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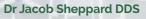
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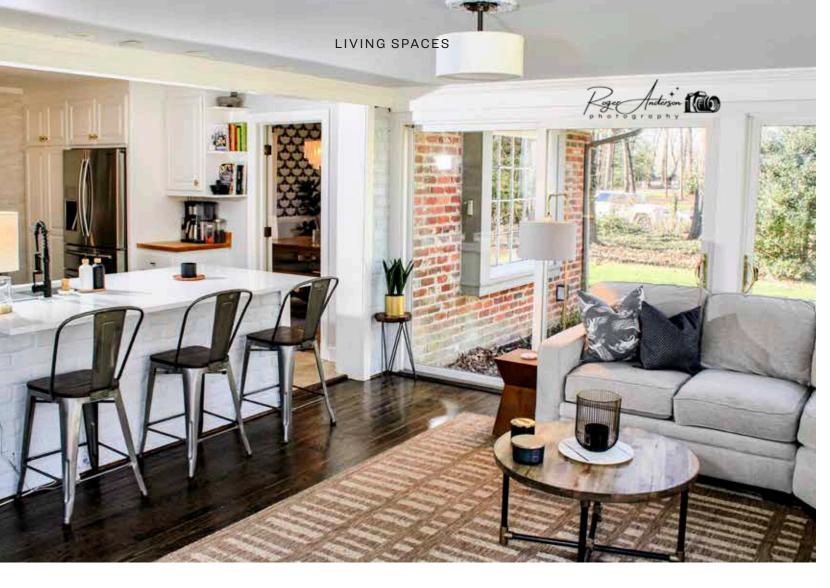
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Hospitality's Warm Embrace

BY LESLIE WOOD

The Fullers on Starcross Road exhibit the epitome of hospitality: They want everyone who enters their door to feel happy and at peace. Although Tiffany has no formal training, she's constantly reading up on the latest home design trends and how to achieve them. She calls her style "transitional and not overly modern." In the Fuller home, you will find an abundance of home design books neatly stacked on shelves throughout. Tiffany warmly shares, "My rule of thumb is to pick three neutral color tones, then accent with pops of texture and one of the three colors I chose. I feel like that pulls everything together."

The welcoming-yet-crisp foyer walls, papered with dark gray seagrass, naturally lead into the living room, where it's immediately apparent that Tiffany adores wallpaper, especially textured wallpaper as exhibited behind matching white bookshelves flanking either side of the fireplace. Their subtle background of gray gleams with gold geometric lines, emerging like decorative fencing.

Wallpaper can transform a room: "It's peel-and-stick and not difficult to swap out! Don't have to worry about the mess

of paint!" says Tiffany. In the dining room, she settled on a favored design of great white egrets flocking together toward the heavens. This is where Jesse, Tiffany, and their boys discover new dishes and convene together, laughing over board games. The oval-shaped chandelier with fifty dangling pearlescent rectangles was purchased for her very first home and has moved to each one since.

In the kitchen, Tiffany updated all knobs to gold rectangular pulls, positioned a mirror to reflect the sunlight, and changed the lighting to geometric. Again, textured seagrass wallpaper is displayed. A Florida room beckons from the kitchen. The walls are made up of white-framed sliding glass doors, letting in brilliant light. Tiffany sighs as she recounts that she likes her house crisp and clean, with everything in its place, "but I have three little boys and two huge dogs who love to destroy things." The house does clean up nicely, and you'd never know any boy-and-dog tornadoes were in the forecast!

Tiffany is in her happy place when decorating kids' rooms and nurseries. Using a delightful mixture of patterns,





textures, and playful accents, it's imaginative, artsy, and it works! The baby's room with an unexpected dark blue "Peacock" paint color is accented by an heirloom dresser from Jesse's great-grandfather. The boys' room down the hall sports a manly look complete with textured oceangreen wallpaper and athletic artwork.

