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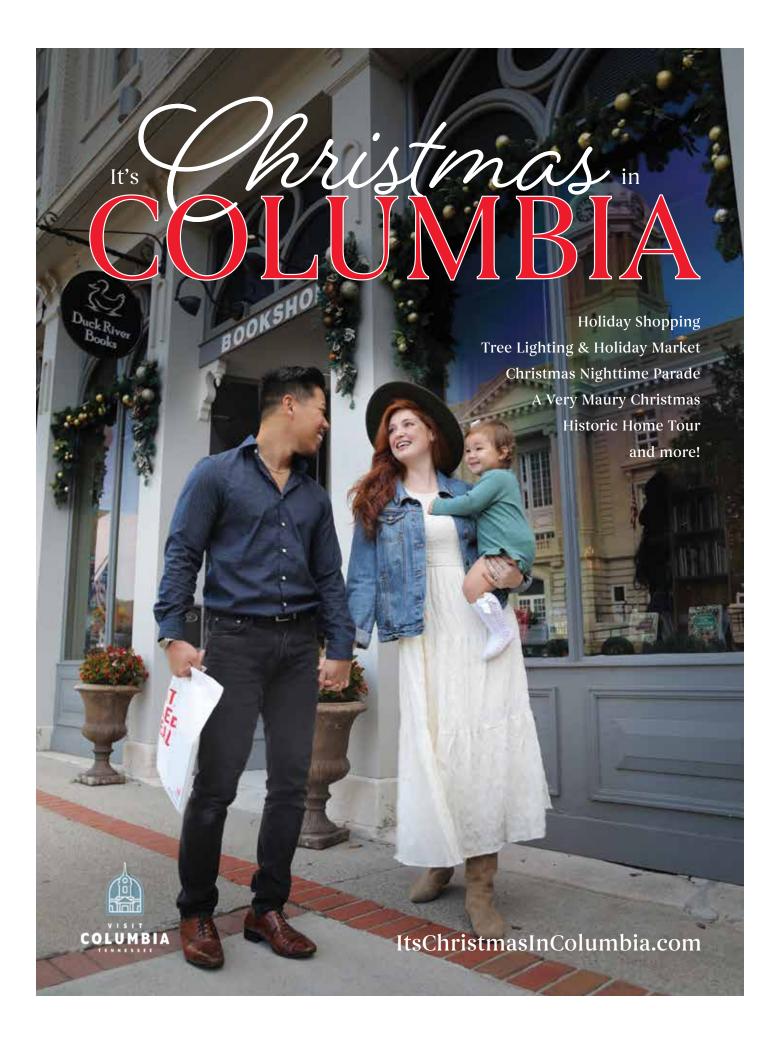






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**ON THE COVER:** Daniel Donato, grew up in Spring Hill. He is an accomplished singer, songwriter, and musician with an extremely busy tour schedule on a trajectory of success.

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#### HEALTH MARKETS INSURANCE CELEBRATES SPRING HILL OPENING

The Spring Hill Chamber celebrated the opening of Health Markets Insurance in Spring Hill at 4922 Port Royal Rd, Suite C-11. Their mission is to help people make informed decisions about insurance products that can assist in protecting their health and financial well-being.





#### ACTON TRISTAR ACADEMY CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION

The Spring Hill Chamber celebrated the new location of Acton TriStar Academy on August 23 at 762 Beechcroft Road in Spring Hill.



#### CUMBERLAND SKIN SURGERY & DERMATOLOGY CELEBRATES SPRING HILL OPENING

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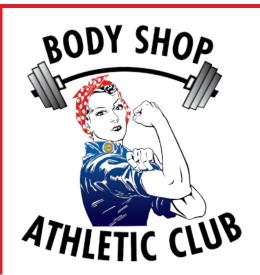
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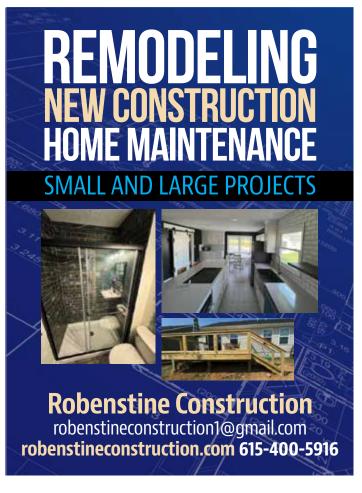
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#### **COSMIC COUNTRY**

#### **JASON ZASKY**

Daniel Donato is an accomplished singer, songwriter, and musician with an extremely busy tour schedule. He has a strong community of dedicated fans who turn out across the country to hear his unique style of music. He calls it Cosmic Country.

