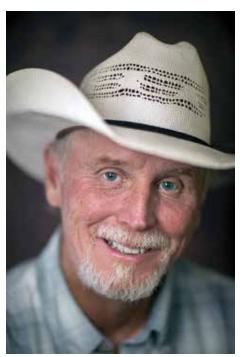
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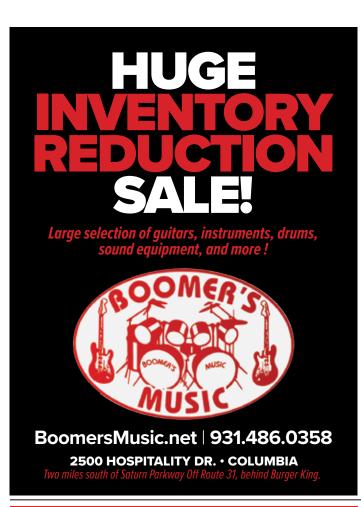


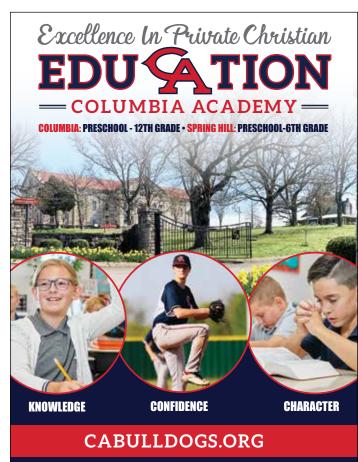
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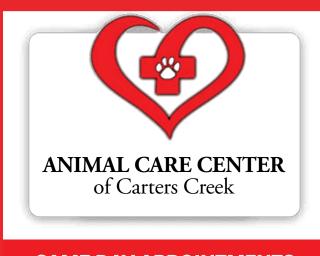
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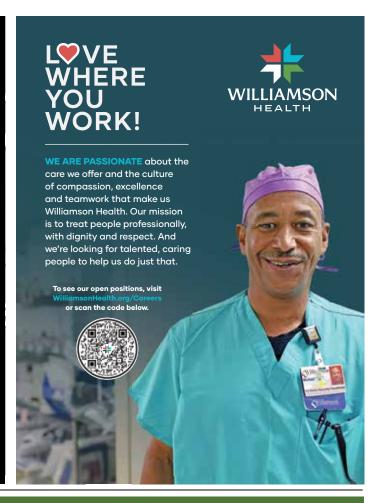
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BY JASON ZASKY

"People want to age in a home-like environment," begins Donna Stephens, executive director at The Goldton, an upbeat senior living retirement community that helps residents maintain an active lifestyle. A large percentage of the residents come for the socialization and to be part of a community, and because "they don't want to cook and clean anymore," adds Stephens.

That said, The Goldton's assisted living residents can choose to live in a studio apartment or a one- or two-bedroom while taking advantage of all the amenities and activities the community offers. That includes everything from exercise classes to competitive games, as well as in-house movies and religious services. Not to

mention outings to local stores and shops, as well as a daily Happy Hour, for those residents who want a glass of wine or beer.

The Goldton—located on Miles Johnson Parkway—also hosts Spring Hill Cars & Coffee every fourth Saturday, and there is a fair amount of live music.

"I play piano and sing a couple times a month, having been in Christian music before coming into healthcare," says Stephens. "Our bus driver is a retired music minister and has a choir called the Gold Tones, and I play piano for them. A lot of our residents sing or play piano or guitar, and we even have a gentleman who plays harmonica on our mezzanine. So it feels a little like Mayberry," she concludes, referring to the fictional community that was the setting for several popular sitcoms in the 1960s.

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More notably, still, there are a dozen married couples who call The Goldton home. And a sizable percentage of residents don't need assistance with medication management or taking care of basic daily needs.

"We have a hospitality environment with healthcare services and not the other way around," explains Stephens, though The Goldton does offer a full range of services—including bathing, dressing, grooming, and toileting assistance—to those who need it.

The community also features a memory care "neighborhood" made of 16 private and shared studios where associates "provide more one-on-one interaction and personalized programming, so we can engage everyone at their level of ability and interest," as Stephens puts it.

All meals are chef-prepared—a mix of daily specials and classic favorites served in a restaurant-style setting, with a private dining room available for family events.

The Goldton also has an apartment available for respite stays, a great resource for family members caring for elders. Family members who want to stay on site can also utilize the space when visiting residents, a significant percentage of whom have come

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"I encourage people to look at reviews when they are looking at options," offers Stephens. "I am paid to tell you all the great things about us, but to have someone that has actually lived here or have had their loved ones here, that's really the information I would seek—someone else's testimonial."

Stephens—who has been in her role since December 2021—also encourages the Spring Hill community to use her as a resource, as she has been working in the industry for more than two decades.

"If you need a resource for anything senior living related—like hearing aids or eyeglasses—and you hit a brick wall and are not sure what to do, I am glad to be a resource. I've been in this industry so long, and not everyone needs assisted living, but everyone is on the journey, and I want to be a resource to the greater community and help people along the way," she says.

"That's what you do in a community; you help each other," concludes Stephens. "The resident becomes family to us, and we become an extension of your family."

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Alaskan Salmon Burgers with Peppered Bacon

PREP TIME: 13 MINUTES

SERVINGS: 4

1/2 CUP MAYONNAISE 1 1/2 TABLESPOONS LEMON JUICE 1/2 TEASPOON LEMON ZEST SALT PEPPER

- 1 BOX (11.2 OUNCES) TRIDENT SEAFOODS ALASKA SALMON BURGERS
- 4 CHEDDAR CHEESE SLICES
- 4 SEEDED BURGER BUNS, SPLIT AND TOASTED
- 4 CUPS ARUGULA
- 6 STRIPS PEPPERED BACON, COOKED
- 12 BREAD-AND-BUTTER PICKLES, DRAINED

INSTRUCTIONS:

- In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.
- Cook salmon burgers according to package directions. When almost cooked through, top each with slice of cheese, cover and cook until melted
- Spread cut sides of buns with mayonnaise and top bottom buns with arugula. Cover with salmon burgers, bacon, pickles and top buns.



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