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FAMILY DENTISTRY IN A RELAXED, COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT

BY JASON ZASKY

Dr. Amber Johnson knew she wanted to be a dentist before finishing elementary school.

"I had braces in fifth grade, and I was really self-conscious about my teeth being crooked," she begins. "Once I finished braces, I had a lot more confidence and a real interest [in becoming a dentist]," which became evident in middle school when she attended the Middle Tennessee Science Fair and did a presentation entitled: "What Substance is Most Effective for Cleaning Teeth?" Then In high school, she went so far as to shadow the dentist she went to while growing up.

Fast forward to today, and Dr. Johnson owns Berry Farms Dental on Hughes Crossing in Berry Farms, where she practices alongside Dr. Brooke McVey.

"I knew early on that I wanted to do something in medicine

and something where I interacted with people," says Dr. Johnson. "I stuck with it, and it has worked out."

Indeed it has, as Berry Farms Dental is now approaching its eighth anniversary, founded by Dr. Johnson after she spent six years working at a group practice with locations in Madison and Mt. Juliet.

"I have patients who followed me from there," she adds, noting that she and her team of five hygienists and three dental assistants go the extra mile to offer the best possible patient experience. "I am big on investing back into the practice so we can give our patients a great experience. We want to make sure patients are comfortable, so we offer heated massage chairs and have televisions on the walls and ceilings," she continues.

More importantly, Johnson and McVey offer the latest in terms of technology and procedures, providing all general services, as

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well as cosmetic services and specialty services like dental implants.

"A big thing that sets us apart is we have the technology that allows us to make crowns in our office the same day, so patients don't have to come back for a second visit," says Dr. Johnson. "A lot of patients come to us specifically for that because they know they want [crowns] done in one day."

Parents also appreciate that Berry Farms Dental treats patients of all ages, from toddlers to the elderly.

"You can have your appointment, and your children can come at the same time," says Dr. Johnson, before noting that she and Dr. McVey are very comfortable treating children. In fact, both are moms, with three children and one child, respectively. "We treat kids the way we would want our kids to be treated," she adds.

That fits well with the community-oriented atmosphere, which is enhanced because most of the employees live in Berry Farms or

elsewhere nearby.

"I like working in the community in which I live because I see my patients everywhere," continues Dr. Johnson. "It's really neat because it's like an extended family, and as a family-owned office, we are able to spend extra time with patients and provide better care."

Dr. Johnson—who received her undergraduate degree from Lipscomb University and graduated from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis—also gives back to the community on an ongoing basis by providing free dental services on a volunteer basis. That includes volunteering at Interfaith Dental Clinic, a nonprofit clinic with locations in Nashville and Murfreesboro.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Dr. Johnson can't see herself living or working anywhere else.

"When I started the practice, we wanted to move here because we loved the community, knew it was a growing area and wanted to raise our kids here," she concludes. "I'm here for life."

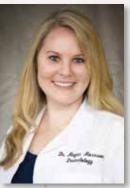


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LOCAL RESIDENT IS A MUSIC PIONEER

BY PAM WINDSOR

For four decades, Bob Jones put his artistic touch on quite a bit of Nashville music history. As an artist, illustrator, and photographer, he created album covers for dozens of major artists. Dolly Parton, Merle Haggard, and George Strait are among those who benefited from his talents.

His career in album art began in the late 1960s. He was working for Shelby Singleton, owner of Mercury Records when Singleton made a big purchase.

"Shelby bought Sun Records from Sam Phillips," Jones explains, "and moved everything from Memphis to Nashville. Soon I was designing album covers for Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, and Johnny Cash.

The list would grow longer when Jones later went to work for RCA.

"At the time, RCA had maybe 35 to 40 artists on their label," he says. "I worked with Chet Atkins, Bobby Bare, Kris Kristofferson, Dottie West, Carl Perkins, and more.

Jones has stories to share about all of them. Like the time he hired someone to create a butterfly painting for Dolly Parton's "Love is Like a Butterfly" album. Dolly was so happy when she saw it, she gave him a big hug.

He remembers when they rented a \$2,000 parrot to photograph Jerry Reed's album "The Bird." Reed was nervous about the bird the entire time.