The basement is expansive with a wood-burning fireplace, the perfect space for watching movies together. Tiffany threw in an array of extra pillows and blankets for a plush hang-out space with crates of toys. A short stop down the hall reveals Tiffany's tucked-away office where every wall is a museum of family memories, kids' crafty creations, awards won, and







memories of special times shared, to remind her of all the reasons she's inspired to be her best.

Tiffany explains her style as organized and decorative at the same time. She laughs, "I'm always changing it up. I have thirteen pages of ideas of what I want to change!" She's set up her own home decorating business, Metamorphose. She's already enhanced many of her friends' and family's homes and is constantly practicing in her own home, with a five-year plan. For her, a house is a place to relax and enjoy the everyday moments of family life.





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Choosing a Preschool WHERE TO START?

BY ALISA MCKEIVER

HAVE YOU BEEN CONSIDERING enrolling your little one in a preschool, but are not sure where to start? Picking a preschool can be overwhelming as this is the beginning of a child's learning journey and a time of rapid social and emotional growth. Whether you are searching for a play-based, religiously affiliated, or traditional format, you must think about what is the best fit for your family. Preschools are not always one-size-fits-all. It is important to take the time to do some research and soul-searching to decide what is most important to you as a parent.

First ask yourself, what are you looking for in a preschool? What are your goals for your child's preschool experience? Are you looking for academic preparation for elementary school, play-based days, a place for your child to make friends, or a blend of these options? It is important to think about your child and your values to make sure you find a program that fits your needs. There are many wonderful preschool options in Midlothian, all with their unique approaches. Take the time to research the options and sit down with the director to ask



questions. Will the structure of the day and curriculum complement your child's needs and goals? Two teaching philosophies gaining more attention

and notoriety these days in preschool curriculums are Montessori and Reggio Emilia. These two philosophies are rooted in rich cultures and years of wisdom. With technology dominating our education industry, many families are beginning to crave simpler times. Overstimulation is bombarding our children; they desire environments that allow them to be independent thinkers, explore, play, and investigate. As the wise Loris Malaguzzi once said, "Our task is to help children communicate with the world using all their potential, strengths, and languages, and overcome any obstacle presented by our culture."

The Montessori Method of Education is a child-led approach to learning, where the child's natural interests lead the path of learning, as opposed to a formal teaching method. Montessori learning is hands-on, using natural elements with a focus on independence and the development of real-life skills. You will often see mixed-age classrooms in a Montessori school; this teaches community, citizenship, and accountability.

The Reggio Emilia Approach is an educational philosophy founded after World War II by families in Reggio Emilia, Italy. This was in response to identifying that children are equipped with "a hundred languages" to develop their personality at a young age. The focus of this approach is for children to use these languages in daily

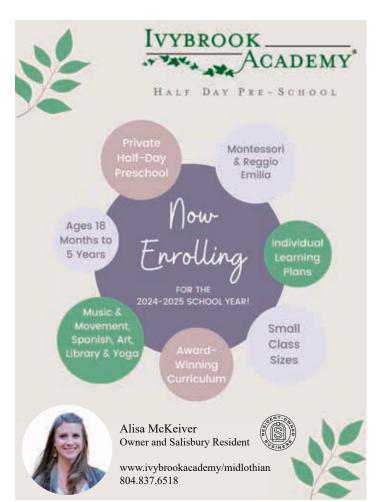




life. The Reggio curriculum is student-centered and views the learning environment as the third teacher. Children are given time for creation and self-expression through experiential learning.

As educators and parents, we want what is best for our students and children. To a parent, this pressure can be quite overwhelming, but the good news is that you have options and resources! Dive deeper into these educational approaches and consider them as you embark on your preschool search. There are many resources available for you and your child.







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long distance relationship colored by lots of road trips and wonderful, long phone conversations.

phone conversations.

