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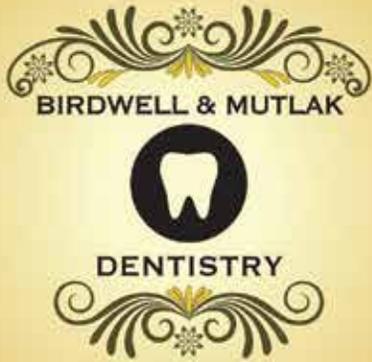
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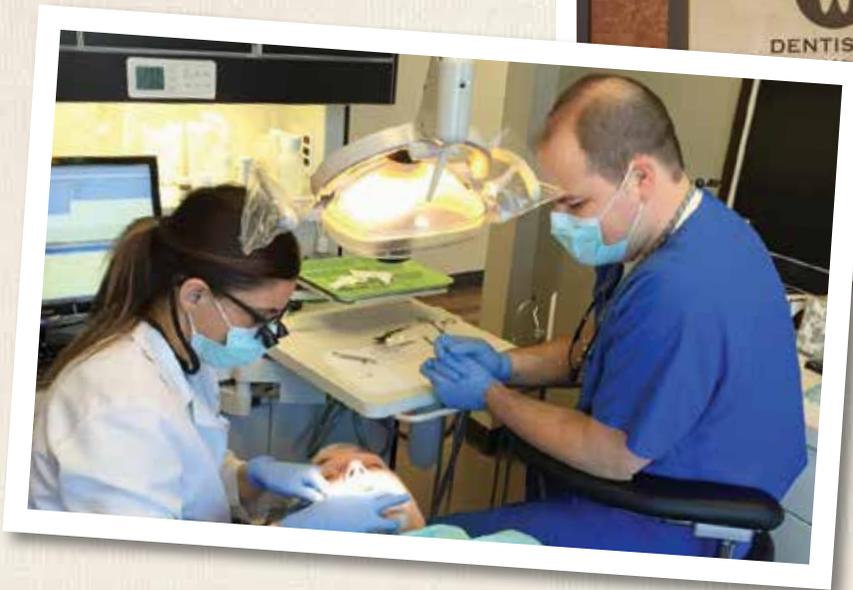


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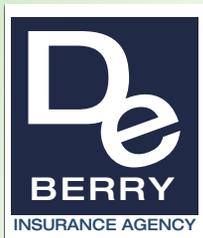
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# GETTING STUDENTS WHERE THEY NEED TO BE FOR THE ACT, COLLEGE

THE TUTORING CENTER HELPS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE ACT OR SAT, IMPROVE THEIR ACADEMIC SKILLS

**BY JASON ZASKY**

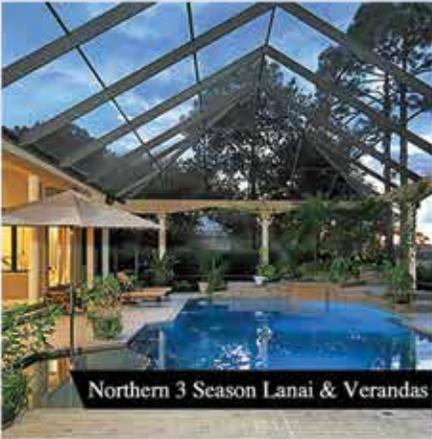
“One of the reasons so many families are moving here is because of the high academic standards of the schools, but most places aren’t as academically rigorous as Williamson County,” begins Joshua Powers, director of The Tutoring Center, located in Berry Farms. “Parents expect their kids to do well immediately [in local schools], but many kids aren’t up to par because of their previous schooling. We are helping those kids from an academic standpoint, finding out where they are and getting them where we want them to be.”

Meanwhile, The Tutoring Center also helps prepare students for standardized tests like the ACT or SAT, able to assist those who are not yet ready for college, but also those who are looking

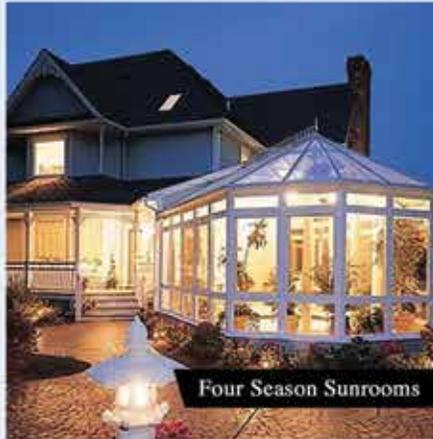
to take their ACT scores to the next level so that they can gain admission into the top tier universities and liberal arts colleges. As for students who are decidedly average, the Center focuses on raising their ACT scores so that they can qualify for valuable college scholarships.