"It's the kind of music I've played all my life," he says. "It's really just a combination of three chords and the truth, and then some."

It blends his many musical influences from country to rock and bluegrass, his extraordinary talent as a guitarist, and his songwriting skills. He recently released an album of all original music called Reflector.

Donato, who grew up in Spring Hill, has been playing music most of his life.

"I've always been a very industrious, hardworking person, even when I was a little kid," he says. "And when music came about for me, it was the perfect avenue for my personality. It's creative, it involves discipline, there's community around it, and you can do it for as long as you're able to. There's no end to it."

Some of his earliest musical influences were rock guitarists like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Slash through his love of the game Guitar Hero. When he was just 14, he began busking on Lower Broadway in Nashville and soon got a regular gig with the Don Kelly Band at the iconic Robert's Western World. There, Donato developed a deep appreciation of traditional country music and legendary artists like Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, Bill Monroe, and others. His sound today is his own blend of all of those musical influences.

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MONTY'S SONGS HAVE BEEN RECORDED BY CRAIG MORGAN, ERIC CHURCH, GEORGE STRAIT, MARK WILLS, TRACE ADKINS, SCOTTY MCCREERY, FRANK RAY, DRAKE WHITE, PARKER MCCOLLUM AND MANY MORE!

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Monty will share how he became one of Music Row's top writers while sharing the stories behind the hits. He will also share how he beat Stage 3 colon cancer in 2023. Part of the proceeds for the show will go to fight cancer at Vanderbilt's Ingram Cancer Center."



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"Music is a total canvas for somebody's personality," he says. "And I love how music uses so many different kinds of languages. There's the language of rhythm, the language of lyrics, and the language of harmony. I love it, I really do, and I have a ball with it."

For Reflector, Donato enlisted GRAMMY-winning producer Vance Powell, who has worked with Chris Stapleton, Martina McBride, Buddy Guy, and others. Steel guitar legend Paul Franklin plays on four of the 15 tracks.

"Paul Franklin has been a hero of mine since I was about 15 years old," Donato says. "That's when I first met him. He used to come hear me play at Robert's."

Donato says he's been fortunate to have continued support and encouragement to follow his dreams of pursuing music.

"Most importantly, through my parents, and their support for my life. I got to live in Spring Hill, close to Nashville, and it was all there for me. I took much of it in, and then all of my heroes like Paul Franklin, Brent Mason, and other musicians were so kind and gracious to me. I learned so much from them."

He says he's grateful for how far he's come and the many fans who come to see him and his band perform.

"I think people are finding the spirit in our sound," he says. "They're finding the same spirit I've been seeking my whole life. And our community is astounding. They make memes, they make t-shirts, they come to five shows one week. It's the whole thing, it's awesome."

He hopes to continue building on that success and see what the future holds.

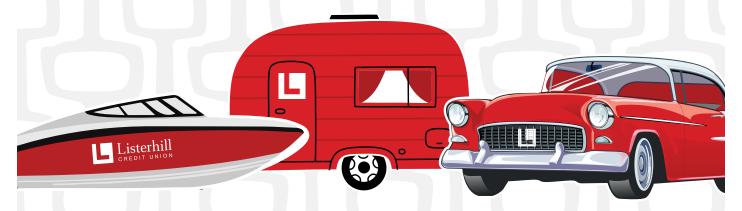
"I just want to keep doing what we're doing, and I just want to do it bigger. I want to keep putting out music and keep playing as many truthful shows as we can. I think that's the great adventure, and the call to life is to go where the truth takes you."

To learn more about Daniel Donato and Cosmic County visit: danieldonato.com

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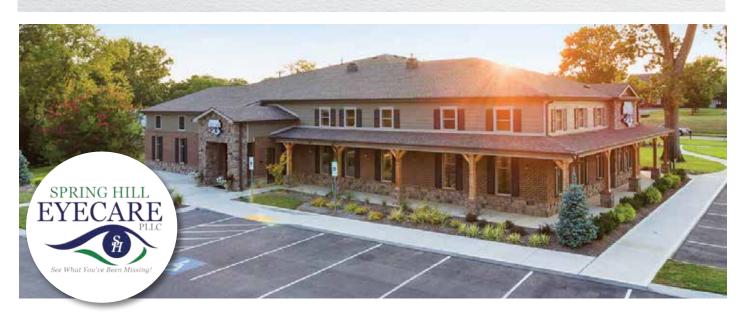












