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The group, which started in 1974, might have been considered more of a ladies social club when it first began. Still, even back then, women were dedicated to improving the lives of residents. Early projects included building a children's playground at River Park in Brentwood and starting bingo at a Franklin-area nursing home.

Since then, the focus has shifted even more toward "making a difference."

"We definitely morphed more into a service club," says Julia Wooters, who serves as the Communication Liaison and has been a member for the past eight years. "Our club meets during the day, and for that reason, we have a preponderance of women who are not in the workforce because it's harder for them to meet in the daytime. We have retired women who are doctors, who've been executives, teachers, stay at home moms, and any walk of life you can imagine. These are woman who want to remain vital and do whatever they can for their community."

They donate time, money, and support to a variety of projects, including five service area headings: Arts & Culture, Conservation & Environment, Education & Library, Health & Wellness, and Civic Engagement. Some are things they initiated on their own, like a

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Living History Walk at two local libraries several years ago that featured reenactors of famous people who lived in Williamson County. Others have club members working with established organizations like Operation Stand Down, the Nashville Diaper Connection, Barefoot Republic Camp, and many others.

"We support Thistle Farms, Bridges Domestic Violence Center, and this year our new focus is human trafficking," Wooters says. "We're working with Ancora, which is an organization that helps people who have been victims of human trafficking get back into the community and resolve the issues they have from that. Williamson County is a huge hub for that, and Nashville also, because of the interstates that connect here."

In addition to the numerous programs it supports, the club also offers a \$3000 Foundation Scholarship at Columbia State.

Over the past five decades, Wooters says the Brentwood Franklin Woman's Service Club has provided more than four million dollars in goods and services to the community.

They bring in money through different fundraisers like a

Christmas luncheon, selling Christmas ornaments highlighting local landmarks, and, last year, a cookbook of favorite recipes. Members also pay annual dues of \$50 per year. (New members pay \$100 the first year, then \$50 every year afterward.)

The club meets at the Franklin Library at 10:00am on the first Tuesday of the month. (There is no meeting in February, however. The group will return in March.)

Being a part of a group that does so much for others can be very rewarding.

"It's been wonderful for me," Wooters says. "As I said, since we meet during the day, many of our ladies are retired or self-employed. And when your children leave home or when your neighborhood turns over, which happens a lot in Williamson County, you're often met with a little bit of a void. And this has been a fabulous way to meet like-minded people who are interested in giving back."

Anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more can connect through the group's Facebook page or website:

www.brentwoodfranklinwomansserviceclub.com/

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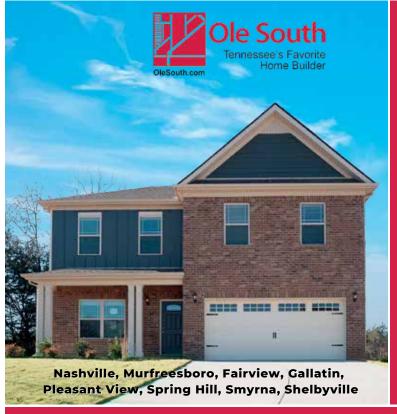
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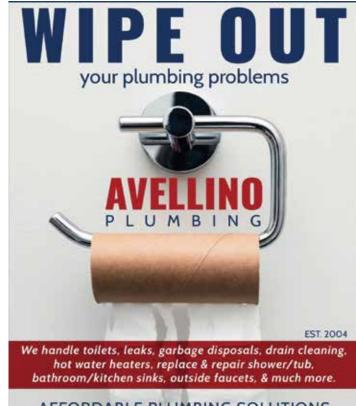
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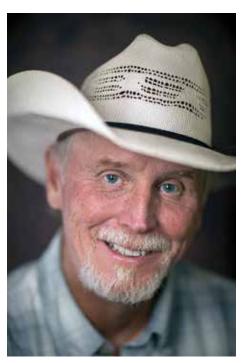
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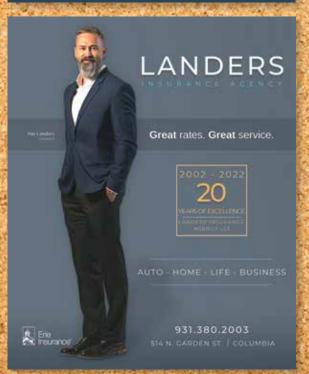
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#### SERVINGS: 3-4 INGREDIENTS:

2 CUPS SHREDDED CHICKEN
8 OUNCES CREAM CHEESE
1/2 CUP SOUR CREAM
11/2 CUPS SHARP CHEDDAR CHEESE,
PLUS ADDITIONAL FOR TOPPING, DIVIDED
1/2 TEASPOON ONION POWDER
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1 HEAVY PINCH DRIED DILL
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2 GREEN ONIONS, CHOPPED
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#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Heat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, mix shredded chicken, cream cheese, sour cream, 11/2 cups shredded cheese, onion powder, garlic powder and dried dill until combined.

Add hot sauce; mix until combined.

Transfer mixture from bowl to oven-safe dish. Top with additional shredded cheese, to taste.

Bake until cheese is melted, approximately 15 minutes.

Top with blue cheese crumbles and chopped green onion.

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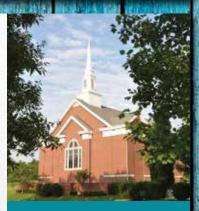
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