“The two big scholarships are the Tennessee Promise Scholarship and the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, the latter of which requires a 3.0 GPA and a 21 on the ACT,” explains Powers. “The majority of students score in the 18-19 range, so they are just out of line for the HOPE scholarship. Our goal is to get [families] at least \$8,000 in scholarships--\$4,000 in the first year [of college] alone,” he adds, far exceeding the cost of the ACT test prep at The Tutoring Center and an enviable return on investment.

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But regardless of whether a student needs remedial help or is in need for ACT test prep, the process of getting started with The Tutoring Center is much the same. “The first thing we do is we start with diagnostic testing,” offers Powers, “as it allows us to see exactly where a student is in terms of reading and math. From there, we set up a test consultation to go over the test results, and then we pick out times for tutoring,” noting the center is open Monday through Thursday and on Saturday mornings.

As for the tutoring itself, “we focus on academic skills, but a close second is concentration,” says Powers. “We use a patented system called the Rotational Approach to Learning, which is very much like going to the gym and doing high-intensity interval

training, except it’s for the mind. Most of our students come in for one hour, twice a week, and out of that hour, they do 52 minutes of high-intensity drills. We break up the sessions into 15-minute intervals, and for 13 of those minutes, they are focused on whatever they are working on. Then there is a two-minute break where they physically get up, sometimes to work on something completely different with a new tutor.” As a result, students always remain engaged and don’t get bored or stagnant, making the hour go quickly.

In terms of when to take advantage of The Tutoring Center’s programs, Powers encourages parents to think ahead, especially when it comes to getting their kids ready for the ACT. “Understand that preparing for the ACT is a three to four-month process,

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so don't wait until two or three weeks before an exam to give us a call. We have a class that starts on March 14 for the July 18 ACT, or if you call in May, you can be ready for the test in September," he says.

At the same time, Powers says that parents should consider having their kids tutored in the summer, whether they are a little behind in terms of reading and writing—or simply want to get to the next level.

"March is a great time to learn about the programs we have," concludes Powers. "We just need an hour or two a week to help a student get ahead."

*For more information about the Tutoring Center see their ads on page 4 and page 25.*

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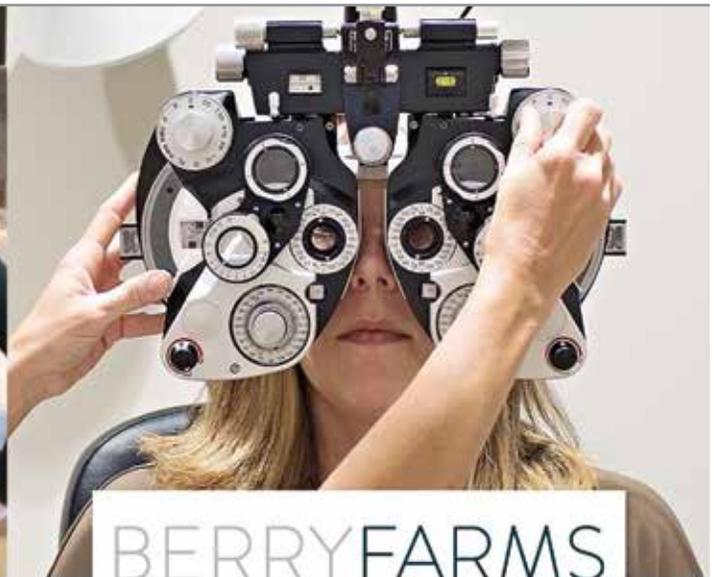
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“A big aspect is we’ll have something for all levels. On Monday’s we will have a camp that is for programming. On Tuesday’s we will work with digital recordings. Wednesday’s we will have Legos. On Thursday’s we will have robotics,” said Josh Powers, owner of The Tutoring Center.

“Students will have the ability to sign up for one camp, and add on to others. For example, a child that is enrolled for five weeks with Robotics, but wanted to add the Lego’s class could do so very easily.

The cost for the camps will be \$20 an hour, so a basic 5-week package would cost \$200.

Powers added, “I am also partnering with Catherine Dewberry from Jump Start Tutoring, who specifically works with students 18 months to 5 years old, and they will be having a Kindergarten boot camp on July 20th-24th from 9:00 am-11:00 am”.

*Contact the Tutoring Center at (615) 721-8844 for more details, or stop in at 5021 Hughes Crossing, Suite 160, in the Publix shopping center in Berry Farms.*

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**BY JASON ZASKY**

“We have residential customers that utilize our services every year,” begins Don Robertson, owner of Tri-Star Property Services, which specializes in roof cleaning, house washing, and driveway washing. Translation: Tri-Star’s customers recognize that ongoing, routine maintenance makes a lot more sense than waiting until dirt and grime—or black algae and moss—accumulates over a period of years.