"Jerry was funny and just wonderful," Jones says. "The way he

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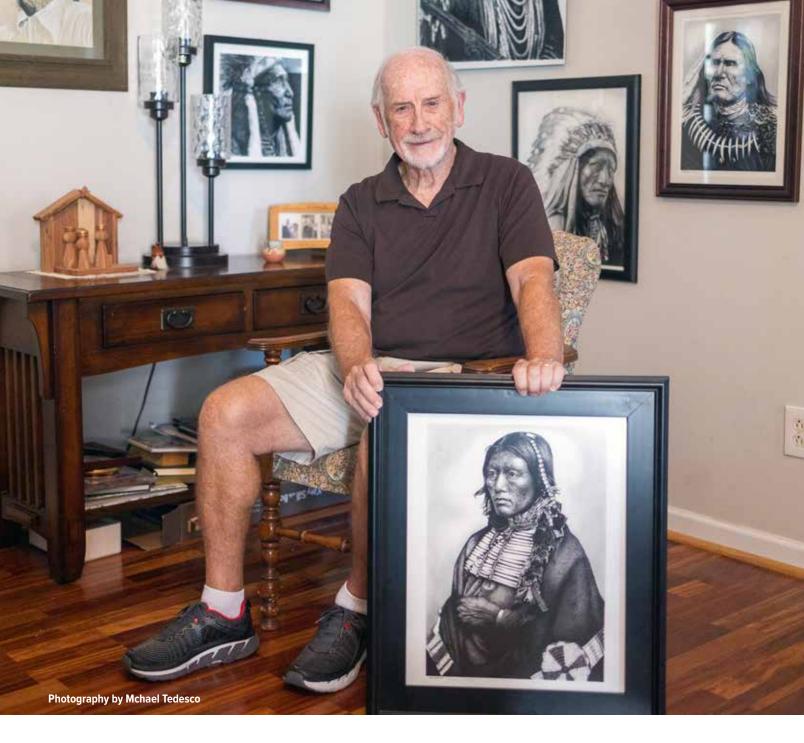
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acted in the movies, that's just the way he was in real life."

Jones has fond memories of Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Charley Pride, Hank Williams Jr, and Waylon Jennings.

"RCA called me one day and said Waylon is in Alpine, Texas doing a cowboy roundup of 2000 cows, and we want you to go and take photos for an album cover."

Jones flew to Dallas, then rented a car to make the long drive to the small, border town.

"I got there, it was cold, and it was pouring rain. All of these cowboys came in and we were under this shed, and they had a big pot of coffee sitting there. I took one swallow of it, and it was half coffee and half Jack Daniels," he says with a laugh.

The cowboys were uncomfortable he was there and didn't want him taking photos. The next day, Jennings graciously took time to make sure Jones got the shots he needed. Later, Jennings had someone drive Jones' rental car back to Dallas so that Jones could accompany Jennings to Nashville on his private jet.

"He did that for me, and he didn't have to," Jones says.

He recalls the July he went to take photos of Johnny Cash recording a Christmas album. Cash's entire tour group was at the studio, which included Carl Perkins, the Carter Family, and the Statler Brothers. But Cash wasn't in the mood for pictures.

"Every time I'd take photos of Johnny," Jones remembers, "he'd turn his back on me. And he kept doing it. I finally went to

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June and said if I don't get pictures, I don't get paid. So, she went over and talked to Johnny, then came back and said, 'You can have five minutes.' So, I shot my pictures, went home, got paid, and everything was cool."

While most of his career has focused on music, Jones also has a passion for western art. His pen and ink drawings of cowboys and Native Americans have been displayed in galleries out west. His interest goes back to his days growing up in Old Hickory, where his dad worked for Dupont.

"Our home was about a hundred yards from the theater. So, every Saturday me and my buddies would watch those double-feature B movies of Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Lash LaRue. I was

fascinated with western art, and my writing tablets in the first and second grade were pretty much me drawing cowboys and Indians."

Jones attended the Harris School of Advertising Art in Nashville. The advertising background came in handy when Jones created album covers and designed the ads that promoted the artists' work in trade magazines like R&R, Billboard, and Cashbox. Today, at 81, Jones spends time at his home studio in Spring Hill, working on the western art he loves.

He also does commissioned work like a recent piece on the Rolling Stones. He's grateful for the opportunities in music, and admits with so many stories, he may one day write a book. "I've been blessed," he says. "I will tell you that."

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WORKING AT THE TUTORING CENTER LOOKS GREAT ON A RÉSUMÉ, OR A COLLEGE APPLICATION

BY JASON ZASKY

Getting a job at The Tutoring Center can be a little intimidating for a 16-, 17- or 18-year-old, as the interview process involves role-playing and answering questions that a student might ask while being tutored.

"I pretend to be the high school student and ask difficult questions to see what they say," relates Joshua Powers, director of the Tutoring Center, which is located on Hughes Crossing in Franklin. "I feel like that's the best way to see what they would do in that situation."

Indeed it is a good measuring stick, says Anika Kaushik, a graduate of Page High in Franklin who has worked as a tutor for the past two-and-a-half years and distinctly recalls her interview.

"He had me explain a couple of exam questions to him, just

like how I would explain them to someone who is actually getting tutored," she recalls. Kaushik aced the interview, as well as the requisite Math test given to candidates.

"There weren't many curveballs that I could throw her that she couldn't handle," adds Powers, who emphasizes how the Tutoring Center aims for excellence in all areas, including the tutors and instructors they hire.

"Our interns are high school students, and then there are assistant instructors who are college students. Then our instructors are college or beyond," elaborates Powers. "They have a bachelor's degree or a master's or may even be working their way towards something in the graduate field."