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#### SUMMIT

Nov 18 H	Home (boys only)	Santa Fe
Nov. 19	Hall of Fame Game	Giles Co. High School
Nov. 22	Home	Chestatee HS
Nov. 25	Tournament (N)	Ray Tucker Classic
Nov. 26	Tournament (N)	Ray Tucker Classic
Dec. 2	Away	Shelbyville Central
Dec. 6	Away	Columbia Central
Dec. 9	Home	Shelbyville Central
Dec. 10	Away	Fairview
Dec. 13	Home	Franklin
Dec. 17	Away	Brentwood
Dec. 20	Home	Fairview High School
Dec. 26	Tournament (N)	Galesville Holiday Tou
Dec 27-2	28 Home (girls only)	Spartan Classic
Jan. 3	Home	Columbia Central
Jan.7	Home	Ravenwood
Jan. 10	Away	Page High School *
Jan. 14	Home	Nolensville *
Jan. 17	Away	Independence
Jan. 21	Away	Franklin High School
Jan. 24	Home	Centennial
Jan. 28	Home	Brentwood
Jan. 31	Home	Page
Feb. 4	Away	Ravenwood
Feb.7	Home	Independence
Feb. 11	Away	Nolensville
Feb. 14	Away	Centennial



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Nov. 19 Home	Lincoln Cty
Nov. 23 Away	Ezell-Harding
Nov. 25/26 Away	Ravenwood (girls)
Nov. 25/25 Away	Friendship (boys)
Nov. 29/30 Away	Ezell-Harding (girls)
Dec. 3 Away	Marshall Cty
Dec. 6 Away	Middle TN Christian
Dec. 9 Home	Hickman Cty
Dec. 10 Away	University School
Dec.13 Home	Webb
Dec. 20/21 Away	FRA
Jan. 3 Home	Grace Christian
Jan. 7 Away	Providence Christian
Jan. 9 Home	Fairview
Jan. 10 Away	FRA
Jan. 14 Home	BGA
Jan. 17 Home	Middle TN Christian
Jan. 21 Home	University School
Jan. 24 Away	Webb
Jan. 28 Away	Grace Christian
Feb.1 Home	FRA
Feb. 4 Home	Providence Christian

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	Nov. 19	Home	Stewarts Creek
	Nov. 23	Home	Bartlett
	Nov. 23	Home	Maryville
	Nov. 25	Home	Grissom AL
l	Nov. 26	Home	Blackman
	Dec. 3	Away	LaVergne
	Dec. 6	Home	Hillsboro
	Dec. 10	Home	Whites Creek
l	Dec. 13	Away	Nolensville
	Dec. 17	Home	Ravenwood
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	Dec. 26-	28 Away	BGA Christmas Tou
	Dec 27-2	8 Away (girls only)	Spartan Classic
	Jan. 3	Away	Cane Ridge
	Jan.7	Home	Franklin
	Jan. 10	Away	Centennial
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Feb.14 Home



#### BATTLECREEK

Nov. 19	Away	Hickman County
Nov. 23	Away	Murfreesboro Centr
Nov. 29	Away	Boys Cascade
Nov. 29	Away Girls	Mt. Pleasant
Nov. 30	Away Boys	Community
Nov. 30	Away Girls	Mt. Pleasant
Dec. 5	Away	Lawrence County
Dec.	Away	East Hickman
Dec. 12	Away	Fairview
Dec. 13	Away	Summertown
Dec. 17	Away	Santa Fe
Dec. 20	Away	Boys FCA
Dec. 21	Away Boys	Franklin Classical
Dec. 27	Away Girls	Moore County
Dec. 28	Away Girls	Moore County
Jan. 10	Away	Spring Hill
Jan. 17	Away	Loretto
Jan. 21	Away	Mt. Pleasant
Jan. 27	Away	Forrest
Feb.7	Away	Lewis County



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NOV. 26	Home	Marshall County
Dec. 2	Home	Giles Cty
Dec. 6	Away	Marshall Cty
Dec. 9	Away	Nolensville
Jan. 10	Home	Battle Creek
Jan. 14	Home	Warren Cty
Jan. 17	Away	Lincoln Cty
Jan. 25	Away	Columbia Central
Jan, 31	Home	Warren Cty
Feb. 4	Home	Lincoln Cty
Feb.7	Home	Columbia Central