In that regard, commissioning exterior property cleaning is not unlike going to the dentist. “If you go to the dentist once [or twice]

a year to get your teeth cleaned and to get a fluoride treatment, it might cost you ninety dollars. But if you don’t to the dentist and you get cavities and develop more serious dental problems, the costs become a lot more significant,” elaborates Robertson.

Never mind the fact that ongoing exterior cleanings improve your home’s curb appeal, extend the lifespan of housing materials, and prevent the growth of mold and mildew.

“There is bacteria called *gloeocapsa magma* that grows, usually on the north side of roofs in Middle Tennessee, but also on concrete and limestone, and we can remove that off safely,” adds Robertson, noting that Tri-Star Property Services follows the

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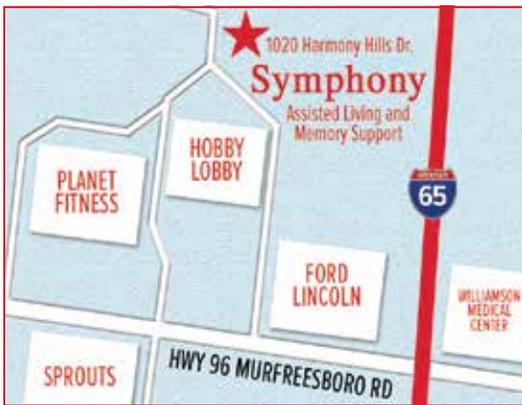
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To that end, Tri-Star utilizes commercial-grade soap and equipment, while taking care to utilize plenty of water and just the right amount of pressure, which, in the case of a roof, “is no pressure at all,” adds Robertson, before emphasizing that his company offers a three-year warranty on its roof washing services.

When it comes to exterior cleaning, experience is vital, he says. When evaluating a cleaning service, “Customers should look at online reviews and should ask to see before & after photos,” he

says. “You also want someone who has done a lot of properties, and you want the company to be insured, like we are,” in the unlikely event your property is damaged or a worker is injured on the job.

It also helps to offer a comprehensive range of services. For its part, Tri-Star offers gutter cleaning, driveway sealing, and deck sealing/staining, even as it handles commercial washing jobs for restaurants, apartment complexes, and strip malls across Williamson, Davidson, Rutherford, and Wilson counties.

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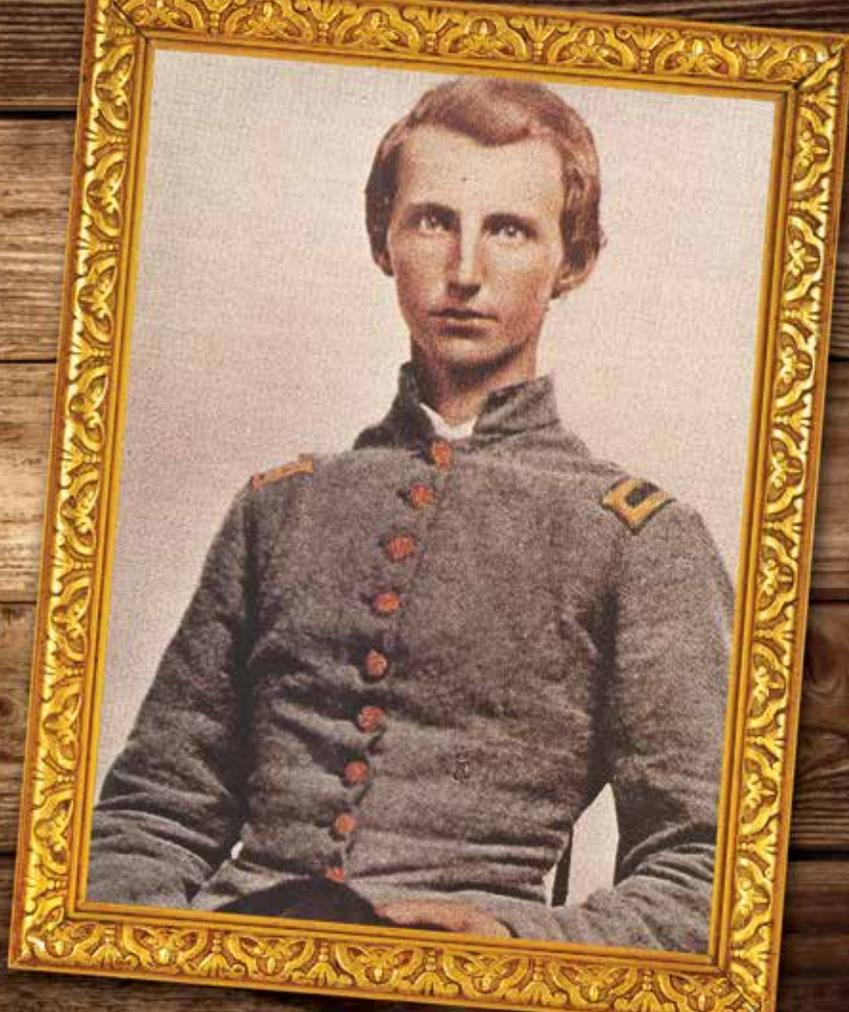
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# BATTLE OF FRANKLIN TRUST REVEALS NEW INFORMATION ON TOD CARTER