"Three months after I moved to Atlanta, Tommy was deployed to Iraq for 14 months," Sarah says. "Tommy returned home in late 2006 and proposed a few weeks later during a trip to Tulum, Mexico. I initially hesitated after spending so much time apart, but finally said, "Yes." "He's a salesman!"

Just months later, Sarah was diagnosed with stage four lymphoma, forcing a delay with their wedding. (They celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this coming summer.) "We learned early on in our relationship to be grateful for every day we are given." They hope to impart this mindset to their two boys Reid (8) and Bennett (4). "Our family dinners always start with reciting Grace. It

starts quietly and crescendos to a raucous "Amen and a Hallelujah!" Tommy laughs. "The goals for our family are pretty simple be kind, grateful, and see the world," Sarah says.

Raising the boys in Salisbury was a nobrainer. Tommy lusted after the neighborhood since swimming against Salisbury as a kid. "It always looked so regal with all the uplighting and beautiful homes on spacious lots!" The community includes Tommy's youngest brother (and co-worker), Craig, and his parents, Alan and Linda, who all relocated recently. Thanks to Tommy's being a realtor and co-owner of Ruckart Real Estate, it was an easy transition.

Their home is also ideal for their love of the outdoors. The Waterworths have a giant party deck, play lots of baseball in the yard and make chalk racetracks in the driveway for Bennett to race his bike. They love the neighborhood's proximity to Wishing Well Park, Robious Landing, and the fields at Huguenot Little League where the boys spend most of their time playing baseball. Reid recently discovered K1 racing. He and Tommy race go-karts every few weeks, and Reid without fail, lands on the junior leaderboard.

When they are not enjoying nature or playing baseball, the Watersworths are "jamming some good music". Sarah and Tommy are always listening to everything from blues and country to indie rock and 80s hits. As a couple they



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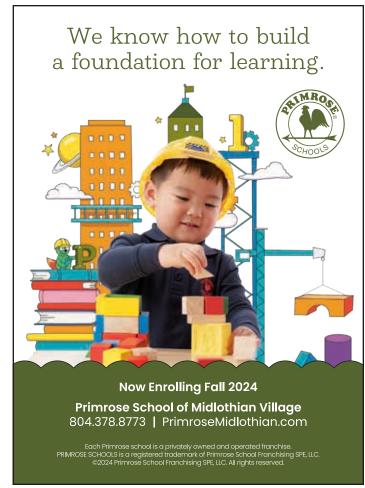
attend lots of shows every year and are sneaky good at music trivia! "We once won an 80's and 90's music trivia competition in Key West", Sarah says.

They are constantly doing projects around the house to make it more "them" and truly a place they can call home sweet home. The love for their Salisbury homestead did not cure the family of the travel bug, though. "We've been very lucky to travel and experience new places as a family," Sarah says. Montana is a favorite destination.

where they feel at peace hiking in Glacier National Park. They have an extensive bucket list of where they want to go in the future!

Life has not always been easy for the Waterworths. But despite the challenges, Tommy, Sarah, Reid, and Bennett have crafted a life in Salisbury filled with adventure, music, and sincere gratitude for every moment they have together.





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The Whitlows DIY Yardscape

BY HOLLY WHITLOW

When we moved to Salisbury ten years ago, half of our backyard was woods. Before children we spent endless weekends pulling weeds, trimming, and hauling away saplings. One of my favorite memories is that halfway during the day we would take lunch dates out, between hauling trips to the landfill. Working as a couple on our landscaping has built many good memories, and we cherish the transition our yard has seen.

Over the years, we found plants we loved at local nurseries and tried to recreate plans from magazines. We later changed our minds a million times but had so much fun in the meantime. Going to the Great Big Greenhouse became a regular weekend activity. We later installed a pool which again altered the vision for the backyard. As the years went on, Jason later built a treehouse, a miniature of our house, where, when sitting on the patio or grilling, we can hear the girls giggling.