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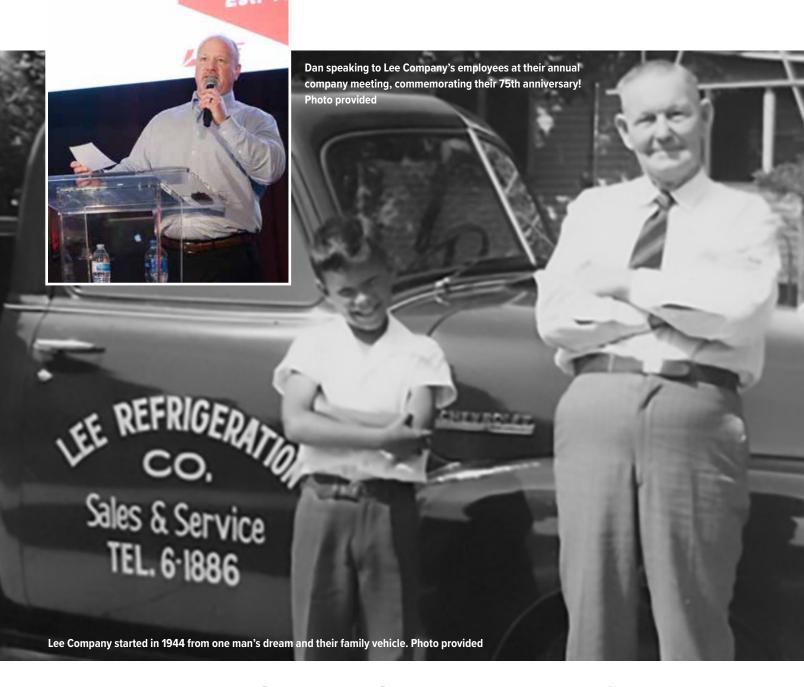
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"When I landed at Lee Company twenty-nine years ago, I had already worked at six other mechanical contractors and I noticed

immediately this had a totally different feel," recalls Dan Kalman, Executive Vice President of Service. "The Lee family is a very special family, and their goal of creating a place where people can thrive is not just something we say, put on a plaque, and hang at the door. It is a true desire to see how many people's lives it can impact for the good."

That extends to not only the company's work family, but its customers and those who live in the communities it serves. When Kalman first started as a heating, air conditioning, and ventilation technician (like many on the leadership team, he worked his way up through the ranks), Lee Company had just over 100 employees. Three decades later, its closer to 1700 people who serve customers in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

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"It really takes a whole group of like-minded employees who have a strong desire to take care of people," Kalman says.

Lee Company is a mechanical contract company that offers a wide range of services and expertise on multiple levels. Kalman oversees the collection of groups that deal with both residential and commercial services. Each is extremely specialized.

One, for example, involves the company's large construction group that has worked on some well-known buildings in Nashville, from Belmont University to 5th & Broad, to some of the newer bars and restaurants.

"Our large construction group has about 75 percent of its resources right now working in about a two-mile square radius in downtown Nashville," Kalman says. "It's a booming market."

Lee Company designed and built the mechanicals for the iconic Schermerhorn Symphony Center, which, as Kalman points out, posed quite a challenge.

"The building has incredible acoustics, so to provide a solution for air conditioning and general conditioning of that facility, and maintain that, was no easy task."

Other groups include a special projects team that manages smaller-style commercial work and renovations, a home service group with some 700 technicians taking care of customers across the Southeast, and a commercial service entity that provides repair and maintenance to thousands of facilities.

Lee Company also has an all-inclusive facilities maintenance program that can provide a business with everything from heating and air support to handling janitorial services and the lawn to even keeping the roof maintained.

Its dedication to taking care of employees and customers also extends to the community and giving back. Under its Lee Company Cares program, it supports local schools, food banks and food drives, "second chance" programs, Habitat for Humanity, and more.