Kaushik remains an excellent representative example, continuing to tutor even now that she is studying chemical and biomolec-

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ular engineering in college, with an eye toward a biotech career.

Like many of her colleagues, she helps prepare high school students for the ACT, and also tutors English and Math, though she says her favorite subject is chemistry, with physics not far behind.

"I love Math, but I'm more of a science person," she admits. The Tutoring Center is Looking for More Tutors

Though the Tutoring Center found Kaushik via referral from a friend and current intern, they also have the proverbial 'help wanted' sign out on various electronic platforms.

"We do post [our ad] on a couple different platforms in high schools, to see if teachers will consider printing it out and putting it in their classrooms, especially in honors or AP classes," says Powers, noting that it is a great part-time job for anyone "even remotely considering education on some level, as the work experience is second-to-none," other than actually being a teacher. "If you like helping kids—if you have a passion for helping peo-

ple—this is the best place to be," he adds, in part because tutors can pretty much pick and choose their hours, which is helpful when working around one's own academic schedule.

Interning at The Tutoring Center also looks great on a college application and can be an excellent résumé builder.

"If you want to go to an Ivy League school, we can very much be a vehicle to help you do that," says Powers, before noting that the Center's latest hire is looking to become a high school history teacher.

"Although we don't specifically work with history, we work with students on study skills so he can at least find the range and who he'd like to work with; we think it will be a really great fit for him."

Indeed, the rewards of the job transcend subject matter.

"Everyone at The Tutoring Center is very enthusiastic and has a passion for helping students do better in whatever areas they are struggling with," concludes Kaushik. "Everyone who works here is super-motivated and really likes working with kids."





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Jeff Good

As you know, 2021 was full of challenges. We were still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic when supply chains shut down and inflation heated up. So, if you're like many people, you might not be sorry to see the year come to a close. But now it's time to look ahead to a brighter 2022. And on a personal level, you may want to set some New Year's resolutions. You might resolve to improve your health and diet, and possibly learn some new skills, but why not

make some financial resolutions, too? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Prepare for the unexpected. If you haven't already created an emergency fund, now may be a good time to start. Ideally, you'd like to have three to six months' worth of living expenses in this fund, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid account. (If you're retired, you may want your emergency fund to contain up to a year's worth of living expenses.) Once you've got this fund established, you may be able to avoid dipping into long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as costly home or auto repairs or large medical bills.
- Boost your retirement savings. The pandemic caused many us to reevaluate our ability to eventually enjoy the retirement lifestyles we've envisioned. In fact, 33% of those planning to retire soon said they started to contribute even more to their retirement savings during the pandemic, according to a study from Age Wave and Edward Jones. This year, if you can afford it, increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- Reduce your debt load. The less debt you carry, the more money you'll have available to support your lifestyle today and save and invest for tomorrow. So, this year, resolve to cut down on your existing debts and avoid taking on new ones whenever possible. You can motivate yourself by measuring your progress at the beginning of 2022, record your total debts and then compare this figure to your debt load at the start of 2023. If the numbers have dropped, you'll know you were making the right moves.
- Don't overreact to the headlines. A lot can happen during a year. Consider inflation it shot up in 2021, but it may well subside in 2022. If you changed your investment strategy last year to accommodate the rise in inflation, would you then have to modify it again when prices fall? And inflation is just one event. What about changes in interest rates? How about new legislation coming out of Washington? And don't forget extreme weather events, such as wildfires and floods. Any or all of these occurrences can affect the financial markets in the short term, but it just doesn't make sense for you to keep changing the way you invest in response to the news of the day. Instead, stick with a strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You may need to adjust this strategy over time, in response to changes in your own life, but don't let your decisions be dictated by external events.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make – but following them may help you develop positive habits that can help you face the future with confidence.

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This **Orange Honey Glazed Carrots** recipe offers a warming yet nutritional, naturally sweet way to incorporate orange juice into your winter menu. Orange juice is also a go-to ingredient for popular non-alcoholic drinks like Orange Juice Mint Mocktail, a perfect pairing for winter meals.

INGREDIENTS

2 CUPS SLICED CARROTS
1/4 CUP FLORIDA ORANGE JUICE
1 TEASPOON HONEY
1 TEASPOON CORNSTARCH
1/8 TEASPOON SALT
1/8 TEASPOON GROUND GINGER
FRESH PARSLEY, FOR GARNISH
FRESH CHIVES, FOR GARNISH

STEAM CARROTS UNTIL TENDER.

IN SAUCEPAN OVER MEDIUM HEAT, WHISK ORANGE JUICE, HONEY, CORNSTARCH, SALT AND GINGER. WHISKING CONSTANTLY UNTIL SAUCE THICKENS.

POUR SAUCE OVER STEAMED CARROTS. TOP WITH PARSLEY AND CHIVES.

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