In our front yard, we've put in several new beds for shrubs. We now have crepe myrtles and azaleas on one side, and on the alternating maroon and orange ninebarks (for Jason, VT) in a serpentine pattern (for Holly, dear old UVA). One of the biggest changes was





when Jason came up with a plan to install 60 shrubs (azaleas, roses, nandinas) on a Saturday morning. This was not my idea of how to spend a weekend in July, but we were very happy with the results!

We wish we had more time in the backyard to soak up its beauty! A Bloodgood maple is in the center, flanked by layers of plants. The yard has evolved over the years, and now we're pretty close to running out of room! At nighttime, we have accent lighting that highlights some of our favorite spaces. Several plants have significant meanings such as the 50-year-old hydrangeas from my grandmother's house. We enjoy telling the girls about it and other family stories when we're outside together.

Above all, we wanted a welcoming space where people felt comfortable. It doesn't need to be large, just enjoyable and inviting. Our family is local, and we love hosting events with them and many friends. In the future we would like to add more hardscapes and lighting to extend the time outdoors. Our vision is constantly changing as we find new plants and things we love. Who knows what other plans we'll come up with, but now we know we'll have fun doing it!









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The Awesome Ross Four

eet Salisbury brothers Zachary (16), Cole (14), Grayson (13) and Lowden (7). The Ross boys exemplify sportsmanship and resilience. Recently, Zachary's wrestling team at Benedictine hosted the 18-team East Coast Catholic Championship, where they placed third. "Wrestling and martial arts like Muay Thai have really helped me develop my work ethic," Zachary says. Cole has a similar mindset towards swimming. He notes that being a member of his high school swim team, "builds character" and "teaches you not to give up." Grayson is also determined like his brothers. Regarding playing both football and basketball, he says "Learn from your mistakes, don't waste time being sad, and focus on the next game!"

Lowden may only be seven, but he is resilient beyond his years. He has a recently diagnosed congenital heart condition requiring imminent cardiac surgery. "He is determined to not let this diagnosis slow him down." Mom Colleen says. "Lowden wants other kids to listen to their bodies, rest when they need to, and know that everyone has their own unique obstacles to overcome!"

None of this would be possible without their parents, Ben and Colleen, as well as their various mentors. Lowden was most excited to shout out his kindergarten teacher, Miss Smith. "Miss Smith is the best!" he says. "Even when she wasn't my teacher anymore, she came to see my championship football game. It made me feel proud and play harder."

Both Zachary and Cole also wanted to recognize someone from their academic life, middle school counselor Adam Burgess. "He's a real inspiration with his positive outlook on life," Zachary says. Grayson credits his football growth mindset to Coach Chris Neal. "Coach saw my potential and pushed me to be a better player giving me lots of opportunities," he says. "He really showed me and others how to improve our skills and technique." Clearly, a supportive community has had a positive influence on the boys' focus. Ben and Colleen also wanted to mention the incredible impact of family, friends, and neighbors being part of their "village!"



Cole Ross, Swim Competitor

Usually, their schedules are as busy and complicated as you can imagine, but one opportunity to see the Ross boys in the same place at the same time is summer swim team. All four brothers have been swimming for Salisbury Country Club since age 5 or 6. Over the years, the boys have participated in almost every sport you can think of and feel uniquely lucky that their dad, Ben, volunteer-coached all of them through their formative years and still continues to do so. Their parents are definitely their biggest fans. And they are ALL big sports fans of Ben and Colleen's alma mater, UVA. Lowden says, "Go Hoos!"

Zachary, Cole, Grayson, and Lowden all "adventure" as hard as they work, thanks to active family trips. From white water rafting class IV rapids in WV to hiking Zion, Acadia, Great Smokey Mountain, Shenandoah and Grand Canyon national parks; from zip lining through the rainforest and surfing in Puerto Rico to horseback riding in the Rockies; from kayaking the mangroves to snorkeling and skiing or snowboarding - the Ross family definitely likes to seek out new and challenging adventures to continue to push their boundaries and grow. On the weekends you can find the guys playing pick up basketball, football with friends, working out at the gym, running, biking, or at the pickle ball courts - so, please say hello!