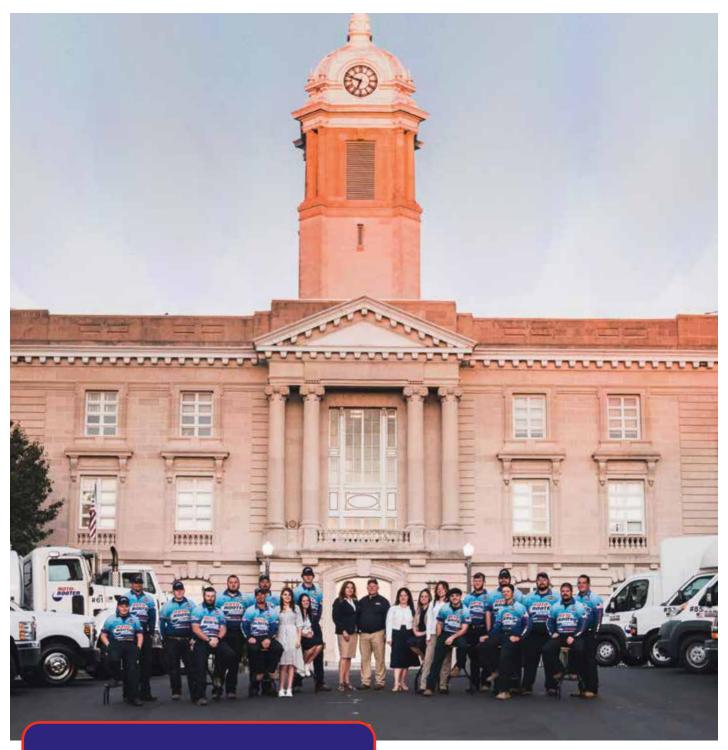
"Giving back is one of the founding staples Leon Lee instilled in his children, and they've passed it on to their children," Kalman explains. "All of this is by the grace of God, and God calls on us to give back. So, we consider it a privilege to serve the communities we serve and have an entire team of people whose primary focus is to find the places where the greatest impact can be made."

There's something very meaningful about working for a place where making a difference matters - on every level.

"Every day, I'm grateful to say I'm part of this company," Kalman says.

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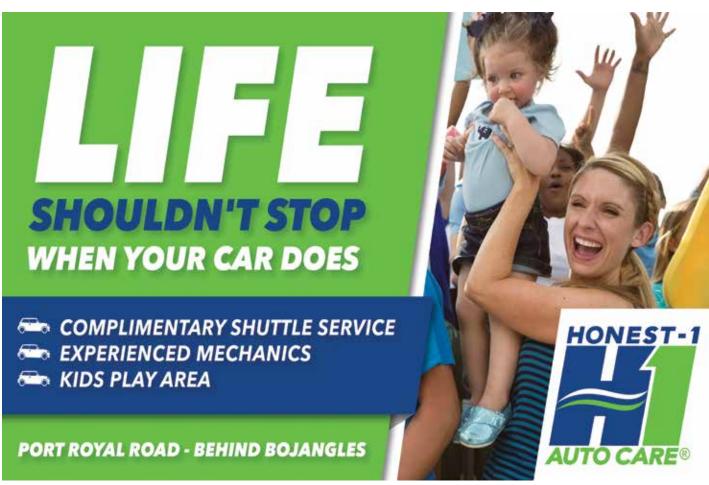
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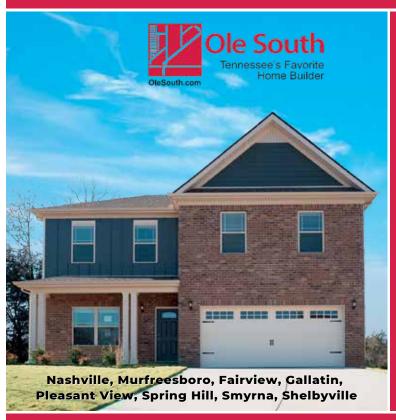
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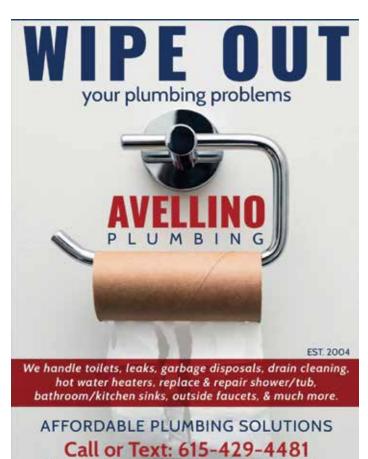
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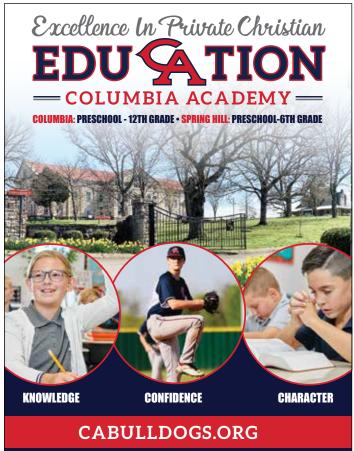
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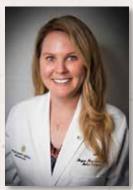
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