The Battle of Franklin Trust recently uncovered new information about Tod Carter's escape from imprisonment and how he made his way back to the Army of Tennessee.

Carter enlisted in the 20th Tennessee Infantry in the spring of 1861. Throughout his service, he rose through the ranks and became a captain and eventually served as a quartermaster and aide-de-camp. Carter was captured at Chattanooga in Nov. 1863 and escaped as he was being moved from Johnson's Island in northern Ohio to another POW camp in Maryland. He escaped near Massillon, Ohio. Less than a year later he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Franklin.

Under the pen name "Mint Julep," Carter narrated his escape through letters written to "John Happy," the nom de plume of Albert Roberts, editor of many Confederate newspapers. Carter detailed his escape of how he jumped from a moving train headed to Point Lookout on the night of Feb. 10, 1864, with the help of Capt. James Gubbins of the 5th Louisiana.

Carter did not head south but traveled first to Pittsburgh, back-

tracked to Columbus and onto Cincinnati and eventually moved through Memphis. Carter then angled into Mississippi and was detained at Oxford before he continued. Weeks later, after trekking across Alabama, he rejoined the Army of Tennessee at Dalton, Georgia.

"The Battle of Franklin Trust has obtained significant information about Tod Carter's tumultuous path back to the army," said CEO Eric A. Jacobson. "We are happy to share this story and it will be part of our tours going forward. We are thrilled to get the details in Tod's own words."

After working with family descendants, The Battle of Franklin Trust acquired the bullet that killed Carter and the pass home he carried with him when he was wounded at the Battle of Franklin, which has been lost for more than two decades. Both items are on display at the Carter House.

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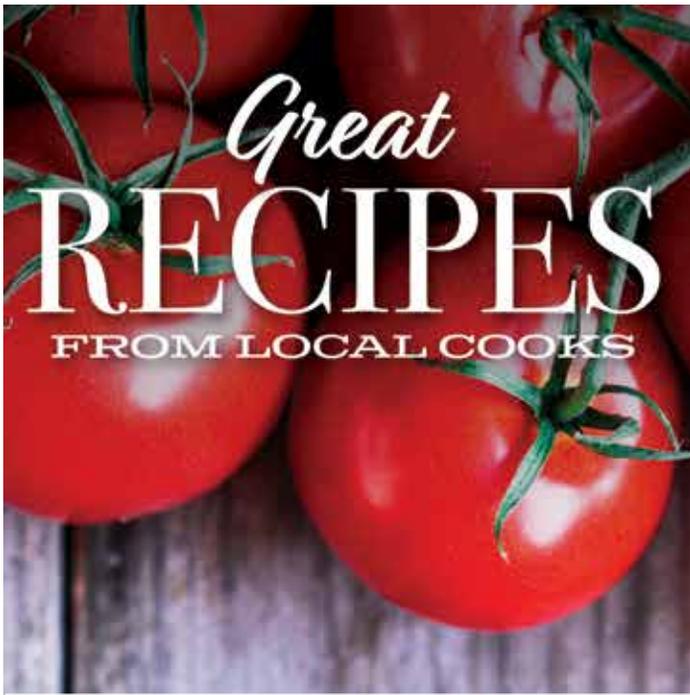
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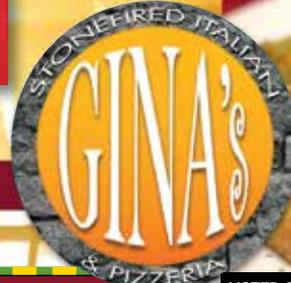
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**SALAD TOPPINGS 2 PACKAGES CHICKEN RAMEN NOODLE SOUP  
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**SALAD DRESSING 1 CUP OF CANOLA OIL • 1/3 CUP RED WINE VINEGAR  
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