Whether at a pool, court, field, mat or mountain, the Ross brothers are happy to play whatever sport is available to them, so long as they get to cheer each other on in the process!

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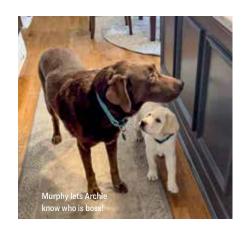
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A Love for Labradors

BY LESLIE WOOD

iann Snipes has a real affinity for Labrador Retrievers. She first started fostering and rescuing labs years ago and successfully got her husband, Stan, and fifteen-yearold daughter, Aubrey, onboard. Murphy is calm and friendly with new people, Archie has the more full body wag while still being cautious and hanging back a bit.

Murphy is the chocolate one about ten years old. He was adopted in 2022 from Lu's Lab Rescue and transported from Louisiana to Virginia. He had wonderful foster homes, but the prior adoptions proved not to be the best match for him. But fortunately for patient puppy mentor Liann, he's the right fit in their pack.

The poor lab Murphy was heartworm-positive when he was rescued and had a multitude of allergies. Thankfully, the Snipes family has his allergies mostly under control with the help of Dr. Butterfield at Swift Creek Animal Hospital. He is on prescription food ordered through the vet or online with Chewy. He also has a special ear-cleaning



formulation based on the pathology report that best addresses his issues.

The timid, fast-growing, 7.5-monthold yellow puppy is Archie. After a string of adopting older rescues, the Snipes family decided to try their hand at raising a puppy. They went to an NC breeder, Four Belles Labradors, to pick up "Archer," but they lovingly call him "Archie."

Raising Archie is proving to need a lot more grit than they bargained for, however! Liann says, "Think toddler and teenager rolled into one." It's been especially challenging managing his and Murphy's dynamics while they both need training; but, there's still hope for a peaceful co-existence, although they likely may never be BEST buds!

Despite all the coaching in raising a household puppy, Archie keeps the family giggling. Between his cute expressions and the hilarity of always toting objects in his mouth, he continuously melts the family's hearts. Be it socks, shoes, pillows, or his favorite dish towel, he'll rarely be without something. To

avoid puppy teeth engravings, they end up tracking him around the house while training family members to render socks and shoes invisible!

A fun fact about Archie is that his sister, Winnie, also lives in Salisbury! He has gotten to hang out with two of his brothers who also live in the area. If vou're interested in labradors, consult Liann who has loved and owned the breed for more than twenty years.

Visiting the Snipes home is a guaranteed conversation about furry family members because, between the two labs and Charlie. their rescued feral kitty, they're dedicated to raising well-trained, well-loved, and happy pets!



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BY LESLIE WOOD





MOVING? RENOVATING? Death in the Family? Life is overwhelming at times, especially when liquidating a home. What a relief to have a sympathetic, organized, and experienced professional take charge of the daunting job of carefully cataloging your treasured possessions and selling them to buyers who genuinely appreciate their value.

Enter Andrea Anderson, home and garden knowledge expert and owner of The Estate Doctor. Providing full-service estate liquidation, estate preparation, heirloom appraisal, and professional heirloom photography, as well as sale advertising, on-premise sales, and clean-outs, her fully-insured company professionally and sensitively handles the sale and/or removal of your unneeded household items, so you can Breathe Easy.

Intrigue with estate collectibles and antiques started for Andrea at a young age. "Growing up, one of my pastimes was to go to garage sales, flea markets, antique shops, consignment shops, and estate sales with my mom," she shares. Now, tied with her deep knowledge of period pieces and their value, her love for their provenance and history has grown. Add to that her altruistic service-mindedness, and voila, The Estate Doctor business was born, specializing in antiques, mid-century modern, and contemporary pieces.

But why the "Doctor" in her business title? Andrea shares, "The professional background of my biomedical sciences Ph.D. lends professional validity and credentials to the service, care, and astute project management that I provide." She works full-time as a laboratory equipment salesperson, so she's equipped with a wide range of worldclass selling skills. If she's able to convince the brightest scientific minds to purchase equipment, she is certainly capable of evaluating and upselling household items to Greater Richmond's local customer base.

Andrea was told by previous clients that her business sense and style in handling such a sensitive, personal process is like a ministry. "This was one of the highest compliments I've ever received," Andrea expresses. She views her business as a community service, so it's wonderful when clients also realize this. The Estate Doctor team serves their clients at the same time they are helping to reclaim perfectly good items for a wide range of customers. Andrea also remarked, "Everything gets a second chance, and we love keeping these things out of the landfill." She and her team also support the New Jersey Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation, sponsoring events and raising awareness for domestic violence.

Uncertain about your next step in clearing the contents of a home? Andrea and her team work with every circumstance, providing smooth coordination with realtors, private attorneys, and any other stakeholders involved. They provide the whole package of clean-out/donation services, house cleaning, and light contracting work, making them a one-stop shop.

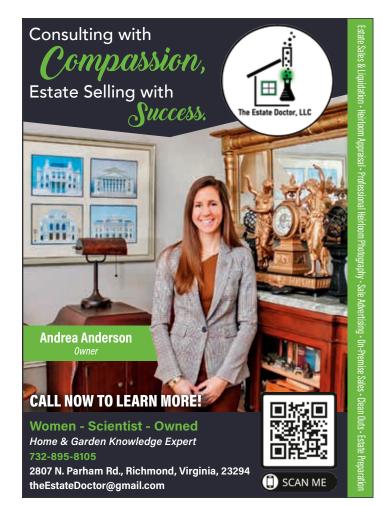






Salisbury resident Dick Reese's words say it all, "If you want an easy, efficient way to sell your furniture and furnishings, call The Estate Doctor. Andrea was a pleasure to work with and did all the work. She advertised the sale online, priced all of my items, and managed the buyers as they entered my home. All I had to do was to leave the house while the sale was ongoing (Saturday and Sunday). Even better, all unsold items were taken away on the last day and given to charity. Andrea couldn't have made the process any easier. Call her.'

If you're considering an estate sale, confidently pass the reins over to Andrea. For a free consultation, call (732) 895-8105 or email theestatedoctor@gmail.com.





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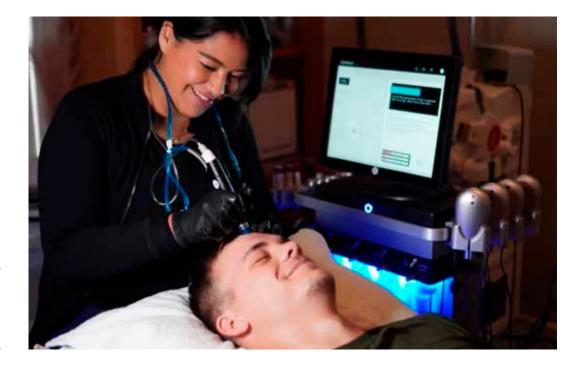
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- Enlarged Pores: The treatment tightens the skin, resulting in reduced pore size and improved skin texture.

- Sun Damage: The procedure aids in addressing sun-damaged skin by promoting the removal of damaged cells and stimulating the growth of new, healthier cells.
- Loose or Sagging Skin: Microneedling with PRP provides a subtle tightening effect, making it effective for mild to moderate skin laxity.
- · General Skin Rejuvenation: Even for those without specific concerns, the treatment serves as an excellent option for overall skin rejuvenation, promoting a healthy and radiant complexion.

Benefits of Microneedling with PRP:

- Natural and Holistic: The procedure harnesses the body's resources, offering a natural and holistic approach to skincare.
- Versatility: Microneedling with PRP provides a versatile solution for a wide range of skin concerns, making it an attractive option for individuals with

diverse aesthetic goals.

 Minimal Downtime: The treatment is relatively quick, with minimal downtime. Patients may experience temporary redness and mild swelling, typically subsiding

within a few days.

• Long-Lasting Results: Many individuals report continued improvement for several

- months following the treatment, contributing to long-lasting results.
- Safety: As PRP is derived from the patient's blood, the risk of allergic reactions or adverse effects is minimized, ensuring a safe and well-tolerated experience for many.

After treatment, the skin gradually rejuvenates, revealing a smoother, more radiant complexion. The benefits continue to unfold over the following weeks and months as collagen production is stimulated.





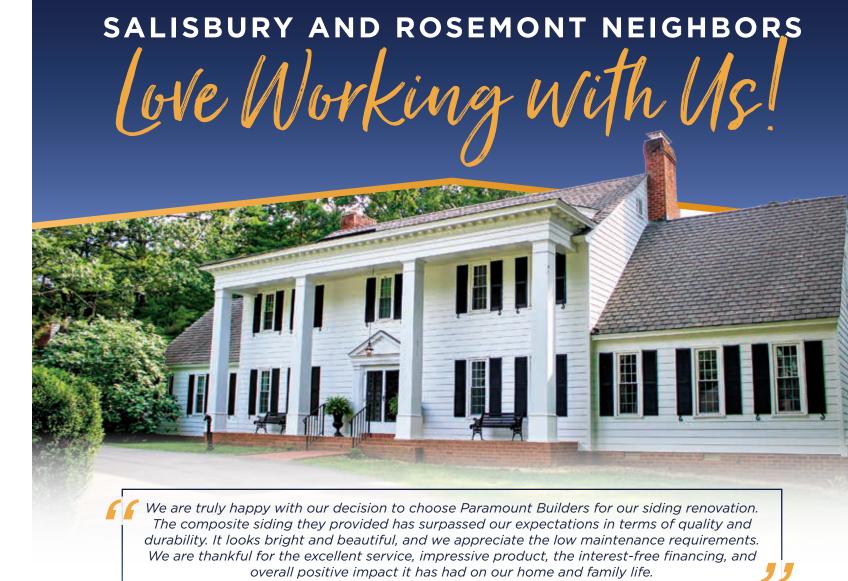
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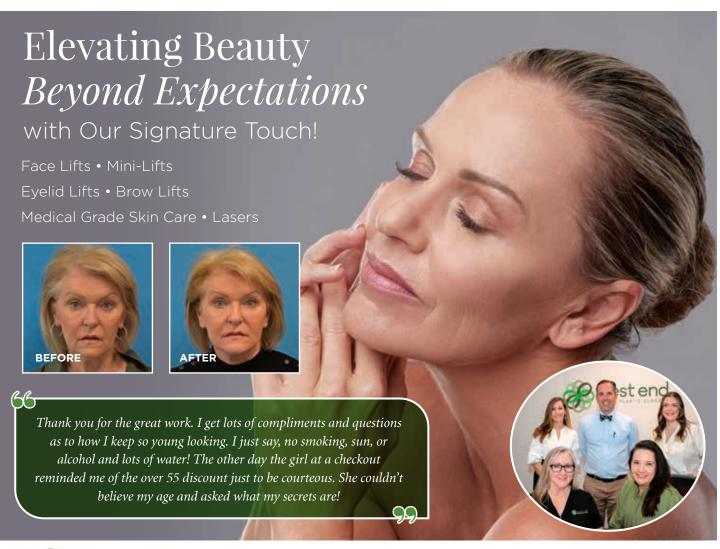








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